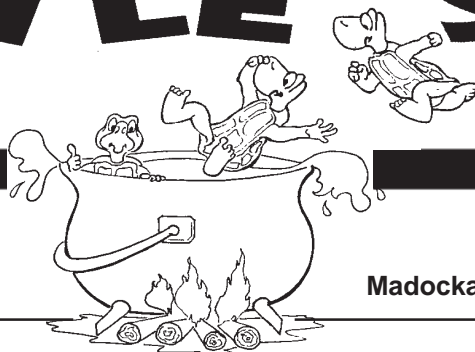


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OPC Tackles Spring Ordeal Plans

Bomazeen to host two Ordeals in 2003, with Hinds hosting one during May!

By Justin Colby, Lodge Vice Chief



Planning for '03 Downeast Chapter Chief Francis Brandon takes a moment to pose with former Chapter Adviser Sybile Offenburger and Chapter Vice Chief James McKinney during their February Chapter Meeting. Downeast Chapter presented Sybile with an award honoring her three years of service as Adviser (photo by Mike McKinney).

Bomazeen instead of the normal two that we hold at Hinds! Chapters also need to get cracking on the Honor Chapter notebooks which they should be keeping. My goal this year is

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Elections Important for Lodge Growth


By Wayne Holden, Lodge Adviser

As the Unit election season is upon us, I hope that we are ever mindful of those parts of the Order that remind us— that we are ever dedicated to service to others. When we are doing elections let's remember to promote a purpose for being a member. Many times we have elections and huge numbers of scouts are elected into the OA. As the season progresses many of these individuals do not show for their Ordeal. I hope that we can instill a sense of pride in those that are elected to do for themselves and their fellow scouts, and if they choose to accept election then to follow through with what their fellow scouts have entrusted to them. The other important part of our role in the Council is that of Troop Visitation...to promote our work, encourage continued membership, and encourage those elected to follow through with their Ordeal. Camp promotion is an important part of our duties to the Lodge and our Council. There are still many troops who do not spend time at either of our camps, and it is our responsibility to encourage attendance. If we all take time to talk about camp(s) and to share a personal story about camp we will be doing some of the best promotions that we possibly can. A personal story of a great experience at one of our council camps can be one of the best


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As you may know, until 1972, Vigil names were taken from the stars. Our founder and first Vigil Member, Frank Bailey, was given the name Sirius. The second and third Vigil members, Clyde Nason, Jr. and Donald Richards, respectively, were given the names Procyon and Betelgeuze. These three stars, given to the first three Vigil Honor members, actually form a triangle in the sky! 



In 1953, after the induction of the Lodge's second Vigil Honor member, Frank Bailey used to remind members that it was most unusual to have two Vigil Honor members inducted in two years. He stated that in the past the Vigil has been reserved for those who had done something exceptional such as "wrote a book or saved a life" (Frank's own words) 

Lodge Searching for Turtle Soup History

Many Activities Being Planned for 2004 Anniversary Year!

By Matthew Dubois, Lodge Webpage Adviser

As a part of the effort to preserve our history, Madockawanda Lodge is seeking to compile a history of its newsletter, *Turtle Soup*. "We recently uncovered a *Turtle Soup* from 1962. It surprised us that the name *Turtle Soup* was used for our newsletter that far back," said Lodge Associate Adviser for Publications Carl Gagnon.



This discovery has prompted an interest in compiling a complete history of our lodge newsletter (whether named *Turtle Soup* or otherwise). If you have any copies of Madockawanda newsletters prior to 1992 that you would like to share, please contact Matt Dubois (207-212-9540, or at mattubwah@hotmail.com) to arrange for a copy to be made for Lodge records.

If you have read the history of Madockawanda Lodge, you know that the original ceremony site created by the founding members in 1944 was located on the hill just south of the present day Cadigan Lodge. You will also know that a couple years after its beginning, the site outgrew its capacity and the alter fireplace burned out. It

was then that the present day ceremony site was found and created. In an effort to preserve our history, Madockawanda is planning to undertake the recreation of the original ceremony site. "This site would not take the place of our present site. It would serve as a preservation of our history, where our lodge began. It may also be used for special ceremonies, such as Vigil inductions and dedications," Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden articulated.

Members who may remember exactly where and how the original site looked, please contact Matt Dubois (207-212-9540, mattubwah@hotmail.com). 

