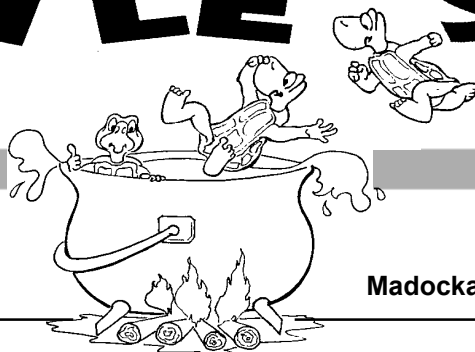


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## Thinking Back on Your Ordeal?

Lodge Hosting Brotherhood Ceremonies at Ordeal Weekends and at Summer Camp!



By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Vice Chief

Thinking back on your Ordeal, you might recall fond memories. Or, it could be that you cannot recall anything because you don't remember or are repressing it. Whatever you remember it was most likely an overall great experience. So now you have the opportunity to revisit this when you come back to another Ordeal. This time though, you will be able to go out for your Brotherhood membership.

The last thing from your mind might be that you want to go to another Ordeal, but trust me it is a lot better this time around. For instance none of the rules that you had to strictly adhere to last time will be for you. Yeah, you'll still be doing service all day, but that doesn't change that you get to hang out with friends, eat stuff, and just have fun.

So by now, I've peaked your interest. But you still don't know what the Brotherhood membership entails? That's okay, I'll tell you. What The Brotherhood stands for in the Order is the sealing of you membership. This is a commitment to the high ideals that we hold true in the Order of the Arrow. You are saying that you agree and will try to strive for



At the LEC! During the March Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, members discuss the upcoming plans for the lodge year (l to r) Mike Mirisola, Lodge Staff Adviser Matt Randall, Lodge Treasurer Kirk Gagnon, Lodge Chief Paul Froman, Vice Chief Andrew Buckley, Lodge Secretary Ben Gleason, Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden, and Immediate Past Lodge Chief Evan Bonney.

\_\_\_\_\_ see Brotherhood... page 2

## 2004 Goals Are Set!

By Paul Froman, Lodge Chief

The Lodge Key 5 has spoken! With the guidance of our advisers, the lodge officers met and developed what I believe to be a great list of goals and objectives for the 2004 Lodge year, and we are well on our way! Specifically, the lodge goals are as follows:

1. Increased attendance at Lodge Events
2. Attaining Honor Lodge Status
3. Create and Complete a 60th Anniversary Project
4. Prepare and Host a Productive Ordeal Season
5. Re-establish the Troop OA Representative Program
6. Send Contingent to Section Conclave
7. Promote Full NOAC Contingent
8. Promote Chapter Activities and Participation.





In 1965, Madockawanda was a part of then-Area I-G, which was composed of seven lodges. The other six were: Wannalancit, Pamola, Passaquo, Taskiagi, Shingebis, & Amiskwi. Of the seven, only Madockawanda and Pamola remain as members of the Section. The rest have been moved to other sections or have been merged with other lodges to form new lodges. 🐢



In the early years of the lodge and until the mid 60s, there were only three youth officer positions- Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary-Treasurer. In fact, in 1970, in order to be considered "active", a member had to serve on a committee! 🐢

## Brotherhood.. Continued from Front Page

Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. This really is not something taken lightly and should be given thought.

Since you're scared by now, get over it. It really is not any worse than anything else you've done in scouting. Experience says that it is in many cases better (opinion of 99.999999999% of brothers). The benefits of Brotherhood are great, more knowledge about the Order, better experiences, and a chance to make more friends. This year, you also have the opportunity to complete the Brotherhood Conversion at the two Spring Ordeals and Ordeal members also can seal their membership during Wednesdays at Camp Hinds.....yes, that's right.....the Lodge is returning to the age-old



*Someone to Look Up To! York Chapter Chief Nic Doyle looks up towards the camera at the March LEC meeting!*

tradition of hosting a Brotherhood ceremony twice during Summer Camp Week on July 14th and August 11!

