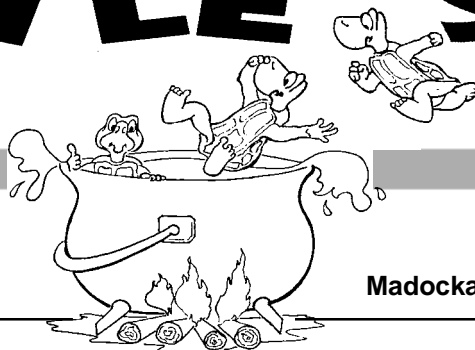


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Bonney to Lead in 2003

Buckley, Colby and Niman complete slate of Officers!

By Justin Colby, Lodge Vice Chief

The 2002 Lodge Leadership Development weekend, and the annual meeting of the Lodge brought its usual aire of excitement and fellowship, since this was the weekend where the lodge would again look towards its general membership for the new leadership to lead all of us forward into 2003. Friday evening's festivities included the fellowship social and the last LEC of the year, while Saturday's events, despite the torrential rain, were held and all attendees had a great time. Training cells included the usual sessions on elangomat and election training, including new training materials brought back by the 2002 NOAC contingent members related to the revised election video for 2003. New sessions also included training on leadership, hosting chapter events, and a wonderful dance program put on by Native American guests from the great K-Valley chapter.

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Hail to the Chief! Evan Bonney of K-Valley Chapter poses with the new lodge headdress at his formal introduction during the 2002 Banquet in December.

Banquet Provides a "Taste" of the Future!

By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Secretary



A Job Well Done Council Executive J.T. Dabbs congratulates outgoing two-term Lodge Chief Adrian Caron on his exemplary service to the Lodge as a youth officer.

Yes, another Annual banquet has come to pass and yes, fun was had by all. After arriving about 1:00 p.m., guests were treated to a buffet that can only be described as wow, food... and stuff. And I do believe we all know what that means! So anyway, after having seconds and our drinks, we went on to presentations and such.

Committee reports included the regular updates from the Vigil, Service, Elangomat and the ever popular and humorous report from the Ceremonies Chairman, and included the presentation of the Founders' Award recipients for the 2002 year (see related story, page two). It is this humor that helps us get through all of the service our Lodge performs throughout a single year. Apparently we have been able to accomplish over three-thousand hours of service. This is an incredible number and Justin Colby, this year's Service Chair, was quoted with saying, "The only thing to do now is to keep up the pace, surely we'll do even better next year." The lodge also recognized York Chapter as being the only Honor Chapter recipient for 2002, a challenge for all chapters to strive for in 2003. In recent history, Honor Chapter status has been achieved by a

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Camp Nutter dates back to the 1930s when York County was a separate council operating its own camp. At that time, the OA was not the only organization in Scouting for recognizing honor campers. York's camp and council used the "Nikiwigi" Tribe!



Caron and Holden presented Founders' Award

By Josh Gagnon, Founders' Committee Chair

For one, the "jump" from youth officer to adult adviser was probably more on his mind as his term of office came to a close. For the other, he has been providing service and leadership for such a long time that the award has to be somewhat anticlimactic. Regardless, the lodge honored two well deserving men with the 2002 Founder's Award; Adrian Caron and Wayne Holden. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. Adrian has been a visible and active leader of this lodge for numerous years. His path of cheerful service to the lodge started in Abnaki Chapter but quickly turned towards the lodge level, beginning his service as Lodge Treasurer. During his term he recreated the Lodge Store, and among other things created the popular slogan "your head is naked without a purple hat!" He recently completed his second term as Lodge Chief, leading the lodge through ordeals with extreme temperatures and the 2002 Conclave. Wayne is currently serving his third year as Lodge Adviser, before this his service to the lodge varied from serving as a cook at Ordeals to Chapter Adviser for York. Both Wayne and Adrian are true examples of Leadership and Service, and both are well deserving of this award.



The Glory of Service: Current Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden and Outgoing Lodge Chief Adrian Caron proudly display their Founders' Award certificates after they were presented with this honor at the annual banquet.