LEC Update.....Lodge Ponders creation of 2004 NOAC Planning Committee

At the Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, plans were presented by Casco Bay Chapter Chief Greg Bradford to create a Lodge NOAC committee. This committee would be formed to assist the lodge in developing a formal plan for the planning, promotion, and fundraising necessary to send a full contingent to the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Spurned by the smaller than normal contingent sent during the 2002 NOAC, Greg offered to spearhead this project during the upcoming Lodge Year. After discussion, it was agreed that a more formal plan would need to be presented at the March LEC.

Lodge Chief Evan Bonney also encouraged members to submit graphic designs for a new lodge trader flap, and set the deadline for submission by the March LEC. Evan also reviewed the 2003 Lodge Goals, as outlined below:

- **Achieve Honor Lodge Status**
- **Increase Service to Membership and to Council**
- **Have a Successful Ordeal Season**
- **Revamp the OA Troop Rep Program**
- **Continue to be a resource to Council Training Programs.**
- **Conclave- Continue to lead the Section in Conclave Attendance**
- **Improve Communications to all Members by greater use of Turtle Soup and through the Webpage.**

Elections... Continued from Front Page



To the best of our knowledge, the 120+ brothers who attended the 2002 Conclave hosted by our own Madockawanda Lodge this past year represents a record number of participants and attendees for a host lodge in our Section!



promotions for any camping experience. Do remember that we have Camp Bomazeen, Camp Hinds, and all the other camping experiences within the council. Review the merit badge offerings for 2004 at summer camp and promote the activities of the Lodge, such as the Spring Ordeals, the Section Conclave, and our Fall LLD weekend, but also remind the leaders of the troop (both youth and adult) to view the new camp program CD's that each of them have received during 2003.

I would also like to remind all chapter officers and election teams that it is imperative to get your election results, including any adult nomination forms, into my attention as soon as possible, but no later than May 10, 2003! Remember, in order for your candidates to have a good shot at attending any one of our three Ordeal weekends, the lodge has to get their ordeal enrollment forms to them in a timely manner. I also encourage all trained election team members to pitch in and help with one of the many unit visitations and elections being held this year. Remember, it's part of the requirements for the third year of the Arrowman Service Award, so there's another great reason to participate. The motto here is "participate and get those results in!"

For those members who read this article and who have yet to have a troop visitation from one of our chapter election teams, the time is growing very short. Elections and visitations continue through April 30, 2003, so move quickly! Contact your chapter chiefs and advisers to schedule your visit! Remember, the lodge grows by promotion, not only of its activities, but by promoting the great summer camp opportunities in PTC!



Winter Ceremonies? The York Ceremonies Team poses for a quick picture after completing a ceremony during an Eagle Court of Honor for three new Eagle Scouts at Troop 340 in Eliot in early March!

Dear Brothers ,

Election season is in full swing. As we look towards the Ordeal season this spring, we can see just how important these elections really are. It may sound like a cliché, but have you done your part in the election process? If you're trained, have you volunteered to help out? Even if you're not, have you gone so far as to make sure that your troop is signed up? Elections are the future of the ordeals, and the future of the Lodge. We must make sure that even that troop in Jackman has the same caliber of election as the one in Portland.

If you have gotten your hands on one of the planbooks, you will see that in there I challenge each arrowman to find a passion within the Order and pursue it. Now I'd like to ask you to ask yourself how far along you are with that process. By evaluating your work every so often, your goal becomes more and more obtainable. Have you asked the Service Committee Chairman if he needs a "right hand man?" Or talked to your Chapter Adviser about serving on a Troop visitation? Every step you take will bring you further along, no matter how small it may be. Keep this in mind throughout the Spring as we tackle our next endeavors.

In Spirit and in Service!

Evan Bonney - Lodge Chief

From the Chief

"Many fires, but one great light"





Recently, we have had up to six chapters in our Lodge, but did you know that until 1962, Chapters of the Lodge were located in the Council Camps. Only in 1962 were chapters established in each of the council's districts.



As many of you know, our lodge came into existence in 1944, but how many of you knew that one of the original induction team members was the Hinds Waterfront Director, George Anderson. George was a member of the Order from Pamola Lodge. As you can see from their lodge number (211), Pamola Lodge predates Madockawanda Lodge, since it was chartered in 1941!



