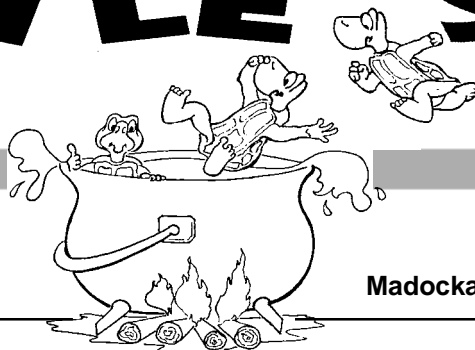


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Region Chief Guest of Lodge

Brian Favat to Speak at the 2002 Annual Family Banquet

By Evan Bonney, Lodge Secretary



2002 NE Region Chief Brian Favat of Te'kenning Lodge of the Southern New Jersey Council will be the guest of honor at the 2002 Annual Banquet (photo courtesy of NE Region)

As a tribute to the successes, achievements and the service for the 2002 year, Madockawanda Lodge is pleased to announce that the 2002-2003 Northeast Region Chief, Brian Favat will be the guest speaker for our Annual Banquet. Hosted this year by Downeast Chapter at the *Taste of the Orient* restaurant in Wiscasset, the Lodge will again review the year's accomplishments, recognize those brothers bestowed with the Vigil Honor in 2002, celebrate the very successful Section Conclave, and award the 2002 recipients of the Founders' Award and Honor Chapter achievements. Various Committees of the Lodge will present reports of their activities for the year, including the Service, Brotherhood, and always entertaining Ceremonies Committee! For those attending the banquet, this is also a good time to pay your 2003 dues (see dues coupon on page 6), and spend a few extra bucks at the Turtles Trading post, which will carry *see Banquet... page 3*

2002 was Truly a Year of Service!

By Justin Colby, Service Committee Chair

With the lodge completing three Ordeal weekends, plus the two special Conclave Workdays, Madockawanda Lodge again proved it is the primary vehicle for service to camps in Pine Tree Council. Statistics from the 2002 year include 155 new Ordeal members joining the ranks of lodge membership, as well as 46 new Brotherhood members sealing their membership in our Lodge! As reported in our last issue, the Lodge also honored three members with the Vigil! Lodge projects included the installation of the new drainage pipe at Camp Bomazeen, and the replacement, staining, and general cleanup of the Madockawanda Council Ring at Camp Hinds. Brothers who chipped in to help during the Conclave Workdays were responsible for the installation of many of the tents at the campsites used throughout the summer, as well as the repair and replacement of the tent platforms for some of these same areas. Other projects included the helping with the rifle range at Camp Bomazeen, as well as general brush cleanup and wood chipping at both camps.



Detailed Work! Brotherhood candidates at the Hinds Fall Ordeal complete the prep work prior to the stain being placed on the entryway deck to the Ring Dining Hall.



Conley Appointed Associate Adviser

By Wayne Holden, Lodge Adviser

Already a major part of the history and folklore of the Lodge (he is the only member to serve both as Lodge Chief and later as Lodge Adviser), Paul Conley has agreed to again serve the lodge in the role of Associate Adviser for Program. Taking over from Larry Ritter, who served as Associate Adviser for Programs for eight years, Paul lives in Freeport and is employed as the Chief of Emergency Medical Services for the town. In Scouting, Paul currently serves as Unit Commissioner for the various Scout troops and packs in the Freeport area. His hobbies include woodworking, skiing, and the outdoors. Paul also is very active in Rotary International, currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Freeport club. Commenting on the Lodge of 2002 versus the one he served in as a youth officer and later as a Lodge Adviser, Paul stated "...they are a good group of young men and officers, not unlike those who have served in the past. The technology has changed over the years, but the service and fellowship remains the same." Paul also is expected to fill a role as the Lodge's representative to the Council Program Committee. Please take the time to welcome Paul back to the Lodge, and to meet him at the next Lodge event! 🐢



*New Associate Lodge Adviser
Paul Conley*



Ordeals were originally completed in our Lodge only during summer camp in the early years of the lodge. By the mid '50s, the ordeals had been expanded to include June and September work parties at each camp, as well as the original ordeals every two weeks during the summer season!



