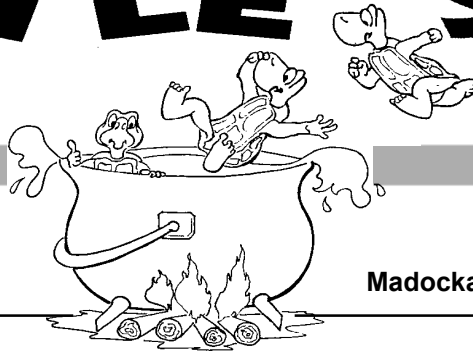


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65th Year - It's a Banquet Wrap!

Former Unami Lodge Chief Delivers Poignant Story of Leadership and Challenge!

By Dan Warner, Lodge Vice Chief

As many of you probably already know, Madockawanda Lodge recently held it's annual banquet on December 5th, 2004 at Mulligan's Restaurant in Sanford. It was a very enjoyable time, and fun was had by all. The afternoon started with appetizers, soda, coffee, and an open lodge store! It was also a great opportunity to renew lodge membership dues, and many people took advantage of it. A common theme that could be heard was, "We still have 60th stuff in store, come buy it!" After we had a chance to chitchat while everyone arrived, it was time to throw on the gloves, and start the rounds. Round 1: Food. This was probably one of the more enjoyable moments during the banquet. The food that Mulligans provided us with was spectacular! There was a wide variety to choose from, whether your choice be chicken or beef, salad or vegetables, rolls, or all of the above! It should be noted that there was plenty of bread for all, and there were even some leftovers!



Learning from his OA Experience. Former Unami Lodge Chief Mark Chiluti delivers a rousing history of his membership in the Order, the skills it provided, and the challenges he faced along his "long and toilsome journey". (photo by Mike Mirisola)

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Froman Elected to Second Term

Gagnon also re-elected as Treasurer, with Warner and Kester elected as new Officers

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

For the 2004 LLD weekend, the lodge moved it's typical venue from a dormant Camp Hinds and a "under construction" Rotary Training Center to the wonderful confines of the China Lake Training Center in Unity! It's been quite a while since K-Valley Chapter hosted the event, so a change was a welcome edition to our 2004 plans. Since the training center has a wonderful gymnasium, half of the area was utilized for training cells, while the remaining piece of the gym was used for Basketball, which was a great stress relief and a wonderful exercise for all of us who lack the proper exercise regimen! Now for the big news: At the Sunday Annual meeting and election of officers, coming back for his second year as Madockawanda's Chief is Paul Froman of K-Valley chapter. Coming back also for his second year as the Lodge Treasurer is Kirk Gagnon of York Chapter.

But for the new lodge officers, we have a new lodge Vice Chief and Secretary. Dan Warner of Abnaki Chapter, who recently completed two-terms as chapter chief of Abnaki Chapter, was elected to the position of Lodge Vice Chief for 2005. Tom Kester, also a member of and a recent two-term vice chief of Abnaki Chapter, was elected to the position of Lodge Secretary for 2005. But before we take over these leadership positions we wish to thank the outgoing lodge officers of 2004 who are now stepping down. Ben Gleason was the 2004 Lodge Secretary and Andrew Buckley was the 2004 Lodge Vice Chief. Thank you to both of them for their fine service as they answered the call! So now the mission of the new lodge officers is to plan the year and make sure it's a good one! All of the events at the LLD weekend this

See LLD...page 2....



Based upon our "unofficial" analysis, Madockawanda Lodge has bestowed the Founders' Award to 27 individuals since it was first presented in 1990. Of these recipients, 8 have come from Abnaki Chapter, 2 from Downeast Chapter, 2 from K-Valley Chapter, 7 from Casco Bay Chapter, and 8 from York Chapter.



The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow has now posted a new website designed to assist lodges in planning for and hosting a successful Lodge Leadership and Development program. Interested members can visit the site at the following URL:

<http://lld.ou-bsa.org/home/>



Price/Tachereau Presented Founders' Award

Deserving Lodge Members Continue Tradition of Service to Others

By Kirk Gagnon, Lodge Treasurer



Always Keeping the Promise! York Chapter Adviser and perennial elangomat Phil Tachereau (top) and Current Section NE-1A Chief and Casco Bay member Mike Price (right) were the recipients of the 2004 Founders' Awards.