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to see all chapters succeed in meeting the honor chapter requirements instead of the single, yet great chapter that received it this year! Just a reminder on the requirements that must be completed by the chapters to receive honor chapter; you must keep the log book with all records of attendance and service projects etc., must contact 100% of troops in chapter about having an election or troop visitation, and each chapter is required to show positive membership growth! Chapter also need a 30% brotherhood conversion, and must hold an elangomat training session. There are four other "elective" requirements that you can choose to complete from a list that you can find by visiting the #1 website in the nation, or by checking the 2003 Lodge Planbook! So get busy on the honor chapter requirements so that every chapter can receive it this year. On the Ordeal Planning Conference, we encourage all brothers who are interested in working with our service committee, this year chaired by Mike Price of Casco Bay Chapter, and advised by John Wood of Downeast Chapter. Both Mike and John are planning productive and meaningful Ordeal and Brother projects for this Spring, coordinated under the direction of Properties Superintendent Bob Gosselin! With the harsh winter we have had so far, we will need the help of our membership to insure that both camps are ready for the summer season. I hope for a good turnout at the OPC on March 22, and I look forward to seeing you there!



NEWSClips.....Newsbriefs from around the Lodge and Section



Calling All Elangomats!

By Noah Lemire, Elangomat Chairman

Hello all of you who are elangomats! With the recent changes in lodge officers and advisers, and since I have assumed the duties of Elangomat Chairman for the Lodge, I would like to hear from those of you who have been formally trained or have served as an elangomat for prior lodge Ordeals! There is currently no formal listing or roster of brothers who have served or have been trained! This, understandably, makes it difficult to get Elangomats for all of the ordeals, since we often wait until the weekend to "round up" those who are willing to serve in this most important role. One of my first goals is to update this list and use it for our upcoming Spring Ordeal weekends. It would be greatly appreciated if any brothers who are Elangomat trained could contact me, Noah Lemire, at NJLemire87@hotmail.com or at 207-439-0258 or if you desire, contact Phil Taschereau, Elangomat Committee Adviser at 282-2851 or at his email address, ptasch@cybertours.com.



Pamola Lodge to Host Section Conclave!

Our Brothers to the North, Pamola Lodge, will host this year's Section NE-1A conclave at beautiful Katahdin Scout Reservation and Camp Roosevelt in East Eddington, Maine! So make sure to keep the weekend of June 6-8, 2003 Open for this annual event. Where is East Eddington you may ask? Well, it's just off of Route 1A between Bangor and Ellsworth, and well worth the trip. Great training, fellowship, patch trading, and wonderful shows! Some of the training and workshop sessions planned for this weekend include an introduction to the National JumpStart training program, The Mysteries Surrounding the Vigil, How to run an Impressive Ceremony, Specially Campfire Building, Regalia Construction, Native American Dancing, and What is Scoutreach! Madockawanda Lodge has, for the past few years, been the largest contingent at each of the recent Section Conclaves, and since this one is in our "back yard", we hope to again set the standard of participation. With Mike Price from Casco Bay Chapter currently serving as Section Secretary, another great turnout from the lodge is expected! Brothers should look for the special lodge registration mailer package and trading post order form that will be mailed to all active members in early April.



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Downeast Chapter

At our January meeting, Fred and Sybile Offenburger were awarded their Wood Badge beads and woggles. The ceremony was performed by fellow Wood Badgers, Gerry Pelletier and Butch Worcester. This is a great honor bestowed on them and I personally and publicly congratulate them here in the pages of Turtle Soup! The chapter will be performing at the Union Pack 207 Blue and Gold Banquet. So far, the election season is going well and if you are reading this and haven't scheduled your troop's election, get in contact with myself or Mike McKinney.

Francis Brandon

Abnaki Chapter

All is well in the Abnaki Chapter! To start the year off, our attendance has increased 110% from just a few month's ago. As of now, we are very busy doing crossovers and elections. We have started a new tradition in our chapter. We have started a quarterly attendance prize. When people attend meetings they get a ticket. After three months we have a drawing and the winner receives a prize. This quarter's prize is the Lodge's Oversized back flap! So far it has been a huge success.

Dan Warner

Casco Bay Chapter!