Dear Brothers,

A new dawn, and a new Lodge year arises!

I would first of all like to thank all the members for placing their confidence in me as their new Lodge Chief, and express to all brothers that there is a role for everyone to fill in the Lodge. We have a great year planned, and it begins with our election season. Please make sure you encourage your troops to host a unit election and visitation, and promote our two great council camps. It is important that we conduct meaningful elections, and get the word out that summer camping is the cornerstone of the troop schedule!

I challenge all of you to help with a troop election this year, by attending a chapter meeting in your local districts and by becoming trained in the election process. It is amazing what you will learn by visiting another troop in your chapter, and it gives you the opportunity to present the Order, the Lodge, and our great programs to all scouts in our Council!

In Spirit and in Service!


Evan Bonney - Lodge Chief

From the Chief


"United through the efforts of the members..."





The cliff at the Lodge Ceremony Site at Camp Hinds was first decorated in 1952 by Bob Weatherbee, a staff member and art student, with the help of other lodge members who served on staff. The design included a snake, whose body followed the horizontal cleft in the rock, a thunderbird, a sunburst, and eventually three pictures which represented our first three Vigil Honor Members. 




New members and old should visit the new OA national website, and specifically, **Jumpstart**, a new interactive program for new members. The link can be found at www.oa-bsa.org. 



But Seriously, Folks: Lodge Ceremonies Committee Chairman Josh Shean presents his annual report in a somewhat unorthodox fashion at the Annual Banquet!

development & provide opportunities for leadership” to the youth members of our lodge. As a token of his personal appreciation to the leadership and service that outgoing Lodge Chief Adrian Caron provided, J. T. presented Adrian with a few of the lodge flaps from his home lodge in Alabama! There was even a slide show of memorable moments of the past year! An unusual highlight of this banquet was when outgoing Lodge Treasurer Nick Gauvin presented the 2003 officers with individual “gifts” to encourage their service in the lodge and the New Year, and to humorously point out to each of them that leadership comes with a commitment to service. Nick presented Evan Bonney with a “Don’t Tickle” sign, since he will be too busy in his new role as Chief to see much humor around him. Justin Colby was presented with a toy tank to “plow through” his responsibilities as Vice Chief, Andrew Buckley was given a set of crayons and an letter alphabet set to use in his duties as Secretary, and Sam Niman was given a pink calculator (purple wasn’t available from Big Al’s next door to the banquet!) for his work in keeping the finances of the lodge straight in his role as the Lodge Treasurer! One final highlight of the banquet was a farewell speech from our Chief Adrian Caron and Vice Chief Nate Colby of 2001-02. A big thank-you went to them for their hard work in the past couple of years.

So, are you intrigued? Or maybe even curious? The only thing to do for this would be to involve yourself in the lodge activities during 2003. I guarantee it will be fun! 

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minimum of three of the five chapters of the lodge. Vigil Chairman Lyndon Morgan and Adviser Richard Valcourt presented the Vigil Honor Certificates and honored this year’s three Vigil Honor recipients, Evan Bonney and Dan Viens of K-Valley Chapter, and Henry Zwetsloot of York Chapter for their service to their units, chapters and to the Lodge. Lodge Chief Adrian Caron presented his “year in review” including kudos for the various chapter chiefs, committee chairmen, and advisers that served during his terms as Lodge Chief. Filling in admirably for our absent scheduled guest speaker was Council Executive J. T. Dabbs who spoke of the responsibilities of the Order, especially as it relates to the roles of both the youth and adult members of the lodge. He encouraged the lodge and its youth officers to “support the outdoor program and set goals to match the strategic plan” and commended our lodge on its “outstanding example of service” to our Council. He then challenged the adult members of our Order to “promote



Eat, Drink and be Merry! John Wood, Geoff Howitt, and Charlie Bradford (and a few others!) enjoy the food at the 2002 banquet.



As outlined in the Rules of Operation of the Lodge, the Lodge Chief has the authority to appoint committees to carry out the work of the lodge. Historically, certain committees have been "set" and repeat annually as active committees. However, special committees have been formed which have a short and finite life. Examples include the 2002 Conclave Committee, the 1999 Waterfront (Hinds) retaining wall committee, and the 1994 50th Anniversary Committee.