Being the end of the article, at this time you know all about what you would be getting into and how much you want to, and the rest of us want you too. So, when you get your special conversion mailing later this April, remember, we're all pulling for you because we're in this together! 🐢

## Store Stocking Up for Spring!

*By Kirk Gagnon, Lodge Treasurer*

Well, it's again that time of year again....the time where the lodge gets it's supply orders together, making sure that all the needed items are in stock (you know, sashes, handbooks, trader flaps, restricted flaps....those kind of things), and we start to move to other great items. What are they, do you ask? Well, they are the wonderful "FREEZIE MUGS" you heard yelled at all the past fall's activities ( I think it was our beloved ex Staff Adviser who yelled them!). Yup, your own purple handled, turtle labeled freezy mug! This way you can keep your beverages cold while you attend all the great activities we have planned. You can also keep other things cold in this mug, but that's for another discussion. We will also carry only a few of the 60th Anniversary items, and are looking into finding some turtle belt buckles, so watch for these items at the Spring Ordeals! 🐢



Hello my Brothers,

Spring is almost here and the chapters are out working hard with Troop Elections! I hope everyone is doing their part, from being in a chapter election team to just making sure your troop is signed up for an election. Remember everyone can help in some way.

Well with elections going on it means summers just around the corner. We have a lot going on. We have are having a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony this spring. With Ordeals and Conclave coming shortly after. We want you to come to these events, one or all it does not matter the more the bigger the fellowship and Brotherhood! We want the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Madockawanda Lodge to be the biggest and best year every in lodge history! We are already off to a great start the rest is up to you. We need each of you to do your part and help as much as you can. Help us make this year the best ever!

Remember the 3 words that are our guides to this great order. Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. If you uphold those 3 things you will make a difference in everything you do.

*In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,*

*Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief*

**From the Chief**

**“A New Task Lies Before You”**



According to lodge rules at the time, in the early 70s the Chief and Vice Chief had to be elected in a fashion that one was from the Hinds chapter and one was from the Bomazeen chapter of the lodge.



**Staff Inflections!** \_\_\_\_\_ *Thoughts from our Staff Adviser*

I'd like to take a little time and encourage each of you to keep the following in mind as we finish off the winter and head into spring.

1. **OA Elections** – With time running short, please encourage your unit leaders or committees to hold one. We can not grow if we are not able to give each of the eligible youth in our units the opportunity to be elected into our organization.
2. **Spring Ordeals** – As always, we are going to be conducting two ordeals this spring. The lodge is always looking for brothers to help conduct these gatherings. The more the merrier. If you have never helped as staff at an ordeal, I suggest that you do – it helped make being a member of the lodge that much more significant.
3. **Cub Scouting** – We all need to be sensitive to the fact that the Cub Scouts are the future of our organization. The Cub Scouts are the life blood of our groups and of the Order. If your town has a pack, I'd like to encourage you to have your unit leadership contact the pack leadership, and either visit a meeting or assist with their Webelos crossovers.

The order is gearing up for a very exciting spring and summer – Ordeals, summer camps, day camps, fun pack weekends, and NOAC. I encourage each and every one of you to participate in at least one, or even all of these events. I thank each of you for the time you give to both scouting and the Order of the Arrow, and look forward to seeing you all at our many events this year.

I am here for you, so please contact me at the Pine Tree Council if and when you need any assistance.

Yours in Scouting and in the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

**Matthew Randall**

## Lodge Quickly Fills 2004 NOAC Contingent

*18 to Attend Conference at Iowa State University in July!*

Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).



*All I want to do is Dance! Members of a Southwestern Dance Team compete at the 2002 NOAC Held in Indiana!*

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen themselves. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and nonstop fun.