Put on Your Seven Inch Flap!

by Nick Gauvin, Lodge Treasurer

With the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee, our great Turtles Trading post will be offering a seriously limited edition, fully embroidered seven inch lodge patch for sale only at the Fall LLD and the Annual Banquet. Since I figure that this article won't be in print until after the LLD, your last chance will be at the banquet, so if you don't register to attend, you won't get the patch!!! Designed after the current restricted flap, this new backpack or jacket flap was authorized for sale by the lodge as a way for the executive committee to make an additional commitment to Pine Tree Council and its endowment program, and as a response to National Order of the Arrow Honor Lodge directives which have lead lodges throughout the nation to develop programs to assist Council endowment programs. Madockawanda Lodge has a very unique history with lodge flap development, and the last lodge flap of this size, the three-piece lodge flap offered to members in 1999, sold out very at the Fall Ordeal of that year, and is still in huge demand with collectors. During the 1999 Conclave, this three piece flap sold for \$138 as part of the annual conclave patch auction, so we expect this version of the backflap to be gone by the end of the year! At \$15 per flap, this fully embroidered, plastic backed patch will last a lifetime and will be a great addition to any collection or as a centerpiece to a superb scout camping jacket. 🐢



The Big Boy! A graphic representation of the new 7" endowment flap available through the Lodge Store at the Annual Banquet.





Again, in the earlier years of our Lodge, Ordeals were held at both Bomazeen and Hinds every two weeks because in those days of provisional camping (troops did not come to camp as units, so boys came in a more provisional format), most Scouts attended camp for two weeks at a time and the elections were held during the second week of camp.



The first youth to be bestowed with the Vigil Honor in our Lodge was Clyde E. Nason, Jr., who was then the Lodge Chief and assistant craftshop director at Camp Hinds. The year was 1952!



Banquet... *Continued from Front Page*

all your favorite items, including a restocked trader patch supply, and the final opportunity to purchase the special, fully embroidered and fully backed 7" Lodge Restricted Flap. That's right, this special flap, authorized and designed by the Lodge officers, was developed in limited supply and is only available this year at the LLD weekend, and at this year's banquet (see related story on page two). Our guest speaker, Brian Favat, hails from New Jersey and is currently a student at Boston College. Brian will certainly speak on the new Strategic Plan for the Order, as well as the unveiling of the new JumpStart program which will be available for all new arrowmen effective January 1, 2003. This JumpStart program is of unique interest to all lodges as it is designed as a totally self-interactive program available via the internet for all members to review.

The Year...



Business as Usual Lodge Secretary Evan Bonney and Lodge Treasurer Nick Gauvin discuss a point with their group at the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) at Camp Alpine, NJ in March. (photo by Mike McKinney)



...in Pictures



Crutches...No Problem! Abnaki Chapter Chief Mark Tanguay "seems" to pull a log with a rope while on crutches at the Spring Ordeal at Camp Hinds.



Heave Ho! A clan takes direction from their elangomat during the Fall Ordeal at Camp Hinds!





Until the mid 1950's the rules for Brotherhood membership in our lodge were quite different from today. A committee of Lodge and Chapter officers reviewed the names of Ordeal members, selecting those whom they considered to be the most worthy based on service, brotherhood, and leadership.

Are you Proud to be a Member?

By Matthew Dubois, Immediate Past Lodge Chief

The Lodge will soon be closing out yet another successful year of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service with the Annual Banquet. At times like this, it is common to think back on the past year, what's been accomplished, and what can be done better. The officers will evaluate the year for the lodge, including goals accomplished and service completed. However, you can do the same for yourselves. You can think back on the year and evaluate your own performance as a member of the Order. Have you attended lodge events? Have you participated in chapter meetings? Have you given service to our council and our communities? The Order of the Arrow plays a vital role in this Council, from the thousands of hours of service provided to the highest quality of leadership training in Scouting. As the year comes to an end, ask yourself, have you been a part of it? Have you given your service cheerfully.

Are you proud and committed to being a member of the Order? Are you proud of the service this Lodge has completed? If so, there are many ways to show your commitment. You can convert to Brotherhood. You can attend lodge events. And you can pay your dues. Paying your dues is important because it keeps you informed, with Turtle Soup, and provides much revenue for the lodge. A simple eight dollars (eleven if paid on or after the first of January), goes a long way to helping the lodge accomplish its service goals. Do you know someone, maybe in your troop or one of your friends, who has been inducted into the Order but has not paid their dues? Why not encourage them to pay their dues? Membership in the Order can provide many opportunities, take advantage of them! We are bound in this great and honored Order, of which we see examples of every day at camp. But the success this lodge has experienced the past few years is not because of one person, it is because brothers paid their dues, were active in their chapters, and attended lodge events. It was because brothers cheerfully served together. I am proud to be a member of this Order and of this Lodge. I am proud of the success I have helped create. I am proud of the hours I spent building the waterfront, building the council rings, and clearing brush. I am proud to have cheerfully served, and at the annual banquet, I will be one of the first in line to pay my dues for next year. Won't you join me?