The Casco Bay chapter is doing great. We are gearing up for an awesome election season. The Chapter is hoping to have one of the best seasons yet. Our picnic table construction project is slowly falling into place, but due to the weather the plan has been postponed until spring. We have come up with a design for our chapter t-shirts and will hopefully be seeing them before the summer. At our district Klondike Derby we had record breaking sales with our new chili made by our very own Casco Bay Vice Chief JOE GOODNESS!!! We also helped with parking, and directed some of the stations. All in all we had a wonderful time. And remember, you and the captain and make it happen!

Greg Bradford

York Chapter!

With great help and a will to succeed, York Chapter has entered the election season. Knowing that this is the most important part of the year, we're putting every ounce of effort we have into it. To prep for this election season, our chapter held a productive election training in February. Also in February, our ceremonies team performed for a cub scout crossover. They plan to perform at two eagle court of honors as well. Plans for the rest of the year include inviting several chapters on an inter-chapter fellowship, building a chapter web page, and helping to get the OA Troop Representative program moving in the right direction in our Chapter.

Ben Gleason

Ceremonies Workshop Postponed!

The Ceremonies workshop weekend has been postponed, but will be held April 4-6. This workshop weekend will be held at Camp Bomazeen. All interested chapters and Arrowmen should contact Joe Niman, joseph.niman@maine.edu, or Joshua Shean at shean@firehousemail.com. We plan to work on call out ceremonies and prepare for the upcoming ordeal season. Input from chapters is also welcome as to what they would like to cover during this weekend. More information will come when we know how many to plan for...Remember, your participation and practice will make for a great Spring call out ceremony at your district camporees, so please attend!



In the early 1990s, the Lodge created the Purple Arrow Award, modeled after the National Red Arrow Award. This award is presented, upon approval of the LEC, to non-members of the Order who have made significant contributions to the Lodge. The Purple Arrow award has been presented twice in the Lodge's history: to Alice Keene for her work as cook during many OA Weeks and Ordeals, and Mickey Hinkley for his work during Ordeals in the kitchen and with the former Snowshoe Chapter.



Join the Lodge Listserver!...by Josh Gagnon, Lodge Webmaster

Now you can even update your address or phone number Directly with Lodge Administration!

In efforts to provide even more ways to stay in constant communication with the lodge, the website committee and Lodge Key 5 have created a new on-line listserver. If you choose to join, you will receive an e-mail once a month with information on upcoming events, schedule changes or changes in meeting locations and other news tidbits. You also will receive an e-mail when the lodge has breaking news that just can't wait for the regular mailing at the beginning of each month, or the semi-monthly Turtle Soup. All brothers are encouraged to join and register with the lodge website. All you need to do is send an e-mail with your name and e-mail address to madockwebmaster@pinetreebsa.org. Once we receive your e-mail, we will send you an invitation to the listserver. Follow the directions, and in a matter of seconds you'll be on the list!



Are you a registered member but have not been receiving all the mailings the lodge has sent out (i.e. Turtle Soup, Banquet Flyer)? Do you think for one reason or another the lodge does not have your correct information? Have you recently changed your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address? If you find yourself in any of these categories, send your current information to oa271admin@adelphia.net! Our Lodge Adviser of Administration, Roger Gagnon, will receive the updated information and correct it in our database, this way you can always stay connected to Madockawanda Lodge! Imagine, no more lost mailing lists or updates that just don't seem to get from the chapter to the lodge to Roger. This creates a direct link to "the man" and let's you update your information as soon as it changes. Just another way to serve you, and let you serve yourselves!

Speaking of Camp Promotion.....

As a service to all of our scoutmasters, included in the Winter 2003 Pine Spills is information on Summer Camp Programs and Camp Hinds and Bomazeen Adventure Base, plus information on the 2003 Cub Scout Camping Program. Check out the [program portion of the Pine Tree Council Website - www.pinetreebsa.org](#) for more information on each program as well as dates and registration forms for each program.! Adobe PDF versions of the Camp Summer Leader's Guides for both camps are available on this website!



In 1990, 42 brothers from Madockawanda Lodge attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference. That is a record for our Lodge, and with the quota system which was implemented by the mid 90's, one that probably will never be broken!

Once More, with Feeling...Dues Coupon for 2003!

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: \$11.00 2003 Dues \$ _____

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

Tell one former brother, and they'll tell another, and so on, and so on....you get the picture!