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. Although leadership training abounds, the wonderful evening theme shows and the various competitions and displays are well worth the trip alone! The lodge just completed its initial

registration, securing all 18 available slots. Those youth Brothers attending this year include Lodge Chief and Contingent Leader Paul Froman, Lodge Treasurer Kirk Gagnon, Section NE-1A Secretary Mike Price, Sam Niman, Nic Doyle, Andrew Rueger, Noah Lemire, Aaron Wiggin, Jeremy Caron, Adam Theriault, Mike Freeman, and Aaron Greene. Adult scouters making the trip include Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden, Mike Mirisola, Luc Caron, Phil Taschereau, Henry Zwetsloot, and Bruce Rueger. Our Lodge Chief has even challenged the contingent members to come up with a patch design for the 2004 NOAC attendees, so get that into Paul and Wayne as soon as possible.



## Hidden Valley and Passaconaway Lodge to Host Section Conclave!

*Reprinted from the Section NE-1A Website!*

The 2004 NE-1A Conclave will be held June 11-13, 2004 at Hidden Valley Scout Camp in Gilmanton, NH. Hosted by Daniel Webster Council and Passaconaway Lodge 220, it is sure to be a great time. The event, which is the largest gathering of Arrowmen in New England, will give participants an opportunity to meet brothers from across

New England, engage in training, competition, fun and fellowship. All participants in the 2004 NE-1A Conclave are guaranteed memories to last a lifetime! Every participant will receive a conclave participant packet which includes an OA Resource CD, Conclave Patch, and Conclave Guide. Participants also are given food, shelter and access to the facilities of Hidden Valley Scout Camp. Featured programs at the conclave include nightly shows, a Patch Auction, inter-lodge and individual competitions, recreational activities, training and National Order of the Arrow guests. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity! Although Pre-registration and Trading Post Pre-Orders are due by mid-April, there are always slots available! Last year, Madockawanda Lodge sent 41 representatives to the Section NE-1A Conclave, and captured the Healey Cup as well as competitions in Volleyball and the website competition. Also, our own Turtle Soup took home the "Best Newsletter" award. The lodge also took home another Silver Tomahawk Award, the fifth straight and sixth in seven years. How can you beat that type of record, so it's up to you to register and continue this proud tradition !



# Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

## Casco Bay Chapter

The Casco Bay chapter is doing great. We've been so busy there's been no time to write a report up. At our January meeting we had the largest turn out I've ever seen. We took this time to inform everyone that there were still openings to go to NOAC. There was also discussion about our helping to staff the Scout Show at the Civic Center on February 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) from approximately 7am-6pm. We have also finally decided on our chapter t-shirts. They will be made by the dozen and worn proudly and

*Joe Goodness*



## K-Valley Chapter

Well, K-Valley has been doing well as of late! We are continuing to work on the capotes, which is taking a lot longer than I had thought, but oh well....things happen! We are working on our drumming and we did drum at Paul Beaupre's Eagle Ceremony in Fryeburg on March 7th. This should be great as we have been practicing for a while! We have gotten only a few elections and visitations completed by this report, so if your unit has not signed up for an election, it would be good to contact us ASAP. So, it's all good. And we are doing things with the Unity community, which is much fun as well!

*Aaron Greene*



In 1970, the lodge had seven active chapters!



## Abnaki Chapter

Abnaki chapter has been very busy recently. Our chapter's ceremony team has been out straight performing crossovers for the local area cub scout packs in our district. We have also held many elections and troop visitations. We hope all this hard work will pay off with a bumper crop of new candidates and a greater appreciation for the council camping program and the Order. Our chapter meetings continue to go well, and we hope are recent success with attendance and member participation continues. We hope with all this hard work, another Honor Chapter award is on it's way. Don't forget to make your plans for attending the Spring Ordeals and sealing your membership in the Order, as well as to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Let's show the other chapters that Abnaki Rules!

*Dan Warner*



## Downeast Chapter

The Downeast Chapter has had 3 meeting since our last Turtle Soup. All meeting has been well attended with work on election teams training and work has been done regarding the April Campout at Bomazeen. Also, the ran a concession stand at the Klondike Derby and so far have begun the work of unit elections and camp promotion.

*Jerry Pelletier*



Before May 1964, the official Lodge OA neckerchief was only to be worn at OA events!