Dear Brothers,

As my second and final term as Lodge Chief comes to an end, I would like to take an opportunity to reflect back on our accomplishments as a Lodge, and look forward with great anticipation as a new slate of officers takes shape for 2003.

We are very close to our sixth straight year of reaching Honor Lodge designation...the only roadblock is about 16 membership renewals! Sixteen!!! If every chapter makes a small effort to contact four or five former members who have let their dues lapse this year, and convince them of the importance of lodge membership, we can keep our streak going. More importantly, it is not just about numbers, but the strength these numbers bring us, not only regarding the voice that the Order can carry, but the service that we can provide to our council and our units. We have served very well this year, have honored those who have served "above and beyond", and have given a great deal to the camps we attend. For 2003, the outlook is great, but we cannot falter.

To all of you, I ask that you continue to serve, and to be faithful to the lodge and its endeavors. This is the only way we can insure its continued growth and success, and the growth of the members we serve.

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle!

Adrian Caron - *Lodge Chief*

From the Chief

"Winter Brings New Challenges"



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .



Downeast Chapter

Final Plans are in the works for the great Downeast Chapter to host the 2002 Annual Banquet! If you haven't registered yet, or didn't get the flyer, its available on our lodge's website. At the last chapter meeting, interim elections for the positions of Chapter Vice-Chief, and Chapter Secretary were held, and James McKinney, was elected Vice Chief, with Secretary going to Billy Brandon and Chapter Chief Francis Brandon continuing in his role as Chief!

Francis Brandon

In 1960, Fred Foster, a charter member of the Lodge and Camp Hinds Ranger from 1950 thru 1966, was nominated for the Vigil Honor and was accepted by the National Committee with the name of Auriga, the Charioteer. Fred declined to accept the Vigil Honor and did not keep the Vigil. Fred told the members at that time that he did not feel worthy of the honor!

Casco Bay Chapter

The Casco Bay Chapter is doing great! We are focusing our efforts on starting a chapter ceremonies team as well as creating a chapter T-shirt. At our most recent meeting, elections were held and Greg Bradford was re-elected as Chief, Joe Goodness as Vice Chief, Justin Benson as Secretary, and Thomas Parenteau as Treasurer. Arthur Price continues on as our Chapter Adviser, and Charlie Bradford also continues as our Associate Adviser. Our plans for our chapter's service work at Patrick campsite at Camp Hinds are beginning to take shape. We are attempting to make our chapter even stronger than before and increase our membership over the remainder of the year, and into 2003!

Greg Bradford

Abnaki Chapter

Abnaki Chapter has started the fall with several very successful meetings. During our September meeting we had four new ordeal members attend and discussed how to build up the ceremonies team. All those who had it brought their regalia and the present ceremony team members displayed their handy work. In October we took part in the Abnaki District Fall Camporee. All the troops present got involved and it proved to be a very enjoyable time. We have had a great fall and look forward to a great winter!

Mark Tanguay

York Chapter

York Chapter is still very active, with plans in the works for a chapter campout up at Camp Gustin in Sabattus in early December! By the time this article is printed, we will have held our chapter officer elections, so watch for this information in the next Turtle Soup. We will begin our initial meetings on election training and scheduling for 2003.

Justin Colby




Arrowman Service Awards!

Lodge Chief Adrian Caron and Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden are pleased to announce that thirty-seven brothers will again earn the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) for 2002. Of this number, twenty-one brothers are earning the award for the second straight year, and sixteen brothers are earning the award for the first time. The ASA, available as a special award recognizing dedicated service to the troop, chapter, and lodge in the principles of the Order, is a three year program sponsored by the national office of the Order of the Arrow. Watch for the listing of names in the January/February 2003 issue of Turtle Soup.


From the National Office....

“Indian Summer” 2003....Will You Be There? ...from the National OA Office

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Well if so, the Order of the Arrow has the perfect conference for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or in short, the Indian Summer. The Indian Summer will take place from August 2nd through the 7th in 2003. It will take place at the lovely Ridgecrest Conference Center in Asheville, North Carolina. Now, who exactly can come to the Indian Summer? Well, any Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about American Indian culture and Arrowmen who wish to expand their skills and understanding of the Order’s ceremonies are invited. The conference is projecting about 1,000 Arrowmen to participate in this event! The primary goal of this conference is to elaborate and expand a participant’s understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the students can learn more. Arrowmen will have the chance for a hands on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, customs, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a pow-wow. Need to improve your skills in generating a successful Call-out, Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Ceremony? Well you are in luck because participants will also delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, understanding the ten induction principals, symbolism, knowing the lines, and development of low-cost ceremonial costumes. The call for an Indian Summer came from fellow Arrowmen themselves. They desired another seminar like the Indian Seminar, which took place at Philmont in 1997. The demand for such a conference was recognized by the National Order of the Arrow Committee, so they endorsed it. Do not miss your chance to attend such an awesome experience. Come on down, learn about American Indian culture, and expand your knowledge in Order of the Arrow ceremonies. 



