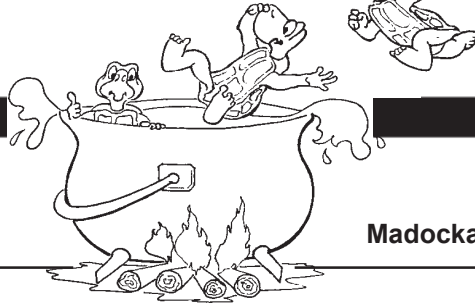


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Order of the Arrow



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Lodge Ready for Conclave!

Over 100 members comprise record contingent and staff delegation!

By Mike Price, Conclave Chairman



Ready to Roll: Conclave Chairman Mike Price (top right) reviews committee assignments and work plans for the special Camp Hinds workdays and the Conclave weekend at the March planning meeting held at SMMC in Biddeford.

My brothers, I am pleased to announce that the Conclave Planning Committee is fully staffed, and each subcommittee has been assigned their tasks and are moving forward to host the best and most successful Section Conclave in years. With over 100 Madockawanda Lodge members answering the call to serve on staff, or to attend the Section's best training and activity programs, we are sending a strong and clear message to our six other sister lodges that we are ready! With two scheduled conclave workdays (see related story) and a full Spring Ordeal weekends planned, we not only know we will be successful in our setup task, but will see Ready... page 3

Hinds Prepares for the 75th Year

Lodge workdays and Ordeals help to set the stage for the Anniversary Year!

by Nathan Colby, Lodge Vice Chief

This Summer, we all have the opportunity to celebrate the long and storied history of Camp William Hinds, which celebrates its 75th year of operation. Our lodge has the opportunity to serve in many different ways within this special year, including the honor of preparing the camp for the summer through the annual Spring Ordeal weekend. More importantly, we are going to have two workdays (May 4th and 11th) where we can not only prepare for the "kickoff event" of this 75th year celebration, but we can again "lift a heavy burden" in service by furthering our commitment to the tradition of this camp with our Conclave preparations. Lunch, sponsored by Madockawanda Lodge, will be offered to all those who attend these two workdays, so now there is truly no reason not show up! Think about the importance! With over 100 of our own brothers serving on conclave staff or attending as contingent members for the great training, fellowship, and fun, we also have two of our own serving at the Section Level! Both current Section Chief Joshua Gagnon and Section Adviser Roger Gagnon have storied backgrounds in the Order and our lodge, and they have the distinct opportunity to serve and host a conclave in these positions. The registration by our lodge of over 100 strong, combined with the expected 200+ brothers from the other lodges in Section NE-1A, makes this a conclave to remember, in a year of celebration. The Lodge, during the workdays in May, will be responsible for setting up the camp, including campsites and tents, general area cleanup, and prepare the registration, parking, and training areas. Whatever can't be accomplished on these two workdays will have to be completed during the Spring Ordeal weekend, because the Conclave is the week after the Ordeal! This will allow the Camp Hinds staff added time for staff preparation, orientation, and training....truly a plus in this anniversary year!



Look for the info box for OA quick facts!



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Ordeals Ready to Serve both Camps

By Justin Colby, Service Committee Chairman

On March 23rd, approximately 25 of the lodge's finest youth and adult leaders met in Auburn to begin the planning process for the lodge's year of service. With three Ordeal weekends in the plans, and this year, two additional days of service with the Conclave Workdays on tap in May, the lodge had a busy day of planning and organizing ahead of itself. Breaking up into youth and



Work to be Done: (l to right) Mike Mirisola, Joshua Shean, Justin Colby, Adam Tanguay, and Bob Gosselin review the work schedule for the Spring Ordeal and Conclave Workdays at the OPC.

adult planning groups, a trademark of our past four OPC meetings, the lodge tweaked its weekend ordeal schedules to insure time for what is expected to be a large Hinds spring ordeal, and a busy Bomazeen ordeal weekend. Both camps have special plans in the works, with Conclave and camp setup at Hinds, and the temporary closing of access to a part of Camp Bomazeen for the reconstruction of the culvert bridge area near McCurdy Cabin, and the general brush removal at camp after a heavy but much needed forestry work during the fall.



Troop Elections are Stable of Winter Lodge Activities

By Evan Bonney, Lodge Secretary

While the lodge is most visible in the Spring, Summer, and Fall months where we can be seen at both Camp Bomazeen and Camp Hinds (and at Nutter and Gustin) providing the ceremonies, service, and presence we are known for, we also play an important role during the winter months of the new year. Our role during this time is to visit as many of the 120+ units in our Council for unit elections and camp promotion.