This year the lodge has selected two recipients for the Founders' Award, Phil Tachereau and Mike Price. Mike joined the lodge in 1998 and served as Chapter secretary for Casco Bay chapter. In 1999 he sealed his membership in the order and also served as chapter chief in Casco Bay! Mike was honored with the Vigil in 2001,



and has served on council camp staff for three years, in addition to service as the youth chairman for the highly successful 2002 Conclave hosted by Madockawanda Lodge. From this experience, Mike has served as National

Section Secretary, attended and staffed the Leadership Seminar and was elected to serve as Section Chief in 2004. Phil Tachereau serves as Scoutmaster for a troop in Arundel/York District, has completed Greenwood Rangers and Snowbirds, as well as Woodbadge training in 1999. He has also attended three Section Conclaves, and was an adult leader at the 2004 NOAC, and has taken two contingents to Canada Jams over the years. Honored with the Vigil in 2003, Phil has graciously served as York Chapter Adviser and as Elangomat Adviser for the Lodge, as well as serving as elangomat at too many ordeals to count! Both are fine examples of leadership and service, and have been seen by many others, and by inspiration have lead them! Congratulations to both of our award recipients!

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Your 2005 Leadership (l to r): Staff Adviser Matt Randall, Lodge Vice Chief Dan Warner, Lodge Chief Paul Froman, Lodge Treasurer Kirk Gagnon, Lodge Secretary Tom Kester, and Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger.

year were excellent, and some who attended may have noticed that some current and former (thanks go out to former lodge and section officers Adrian Caron, Joe Niman, and Josh Gagnon) were out at Camp Bomazeen filming a part of the evening show festivities. Called "Ponder", the message was clear that teamwork and the role of the lodge in a brother's life is a "burden" all of us will continue to cherish cheerfully!





Bruce Rueger becomes the 12th Lodge Adviser in our glorious 60 years of history.



It is interesting to note that in today's mobile society, this is probably the first time in our lodge's history that both the lodge adviser and lodge chief are both originally from another lodge....that is, both Bruce and Paul were elected to the Order outside of Maine, and both were bestowed with the Vigil Honor in a lodge outside our Section. Sounds like a trivia question for future banquets!



Officers Complete Training Day at Hinds..



The Key 5! (l to r): Former Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden, Lodge Staff Adviser Matthew Randall, recently appointed Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger, 2005 Lodge Vice Chief Dan Warner, Lodge Secretary Tom Kester, Lodge Chief Paul Froman, and Lodge Treasurer Kirk Gagnon work on the planning for the 2005 Lodge Year!

By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

The Lodge Key 5, including outgoing Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden met during a cold Saturday in December at the Rotary Training Center at Camp Hinds to set in motion the schedule, goals and objectives of the lodge for 2005. The lodge officers and advisers also began work on the Planbook, a staple of the lodge executive committee for the past decade, as well as the task of reviewing vacancy committee chairmen and adviser vacancies for those key committees that will help drive the service and lodge year. Look for the 2005 goals in the March/April issue of *The Soup!*



Rueger to Serve as Lodge Adviser

Holden Steps Down after Four Successful Years !

Council Executive J.T. Dabbs announced at the 2004 LLD that Bruce Rueger of K-Valley Chapter would become the next Lodge Adviser, succeeding Wayne Holden who served in this role for four years. Bruce has been involved in Scouting since he was 8 years old. He began his Scouting activities with Pack 28 in Sheffield, Massachusetts, crossing over to Troop 28 when he was eleven, and became an Eagle Scout in 1971. Originally, Bruce was elected into Memsocet Lodge of Great Trails Council in 1970 and was bestowed the Vigil Honor in 1975. As a youth member of that lodge, he was active on the Ceremonial Team, portraying Allowat Sakima in the Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil Ceremonies. Upon graduation from college, Bruce moved to Colorado, where he served as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 235 in Lakewood, and earned his Wood Badge beads and was a member of Tahosa Lodge and Adviser of Charging Ram Chapter. Moving to Maine in 1984, Bruce joined Troop 436 in Waterville and in 1985 became Scoutmaster. Bruce has been active in our lodge and just ended a two year term as Adviser to the Kennebec Valley Chapter. His scouting activities on the National scale include two US National Jamborees (1981 and 1989), one Canadian National Jamboree (2001). At the council level, Bruce has served on two Wood Badge courses in Pine Tree Council and was part of the Madockawanda contingent to the 2004 NOAC. Council service also includes five years on camp staff at Camp Hinds (3) and Camp Bomazeen (2). Bruce has been presented the District Award of Merit (Kennebec Valley District) and the Silver Beaver (Pine Tree Council). At the LLD, Bruce commented: "I look forward to the challenge in my role as Lodge Adviser, and I encourage all members who have served in our Lodge to come forward with support and ideas to continue our success. I have great shoes to fill in following Wayne's work and dedication, and we can only achieve success if everyone is committed to the goals of the Lodge." Outside of Scouting, Bruce is a professor of geology at Colby College and lives in Waterville with his wife Donna his two children, Andrew and Blair.



