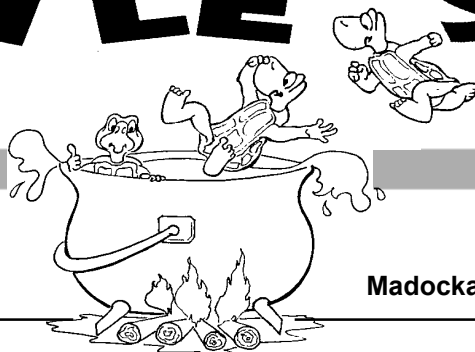


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Froman Elected Chief for 2004!

Buckley, Gleason & Gagnon round out officers for 60th Lodge Year.

By Ben Gleason & Nate Colby



2004 Officers! Pictured near the fireplace at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds are the 2004 Lodge Officers. From Left to Right: Kirk Gagnon, Treasurer; Ben Gleason, Secretary; Andrew Buckley, Vice Chief; and Paul Froman, Lodge Chief.

As the cold air settled in and the end of the fall season drew near, members of Madockawanda Lodge gathered for the Lodge Leadership Development Weekend (more commonly known as the LLD). On the weekend of October 24-26 members of the lodge gathered at Camp Hinds for an annual weekend of fun.

The weekend was started by a welcoming from Lodge Chief Evan Bonney and Friday night was capped off by a Mexican theme cracker-barrel and a movie. It was the start to what would be a wonderful and fun filled weekend. Saturday was started by the first of many

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Weather Delays Banquet!

Originally Schedule for 12/5, Snow causes postponement until 12/20!

By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Vice Chief

Another year comes to a close with the passing of the Madockawanda Lodge Annual Banquet, and the annual recognition of the Founders' Award, Honor Chapter, and Vigil Honor members for 2003. For those of you who did not attend this year, I feel saddened for you. This was once again a high quality event put on by this magnificent Lodge. It was a metric ton of fun and you too will know what you're missing.

To begin with, the weather is one unpredictable fellow. This year's Banquet was supposed to be held on December 6th, but due to a snowstorm to rock the ages, it was instead held on the 20th. Unfortunately, this was not a date that some could make and as a result, the crowd was slightly smaller than usual despite over 160 members and guests originally registering, which is a record number for recent history. Some that could not make the rescheduled banquet date due to prior commitments included our guest speaker, Frank Maguire. In his place, Lodge Associate Adviser Paul Conley read a speech prepare by Frank Maguire regarding the 2005 National Jamboree and the efforts that the Council is placing on creating an OA based troop for this event. On the bright side, it was still fun!

Beyond the date change, the food at the Senator Inn and Spa was excellent. From the salad to the chicken, the rice to the strawberry shortcake, the vegetarian meal to the bread (oh, that bread); everyone ate well and were full by the time that they left. The staff there also did an excellent job, everyone was served promptly.



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Wacky Abnakis! Members of Abnaki Chapter chow down at the 2003 Lodge Banquet.

After the dining was complete, we went on to the presentations. This was excellent, for it was funny as only Boy Scouts can be funny. Whether it was improved presentations or well scripted, everyone seemed to enjoy them. The highlight of the award portion was the presentation of The Founders' Award. For 2003, this honor was given to Josh Shean and to Mike Mirisola, two very deserving members of our lodge. Josh Shean has served in numerous roles in our lodge as a youth, including ceremony team chairman, lodge tech crew, and was part of the 2002 NOAC ceremony team that competed at Indiana University. Josh has also been active in his troop, on staff at Camp Bomazeen and in Downeast Chapter. Mike has been a member of the lodge

since his younger years, and has recently served as Lodge Store Adviser and the 2002 Conclave Adviser. Mike also serves as the Committee Chairman for his troop, on camp staff at Camp Hinds, and in numerous committee positions in Council. The lodge then presented three of the five chapters with the Honor Chapter designation for 2003. We would like to congratulate the Honor Chapter recipients for the 2003 year, which were Abnaki, Casco Bay, and K-Valley.

Finally, this year also saw Jeremy Lucas step down as Lodge Staff Adviser. In his place will be Matt Randall. We'd like to thank Jeremy for his years of service and dedication to the Order, and to welcome Matt as our new staff adviser Overall, this was a great time, and everyone had fun. If you have never gone, there is still next year!