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Council Program Director Cathy Gosslin joined the LLD program to discuss the Council's plans to develop a new Camp Promotion program which she solicited the Lodge's involvement in promotion and distribution during the Lodge's annual unit visitation and the Winter 2003 election season. Outdoor programs included very soggy soccer and volleyball matches between those chapters and souls brave enough (and with extra clothing!) to deal with the late fall temperature and downpours!

The Saturday evening theme show provided another example of the creativity and technical "know how" of the youth and adult leadership as "Beat the OA Geeks", a game loosely based on the successful Comedy Central television program was unveiled to all! Geeks representing Ceremonies (Josh Shean), History (Josh Gagnon), the OA (Matt Dubois), and the Lodge (Carl Gagnon) fought back challenges from each chapter who were brave enough to go against their mastery of the Order. In the end, History Geek Josh Gagnon defeated a challenge from the K-Valley chapter and won the event! After this game, the lodge also sponsored another pie auction, raising over \$150 for lodge programs and events, while "paying back" some of its members with a pie in the face! The evening ended with a wonderful Ice Cream Social.



Your 2003 Officers (l to r): Evan Bonney, Chief; Justin Colby, Vice Chief, Andrew Buckley, Secretary, and Sam Niman, Treasurer.

On Sunday, the Lodge held its Annual meeting and election of officers for the 2003 year. The membership of the lodge approved the Annual Operating Budget of \$10,925.00 for the 2003 year, and Outgoing Lodge Chief Adrian Caron thanked all of his fellow officers and the lodge in general for its support over his two years as Chief, and reported on the work the lodge had completed in 2002. Committees also presented their summaries for the year, and continuing the recent tradition of very competitive elections, Lodge Secretary Evan Bonney edged out Lodge Vice Chief Nate Colby by a vote of 28-22. York Chapter Chief Justin Colby then defeated Nate Colby, his brother, for Lodge Vice Chief in what can only be considered a very unusual and unique election between siblings! For Secretary, K-Valley Vice Chief Andrew Buckley defeated York Chapter Secretary Sam Niman, both running for lodge office for the first time!

Undaunted by his defeat in the election for Secretary, Sam Niman then ran opposed by Casco Bay Vice Chief Joe Goodness in a very close contest. With the result being a tie after two ballots cast by all chapters, and with some remembering the same result in the 2000 lodge officer election for Secretary, the election moved to the only approved method of breaking this tie. In

compliance with the Lodge Rules of Operations, Section IV, Paragraph 7: "In the case of a tie vote, the current officers shall caucus immediately to cast the deciding vote." After the 2002 officers met, the deciding vote was cast to elect Sam Niman as Treasurer, thereby completing another competitive but cordial election for the 2003 lodge officers. After brief closing comments by the Staff and Lodge Advisers, and with the closing of the Annual Meeting through the Song of the Order, the LLD weekend came to end, a little bit drier than Saturday, but with the hope and vision of a new slate of leaders in charge for 2003!



Elangomat Training at the LLD: Elangomat Chairman Ross London (top left) leads the 2002 Elangomat Training cell with his adviser, Phil Taschereau (top, center) during the LLD at Camp Hinds.



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .



K- Valley Chapter

We're planning a better year with more fun events. Our goals are to get 2 ceremony teams built and we hope to earn Honor Chapter this year and get as many brothers qualified for the Arrowman Service Award! We have already attended one Eagle ceremony that was in Norridgewock, which had good turnout. We have another planned eagle ceremony for Jan 25th in either Skowhegan or Madison. We, at this point, have only 5 people on the ceremony team, which is a bad thing because this Eagle ceremony requires 6 people. If you are interested in joining the ceremonies team you can contact me or Mr. Rueger at Rueger@dialmaine.com or Tom Thornton at slugmizer@netzero.net for information because we would like to have two ceremonies teams with 4 or more per team. A reminder that we have our local meeting at the Winslow elementary school every second Wednesday of every month during the school year. Our election season is February 1st to the 30th of April and we are encouraging scoutmasters to schedule soon! Please contact one of us as soon as possible to get a date.