"Bruce Adviser": Bruce Rueger poses for a picture during the LLD festivities at the China Lake Conference Center.



From the Chief

“Renew your participation in your chapters during 2005”



Hello my Brothers,

Well a year as gone by and its time to start again in 2005. I have to say that this year looks like it’s going to be a good one. I hope that everyone had a good year last year and this year is shaping up to be better than last year! We are planning for the lodge to be more active with the council camps, and other activities. This year is also the 90th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, so it’s a good year to get involved. Remember to start thinking about up coming events. Troop Elections. We need all the help we can get. Without new members the lodge will not grow. Then the Ordeals, service to camp helping prepare camp for hundreds of scouts to come and have a blast for a week. However, Service is not the only thing we do. Think about Conclave! It’s one of the best fellowship events, a sort of mini NOAC for brotherhood and cheerfulness. Spend the weekend of June 10th – 12th with arrowmen from all over Section NE-1A for a weekend of training and more activities then you can count. We had the largest contingent there last year out of the section and I would like to do it again!

Well, the Officers and I am looking forward to this year and hope you all will come out and join us. We hope that everyone keeps in mind the purpose of the Order, Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief

Wayne Hands over the reigns.....by Carl Gagnon, Associate Adviser for Publications

“It is not an easy journey. Sometimes even friends will mock you, tempt you to betray your promise, test your resolution often, often try to make you faithless. All your strength will be required when you face the isolation which a leader often faces.” Yes, these are parts of the pre-Ordeal ceremony, but they could be the mantra of the Lodge Adviser. Wayne Holden has served the lodge and council well as our adviser these past years. He turns the role over to Bruce Rueger, who now with “firm devotion to our brethren and our cause” answers the call to serve. Being a “former” adviser myself, all you can say is thank you for “serving on this “gracious errand.” The meaning of the Order rests in the interpretation of the ceremonies, at least in my mind. Some say it is the Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service, which it is, but it is more than that. I wanted to thank Wayne on his service to the lodge, and most importantly, to the youth of our organization and the Council we serve.



“Dues” the right thing...stay Active in the Lodge in 2005!

2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES
Madockawanda Lodge #271

Send your 2005 dues payment (made payable to Pine Tree Council) to:
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I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Indicate amount paid: \$11.00 2005 Dues \$ _____

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.

You waited long enough, so make the commitment and follow your obligation

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!



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .



The 60th anniversary committee would like to congratulate the following people on receiving the "60th Anniversary Personal Achievement Award":

K-Valley Chapter

Well KV missed its last meeting so we do not have our new officers installed for 2005. We will get right onto it ASAP in the new year. Our chapter has done many good things, especially with arts & crafts and we are hoping to make it possible to get the Indian lore merit badge with a little extra work during the new year as our first chapter activity. All of us would like to welcome our new chapter adviser, Tracy Wiggin to his new role, and to wish Bruce Rueger the best of success as the new Lodge Adviser. We have worked with both of them for a few years and look forward to working with them more closely!

Aaron Greene

Abnaki

Casco Bay Chapter

The Casco Bay Klondike is coming and it is coming fast. We are planning on having a great participation by every unit in the Casco Bay area on February 5th 2005 at Camp William Hinds in Raymond. Casco Bay O.A. has reserved Cadigan Cabin for the entire weekend so if members would like to come and spend the night with other brothers from Casco Bay we can participate as a chapter, all Casco Bay members are welcome. The Klondike is suppose to be a fun yet cold experience for both young and old scouts, the stations are mad to test you physically and mentally. We are planning for a great 2005 as we move into the election season. Best wishes to all.

Jeffrey Morse

*Nick Bouyea
Matt Dubois
Thomas Kester
Al Warner
Dan Warner*

Casco Bay

*Paul Beaupre
Tom Parenteau
Arthur Price*

Abnaki Chapter

Abnaki chapter looks forward to holding their chapter elections at this month's meeting, due to inclement weather, which interfered with our last chapter meeting. We will be replacing all of our officers, as they have all moved on to bigger and better thing (a.k.a., lodge positions). We plan on having chapter t-shirts made, based on the same design of our very successful chapter hats. We feel that this could be a very good year for our chapter, as we have a busy year to come.

