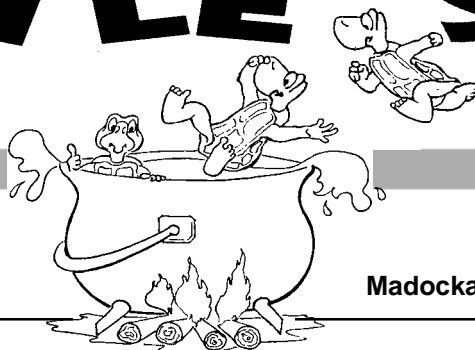


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Spend Summer in Service at Camp

Celebrate Summer Camp Season with the 5th Season of the OA Service Hour!

By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Secretary



Are you going to Summer Camp this year? Do you always look for ways in which to help these places? Well now is your lucky chance! It is another year in which the OA Service Hour will be held at Camp Hinds and Bomazeen Adventure Base. In fact, it's the Fifth Anniversary of this Program!

For those of you that are new to the Order, the OA Service Hour has been a program held at Pine Tree Council's two major camps. During this time, such projects as painting buildings, moving brush, and even spreading wood chips. All of these exciting and fun projects are

done to better help the camps in maintaining and improving the camps throughout the summer. Remember that service to Council and camp promotions are part of the objectives of the Order.

Need specific examples? At Bomazeen, there used to be more brush on the ground, those wood chips were not all there, and there used to be a whole bunch of junk in the swamp behind McCurdy, and the shower house was not it's current color. At Hinds, those trails do not stay clear themselves, also if you've noticed those giant skidder trails, yet they had very little brush on them, yeah I think you know where this is heading.



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OPC Review

Ordeals to Stress Safety and Meaning

By Justin Colby, Lodge Vice Chief

Even with the delay from the original meeting date of March 22nd, the April 12th Ordeal Planning Conference, held at St. John's Church in Brunswick brought about 20 of the lodge leaders and adult advisers together to plan for the 2003 Ordeal Season. Key topics at the OPC included a hearty discussion on the need to provide a safe and meaningful Ordeal experience for all the candidates. Discussion was held on the use of two-way radios by the elangomats during Friday evening's events as a



Open Discussion: Lodge members listened attentively as plans are reviewed for the Spring 2003 Ordeals during the Ordeal Planning Conference in Brunswick.

see OPC.... page 2





Old Turtle Soup? Remember, the Lodge is looking for pre-1991 issues of Turtle Soup for our 60th Anniversary Program in 2004. If you have a copy, please contact Matthew Dubois at matt@dubwah@hotmail.com



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safety precaution in case the clans need help. Conversation would be limited to the use of the radios by the elangomats only if they needed to reach the Ordealmaster of Lodge Officers at the Dining Hall in the event of an emergency. Other topics of discussion included the enhanced role of the elangomat and a debate on when to hold the Saturday feast, before or after the Ordeal Ceremony. All groups present felt there were “pros and cons” with both the early and later feast, and citing no overwhelming reasons to move the meal, the attendees agreed to leave it after the Ordeal Ceremony. Possible projects were discussed only briefly, however, due to lack of council representation at the meeting, but Service Chairman Mike Price spoke with Council Properties Superintendent Bob Gosselin to review the work needed at both camps, and the list is impressive! One of the more interesting themes that came through during the OPC was the creation of the “GOYFA” committee. The GOYFA committee will be responsible for insuring that members who attend this year’s Ordeal weekends will be utilized throughout the Ordeal weekend, and will be responsible for insuring that all areas and needs of the clans are met throughout the induction process. What is the “GOYFA” committee? Well, you will just have to attend one of the Spring Ordeal weekends to find out!



Dear Brothers ,

As Ordeal season is almost here. You know what that means: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and service. Yes, you’ve heard that a thousand times, but what does it mean? When someone talks about “brotherhood,” what first comes to mind? Possibly it’s meeting new people, or trading patches, or sharing jokes. But Brotherhood isn’t necessarily about what you do with another arrowman, it’s how you do it. Brotherhood is what binds us arrowmen to one another and creates the Order of the Arrow. Cheerfulness comes from brotherhood. It’s being happy and upbeat no matter what the task is. This is most important during an Ordeal. We must set the example all the time around the candidates, and yes, it is possible to be cheerful and quiet at the same time. Service, lastly, is why the Order is in existence. As Scouting’s National Honor Society, our task is to recognize those scouts who go “above and beyond the call of duty” as a scout, and give service to our summer camps and properties. So the next time you hear the three points of the OA - brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service - think about what they mean to you, and let them help to guide you.