During Anniversary celebrations such as the Lodge is celebrating in 2004, it is often a time to rededicate oneself to the Order and it's principles. There is actually a special ceremony developed by the national office as a suggested ceremony for observing such an event!



There's Still Time... But your dues are now Overdue for '04!

2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES
Madockawanda Lodge #271

Send your 2004 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 2004 Dues included \$ _____

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

Hey, if you have a yellow stripe on your mailing label (see page 8), this will be your last Turtle Soup unless you pay your 2004 dues! So 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 60th Anniversary events.

At \$11, its still a great deal!

So pay your dues now and pick up your membership card at your next chapter meeting. Remember, the Dues coupon is also available on the Lodge Website!





Did you know that on the cover of the 50th Anniversary Lodge History published in 1994, our lodge's name is spelled incorrectly!



The first signs of the LLD program being developed by the National Office of the Order came in 1990, during the 75th Anniversary of the OA. That is where a new Lodge Leader Development Program was tested in a modified version at the 1990 NOAC!



LLD and Annual Meeting Continued from Front Page

leadership and training classes for the weekend. Different classes ranged from Unit Elections, to What's New in the OA, along with Elangomat Training and a demo from a real Native American Drum Team, along with many others as well. As this took up most of the morning with the information that we have now provided to our members, many people were looking forward to an afternoon full of competitions against other members and chapters of the lodge. Afternoon activities ranged from inter-chapter soccer, to ultimate Frisbee, and tomahawk throwing to listening to the Native American Drum Team perform for us. As the afternoon dwindled down and the dark and cold began to set in on the night, the members of the lodge were gathering inside for what would prove to be a fun filled and eventful night.

The end to a great day was capped off by the game "Return of the Geeks" a sequel to last years game Beat the OA Geeks, which is a take off from the Comedy Central show Beat the Geeks. Each chapter put together a team to take on the geeks and each other. Slowly one by one were eliminated at the end of each round. When we got to the final round, K-Valley Chapter and York Chapter faced off to see who would get to the Geek-uilizer round. K-Valley pulled it off in the end and went on to the Final Round. K-Valley decided to go with their strength in ceremonies knowledge and take on the most knowledgeable in that category in Ceremonies Geek Josh Shean. In what proved to be a formidable challenge, Josh Shean defeated Andrew Rueger of K-Valley 7-4 to retain his medal and remain the Ceremonies Geek.

Following the game, the Annual Pie Auction was done, with the money going to the Endowment Fund for the Council. Adults and youth get to vote on pies so that they can pie the person of their choice that is part of the Lodge Executive Committee. It was definitely a site to be seen.

Sunday was the end of LLD Weekend but an LLD Weekend cannot be complete without the Annual Meeting and the approval of the 2004 Lodge Budget and the Election of the 2004 Lodge Officers. The 2004 Budget proposed by Lodge Treasurer Sam Niman was accepted with no problem. This set the stage for the moment of the weekend that everyone was looking forward too, the election of officers.

The election of officers took a turn when current Lodge Chief Evan Bonney decided not to run for another term. This set the stage for what would turn out to be an interesting set of events. With Kennebec Valley Chapter well represented in the election for chief, Paul Froman beat out fellow K-Valley member Aaron Greene and current Lodge Treasurer Sam Niman.

In what was probably the most exciting election of the day was the one for Vice Chief. In this four-way election Sam Niman and Ben Gleason both of York Chapter ran against current Lodge Secretary Andrew Buckley and Aaron Greene both of K-Valley Chapter. The winner of each election needs 50% of the votes + 1, so it would be interesting to see how the chapters voted, especially with multiple candidates from 2 chapters. Andrew Buckley and Ben Gleason went into another round of voting since neither got the number of votes needed, but were the top two vote getters with Andrew getting 21 and Ben 18. The recasting of votes however showed that Andrew was the winner of the election by a 34-16 margin.

For the position of Secretary Ben Gleason beat out fellow chapter member Sam Niman to claim that election, and for the position of Treasurer, York Chapter member Kirk Gagnon beat out K-Valley's Aaron Greene for the position. All and all it was an exciting and eventful meeting.