Dan Warner

K-Valley

*Robert Carter
Paul Froman
Aaron Greene
A.J. Kierstead
Mitchel MacArthur
Matt Randall
Joseph Roy
Andrew Rueger
Bruce Rueger
Tom Thorton
Aaron Wiggin
Bunny Wiggin
Tracy Wiggin*

York

*Nate Colby
Wayne Holden
Curt Kimball
Noah Lemire
Michael Mirisola
Phil Tashereau
David Vining
Henry Zwetsloot*

Pamola to Host American Indian Affairs Weekend of Fellowship

During the weekend of March 18 thru 20, 2005, Pamola Lodge is hosting an American Indian Affairs Weekend of Fellowship to be held at the Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. Our own Tom Thornton and the K-Valley Drum team will be performing as well as assisting brothers of Pamola Lodge in making their own drum. Registration is \$20 for the entire weekend if paid before February 28, 2005. For more information, please contact Tom Thornton at slugmizer@netzero.net, through our own lodge website (www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge), or from the Pamola Lodge website (www.pamola.org). Regalia and costume kit materials will be available through the OA store which will be on-site at the weekend, so bring your money and your Native American spirit!

Out of Council

Michael McKinney



Section to Host Quality Lodge Summit

On February 19th, 2005, Section NE-1A will hold its second annual Quality Lodge Summit. This program is meant to address the pressing concerns of lodge management being faced by all of the lodges in the section. The sessions presented will be influenced by the information on the 2004 Quality Lodge Petitions. The summit will begin promptly at 9:00 am at the Portsmouth Community Campus Center, Portsmouth, NH. The event will conclude at 8:00 pm. The section will not provide overnight housing. The training will incorporate the national LLDC syllabus; if our lodge brings enough members, this training may be counted as our LLDC for the year.

Please direct any questions to

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or Bruce Rueger rueger@dialmaine.com or 872-5920.



A Call to Service: *If at least one in every four members serves as an elangomat for an Ordeal this year, we wouldn't have the age old problem of trying to get people to serve. Think back upon your ordeal and what made it special? What would you do to make it better? Now take these two thoughts and combine them by stepping forward and serve in 2005 as an elangomat. The program is boy run with adult supervision, and we need the youth to make it run. Relive your Ordeal by being an elangomat...contact Richard Carter and sign up today: coolcarter42@aol.com*



Calling all OA members! *We need your help! University of Scouting is looking for OA members to help out with a variety of jobs and to help run an OA booth on 3/19. This is a great opportunity to show what the OA does and to give service to the council. Each district has to send at least five people. For more information contact: Paul Beaupre at ArmyM@yahoo.com Paul Froman at pdfroman@msn.com Bruce Rueger at rueger@dialmaine.com*

Staff Adviser Ramblings.... by Matthew Randall, Lodge Staff Adviser.

Another year comes to a close, and another chapter in the storied history of Madockawanda lodge is written. It has been a year of fellowship, frivolity, and growth. I thank each and every one of you for your dedication and friendship during the 2004 season. I also wish to thank each of you for the countless hours of selfless service you have given to the Pine Tree Council – in the forms of ordeal weekends, election or ceremony teams, Order of the Arrow service hours, lodge leadership positions, drum team events, district camporees, Webelos crossovers, and much more. You will never know the many youth and adults your time and efforts have and will influence. I encourage you to give a few moments to the following items – in order to prepare yourself, your chapter, and our lodge for the 2005 season:

- **Election Season** - The time is upon us to begin setting up unit election dates. There is only one way election dates will be secured – by picking up a phone and making a call to every unit leader in your district – PERIOD. They will not magically come from thin air, and most unit leaders will not voluntarily give you a date (some will, most will not) – you need to go out and get them. It is work and it is not always fun. Have a meeting at a local business where they have phones and make the calls in one night. Make it a pizza party. It is work – work that can change the life of deserving young men and dedicated adult leaders. They are waiting for us – we need to go out and welcome them into our Order.
- **Summer Camp** - The Pine Tree Council and the National High Adventure bases will be looking for summer staff. The Order of the Arrow produces many of the best scouts the program can create. The teachings of the order as simple – give back to those who have helped you along the path of scouting. There are few better ways to fulfill this promise than giving a summer of your time to a scout, community, or religious camp. It is a fantastic way to truly change a young person's life. I can name more staff members at camps who helped me become an Eagle Scout than I can teachers – and many of them worked with me for only a week, where as the teacher had 9 months of my time....that is what we call making a difference.