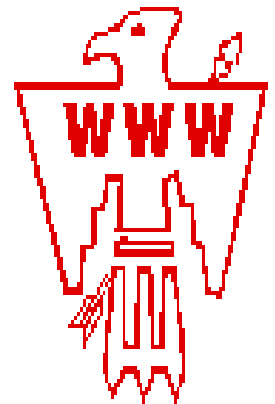
Aaron Greene

In 1987, then Section Vice Chief Scott Valcourt of Auburn was elected to the post of Section Chief, where he was consecutively re-elected to that position for three terms, longer than any other Section Chief in the history of the Section. 

York Chapter

York Chapter is once again off on the right foot for the new year. At the November meeting, the chapter voted in Ben Gleason as Chief, Sean Theriault as Vice Chief, Nic Doyle as Secretary, and Corey Hirn as Treasurer. Although the January meeting was canceled due to the second large winter storm of the season, we will go full force in February! The attendance at the past two meetings before the cancellation has been exceptional. Brothers are ready to step up and take on a role. We plan to do a chapter level election training program at our next meeting, and our Ceremonies team is preparing for a Cub Scout Cross over in Buxton during the month of February, and has already planned a practice meeting for the end of January! York has set some good goals this year and plans to make everything out of them. In closing, we want to thank all of our officer, both incoming and outgoing, for their service, and our adult advisers. A special thanks goes out to Lodge officers, and especially Nathan Colby of York for his service at both the Lodge and Chapter levels!

Ben Gleason



37 Brothers Earn their ASA!

The Lodge Executive Committee would to congratulate the sixteen new brothers who earned their first year ribbon for the Arrowman Service Award (ASA). Also, even more impressive was the fact that 21 brothers who earned the award last year in 2001 gained the second piece of this three-year award in 2002, a compass rose pin which should be displayed on the ASA ribbon presented during 2001, to add to this first year achievement. The ASA is an individual based award whereby which arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights. The award focuses on three areas of service: Personal, Chapter & Lodge Activities, and general service to the community, as brothers must earn a series of requirements from each group in order to qualify. Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden presented these awards at the 2002 Banquet, and those earning the Award for the first year include: Fred Offenburger, Francis Brandon, Joe Goodness, Beth Froman, Andrew Rueger, Aaron Greene, Tom Parenteau, Dan Warner, Sybille Offenburger, David Vining, Phil Taschereau, J. Michael McKinney, W. Paul Fisher, and Geoff Howitt. Brothers who earned the award for the second year include: Dave Tribou, Michael Mirisola, Nate Colby, Mike Price, Josh Gagnon, Wayne Holden, Charlie Bradford, Andrew Buckley, Justin Colby, Greg Bradford, Carl Gagnon, Evan Bonney, Dan Colby, Arthur Price, Paul Froman, Joe Niman, Tom Thornton, Matt Dubois, Adrian Caron, Al Warner, Paul Hallee, and Nick Gauvin.

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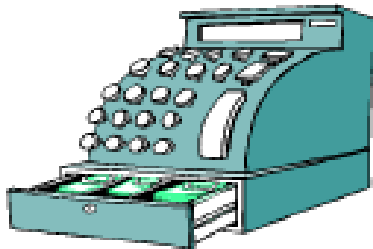
So pay your dues now and pick up your membership card at your next chapter meeting. 



During the 1940's and 1950's, all of the Lodge officers were camp staff members, since elections and ordeals were all required to be done at a council camp during that early period of the lodge. 



Store Gearing up for Spring ...from Sam Niman, Lodge Treasurer



I am writing to let everyone know that as your new lodge treasurer, and the "keeper of the lodge merchandise", I have BIG plans for the Lodge store....I mean big! The Lodge Executive Committee and I have planned to sell this year in "The Turtles Trading Post" (in addition to the items already there) some new merchandise that has been on every stylish Brothers shopping list. For example: Item 1: Purple boxers. How many times have you been at an Ordeal without extra underwear? Well, its no longer a problem with purple boxers! It will give you a chance to

always be at your best and carry the unofficial color of the lodge to a new high! More importantly, it will allow me the opportunity to walk around in my boxers at lodge events (just kidding).

