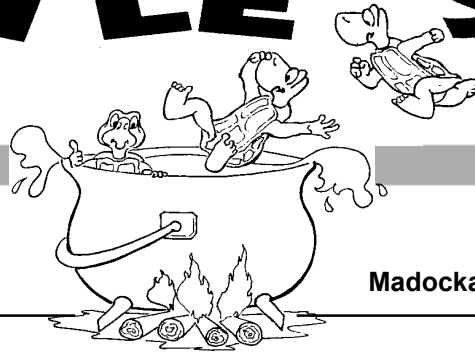


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Order of the Arrow



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Lodge Shines In Iowa!

Twenty Brothers attend the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference

By Paul Froman, Lodge Chief



Madockawanda Contingent The members pose for a group photo on the opening day of the 2004 NOAC as they leave their hotel in Des Moines, Iowa on their way to Iowa State University.

This summer was the first time since the 2000 NOAC in Tennessee that Madockawanda Lodge took a full Contingent of 18 brothers, plus two brothers who served on staff, to NOAC. We started out from the Portland Jetport at 7am to make one of the flights we would have to take to get to Iowa and without having any problems and a few patch's already been traded we made it to Des Moines Iowa by 2 PM! With having most of the afternoon still free we found our hotel and checked in, and after check in some of us went swimming till dinner and the rest went out to see the town. For most of us, that involved shopping cart racing in a local parking lot! We then had dinner and again some of us went to back to the hotel and the rest went back to racing in the parking lot. Sunday was

Registration, Check in and Red Neck Games! Cow Tipping and things of the sort and of course Patch Trading! We got checked in and stayed in Maple Hall at Iowa State University, and lucky for us one of the only places that had Air Conditioned rooms, a very nice thing to have in the Midwest in August!. So after we got all set up we had dinner and went to the opening theme show. At NOAC there is a show every night! The shows were all different every night and are some of the greatest scouting shows ever! For the rest of the week everyone went to the classes and courses they had signed up for on-line. If you have been to an LLD or a Conclave you know how the day works, but if you had a good time at LLD or Conclave, NOAC is 1,000

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York Chapter Hosts 2004 Annual Banquet!

Mulligan's Restaurant in Sanford the venue for the 60th Lodge Banquet on December 5th

By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Vice Chief

There is nothing quite like the Madockawanda Annual Banquet. It brings to mind many things. What is meant by this is it very different from any other Lodge function. You may ask yourself, "Why?" Well, for starters, it is much shorter.

Now the thing to understand about the Banquet is the beauty of its simplicity. In a very short amount of time, several things happen. It is roughly three hours, and in this time you get to eat a lot of food, chat it up with fellow Brothers and their families, and get to bear witness to some great presentations/Speeches. Who could possibly ask for any more than that?

What kind of food you may ask? Well in past years it has been country club settings, Chinese all-you-can-eat buffets, upscale places like the Senator, and these are just to name a few. It changes every year so that you can be pleasantly surprised. What other function will give you that kind of options, making sure that it is different each year? The answer is due to the fact that each chapter is in a rotation that makes them responsible for the place.

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The Boy Scouts of America created a set of requirements in 1960 for members to earn the Fiftieth Anniversary Achievement Award. In 1960, there were 683 local Councils, with an average of 100 Troops per local Council. BSA estimated that about 20% of the boys within a given Troop would earn the special strip. By the end of the award, it was estimated that out of 5.1 million actual members, 819,616 earned this achievement and the strip below!



Although the OA was initially viewed with suspicion by some scouters as a secret society, if not an affront to the egalitarian ideals of scouting, legendary Chief Scout Executive James E. West permitted those councils desiring Order of the Arrow lodges to establish them as an "experimental" program under a "National Lodge". Not until 1948 was E. Urner Goodman's innovation fully integrated into the Scouting program.



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times better! Scouts can take a training class on just about anything relating to the Order! Some of them included Grass Dance, Fancy Dance, Advisers and Youth Lodge Leadership...everything from the ground up! Other classes included training on Communication within the lodge and so much more I could go on for like 6 pages! In the afternoons there were endless games and activities, including TOAP, The Outdoor Adventure Place, Ceremony Evaluations, Dances Competitions, Sports Games, Arts & Crafts and tons more. The Lodge Ceremony team participated in the ceremony evaluations. We did a great job but didn't make honor lodge this year. But we have a lot of tips and things we now know that we need to work on to make the ceremony and ordeal process even better. We also entered in the Web Site Competition, considering our lodge website won the competition in 2002. As things go, I am sad to say we didn't even make honor lodge this year, and the competition was fierce! But again we now know what we should work on and make it even better for the next few years. The week ended with getting picked up by bus to take us to the airport at 2:15 AM Thursday morning for our flight at 5:30 back to Portland. I would have to say that it was the best time ever and everyone who went is already waiting for the next one in 2006. If you are interested in the next NOAC ask anyone who went and they all will tell you "fun was had by all"!