Banquet.... continued from front page...

Round 2: Reports & Awards. This was the moment at which lodge members and their families got to hear what great speakers our lodge is fortunate enough to have. There were various committee reports to be heard, as well as other year-end testimonies. The Founder's Award was also presented at this time, and the recipients were Mike Price and Phil Taschereau, for their unyielding devotion to our lodge. Vigil honor members Mr. Warner, Mrs. Froman, Ben Gleason, and Aaron Greene, were recognized, and Casco Bay was also awarded Honor Chapter during this time. Round 3: The guest speaker. Ask anyone who went. This was the K.O. of the whole afternoon. The speaker that the lodge booked was Mark Chilutti, and what an amazing speaker he was. He told the gripping story of his life, all centered around how he suffered through multiple "ordeals" throughout his life. He spoke of sad things such as the gunshot that paralyzed him for life, and happy things, like running for congress. At the end, for all who didn't already know, it was announced that Wayne Holden would no longer be our Lodge Advisor starting in 2005, and that the torch would be passed on to Bruce Rueger. In closing, it would be safe to conclude that this banquet was a huge success, and that all enjoyed it. I would like to send out a special thanks to the York Chapter, who hosted the banquet; our speaker, Mark Chilutti; Mulligan's Restaurant for putting up with us and supplying us with great food; our outgoing lodge officers from 2004; and lastly, Wayne Holden, for all his years of high devotion to our lodge.

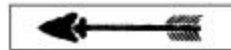


Words from the Chief: Lodge Chief Paul Froman delivers his annual report during the 2004 Lodge Banquet.

More Pictures from the Fall/Winter '04 Events!



More 2004 Highlights: From Start to finish, this was a great year in the Lodge, and the Fall season was no exception. From the top, right: AL Warner, Ben Gleason and Aaron Greene are recognized as part of the 2004 Vigil Honor class during the banquet! Next: Brothers help with portaging a few boats and canoes to the storage building as part of the service we provided to China Lake Conference Center during the LLD Weekend. Third: The Drum team plays and members of the lodge dance during a fellowship portion of the LLD. Fourth: Mike, you are a smart Chief, as I'd keep as far away from Geoff Howitt and your dad as possible! Finally, who can top the shot of Al Warner wearing this delightful hat during the LLD festivities. Hey Al, is that your hat size, or are you just 10/6th of the brother you used to be? (pictures by Mike Mirisola, Tracy Wiggin and Carl Gagnon).



Attention all Brothers... this is the 90th anniversary of our Order. There is a celebration planned for the original site at Treasure Island scheduled for July 16, 2005. At the present time, Henry Zwetsloot of York Chapter is trying to get the necessary forms from Unami Lodge to sign up and attend. The particulars will be worked out and as soon as we know more details, we will try to schedule a sign up to see how many people would be interested in attending. This would be a weekend trip with maybe a side trip to historic Philadelphia. Please contact Henry at hfizwetsloot@yahoo.com or at 646-6369.



Mark Chilutti, our 2004 lodge guest speaker who was a former lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser at Unami Lodge #1, is also helping his lodge with the upcoming 90th anniversary celebration outlined above! Those of us who listened to his story of strength and perseverance through his leadership, even considering his life events should be so motivated toward a life of cheerful service!



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Unit Elections are Coming!

Calling all Unit leaders and Scoutmasters! Remember that Unit Visitation and elections for the Order of the Arrow **can only be scheduled from February 1st through April 30th**. Listed below are the names and phone numbers of the Chapter Advisers. Please call them to schedule your unit visitation and elections ASAP. Thanks for your help in support of Madockawanda Lodge!



Abnaki Chapter - Al Warner 729-7761

Casco Bay Chapter - Arthur Price 883-5754

Downeast Chapter - Gerry Pelletier 725-5545

K-Valley Chapter - Tracy Wiggin 645-2384

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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2005 Update

- Jan 8th - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - Portland
- Feb 1st - **Unit Election Season Begins**
- Feb 19th - Quality Lodge Summit - Portsmouth NH
- Mar 5th - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - SMMC
- Mar 19th - **University of Scouting- Volunteers NEEDED!**
- Apr 1- 3 - National Leadership Summit - Camp Alpine NJ

Remember that your 2005 Dues are overdue and are \$11. If you have a stripe on your mailing label above, this will be your LAST Issue of Turtle Soup unless you pay your dues!