In Spirit and in Service!

Evan Bonney - Lodge Chief

From the Chief

“Hear the Drumbeat of Service this Spring”



Why are there five chapters? Well, in compliance with the Lodge Rules of Operation, the lodge shall be divided into as many chapter as there are executive operating districts of the Pine Tree Council




Service Hour.....Continued from Front Page

So when exactly do these things occur? Times can vary, but for the most part The Service Hour is during the middle of the week (Wednesday or Thursday) on OA Day and during a free period for the camp. If you want to go, just show up when and where they tell you to. Even though it is optional, I would recommend going because it is fun. Sometimes, if you are lucky, you even get a treat afterwards.


Now you may question who is going to run it? For Bomazeen adventure base, it is Andrew Buckley, your friendly Lodge Secretary, from Troop 586 in Farmington . For Hinds it is Tim Curtis, from Troop 800 in Raymond. So the main point of this article is that you should go, even if you are not attending the camp, just sign in and get a visitors pass and show your brotherhood and service to the lodge, our council, and our two great summer camps. Remember, the “ever-so-collectible” 2003 Service Hour Patch, the fifth in a series, will be presented to all who provide “cheerful service” to camp. Trust me, it will worth your while!





Where do you want to go camping this year? Well, Turtle Treks, the Lodge's Where to go camping guide, is now available in HTML format on the lodge website! 



The Order of the Arrow is the only honor camping society that is sanctioned and incorporated into the National Organization of the Boy Scouts of America. Not only is it sanctioned by the National BSA, it is active in over 99% of the councils in the United States with nearly 500 lodges in existence! 


Six Attend National Leadership Seminar

Lodge Continues Commitment to Leadership Training...

by Arthur Price, Casco Bay Chapter Adviser


On the weekend of March 28-30, 2003 six members of Madockawanda Lodge attended the National Leadership Seminar held at Camp Alpine, NJ. Lodge Secretary Andrew Buckley, Lodge Vice Chief Justin Colby, Lodge Treasurer Sam Niman, Service Chairman Michael Price, Lodge Staff Adviser Jeremy Lucas and the old goat Casco Bay Adviser Arthur Price met Friday morning in Scarborough, the home seat of Casco Bay District, for our exciting trip to New Jersey. We arrived at Camp Alpine in time to register and go out for supper prior to the opening session scheduled for 8:30 PM. Eighty-six participants from all over the Northeast Region had signed up for this course. The seminar was broken down into twelve sessions covering eighteen traits of an effective leader. The sixteen staff members consisting of Section, Regional and National officers and advisors did an excellent job in their presentations. The staff had spent a lot of time preparing for this seminar and used videos, staged situations and handouts effectively. I believe all of us came away with new ideas and visions, and more prepared for the Ordeal season ahead of us!



After receiving information Sunday morning of a pending snowstorm from Buck's parents, Jeremy asked and was granted permission to leave prior to the closing banquet. We arrived safely back in Scarborough at 6:00 PM Sunday thanks to Jeremy's safe driving skills. 

Founders' Committee to Meet at Hinds



The 2003 version of the Founders' Award Committee will be meeting during the first Ordeal weekend this Spring at Camp Hinds in Raymond. Chairperson Josh Gagnon and adviser Tom Thornton will be gathering representatives from each chapter on Friday evening during the planning phase of the Ordeal to review the requirements of the award and determine if any of our current members will be bestowed with this honor. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founders' Award was created to honor and recognize those arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the Lodge. The award is reserved for an arrowman who displays to fellow arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founders E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. Presented 23 times in the History of Madockawanda Lodge, two awards have been given in each year since its establishment in our lodge in 1990, one going to a youth member, and one going to an adult "adviser", except in 1990 when a single founders' award was presented to Scott Valcourt, our first recipient. 

Don't forget you Health Form?

As we get closer to the Ordeal Season, and for that matter, summer camp, please remember that all overnight activities of the Lodge now require a Class 1 health form. This form is available on the downloads page of the Lodge website and in the registration material being mailed to all new Ordeal Candidates. Brothers who are attending the Ordeal Weekends should bring their updated Class 1 form to camp. There has been some concern over the health form requirement, but as outlined on the national OA website, the following policy is in effect:

"The requirements for health and medical checks for OA functions are the same as for any other Scouting event. The policy statement can be found in the "Guide for Safe Scouting", in chapter XI, "Medical Information" (page 36 of the 1998 edition). For most OA events, such as weekend conclaves or training sessions, a Class 1 Personal Health and Medical Summary is appropriate."