Notes from the Staff Adviser...by Matthew Randall, Lodge Staff Adviser

Greetings Brothers,

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** – If your troop didn't have one in 2004, please encourage your unit leaders or committees to plan to hold a unit election in 2005. Contacting your units during the December and January rountable meetings is a great way to schedule these visits during February, March and April!
2. **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 Winter plans...possibly even during the holiday season.
4. **Membership** – If you wear the patch, you should be paying your dues. If you know of folks who hold membership in the order but have not registered, try to encourage them to do so.
5. **Activities** – The winter and spring will bring many fun activities – Klondike Derby University of Scouting, and much more. The order is a tool to be used in support of the scouting movement – on all levels for all activities. I challenge each of you to find a way to help support the various Council and District activities that will be going on in order to help us support our volunteers and youth. Our efforts do not always need to be centered around the camps, because that is not the only place the youth go in order to benefit from this fantastic program.

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





Numerous other camp honor societies existed at some point during the BSA's history. Some faded into history. Some are still active today. Others eventually became Order of the Arrow lodges. Among the more widespread of these societies are the Order of Mic-O-Say, Firecrafters, Kunieh, PGT, and The Clan of the Mystic Oak.



Speaking of the Banquet, this is a great place to pay your 2005 dues! The Lodge Store will also be available for your holiday shopping, and you have to check out the new lodge arrow pins and the new OA arrowhead pin only available at lodge events, so check it out!



Fall Ordeal Completes the 2004 Service Cycle...



Ecology Project! A clan of candidates from the Fall Ordeal at Camp Hinds restore the erosion wall on the road leading into camp!

By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

With a push on to complete the 2004 Ordeal season and insure a great turnout, candidates and brothers from throughout our council appeared for the final ordeal weekend this September at Camp Hinds. Projects included the typical camp cleanup and preparation for the long winter months, as well as a hefty project to "install" many of troop signs on the ceiling in our dining hall, staging and all! There were also some projects, like the one to the right which continues the effort of our camp properties staff to protect the environment around camp, and on the camp road! We digress, since it's been a very successful Ordeal season, including

19 brothers who sealed their membership in the Order by attending one of the two Summer Camp Brotherhood Ceremonies, a return to a tradition which went dormant for approximately 10 years! We are also glad to report that the lodge membership, in all categories, seems to have grown and seems to indicate that Madockawanda will again return to Honor Lodge Status for 2004. Specifically, as of October, Madockawanda Lodge has 523 active members, with 129 new members joining our ranks as part of the three Ordeal weekends held this past Spring and Fall! In addition, four members were bestowed with the Vigil Honor, and 65 brothers sealed their membership in the Order by advancing to the Brotherhood level of membership. Now, I'm not going to let the proverbial "cat out of the bag" and give away which chapter's may have earned Honor Chapter awards for 2004, since that will be announced at the Annual Banquet, but three chapters of the lodge achieved over 40% brotherhood conversion. You will just have to find out the rest of the story by attending the banquet!



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So the next topic is the Brotherhood aspect of this function. This is the last chance that you really have (on a regular basis) to see all of the chapters in one place, until the next Ordeal in the spring. This is also one of the few functions that you can bring your entire family to an OA event. Why not have them meet all of the awesome people that you already know. They may even want you to go to more Madockawanda functions (you wouldn't have to be home all the time).

The final main component of the banquet is the presentations and the keynote speaker. These are two of the things that make for a really interesting time. These are some of the funniest presentations that can be thought of, as the speakers are very well prepared. This is also a time to recognize the people who deserve it, as this is the culmination of the year. The keynote speaker is the other important factor that makes you think. Keynote speakers in the past have been such people as then-current National Vice Chief Andy Oh, then-current National Chairman Ed Pease, National OA Director Clyde Mayer and other notables such as the Honorable John T. Jenkins.

So when you get a flyer in the mail, for the 2004 Madockawanda Lodge Annual Banquet, make sure you send it back in with the required amount of money. This year's banquet will be held on Sunday, December 5th, so mark your calendars and make sure you attend! You do not want to miss this event, it is amazing. Just remember three things; Brotherhood, entertainment, and lots of food.

Be Active in '05....Pay your Dues by December 31, 2005!

2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES
Madockawanda Lodge #271

Send your 2005 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 _____
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 Phone _____ Unit of Registration _____

I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil
 Indicate amount paid: \$8.00 2003 Dues \$ _____
 \$3.00 reinstatement (if after 12/31/2003 or currently expired) \$ _____

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

OK, the Dues for 2005 are now Due! Don't let your membership lapse..pay your dues for 2005 and stay active. Use the coupon and stay in touch 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 events.

Waiting until after January 1st costs you another \$3, so don't delay.