Line 'em Up: Members of a Downeast District election Team complete a unit election and troop visitation at Troop 207 in Rockland! (photo courtesy of Rhonda Switzer)

This doesn't even mention the numerous Cub Packs we visit for Webelos Crossovers and ceremonial work for our "soon to be" Scouts. As you can see from our Chapter reports, those brothers who serve do so throughout the council, in many troops and many towns throughout South and Central Maine. For example, last year, we visited over 100 troops, and elected over 140 scouts and scouters during the February through April election season. We expect to beat that this year, but not without a lot of dedication by our chapter and lodge members, and by the adults who graciously provide transportation to the far reaches of the state. How many of you know we also provide information and encouragement about summer camp, the Ed Pease Scholarship, and the history of our lodge and its purpose. For many scouts, this is their first exposure to the Lodge and the Order! So despite the weather and other distractions, we are there to serve!



Ordeals had a greater voice in the election process in the earlier years of the Order. Although it has always been a basic premise of the Order that the vote of Scouts was needed to elect a member for candidacy, the lodge still had a say in whether a candidate was "worthy". In 1931, the Ordeal process involved silence as part of the ritual, as it does today. However, a candidate could be "failed" on the basis of the specific number of words spoken, or his attitude towards the Ordeal process.



Set Your Plans for the OA Service Hour!



The Red Arrow Award, given at the national level to recognize exceptional service to the Order by those who are not members, was first presented at the 1967 National Conference.



4th in the Series - The 2002 OA Service Hour Patch, as designed by Lodge Chief Adrian Caron, closely follows the format of the new 2002 Lodge trader flap, which is pictured on page seven of The Soup...

For the fourth year, Madockawanda Lodge will again sponsor the OA Service Hour at both Camp Bomazeen in North Belgrade and Camp Hinds in Raymond. For those of you new to the Order and the Lodge, this program gives all Brothers of the Order the opportunity, while at summer camp, to “pitch in” with cheerful service. Under the adult direction of each of the camp rangers at both facilities, every Wednesday at Camp Bomazeen and Thursday at Camp Hinds, brothers chip in with an hour or so of work projects designed to keep the camps in tip-top shape, and more importantly, designed to lend a helping hand in service. Although too numerous to list here, historically, projects have included the painting of the various building at Camp Bomazeen, installation of display boards and fire tool racks at various campsites at Hinds, and general maintenance and council ring repair at both facilities. For your service, you get the wonderful patch pictured here, and an Ice Cream Social!



During the war years of 1940-1946, travel to national meetings was difficult if not impossible, so the national committee of the Order elected national officers by mail ballots to lodges chartered at that time.



Ready for Conclave... *Continued from Front Page*



Seven Sides of the Section. The above graphic is a representation of the back patch which is available to Conclave participant as a pre-order for this event. The design includes the Section NE-1A Patch as the center surrounded by the flaps of the seven lodges in our section. Designed by Lisa Deschaines of Emblems, Ect. through the direction of Conclave Adviser Mike Mirisola, such a large patch is rare and its fully embroidered design is sure to be a collector's dream!

also provide Camp Hinds and its staff with a fully prepared camp well in advance of its celebration summer! It will also allow the summer camp staff to concentrate on training issues, a sure bonus for the start of camp and the development of programs for this summer. Committees from camp setup to hospitality to the ever important “Scrounge Committee” are well on their way to structuring and creatively obtaining the material, programs, supplies, and staffing necessary to present a high quality conclave! Before I forget, or get too busy with the final days before our workday weekends, I want to thank all my fellow scouts, brothers in the Order, and the local merchants who have stepped forward to make this Conclave planning one to remember. I would also like to thank the Council staff for their support in the most important task. You have answered our call to Service!



Dear Brothers,

Spring is Here, and the Time for Service Grows Near!

We have a busy schedule, and enough planned that all brothers should be ready for the task at hand. With two conclave workdays, Spring Ordeals at Camp Bomazeen and Camp Hinds, the Section Conclave on tap with our Lodge as host, and the OA Service Hour at Summer Camp, our schedule could not be any busier. That is why, now more than ever, we need you to be ready! Over and above this schedule, we join in congratulating Camp Hinds on its 75th year of operation, and Camp Bomazeen on its new Adventure Base Format!

As members of our Lodge, I hope that you will partake in these great events, and will urge others to join in as well. The Ordeals present a wonderful opportunity for service, and the chance for Brotherhood conversion as well, so if you know someone who is eligible, remind them to attend! At if you are one of the brothers who signed up for Conclave, you are in for a great weekend of fellowship, training, and competition.

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle!