The meeting was capped off Advisor Wayne Holden, Staff Advisor Jeremy Lucas, and the Supreme Chief of the Fire J.T. Daabs all congratulating and thanking the current outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication the past year and congratulated the newly elected officers on their accomplishments.

As the weekend drew to a close and the fire began to go out on another great year, the members of Madockawanda Lodge packed up and headed on their separate ways, only to meet again in the future and on many more fall weekends.

Dear Brothers,

I would first like to say that it gives me great pleasure in serving as your lodge chief. I'm really looking forward to this year. It's going to be a great year for the lodge. For it is the 60th Anniversary of this great lodge.

I would like for you all to stop and think about why you wanted to be in the lodge and why you stay active? Was it the purple patch that you saw your fellow scouts had on their shirts? Was it the Arrow of light ceremony you saw as a cub scout? What ever it was it made you want to be here, but what happened after you got the patch? Were you OK with just wearing the patch? Did it make you want to do more?

For me it was when I got my Arrow of light. It was the first time I had ever seen the Order of the Arrow. Seeing those guys all dressed up in regalia. I knew I wanted to be them! Remember we are a "Beacon of light in the Dark". The Order means so much to so many. What does it mean to you? I will leave you with this. Remember that anyone can make a difference, Remember that we are here because of three words that mean so much. Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief

From the Chief

**"A New Year
Brings New
Opportunities"**



Anniversary Celebrations Planned for Lodge at Camp Hinds

By Dan Warner, 60th Anniversary Chairman

The 60th Anniversary Committee has been very busy recently, getting the pre-order form ready for everyone, and the hard work has paid-off, since you will find the pre-order form on page 6 of this Turtle Soup!

Remember, these items will only be available in pre-order format, so you have to order them in order for you to get them! We are also in the works of finishing our history booklet, which represents the first major review and update of the last history book which was prepared for the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1994. This book will also be available in limited quantities during the 60th Anniversary celebration, so watch for more information in the near future. As printed in our last issue, the 60th Anniversary Personal Achievement Award is now underway, and work can be started on achieving the requirements for this award. The committee is in the process of planning our Anniversary evening, on July 10, which will be held at Camp Hinds in Raymond. A large part of this celebration will be the dedication of the site marker for the original ceremony site at Camp Hinds. On behalf of the Committee, we hope everyone has a happy and safe new year!



Looking for the Right Spot! 60th Anniversary Committee Chairman Dan Warner and members of his committee review the site which has been identified as the original ceremony site of the Lodge.



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .



Abnaki Chapter

Abnaki Chapter is looking for to a prosperous new year. For this year, Abnaki is in the planning stages of possibly two big service projects that would be done at Camp Gustin, in Sabattus. Our officers last year must have done a good job, because they were all elected in again, showing the true leadership we have here in Abnaki Chapter. I hope everyone has a very happy new year!

Dan Warner

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is based at the Scouting Headquarters in Irving, Texas. Annual Meetings are held there each year to elect a slate of national officers and to set course of the Order. However, in 1960, the national meeting was held at the Atlanta Athletic Club!



Downeast Chapter

First, elections for chapter officers occurred with Billy Brandon and Sam Bruce being elected Chief and Vice Chief respectively. Wyatt Carpenter remains for another term as secretary. Also, the chapter is gearing up for the election season with 3 election teams in place! Election training will occur at this month's meeting. Also, chapter meetings have been attended by 10 to 29 youth members and up to five adults! The chapter is planning on working on regalia and the spring call out ceremony by having a camp out at Camp Bomazeen in April. Finally, a ceremonies team is in place for the call out ceremony and the members are trying to raise funds to create regalia for the chapter.

William Brandon



York Chapter

In December we elected our new slate of officers who were selected from a group of wanna be's which is a good sign for our Chapter. Our new Chapter Chief: Nicolas Doyle thanked the out going Chief, Ben Gleason, for a good year during our annual ice cream social. Our newly elected team includes: Sam Niman as Vice Chief, Stephen Molina as Secretary, and Noah Lemire as Treasurer. Our Chapter was well represented at the annual banquet in Augusta where we were introduced as the host for the 2004 Lodge Banquet. Lets start planning to attend this gala event where Mighty, Mighty York puts on a GREAT SHOW!!! January's meeting was filled with training for the up coming Troop Elections for our Lodge. Our goal is to have an "Active" O.A. Rep from all of our scout troops attending our monthly meetings. On behalf of York Chapter, we would like to pledge our support and best wishes to our new Lodge Officers: Chief: Paul Froman, Vice Chief: Andrew Buckley, Secretary: Ben Gleason, and Treasurer: Kirk Gagnon. We would also like to Thank Evan Bonney for a job well done!!! Thank Paul Conley for his support as Associate. Adviser and welcome Matt Randall who has stepped up to the Associate. Adviser's position.