So, please download a copy from our lodge website and "Be Prepared" for the Spring Ordeal Weekends!

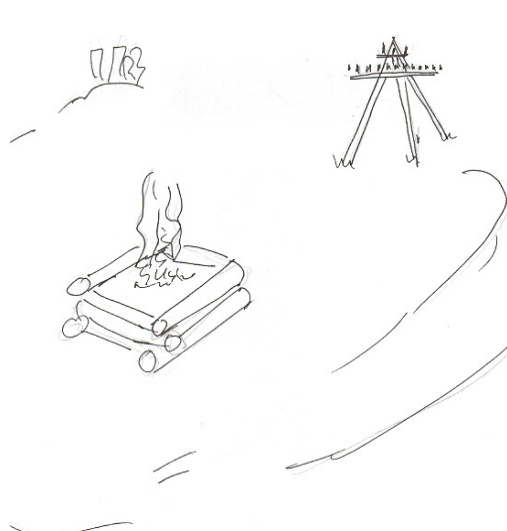


In the 1940's and early 50's, all elections were held in camp, in weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8, with two scouts from each of the six provisional campsites being elected. (Most scouts came to camp for a two-week session in that era.) A troop in camp for the week could also hold an election, but there were very few of those. Thus the typical group of candidates would number only 12 to 15, even when adding a few staff members or adults, who were sometimes selected by the lodge officers to be inducted for the good of the Order.



Original Ceremony Site Plans Moving Forward

by Matthew Dubois, Webpage Adviser



Sketch of the Original Ceremony Site: This hand drawing by our first youth Vigil member, Clyde Nason, Jr. depicts his recollection of the original lodge ceremony site present in the 1940's!

As part of our lodge's work to celebrate our 60th anniversary, and as mentioned in the last issue of *Turtle Soup*, I have been having email conversations with Frank Maguire on the history of the lodge, our newsletters over the years, and the original ceremony site. Unfortunately, even with Frank's long and storied membership in the lodge, when he was inducted in 1952, the present site (although much smaller) was already in use. Come to find out, the original site was only in use from 1944 to 1947 or 48. This is a significantly smaller time period than I thought it was, and it also means that there are probably a significantly smaller group of people still around that would remember it.

As luck would have it, Frank is still close with Clyde Nason, Jr, who for those of you who may not know, is an early Vigil Honor member and served as Lodge Chief in the 1950s. Through Frank, Clyde has provided two hand-drawn maps (drawn in the past few weeks as opposed to back in the day) of how he remembers the site and where he thinks it is. Obviously, it is hard to pinpoint its location when not at camp (how do you describe one hill from another in your living room, with no landmarks on the hills?). Clyde was inducted in 1947, and he was in the last class of inductees to be inducted at the original site. As part of our efforts to locate and honor this original site, Frank Maguire is going to go to Camp Hinds in the next couple of weeks, and stated that he would attempt to locate the exact location of this original ceremony area. As for the contents of the site, it contained an alter fireplace and the ceremonial alter, which is also known as the ceremonial candelabra. The drawing above and to the left is a description of this original site as drawn by Clyde Nason! However, there is a potential snag in the planning of honoring of this area. Frank and Clyde both believe that in the 50 years since the site's use was discontinued, a trail may have been established on or very close to the site. We hope to work with the leadership of our Council on the establishment and recognition of this original ceremonial site as part of our 2004 lodge 60th Anniversary planning process. If there is indeed a trail running through the site, it will be a much tougher task to build an appropriate recognition to the site, but it could be used as a "stop" on the trail, but obviously we would like to reroute the trail if at all possible!



Lodge Gets Unsolicited Feedback from a Friend!

Occasionally, with the advent of the World Wide Web and our great web site, we get a variety of emails and reponses to our Lodge. Recently, once such email to our Lodge went as follows:

"Just got the Turtle Soup and was motivated to write to you. It's very good! In fact, I may ask permission to use some articles in our Lodge publications. Please see that the appropriate people are recognized. I am involved in 4 Lodges, (although officially I can be a "member" in only one), and I'd like to say that Madockawanda beats them all for activity, organization and efficiency. The Lodge's goals, as outlined on Page 2 are worthy of adoption anywhere. (What do you expect, for the Lodge with the top website in the nation?) Great to see Mike and Arthur Price at NLS (and NLATS) held last weekend in Alpine, NJ. Again, thanks, and congratulations!

