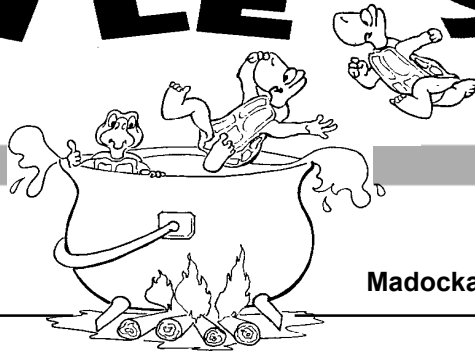


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Set Your Sights on Service!

Make sure to schedule a night of service this summer during the OA Service Hour!

By Ben Gleason, Lodge Secretary



This Year's BIG Flap! The lodge recently released the graphic being used to make the 2004 Service Hour Flap!

UNBELIEVABLE! Can you believe that it's already the 6th year of the OA Service Hour at summer camp? Tens of Thousands of hours of service completed "cheerfully" by hundreds of our members of the Order, both from our lodge, and from lodges throughout the Northeast through "out of council" troops visiting both Camp Bomazeen and Camp Hinds. Aghast, Camp Bomazeen is now transitioning to Cub Scouting, so the Service Hour program at this site will have to take a "wait and see break" for a couple of years. Therefore, it's all up to our members and summer campers to maintain this service hour tradition at Camp Hinds. That means we have to be at camp on Thursdays for this hour of power! Tim Curtis has again agreed to be the Service Hour Chairman at Hinds, so we look towards another great year of evening projects for campers and visitors alike! The first service hour will be on Thursday, July 8, 2004, so I look forward to seeing you at one of these great evenings of service and fellowship!



Look for the "Smart Turtle" info box for OA quick facts!



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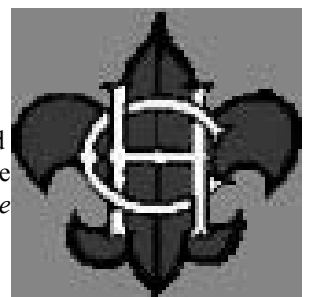
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OPC Sets Two Spring Ordeals at Hinds!

With Bomazeen in "conversion", Lodge to hold both Spring Ordeals at Hinds

By Paul Froman, Lodge Chief

With the challenge of setting the details for the 2004 lodge service year, the Ordeal Planning Conference held at Camp Hinds on Saturday, April 24th had a great deal of work to be accomplished. First on the agenda was the need to decide whether the Lodge would be able to host a Spring Ordeal at Camp Bomazeen, since this camp would not be operating during the summer of 2004. With input from John Wood and Council Properties Superintendent Bob Gosselin, and after significant discussion on the ability to host an ordeal weekend at a "nonfunctional" camp, it was agreed by the OPC attendees that both Spring ordeals would be held at Camp Hinds. With the election season coming to an end in just a few days, it was imperative that we get this information out to all candidates, so notice was given to both Roger Gagnon, our Lodge Associate Adviser for Administration, and Carl Gagnon, the Associate Adviser for Publications, to insure that upcoming candidate letters and Brotherhood mailers contained this major program update. With this change, it placed a damper on planning for specific clan projects for both Ordeals! The lodge will work with Service Chair Paul Beaupre and John Wood on developing the clan and brotherhood projects for these two events, and will have a project listing prepared through the Ordeal Chairman, Jacob Brink and Bob Gosselin. As agreed at the 2003 Annual Meeting, the fee for the Ordeal will be \$28 for 2004, and brothers who attend will be charged a \$7.00 fee to cover the meals and program costs. The lodge store will have an excellent selection of new items (see related store on page two), including the 60th Anniversary Lodge Trader Flap! Cooking for the ordeal weekends will be handled by Beth Froman, and Mike Mirisola and Pam Doyle will handle the medical officer duties!





For 2004, the lodge has approximately 100 currently active Ordeal members eligible to seal their membership in the Order by attending an Ordeal weekend or by attending the two special Brotherhood conversion evenings scheduled at Camp Hinds (see the lodge summer calendar on the back cover). If you are a Ordeal member, please attend and seal your membership in the Order!



Lodge Store Well Stocked (and secured) for Spring!