A Legacy of Servant Leadership...The OA Strategic Plan 2003-2007

Presented at the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Strategic Plan for 2003 - 2007 addresses how the National Committee plans to achieve our vision for the future of the Order of the Arrow. The plan is entitled “A Legacy of Servant Leadership.” It defines leadership, service, and financial support as ways the Order can assist the Boy Scouts of America. The plan outlines methods for local lodges to give increased service to their councils, as well as what the National Committee will do to support the lodges and Scouting in the years ahead. The Plan is available as a PDF file download at the National OA Website, which is a link through the Madockawanda Lodge Website: www.pinetreetsa.org/lodge 

Stay Involved....Pay your Dues for 2003, and “Save a buck or three!”

2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES **Madockawanda Lodge #271**

Send your 2003 dues payment (made payable to Pine Tree Council) to:
OA Dues, c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council, BSA,
125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103

Name _____ Chapter _____
Address _____ DOB _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Unit of Registration _____


I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil
Indicate amount paid: \$8.00 2003 Dues \$ _____
\$3.00 reinstatement (if after 12/31/02 or currently expired) \$ _____

Unit information must be furnished. You must be currently registered in Scouting to be a member of the Order of the Arrow.

The Dues for the 2003 year are due. Before you spend another cent on Christmas gifts, get your membership set for the new year! Use the coupon and stay active and informed!

Failure to pay your dues will allow your membership to lapse and you will be ineligible to wear the Lodge flap and to participate in Lodge events.

Waiting until after January 1st costs you another \$3, so don't delay.

So pay your dues now and pick up your membership card at your next chapter meeting. 

LEC Proposes \$10,925.00 Operating Budget for '03

By Nick Gauvin, Lodge Treasurer

By the time this issue of *The Soup* goes to press, the Lodge Executive Committee and the general membership of the Lodge should have met at the LLD weekend and approved the 2003 Annual Operating Budget for the Lodge. Revenue estimates show a membership of 590 by the end of 2003, and store revenue of \$4,500, the lodge expects to also spend \$8,305 on various programs, administration, and committee expenses for the year. This includes \$1,180 of recharter fees to the National office, and an FOS contribution to Council of \$1,180 as well. Other expenses include \$300 for adviser and NLS training, and approximately \$700 in Turtle Soup, Unit Election and visitation and Event Flyer mailings to members. Full Details of the budget and proposed expenses and service plans for 2003 will be available in the 2003 Lodge Planbook and on the Lodge Website by mid January.



The last OA weeks hosted at our council camps were held during the 1992 through 1994 years at Camp Bomazeen. These weeks were planned and hosted by long time lodge and Vigil member Laverne Burt.



More Memories from the 2002 Lodge Year!



Lodge members take aim at the Volleyball Championship at the 2002 Section NE-1A Conclave



An old one....a picture of an old Lodge Camporee neckerchief and patch from Howard Huff, a former member who now lives in North Carolina!



Although NOACs have become very popular, their popularity has grown with the prosperity of our country. Madock-awanda Lodge sent four members to the 1956 NOAC, but sent no other delegates to a NOAC until 1965, or nine years later! We haven't missed sending a delegation since that time!



A wet and motley crew! The rain soaked crew at the Bomazeen Spring Ordeal who worked on the repair of the OA ceremony site take a break at the end of the workday.

Lodge and Council Set on Promotion.....

The Lodge Executive Committee, with the help of Cathy Gosselin and the Council, have committed to doubling their efforts in the Camp Promotion Program for both Camp Bomazeen and Camp Hinds in 2003. Watch for the special information and the new promotional material intro in the next *Turtle Soup!*

Jump Start your Lodge Membership!

At NOAC 2002, members learned that the National Office of the Order will sponsor a program for new Arrowmen entitled "JumpStart". The program will be introduced a bit by the guest speak at our Annual Banquet, Northeast Region Chief Brian Favat, and will include the introduction of a new National website for recently elected members. Watch for the Website on 1/1/2003!

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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2002 Update

- Dec 7 - Lodge Annual Family Banquet - 1:00 PM
Taste of the Orient Restaurant- Wiscasset
Downeast Chapter Hosts
- Dec 31 - 2003 Dues are Due & Lodge Recharter Deadline
- Jan 4 - Lodge New Officer Training - Auburn 10:00 AM
- Jan 11 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting- York
- Feb 1 - Unit Election Season Begins

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

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