Adrian Caron - Lodge Chief

From the Chief

**“Let us be
Mindful
of our
Traditions”**



The Lodge and Camp Hinds....A 59 Year Relationship

By Immediate Past Chief Matt Dubois

On July 10, 1944 Camp Hinds played host to one of the most important events in the history of the Pine Tree Council- the founding of Madockawanda Lodge! It is only right, then, that through the years since 1944 Madockawanda Lodge and Camp Hinds have been intimately linked. As Hinds prepares to celebrate its 75th Anniversary, let me remind you of some of the key people and aspects of this special bond.

One of the most outstanding aspects of the Lodge and the relationships it has had with Camp Hinds relates to the projects that have been completed to improve and maintain the camp. These include the Council Ring Renovation, completed in 1994, the Waterfront retaining wall, which was completed in 1999, the Archery and Rifle Ranges that were carved out of the wooded areas and built in the mid 70's, as well as the dining hall front deck and back stairs, and the renovation of the stairs from the dining hall to the Tenney Bridge, which were all completed in the early 90's. The Lodge has been performing service for the camp since 1944, with the general upkeep of the camp such as the painting of buildings, removal of brush, general camp cleanup, and similar service projects throughout the years.

This summer, Camp Hinds will play host to its seventh Section Conclave, the first of which was held in 1956! Many of the patch plaques representing these events can be found in the center sections of the dining hall. Conclaves hosted by Madockawanda are known around the Section as the best, no doubt in part to having a great facility like Camp Hinds to stay in!

One of the reasons that the Lodge has been so intimately tied to Hinds is Frank Bailey. “Uncle” Frank was a founder and a 30 year staff member of Hinds- spending most of his time as craftshop director. As we all know, he is also the Founder of Madockawanda Lodge.

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In 1995, when the Order celebrated 80 years of service, the national history of the OA reported that the caliber of the individual youth who remain active was high, and included Eagle Scouts, Troop Senior Patrol leaders, Scout summer camp staff, class presidents, church youth group leaders, and newspaper editors. It was concluded that the Order “...does have a successful process to select and nurture its members to produce and encourage interest in service and leadership.”



Yours in Wimachtendink. . .

Casco Bay Chapter

Gentlemen, we are ready for the year, both as our Chapter hosts the Conclave, and to celebrate the 75th year of Camp Hinds! We are reaping the fruit of our election season. Through the help of our brothers, we have completed 14 unit elections, with 9 more scheduled, and have elected 39 youth and 9 adults! We are having a great time doing it. Our chapter has designed T-shirts and is currently working on an outing.

Greg Bradford

K-Valley Chapter

So far we have 40 boys and 6 adults elected in to the order with 3 more elections to go. Although the traditional number of troops that are having elections is down, the number of candidates elected to the Order is way up! On another brighter note the Valley finally has 2 ceremonies teams. They are gearing up for a large crossover at the upcoming camporee at the Common Ground Fairgrounds on May 18th. Our second team is focusing on the forthcoming Call Out Ceremony at the camporee. Some of the Arrowmen from the two teams are rehearsing lines for the upcoming Bomazeen Ordeal Weekend (June 14-16th).

Dan Viens

Abnaki Chapter

The chapter is moving forward, and we have changed our meeting place to Central Maine Technical College in Auburn on the Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. This change came about so we could meet on the same night and location as the revised District Roundtable. We have also elected new officers, and they are Chief: Mark Tanguay, Vice Chief: Adam Tanguay, Secretary: Dan Warner. The ceremony team has completed many Webelos cross-overs for the cub scout packs in our District, and we are pleased to announce that a new chapter hat is in the works and the order form will be in our next chapter newsletter!

Mark Tanguay

York Chapter

Its the beginning of Spring and York Chapter is doing great! At our last meeting we held Elangomat training where we trained close to twenty new elangomats. We will be holding our second chapter campout of the year at Camp Bomazeen on the 26th, 27th ,and 28th of April. Our final meeting for the summer will be in June at the High School where we will do a service project for the school since they let us use the facilities all year, and then we will end the year with an ice cream social.

Justin Colby

Downeast Chapter

The Down East Chapter has been busy planning the annual OA year-end banquet. We are in the middle of planning the campfire for the Down East spring camporee. At this event we will be doing the call out ceremony . We are running the concessions for the camporee! The chapter has also looked into holding 2 meetings. We feel that this will help meeting attendance, seeing that its a trip for people up the coast to come to the meetings in the south. The Chapter Chief would go to one meeting and the Vice Chief would attend the other, and they would meet together every 2 months to tell the other chapter section what's going on. This is not set in stone but we feel this is a good idea and we are going to play around with it.