Find a former member...he's probably in your troop or at your school, and get him to pay his dues! We can really use it in 2003!

It's the single most important thing you can do as a member, and it keeps you loyal to the lodge and its events.

So pay your dues now, and get a friend to do the same and pick up your membership cards at your next chapter meeting.

Brotherhood Conversion....Ponder its Meaning

By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Secretary

So, you've been an Ordeal member since last Spring, and you paid your dues for 2003....what do you do now? Well, the best thing is to keep either the weekend of May 30th or June 13th open since you should be attending one of the two Spring Ordeals. After 10 months of continuous membership and service, you are eligible for Brotherhood conversion.

Wait a minute, you say? "There is no way you are going through another Ordeal..." Not to worry because you don't have to! Ask any brotherhood member and they'll tell you that sealing your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member is very different than completing your Ordeal. In fact, it's like night and day! First



Speaking of Brotherhood Members of Troop 349 of Buxton celebrate their dedication to the Order at a recent Eagle Court of Honor for Chapter Chief and Troop member Ben Gleason (photo by Fred Martin)

of all, there is food, and plenty of it! Second, there is the fellowship that can only be experienced as a Brother and by attending an Ordeal weekend as a full member of the Order. And third, there is the meaning and experience of witnessing ceremonial work from the audience. Only then can you truly appreciate the significance of the message, **Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui**. For those of you who are unaware of what there is to do in the Order after your

Ordeal you would be surprised. After getting in you have a ton of opportunities to make something of yourself in one of Scouting's greatest organizations. You can do almost anything related to service, leadership, and by becoming more knowledgeable about the Order and all it has to offer.

The one point that I think needs to be stressed is Brotherhood. This is pretty much the rope that binds together the Order, without it, you've got nothing. But what is Brotherhood other than a term for closeness because of one unifying reason? Well Brotherhood is some of the best friends that you will ever make. Brotherhood is what motivates you to serve others. Brotherhood is what gets you up in the morning, and puts your best foot forward for the day. But the only way to find out exactly what it is, would be to get out there and participate, to take chances, and to have fun!

While yes, there is no snowmobile brigade or paintball squadron in the Order, there are tons of things for you to do. Even just paying your dues and showing up to OA events gives you a better sense of brotherhood. It is not something you earn, you already have it, you just have to find it. By becoming a brotherhood member, you seal yourself in the Order. You now have an obligation to try and be there to support your brothers. Believe me its well worth it. So, all I can say is watch for the special Brotherhood letter that is sent to all eligible members in late April,, then come to the Spring Ordeal and raise yourself in the next membership level in the Order....It's \$20 very well spent!



It really hasn't been that long, has it? Did you know that the first Brotherhood members of the lodge were inducted in 1947. At that time, there was no differing sash for brotherhood, so members of that level wore their sash over the opposite shoulder!



Our first Youth Vigil member did more than you think! In 1953 Clyde Nason, Jr. designed the lodge flap that has become our standard Restricted flap.



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Patch Up Your Collection!:

Only a small supply of the Lodge Endowment Fund-raiser Backpatch remains for our 2002 sale. This is a fully embroidered flap which will look great as part of your scout patch collection, and is sure to bring value at the 2003 Conclave trading festivities! The Turtles Trading Post will offer this patch during the Spring Ordeals, so be prepared!

Ed Pease Scholarships Available:

Remember, Madockawanda Lodge sponsors two full paid weeks of camp at either Camp Hinds or the Bomazeen Adventure Base for any Pine Tree Council registered Scout who has an interest in attending summer camp, or an interest in attending a second week of camp as a provisional scout. Applications are available through our election teams or on the lodge website: [www.pinetrebsa.org/lodge.html](http://www.pinetrebsa.org/lodge/html).

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Lodge Calendar

Early Spring 2003 Update

- March 22 - Ordeal Planning Conference - Brunswick
- March 28-30- Northeast Region NLS -Camp Alpine, NJ
- April 30 - Unit Election Season Ends
- May 10 - All Unit Election Results due to Lodge Adviser
- May 30-June 1 Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- June 1 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - Hinds
- June 6-8 Section Conclave - Camp Roosevelt
- June 13-15 Spring Ordeal - Bomazeen Adventure Base

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

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