By Kirk Gagnon, Lodge Treasurer

Since the last time I wrote, we've done a lot of planning and purchasing (thanks Mike!), and the Lodge Store will have some great new items for our members to purchase. Yes, we'll still have the regular items from National Supply, including sashes, handbooks, pins, and the arrow ribbons that are "all the rage", but we have a surprise for all of our members. But, before I get to that, I'd like to warn those "very old" members of the lodge who have made a habit of stealing the lodge "The Store Will Open" clock during ordeal and lodge events. It's not going to happen this year, not under my watch! I've got some very special "protection" for the store clock, so you'll just have to find someone else to bug. For those of you not "involved" with these highjinks, you'll know that the two culprits are Vigil members with a lot of time on their hands! Now, getting back to the business at hand, the lodge will unveil its 60th Anniversary Trader Flap during the Spring Ordeal Season. You will also get to finally purchase that special "Freezy Mug" with all of it's "purpleness" on display. Nothing like a cold mug for that cold soda! So, get the latest gear, supplies, patches, and your very own purple freezy mug at the Spring Ordeals...you may be wowed at another surprise (belt buckle....maybe) item on sale. I hope to see you there!



Sorry.....see the actual mug at the Spring Ordeals!

Got Mug? Believe it or not, this is the actual freezy mug! However, you'll have to wait until the Spring ordeal to see the logo!

Strong Field of Candidates Result of Successful Election Season!

By Wayne Holden, Lodge Adviser

During the months of February, March and April, approximately 50 of our youth and adult members braved the cold and winter weather and travel for the annual unit elections and troop visitations throughout our five chapters and our council. All of this "service" is done at their own expense, with the sole purpose of electing the future members of our Order and Lodge, as well as to promote unit summer camping and the camperships available from the Lodge and Pine Tree Council. With approximately 60 units visited during 2004, the Lodge has again strived to be a presence in every troop that desires a visitation and election. And, most importantly, the results are impressive. Camp Hinds will again have a great representation of troops from Pine Tree Council attending for a week during summer camp season, and the lodge will be looking at approximately 180 to 200 new members if all the candidates attend one of our three Ordeal weekends scheduled during 2004! Candidates will be sent a letter inviting them to register and attend one of these weekends, so please check with your fellow troop members and encourage them to respond and preregister for the Ordeal experience! By the way, which chapter elected the most candidates in 2004? Well, it's Casco Bay Chapter with 75 youth candidates elected, and 7 adult nominations received! Congratulations to all the Casco Bay chapter members who assisted in this process, and to Chapter Adviser Arthur Price and Chapter Chief Paul Beaupre for coordinating this record-setting chapter election program!



If you are a lodge flap and insignia collector, or just a novice, the most definitive source of information on lodge insignia can be found on a CD entitled "Arapaho 2000", which can be purchased at the website: www.arapaho.net





Madockawanda Lodge first sent a contingent of members to a National Conference in 1952 when Clyde Nason, Jr. and District Executive John Vandeboncoeur took a group to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio!



Final Prep for NOAC Contingent !

On July 29th, 18 members of Madockawanda Lodge will depart Portland, Maine to head for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference being held at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. As Mentioned in the last *Turtle Soup*, Lodge Chief Paul Froman will head up a group of 12 youth and 6 adults attending. It is also now known that lodge members Paul E Conley and Tom Thornton will be serving on the NOAC staff for this conference, so twenty of our Brothers will be there! In fact, a contingent meeting will be held during the Spring Hinds Ordeal on Sunday morning to review trip plans and the design of the 2004 NOAC contingent flap! Brothers who attend will carry on the tradition of sharing Moxie with the OA! *Turtle Soup* plans to have one of the youth serve as correspondent to our newsletter, taking pictures of our contingent and the NOAC events! The main activities at NOAC include training, ceremonies evaluation, American Indian events, shows, competitions, and Founders' Day. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events. These gatherings draw over 7000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five days of training, fun, and fellowship. Also continuing this year will be the digitizing of OA records and memorabilia that was started at the 2002 NOAC. These behind-the-scenes activities are an important part of preserving our history. Records from several National Committee members will be digitally archived as well as any other memorabilia. The archival process will be in accordance with the National OA History and Preservation subcommittee requirements and will be given to the BSA National Museum. The opportunity for members to have OA items preserved as well or to donate materials to the BSA National Museum will be handled through these dedicated staff members. Our members can connect with these folks before and after NOAC for the knowledge that they bring back is invaluable to all scouts and scouters alike. Remember to talk to a NOAC attended after he returns, because even more impressive are the stories of the experience!