Jon Young



When one talks about patch trading, the various lodge flaps of the Order represent some of the most sought after patches in the BSA. But did you know that in 1955 the national committee of the BSA approved the use of the right pocket flap solely for Order of the Arrow insignia.



Although there have been thousands of members presented with the Vigil honor since E. Urner Goodman was presented with the first Vigil in 1915, from 1915 through 1952, there were only 259 Vigil honor memberships conferred in the entire US!



The Lodge and Hinds.....continued from Page 4

Hinds was also the location of one of the most important events in Lodge history—the induction of our first Vigil Honor member. In 1952 National Committeeman Ray Morin came to Camp Hinds, held a calling-out ceremony at the evening campfire, and that night inducted Frank Bailey into the Vigil Honor.

OA members have been serving on the camp staff at Hinds even before 1944! The waterfront director in 1944, George Anderson, was a member of the OA (although from Pamola Lodge) and served on the first induction team that inducted the first seven members of Madockawanda. Longtime Lodge Adviser Frank Maguire served for many years as the Program Director of Hinds. Many members, from Lodge Officers to the general membership, have served on the staff of Camp Hinds.

The Lodge's most recent endeavor to impact Camp Hinds is the implementation of the OA Service Hour during summer camp. This service program provides hundreds of hours each summer to Hinds with projects designed to lessen the workload of the camp ranger and provide the general membership of the council a firsthand view of the lodge in action, doing what it does best- service!

You cannot have an in depth conversation about Madockawanda or Hinds without mentioning the other. They have played an intimate role in each other's histories since 1944 and will continue to be related as long as they both exist. It seems only right that as Hinds prepares for its 75th Anniversary celebration, Madockawanda continues to stand by and serve the camp!

The Trail to Brotherhood...How do I get there?

by Evan Bonney, Lodge Secretary

Well, it's springtime again, which brings rain, ordeals, and a combination of the two. Last year's Ordeals, or and some prior to that, produced Ordeal members, maybe like yourself, that now want to seal their membership in the Order. And maybe, like yourself, they do not know how to go about receiving this honor.

There are five "requirements" that one must meet before he feels that he is ready to become Brotherhood. The first is to memorize the signs of the Arrow membership. This includes the Obligation, the Official Song, the Admonition (given to you by Allowat Sakima at your Ordeal ceremony), the sign of the Order membership, and the Arrow handclasp. If you don't know how to do one, simply ask a Brother and he will gladly help you.

The second requirement you must meet is to advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. Do this by reading the Order of the Arrow handbook, reading the lodge history page at the Lodge Website, and ask questions to other Order of the Arrow members about the Brotherhood itself. For the third requirement, you must serve your unit. Keep registered and active in scouting for at least 10 months. When you have served for this long, you will receive a letter from Brotherhood Chairman Nick Pelletier. In this letter he will tell you that you have served long enough to become eligible for Brotherhood. He will also give you information about signing up for the Brotherhood and where you can go through the Brotherhood process.

The fourth thing you must do is to plan for service in the Lodge. Keep your dues paid! Realize that accepting the status of Brotherhood means that you are willing to accept a pledge of service to the Lodge. Think of ways that you will uphold this pledge.

The last thing you must do is to write a letter to me, your lodge secretary. Explain what you think the Obligation means. It's something that we say often, so think about what you're saying when you pledge yourself to the Order. Describe how you've been fulfilling the Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and how you've used your understanding of the order to help in this service. Also describe your plans for giving service to the lodge program. These are the requirements for the letter, but feel free to add anything else pertinent to the subject. One other thing about the letter, bring it with you. Don't write it Friday night of the ordeal. It doesn't have to be typed, but be sure that it is legible. So this may sound like a lot to some of you, but hey, after all you're sealing your membership in the Order and helping the Lodge out with its Brotherhood conversion rate needed for Honor Lodge status. As of this date, over 102 members are at the Ordeal level ready for Brotherhood, so come to an Ordeal and get it done. Remember, helping an Ordeal member seal his membership in the Order is also a requirement for the Arrowman Service Award!



The Prototype 2002 Lodge Flap : As designed by our illustrious Lodge Chief, this new flap design will be available to all brothers at the Spring Ordeals!

Memories of the Order at Camp Hinds

By Wayne Holden, Lodge Adviser

We asked our Lodge Adviser to "remember" his Ordeal in 1971.....here are his thought and his memories!