Nic Doyle



In 1957, the Order's national committee met in Chicago and decided at that time to require minimum rank levels for eligibility in the Order. From that point forward, in order to be elected into the Order, a scout had to be either First Class or Explorer Apprentice rank!



Lodge Members Finish Third Year of ASA!

The final year to earn either the first, second, or third year requirements for the Arrowman Service Award came to a close in 2003, and our lodge's participation in this award program has been excellent! To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. During the three years from 2001 thru 2003, the award focused on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community. The list of participants who earned the various portions of the award through 2003 are listed on page 7!

Brothers Earn ASA

Thirty Three Lodge Members earn award during final year of eligibility

The following is a listing of members from our lodge who earned the Arrowman Service Award during the 2003 Lodge Year! Congratulations to all who participated during this year, and the past two lodge years:

First Year Award Recipients:

Ben Gleason, Tom Kester, Kirk Gagnon, Noah Lemire, Kevin Westcott, Justin Benson, Mike McKinney

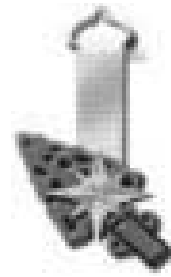
Second Year Award Recipients:

John Wood, Geoff Howitt, Bruce Rueger, Aaron Greene, Dan Warner, Beth Froman, Phil Taschereau, Paul Fisher, Tom Parenteau, Andrew Rueger, Nick Gauvin, Joe Goodness, J. Michael McKinney



Third Year Award Recipients:

Evan Bonney, Mike Mirisola, Wayne Holden, Mike Price, Arthur Price, Tom Thornton, Paul Froman, Matt Dubois, Carl Gagnon, Al Warner, Nick Gauvin, Andrew Buckley, Nate Colby



Line 'em Up! Officers smile as they enjoy the festivities at the 2003 Lodge Annual Banquet. (From r to l): Andrew Buckley, Evan Bonney, Sam Niman, Kirk Gagnon, Ben Gleason, Paul Froman, and Josh Shean

Few Youth Slots Available for NOAC

by Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

With the first deadline for registering for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) on the horizon, only a few youth slots remain open for this great event. 18 brothers will attend this year's conference at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa during the week of July 31st through August 5th. The theme for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference was selected by the Section Chiefs attending the national planning meeting in December 2003. The theme is: **Chosen to Serve, Inspired to Lead.** These gatherings draw over 7000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five days of training, fun, and fellowship. With each conference, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and more exciting. NOAC has many different aspects and it is impossible to participate in every event in one year. Each year events are added and changed so you could go to NOAC every time and do new things each time. The main activities at NOAC include training, ceremonies evaluation, American Indian events, shows, competitions, and Founder's Day. NOAC has something for everyone of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events. If you are interested in signing up, and will be under the age of 21 before the conference begins, please send in your deposit registration. Coupons are available on the Lodge Website or in the November-December 2003 issue of *Turtle Soup*.

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New Year's Resolutions for our Members:

- * Pay my dues for 2004
- * Get an Ordeal member to seal his membership in the Order
- * Help in one Unit Election/Troop visitation during the OA Election Season
- * Attend a week at a Council Camp
- * Earn the 50th Anniversary Achievement Award
- * Serve as an Elangomat at an Ordeal Weekend



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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2004 Update

Jan 10th - Lodge LEC Meeting - Spurwink Portland 10 AM
 Feb 1st - NOAC Deposit # 2 Due
 Feb 1st - Unit Election Season Begins
 Mar 6th - Lodge LEC Meeting - SMMC Biddeford 1 PM
 Apr 26th - Ordeal Planning Conference - Hinds 10 AM

Any changes (including a full listing of 2004 Officers and Committee Chairmen) are on the web page at:
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