## Applications Still Available for the Lodge's Ed Pease Camperships!

For the first time since the campership program was created in 1998 to commemorate the visit by this National Chairman and former US Representative, 2003 saw NO scholarships awarded due to lack of applications! Remember, the Ed Pease campership is presented to two scouts annually for two full weeks of summer camp at Camp Hinds. This is not necessary on a "need" basis, but can be awarded to any scout, regardless of membership in the Order, who takes the time to prepare the application, and who by review by the Campership Committee best meets the purpose of adventure in the great "out of doors". Applications are available from most lodge election teams and by download on the Lodge Website! Deadline for applications is May 1, 2004!

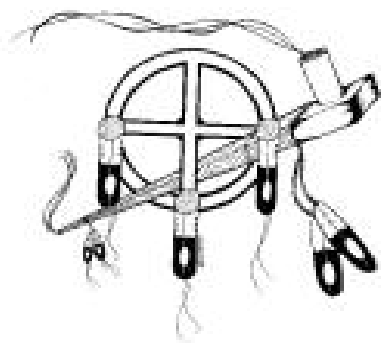


The 1998 NOAC was the very first National Conference to use a web site! A dedicated group of Arrowmen served on the very first web team, and helped create the first web site. At the end of the conference, the site became the Official National Order of the Arrow Web Site.



Boy Scout patch collecting has come a long way in the past 50 years.

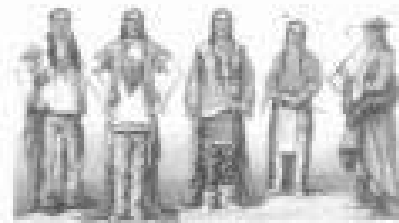
**Order of the Arrow Lodge Listings**, compiled by E. Forrest Reynolds in the 1950's, was the first attempt to codify patch listings on a national basis. It was colloquially known as "The Blue Book" since it had a blue cover, and it is from this that the current Blue Book takes its name.



## Ceremony Team Prepares for Ordeal Season

As the lodge approaches the Spring season, and with candidate call-outs, ordeal weekends, and the like just beyond the horizon, the lodge will be hosting a ceremony weekend at Bomazeen during the weekend of April 16-19,

2004! This campout, in coordination with Downeast District and Chapter Adviser Jerry Pelletier, is certainly to be of interest if you have any desire to serve on a lodge team during the year. If you are interested, please get in contact with Gerry Pelletier at [tr214asm@peoplepc.com](mailto:tr214asm@peoplepc.com) or 725-5545. As Tom Thornton describes the weekend, its "... for ceremonies and great fellowship that kinda thing." The ceremony team is also looking for chapters to take the lead in one of the ceremony areas (Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, or Brotherhood), so if your chapter is 'ready to serve', make sure you contact either Ceremonies Committee Chairman Aaron Greene at 948-2104 or Adviser Tom Thornton at 549-7352. Based on early returns, only Abnaki and K-Valley chapters have answered the call! So, if your interested in getting involved, please make sure to reserve your space with Mr. Pelletier for the April campout!



## Membership needs your "recruiting" skills!

By Wayne Holden, Lodge Adviser

It is said that Chief Madockawanda asked for his people to go out and seek assistance. He used the phrase, "add one and stick together." Each year we add to our membership by holding unit elections in the units that request us to do so. We contact the units throughout Pine Tree Council and offer them a chance for unit elections, offer them a camp promotion time- which fills the time during the counting of ballots wonderfully- and we tell of the Ed Pease Campership, Pine Tree Council camperships, and the second week campership offered by the Camp Hinds Alumni Association. As the year goes on we have different people attend camp and give labor to camp in the hour of service. In the fall we close camps with Ordeals/ work weekends and close out our year with the annual banquet. The past couple of years we have been challenged by our membership numbers...many don't renew their memberships in the year after they complete their Ordeals, and we need your help. One way that we can address this is to listen to the words of Madockawanda and do that. To each chapter meeting, bring a friend or a former active member. Reach out and invite at least one person that you remember from last year, that you haven't yet seen this year. Invite them to a meeting, offer them a ride. Offer them the chance to take you to the meeting. And then get them involved. Let's truly continue the ideals of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service by adding one, and sticking together.