From the Chief

“ The Ordeal Season Approaches Swiftly ”



Hello my Brothers,

The snow has all melted and the trees have turned green and the unit elections are all finished till next year. We now get ready to welcome our new members while completing our annual service to camp. Forty-five of our Brothers are also getting ready to go to the Section Conclave for fellowship and good times. That is followed shortly thereafter by a full contingent going to NOAC. We have a busy summer ahead of us! This year something else is happening that will not happen again ever in the lodge. This year is the 60th year of our lodge, and time to review our commitment and celebrate our past. Which means arrowmen in Pine Tree Council have been providing service to this council for many years and we plan to be here for many more years to come. What a great time to get involved in some form of scouting. Meet new friends, do things you may not otherwise be able to do. To this end I would like to say I hope to see you all at the Spring Ordeal weekends, at our OA Service Hour, and at our many other activities.

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief



For the 50th Anniversary of the Lodge in 1994, the members committed to reconstruction of both council rings at Camp Hinds and Camp Bomazeen. The Hinds council ring was completed in 1994, but it took the lodge until 1999 to complete the council ring at Camp Bomazeen!



If you really want some "OA Facts" and history about the lodge, please make sure you check out "60 Years of Service - The History of Madockawanda Lodge". This new history book, written by former Lodge Adviser Frank Maguire with assistance from Matthew Dubois and Scott Valcourt, will be available in limited quantities at this year's lodge events.



Service Project part of 60th Anniversary Celebration!

by Dan Warner and Matthew Dubois, 60th Anniversary Committee

Continuing the tradition of not taking the celebration too seriously, and trying to include service, fellowship and brotherhood in all of our events, the lodge LEC, in coordination with our 60th Anniversary committee, will be rebuilding the fire altar during the 60th Anniversary Day on July 10th! The day will consist of a service project as well as a dedication of the original ceremony circle and rededication of members. The trick to this entire plan is that it has to be completed in one day! This entails taking the current altar apart, rebuilding a new base, cleaning the existing rocks and getting a few new ones, as well as filling in the spaces between the rocks with stone dust or something to that effect and having it back to working order by that night. We have to have it done in one day due to the Saturday night Fun Pack Weekend campfire and the Sunday night summer camp opening campfire. Even on the front end of the project, on Friday night, July 9th, Hinds will be closing out its "week one" activities with its traditional Friday night campfire, so we'll probably be working with a warm project! The plan is to have the service work begin at 11:00 AM, followed by a ceremony at 6:00 PM. Dinner, consisting of grilled burgers and hotdogs, will be provided for those who assist in the service during the day.



Brotherhood Ceremonies Return to Summer Camp!

By Anderw Buckley, Lodge Vice Chief

Through the guidance of the Lodge Executive Committee and as part of the 2004 goals for the lodge, members of Madockawanda will again host two Brotherhood conversion ceremonies during two distinct summer camp weeks at Camp Hinds! With over 90 brothers eligible for conversion during the spring Ordeal season alone, the LEC felt that hosting a conversion during summer camp would help to ease the scheduling burden to our Ordeal members, while adding an additional OA event at Summer Camp! **These Brotherhood Conversion Evenings will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 6:00 PM during Week Two at Camp, and again on Thursday, August 5th during Week Five.** Letters for those members who are eligible for conversion were sent out during the first week of May, so you know who you are! These summer evenings are in addition to the Brotherhood conversion ceremonies that will occur during the Spring Ordeal weekends, so if you are eligible to seal your membership, but can't attend during June, please come out during one of these two nights and enjoy the "re-birth" of a lodge tradition!



Speaking of Brotherhood! The above picture, taken in 1949, depicts the lodge ceremony team (l to r): Clyde Nason, Jr., Frank Farrington, Philip Foss, and Lee Weeks. Thanks to Matt Dubois and the National Office for this great shot from the lodge history!



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Abnaki Chapter

Abnaki chapter is looking forward to a very successful spring camporee, mainly because we will be performing our annual call-out ceremony. Our chapter is also in charge of our campfire for Saturday evening. We had a very successful election season, and performed quite a few crossovers to top it all off. We are looking into making chokers at an upcoming chapter meetings, hoping to draw more people in. We can't wait to attend the anniversary evening, the two upcoming ordeals, and conclave. We hope that they will all be spectacular events!