When I took my ordeal, back in the 70's, Ordeals were held during the summer. I went to camp with my troop and started my ordeal on Wednesday night, we were called out, and then tapped out, at a Wednesday night campfire for all of camp to view. During the day on Thursday, we did not attend our merit badges, but instead worked on various projects around camp. I think mine was clearing the new archery range on the side of the road near Cadigan Lodge. Until that time the archery range was at the end of the road- near the Training Center- on the side opposite the little parking area. In the afternoon, we had less of an "ordeal" and painted Cadigan lodge. It was still a very new building at that time. Uncle Frank Bailey was the camp ranger during this year. He worked part of his day as the ranger, and part of his day in merit badges at the craft shop. The chief at the time was Ken Curry. At that time we had two chapters in the lodge, based through the camps - the Hinds Chapter and the Bomazeen Chapter. The chief would be from one camp and the vice chief was from the other. We had full bonnets for the chief and vice chief that was passed on from year to year. At the Friday night campfires, Frank Bailey would be seen in full regalia with full bonnet and double trailer, serving as the chief! He would do the scout oath and law in Indian sign language while Frank Maguire would narrate. Uncle Frank Maguire, for whom Maguire campsite was named, (and he has never stayed in the site!) was known to be dressed in white regalia and sing a song which I believe is known as the *Farewell to Hiawatha*. It was quite impressive, especially as a youth!

It was tradition at that time that several projects in camp were done by OA members who served on camp staff and would show up at camp early in the season, say in April, and start projects here and there, such as building new docks for the waterfront or boating areas. At the Hinds 50th Anniversary, Mrs. Hinds was in attendance to cut a ribbon commemorating the anniversary of the camp. She needed assistance at that time to walk down to the center of the council ring and be part of the ceremony, but she was very pleased to do that. When I started attending Camp Hinds, the recreation hall was actually a recreation hall! The trading post was in the end near where the camp office is now. In fact I think it now serves as the commissioner's office where all the supplies are kept. The huge sliding window was for outside sales to the campers! It was not all offices, but has evolved for this use.

The Camp office for Hinds was in Pine Tree Cabin, which is now primarily a residence. A neat tradition was the daily firing of the cannon. But the officer of the day did not necessarily know who was behind him in the water, which often scared the dickens out of local boaters!

I think one of the toughest things about Ordeals when we did them in camp was that all your buddies from your troop would be around to see you doing your ordeal. That was cool, but it wasn't so cool on a hot day when they were having ice cream and you weren't! Also, not being able to finish merit badges wasn't too cool either. That changed a little later as candidates for the Order were permitted to go to Merit Badge classes as long as they didn't talk. OA candidates were identified with a stick on a string that they carried around their neck. New brothers were always introduced at breakfast the following morning- It was a nice recognition. Camp Hinds has evolved over the years, and so has Madockawanda Lodge and the Order, but we still have the same goals.



Native American names, totems, and various regalia and symbols have always been tied to the Order.

However, native American costumes or regalia were not used in 1915, during the first year of our organization.



Although much is spoken of E. Urner Goodman, Carroll A. Edson, the co-founder, was also active in his church, the red cross, and many other service related organizations beyond the Order. In fact, Carroll also served as the co-chairman of the US Red Cross Campaign in the early 1950's. He was also a "retread", which he explained as someone who served in both WWI and WWII!



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OK, so you want to show your true love of Purple, and you already have a hat, epaulets, and our mighty blinker.....well then, how about logging onto the site <http://gcv.mms.com/us/> and voting for the Purple M & M color as the next color of this all time favorite candy!

Lodge Website Committee Takes the Reigns of the Council Site!

The Lodge website committee has been asked to redesign and maintain the Pine Tree Council website. "We hope to bring our modest skills to the Council site as we did to the lodge site..." said committee chair Josh Gagnon at a recent Lodge LEC meeting. Plans include a completely different look, a downloadable forms section, and expanded Camp Facilities, Council News and Program Sections. The Tentative Debut date is May 1st, so mark your calendars and log into <http://www.pinetreebsa.org>!

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Lodge Calendar

May-June 2002 Update

- May 4th - COC Meeting and Conclave Workday - Hinds
- May 10th - Deadline for Unit Election Results to Lodge
- May 11th - Conclave Workday - Camp Hinds
- May 31- June 2 Ordeal Weekend & LEC Meeting - Camp Hinds
- June 7 - 9 - Section NE-1A Conclave - Camp Hinds
- June 14 - 16 - Ordeal Weekend, Camp Bomazeen
- Jul 27- Aug 1 - NOAC - Indiana University
- Sept 6 - 8 - Fall Ordeal Weekend - Camp Hinds

*Remember the **OA Service Hour** at Camp this Summer!*

Any changes are on the web page at www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html

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