# Think Spring... Think OA Activity!

By Ben Gleason, Lodge Secretary

As I hope many of you brothers sitting down and reading this article may already know, 2004 is Madockawanda Lodge's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This should be a time to really display our brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Not only is the anniversary celebration going to be a huge success, but I'm confident that our Conclave and NOAC representatives will bring us back many great accomplishments. Not only in the competitions, but also in our overall morale.

If you're asking yourself how you can be of help this spring and summer, don't hesitate in solidifying your membership in the Order by participating in a brotherhood ceremony, both as either a candidate, or by assisting with the Niemat Hike and general ceremony preparation. This role doesn't necessarily need to be leadership oriented, because any role will train you to be a better leader. Being a good friend and participating in fellowships are just as important as anyone who helps to run lodge operations.

This coming season, instead of sitting back on your duffer, come. Come join Madockawanda Lodge in its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Our January issue of *Turtle Soup* also contained the order form for Very limited edition 60th Anniversary merchandise, so add to your scouting collection and support the lodge by being a "fashion conscious" Scout collector! Come support your brothers at the Section Conclave and partake of the fellowship that only comes at the Conclave. See what other lodges are doing in regards to regalia and dance! Come secure your membership "On the Trail to Brotherhood." Not only will you be helping the lodge with spirit, you will also be helping us to attain Honor Lodge. Congratulations to those 18 brothers who stepped forward and who filled our NOAC contingency traveling to Iowa State University this summer, and who will be "Chosen to Serve and Inspired to Lead" at this great event!

Now to the good part. For you members who are already intrigued to keep reading this article, I have something for you to do. Get a FORMER MEMBER TO PAY HIS or HER



*Ordeal Time Approaches! Hey, it may seem like a long time away, but soon it will be Spring, and time for our Ordeal Weekends, and some great Outdoor weather!*

by paying their dues, our upcoming season should be a remarkable one. You have the power to move Madockawanda Lodge through the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and glorify its name to any lodge who thinks they can beat us in the Healy Cup!



*I guess you'd say it's a different kind of anniversary! At the last Section NE-1A Conclave that was held at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation and Passaconaway Lodge, a few of the brother's discovered that the "Valley Voyageur" program, which was part of the summer program at this camp, offered Purple Epaulet Tabs as a reward for completing this week-long program. And the rest, as they say, is history....they've been a part of our lodge ever since!*



DUES! Keep the spirit of our purple turtle alive by reviving our membership. This is only a small part of the help you can offer to your lodge in receiving Honor Lodge, and a small part of your obligation. Many brothers fall "off the wagon" during the new year, and just a bit of persuasion goes a long way!

With old members attending and contributing to camp through the OA Service Hour program, or even just by supporting the revived brotherhood ceremony at camp by coming out one weeknight, even older and oldest members

*At its December 2003 Planning Meeting the OA National Committee has voted to end the assignment and use of lodge numbers. Lodges will now officially be known by their names, council names and numbers, and council*



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## Service Hour is Near!

*As summer planning approaches it is time to be thinking of the weekly hour of service at camp. We will again be scheduling The OA Service Hour at Camp Hinds during the summer, but we need a patch. If you have some thoughts for this year's patch design for the Service Hour, get it to the LEC or to the next gathering of officers. Our next planned meeting is on April 24th, at the Ordeal Planning Conference at Camp Hinds. Hope to see you and YOUR plans there!*



last year's 2003 service hour patch

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## Lodge Calendar

### Spring 2004 Update

- Apr 26th - Ordeal Planning Conference - Hinds 10 AM
- Apr 30th - Unit Election Season Ends
- May 8th - All Election Results Due to Lodge Adviser
- June 4-6 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- June 11-13 - Section NE-1A Conclave - Hidden Valley SR
- June 18-20 - Spring Ordeal - Bomazeen Cub World
- July 10th - **Lodge 60th Anniversary Celebration - Hinds**

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