Item 2: A lodge toothpick holder. How often have you had people leave a gathering because your toothpicks were in an ugly, inaccessible box with no style or purpose? It's now a problem of the past with the always stylish, highly accessible Madockawanda Lodge toothpick holder. Even them highbrow college brothers will be begging to get one of these babies!

Last but certainly not least, Item 3: A new lodge choker kit. The problem is I really cant think of a situation were you would need one, but they are always stylish around the ceremony site. But it would be a very cool craft and a great way to start your Regalia collection. I'd like to also tell you these are just Ideas, (really good ones) **but just ideas!** The point I'd like to make is that the Lodge Store is yours for the asking, so if you want us to carry something out of the National OA supply area, or just want a new purple or turtle based item, let us know, and the time is now! My email address is on the back cover of this issue of *Turtle Soup*, so don't delay, because if you want it on-hand by the Spring Ordeal season, we've got to have your ideas in soon!

Lodge falls short on 2002 Honor Lodge Designation

By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

For the first time since the 1996 Lodge year, including five straight years of reaching the pinnacle of growth and quality, Madockawanda Lodge fell a bit short in its bid to reach a sixth straight year of "Honor Lodge" requirements. In order to reach and achieve the Honor Lodge designation, lodges throughout the country are required to meet or exceed a series of mandatory and elective objectives, including positive membership growth, scheduling of ordeals, newsletter publication, financial and labor support to the councils they serve, and a variety of other requirements too numerous to mention. Only two requirements were a bit short on the Honor Lodge petition sent to the National Office at the end of December. Membership did not exceed the 585 member level established during the 2001 Lodge year, which was a 10+ year high at the time, and the lodge also failed to earn the 30% Brotherhood conversion rate required for this honor. "Primarily, the terrible and rainy weather at the Bomazeen Spring Ordeal caused us to miss the conversion requirement" stated Past Lodge Chief Adrian Caron during an interview for this issue of *Turtle Soup*.

Truly, that had a great deal to do with the lodge being short of the requirement, since only two brothers sealed their membership in the Order at that Ordeal, well below the average of 18-20 brothers we get during a "normal" Bomazeen Spring Ordeal weekend. Candidate Ordeal attendance numbers were also down for that weekend as well, and clearly this had an effect on our efforts to meet the honor lodge requirements.

Commenting on the Honor Lodge designation being missed, Adrian had this to say, "Based on what I heard at NOAC, earning the Honor Lodge designation for five straight years is quite an accomplishment. Few lodges run that long in this designation, and I think that our other service accomplishments during 2002 and our busy schedule, which included hosting a Section Conclave in a NOAC year and earning the Honor Webpage designation made up for this disappointment. However, I am sure we will be back with a vengeance in 2003!"



Head Table! Another shot from the 2002 banquet shows the youth officers of the lodge enjoying the meal portion of the festivities.



Trader Lodge Flap mistakes are pretty common. In our lodge, for example, in 1990, the NOAC contingent flap has the letters "ISU" upon it, which should have been "IU" for Indiana University. On our 1997 trader flap, we even spelled our name wrong! "Madockawada", which was missing the "n"! Both flaps are errors and are very collectable!



Although not a common statistic from the history of the lodge, the past four lodge chiefs have all served two terms as chief. Starting with Richard Burt in 1995, Paul Hallee in 1997, Matt Dubois in 1998 and Adrian Caron in 2000!



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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2003 Update

- Jan 2003 - 2003 Dues are OVERDUE (if not paid!)
- Jan 11 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting- Brunswick
- Feb 1 - Unit Election Season Begins
- March 8 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - York
- March 22 - Ordeal Planning Conference - Place TBA
- March 28-30- Northeast Region NLS -Camp Alpine, NJ
- April 30 - Unit Election Season Ends

Any changes (and the listing of all LEC members for 2003) are on the web page at www.pinetreesba.org/lodge/lodge.html

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