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!



From the Chief

“Prepare to Serve your Lodge in 2005”



Hello my Brothers,

Winter is upon us, and time to reflect on our accomplishments during the 2004 lodge year, our 60th! Thanks to those brothers who stepped forward, both youth and adult, who served admirably during the year. I'd like to thank my officers and advisers who served their roles so well during the year. We inducted over 125 new brothers, and with a very successful brotherhood conversion, it looks like our goals will be met.

I'd also like to thank all of our members for attending the various Ordeals, LLD weekends, and our special 60th Anniversary celebration this past July. We have a wonderful history of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service, and a challenge all members to renew their spirit in the Order for 2005. See you at our Banquet!

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief

Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Abnaki Chapter

Abnaki chapter agrees, it has been a great year, and let me tell you, there won't be any flip-flopping on this issue! To start the year off, our ceremonies team performed many excellent crossover ceremonies. We also held many unit elections, with quite a few chapter members participating on our teams. We had great attendance at all three ordeals, and some of our ceremony team members participated in the ordeal ceremony at the fall ordeal. We also enjoyed the 60th anniversary day that was put on by the committee. This fall and winter promise to be eventful, with LLD, our chapter elections, as well as the construction of chokers, for all who would like to at our meeting. We look forward to next year with hopes to continue on our recent success.

Dan Warner

Casco Bay Chapter

Casco Bay Chapter was an integral part of the Casco Bay Scout Show where the chapter was responsible for setup and take down of this first ever show. We also continued our service to Patrick Campsite this past summer by constructing and raising a massive flagpole and by rebuilding the campfire ring at this campsite. The chapter also put on a campfire program for the Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Hinds and were the master of ceremonies for the fall and spring camporees in our District. A focal point of this past year has been the purchase of our first ever chapter tee shirts! Our new officers are Chief Tom Parenteau, Vice Chief Ian Hanleay, Secretary Jeffery Morse and Treasurer Robert Carter. We believe that these new officers will do their best to help Casco Bay become a stronger and increasingly productive chapter in the coming year!

Tom Parenteau

York Chapter

York Chapter has had a great fall, recently hosting the "Octoberfest" for our chapter at the October York District Roundtable. Over 50 brothers attended, and were treated to a wonderful hamburger and hotdog barbeque, with all the extras! Thanks go out to Chapter Adviser Phil Taschereau and Henry Zwetsloot for all the work they did in preparation of this great chapter feast! Events included a wonderful balloon rally for both the youth and adult members. The chapter officers would also like to thank all who brought snacks, food, and supplies for this "most excellent" celebration of our chapter and of the Order. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Nic Doyle

From the National Office

In December 2003 the national Order of the Arrow committee, unanimously decided to discontinue using lodge numbers for national reporting and registration purposes. The reasons for this change were to eliminate confusion with council numbers, reinforce that a lodge is an integral part of the council it serves, and embrace the uniform council numbering system used throughout Scouting. Lodge numbers are not being taken away; they are just not going to be used nationally to report and register OA lodges. In the Order's beginning there was a historical significance to lodge numbers. They were sequentially assigned as new lodges were formed. Since 1915, lodge mergers have occurred many times. In recent years, merging lodges have been given the option of picking a "new number" anywhere a "number" was vacant in the sequence. Some lodges chose one of their existing numbers, others chose a number to match their council number, and still others chose the lowest or highest number available. Councils that merge adopt one of their existing council numbers rather than obtaining a new council number. The council numbering system is universally used throughout Scouting.



Although Red and White are the official lodge colors, Purple has become the unofficial "color of choice" for the lodge. This all seemed to start when the lodge sponsored a purple hat to promote the new format and writing for the Turtle Soup in the early 1990's!



Beginning in the summer of 2005, the Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to cheerfully serve the greatest ecosystem on our planet: the ocean. Enjoy a two week scuba diving adventure as you explore and serve the undersea world. The first half of the Ocean Adventure program will be SCUBA training and certification, held at the Florida Sea Base. The second half of the program will focus on rendering cheerful service to the ocean marine life and coral reefs of the Florida Keys. Apply now!

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Annual Banquet Date Change

Please remark your calendars for the Annual Banquet, set for **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2004**.
The banquet is hosted by York Chapter this year, and will be held at Mulligans in Sanford.
Registration flyers will be mailed out to the Lodge membership soon.



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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2004 Update

- Dec 5th - Annual Family Banquet - Mulligans -Sanford
- Dec 31st - Lodge Recharter Due to National Office
- Jan 1st - 2005 Dues Now Overdue!
- Jan 8th - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - TBD
- Feb 1st - Unit Election Season Begins

Remember that your 2005 Dues are due no later than December 31, 2004 if you wish to pay at the \$8 level. After January 1st, dues are overdue and are \$11. Why not attend the Banquet and pay your dues at this great lodge celebration!