Fred Gervat

Editors Note: Fred Gervat served on Hinds Summer Camp Staff from 1963 to 1977 and was a former Casco Bay Chapter Adviser for the Lodge. Fred served in various capacities in Troops 62, 22 and 874 in Casco Bay District and taught at Bonney Eagle Middle School. He recently retired as a junior high school teacher in New York City and serves as a Committee member in Troop 240, Bronx, New York. Fred also serves on staff at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps in Greater New York Council and at Philmont.



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Chief's Letter to Promote Brotherhood Conversion

As has been the case during the past years, Lodge Chief Evan Bonney and Brotherhood Chairman Nick Pelletier have sent an invitation to our 124 Ordeal members eligible for Brotherhood conversion. This invitation includes a registration form encouraging all Ordeal members to consider sealing their membership in the Order by attending one of the three Ordeal weekends at Camp Bomazeen or Camp Hinds. Attending a weekend as a brother is significantly different than attending to complete your Ordeal, and the food and fellowship is plentiful, so we encourage all eligible brothers to sign up and get their registration forms into the Council office!

York Chapter

York is winding up a successful election season. We have seen very positive member growth and our election teams have been extremely active holding the elections. Upcoming events, include a May Elangomat workshop and training course, and participation in the York District Camporee to be held in Buxton, are all on schedule! We plan to set up an OA Village and hold a callout ceremony at the Saturday evening campfire. York is excited to see all the positive membership growth and member participation levels within our mighty chapter.

Ben Gleason

Abnaki Chapter!

The Abnaki Chapter is doing quite well. We have performed many ceremonies and elections and we are on our way to receive the honor chapter status! Our chapter's exact numbers will be in our next article. I would like to remind all of our current ordeal members that we are desperately in need of you to meet your obligation and seal your membership in the order by completing your Brotherhood. As an ending note, it would be great to get our attendance up at our meetings. These are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Auburn Middle School.

Dan Warner

2005 National Jamboree...

Pine Tree Council will be sending two troops to the 2005 National Scout Jamboree! Are you interested in being a part of one of the troops? Not quite sure what to expect or what to do? Want to attempt to be Jamboree staff? Visit the official site of the National Scout Jamboree by surfing to the following link: <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/index.html>. The Pine Tree Council Newsletter, *Pine Spills*, and the Council website will also have further information on the next National Jamboree and the procedures for registering for this great event. Like NOAC, this is an event you don't want to miss!

National Publications Available for Downloading!

The National OA website (available as a link through our own lodge website) has a great deal of information available for downloading and printing on your own computer, including publications that were historically only available for purchase or by serving in lodge or section officer or adviser position. Specifically, the 2001 Annual Report of the National Order of the Arrow, the 2003 Lodge Program Resource Book, the Lodge Orientation Guide, and the Guide to Inductions are now all available as Adobe PDF documents! You can even get into the FOG (the infamous Field Operations Guide) as a direct download from this site. Remember, it's a link from the main page of our lodge website:

www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge



The Order of the Arrow seeks to recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. The OA has more than 160,000 members located in lodges affiliated with local BSA councils.



McKinney to Leave Downeast:

In an email to Lodge Executive Committee members, Downeast Chapter Adviser Mike McKinney announced that he and his family will be leaving Maine in July, 2003. As Mike stated at the March LEC, "It is with a heavy heart that I have to tell you that we are going to be moving to Southern Maryland in mid to late July. Until then my work responsibilities and region has been expanded to cover the Northeast down to Maryland. After we move, my region will then expand from Maryland to Nova Scotia." Mike will remain as Chapter Adviser through the end of June and the Spring Ordeal season, but we obviously wish Mike and his family the best in their new adventures.

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Lodge Calendar

Spring-Summer 2003 Update

- 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
- July-Aug '03 Remember the OA Service Hour at Camp
- Sept 5-7 Fall Ordeal - Bomazeen Adventure Base
- Sept 7 Lodge LEC - Bomazeen Adventure Base

Any changes are on the Lodge web page at
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