Dan Warner

York Chapter

York has continued to have a fair turnout at its chapter meetings which are held at the District Roundtable on the first Thursday of the month, usually at Sanford High School. Thanks to the help of our youth members, adult brothers, and the coordination by Nate Colby, who took the reigns of handling elections for our mighty, mighty chapter, we were successful in visiting approximately 20 troops in our district, and elected 28 youth and received adult nominations for five new adult members. The chapter will perform it's call out ceremony at the Spring Camporee, which is being held in Berwick this year! We also would like to challenge our members to attend the 60th Anniversary celebration in June.

Casco Bay Chapter

Casco Bay recently held it's annual officer elections for our chapter, and Paul Beaupre was elected Chief, Tom Parenteau as Vice Chief, Ian Hanley as Treasurer, and Andrew Wright as Secretary. Congratulations to all of them! Also we're having a Chapter meeting on Wednesday, June 2 at CAMP HINDS in PATRICK CAMPSITE. We have adopted Patrick again this year and we plan on fixing up the fire ring, put in a flagpole and also just some general maintenance. The meeting will START at 6PM and hopefully end at 8PM. We'd also like to promote service to Camp Hinds since Casco Bay Chapter member Bob Gosselin is looking for some assistance with camp setup on May 22nd, and we continue to encourage all members, both youth and adult, to volunteer to serve on staff for our District's Fun Pack weekends during the weekends of July 10-11 and 17th-18.

Justin Benson

K-Valley Chapter

The "Valley" is pleased to be well represented in the Conclave contingent, and has been at work with our Native American brothers, both in our recent ceremony campout, and in learning more about drumming and regalia. Thanks to all who attended the ceremony campout at Bomazeen and for the great work on regalia and ceremonies.

Aaron Greene

From the National Office:

The National OA strategic plan moves into it's second year and will focus on the following priorities:

- Help lodges with Brotherhood conversion. The program will continue to expand with more Arrowmen sealing their membership in the Order.
- Develop a Lodge Membership Software Program. This program will help lodges track their membership and keep better records of active Arrowmen.
- Develop the Leadership in Service Program. The Arrowman Service Award ends this year and will be replaced with this new program. This is a great way for Arrowmen to continue their service to their unit and community.
- Develop a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) train-the-trainer course. This program will help lodge trainers better deliver material from the LLD syllabus.
- Develop a new OA service/high-adventure program at the Florida Sea Base. Similar to OA Trail Crew and OA Wilderness Voyage, the Order will begin working on a new high adventure program that will challenge Arrowmen to discover more about themselves.



Camp Bomazeen opened in 1946, and the lodge started a chapter at that camp in 1949. In 1950, a chapter of the lodge was also opened at Camp Nutter. Even after that, for several years, the lodge operated both camp and district chapters!



The 1999 OA Service Hour Patch, the first year of the program.



At Camp Hinds in the early 1950s, when ceremonies for the Order were held, the whole camp would dress in blankets, with the OA members wearing coup feathers as well, and costumed runners would lead each troop to the council ring, where all entered in silence and waited for the ceremonies to begin.



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Ceremony Weekend a big hit!

On the weekend of the 16th -18th of April, Downeast chapter hosted the lodge's first Ceremony weekend in a few years. There were 18 members that attended the festivities. Friday night was a night of fellowship. Saturday the youth spent the day making ribbon shirts and ceremony's were worked on during Sunday morning. Jack Hobbs of the Red Heart Spirit Drum came to show and work on some native dances on Sunday. Also the Madockawanda Lodge Drum team was also there on Sunday. There has already been talk about having one again next spring! Thanks to Downeast Chapter Adviser Gerry Pelletier and all who helped with this great weekend!



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Lodge Calendar

Summer 2004 Update

- June 4-6 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- June 11-13 - Section NE-1A Conclave - Hidden Valley SR
- June 18-20 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- July 10th - **Lodge 60th Anniversary Celebration - Hinds**
- July 14th - Brotherhood Ceremony - Camp Hinds 6:00 PM
- July 29-Aug 5 NOAC - Iowa State University
- August 5th - Brotherhood Ceremony - Camp Hinds 6:00 PM

Remember the OA Service Hour every Thursday evening during summer camp weeks at Camp Hinds! Stop by for the Service and Fellowship!