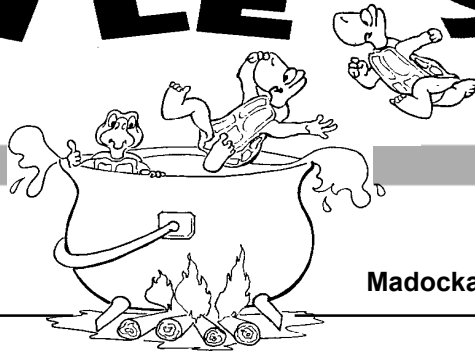


# TURTLE SOUP



Order of the Arrow



Madockawanda Lodge #271



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## Conclave '05 Going High Tech

*"Light the Fire From Within" Theme of Weekend Hosted by Chippanyonk Lodge*

*By Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser*

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*From the Section Website!*

Registration forms are now available for the upcoming Section NE-1A Conclave that will be hosted by Chippanyonk Lodge at Camp Resolute in Bolton, MA the weekend of June 10-12 2005. Forms may be obtained by going to the Madockawanda Lodge website. There you will find copies of the registration form, the list of learning opportunities, the medical form and the conclave code of conduct. You also get a copy of these documents by contacting Bruce Rueger by phone at 872.5920 or email at [Rueger@dialmaine.com](mailto:Rueger@dialmaine.com). Reduced registration fees of \$27 will be available until April 9. After

that, conclave fees jump to \$32. To register, you must mail a check made out to Pine Tree Council for \$27 (before 4/9 or \$32 after 4/9) along with a completed registration form and a completed Class 1 medical form to Kirk Gagnon, 53 Country Club Rd #1, Sanford, ME 04043. Every year, approximately 400 Arrowmen from all across New England and beyond gather for a weekend of fun, fellowship, training and competition. The Section Conclave, which runs from Friday evening to Sunday morning, is the largest Order of the Arrow event outside of a National OA Conference and third biggest inter-council event in all of Boy Scouting. Check out what's going on with Conclave this year at the section site: [www.nela.org](http://www.nela.org) and sign up TODAY! Our very own member and Section Chief Mike Price tells us that there will be a prize for the lodge that registers the most members. I am sure it will be better than a pie in the face, but maybe not!



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



*You are reading the # 1 Rated Newsletter in Section NE-1A*

## Agenda Set for Lodge Year

*Lodge to Plan 90th Anniversary OA Project for Council part of ambitious schedule!*

*By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary*

The Lodge Executive Committee, at their March 5, 2005 meeting, accepted the delivery of the Lodge Planbook which outlined the 2005 goals for the coming year. Included in this schedule was the commitment from the Key 5 that the lodge would "Plan, develop and begin implementation of a large-scale service or improvement project for Pine Tree Council by the end of the year." But that's just one of our goals, that include the regular targets of Honor Lodge Status, commitment to significant Section attendance, productive Ordeal weekends, and Chapter/Lodge and Council program work, including the staffing and event support for the "University of Scouting". New goals for 2005 include the early promotion of NOAC 2006, including a new NOAC flap which will assist in raising youth funding for this event, as well the first update of *Turtle Treks*, the lodge's "Where to Go Camping Guide" since the original version was published in 1999. The officers also noted the importance of Cub Scouting by participating in the upcoming "Trail Blazer Day" as well as our traditional commitment to local and district Pack activities and functions.

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In 1952, the average age of a lodge chief was 17 years 8 months, with only 5 percent of Chiefs older than 21 years of age. Back then, it was entirely permissible for a Lodge Chief to be over the age of 21! 🐢



*The Mothership: Unami Lodge "1" will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Order during festivities this Summer. Above is the theme logo for this event!*

## Ten to Attend Unami Lodge 90th Anniversary

**Brothers to Fly to Philadelphia for a four-day celebration of the OA Heritage!**

*By Noah Lemire, York Chapter Chief*

This July, a group of ten arrowmen from Madockawanda Lodge will be making the Journey to Treasure Island Scout Reservation in Pennsylvania for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Order. Leaving on July fourteenth, this group will spend two days in Philadelphia seeing the sights of this city before making the trip to Treasure Island where they will be treated to a show, a ceremony, and other activities. To one, this could be considered "one Turtle Lodge helping another Turtle Lodge" celebrate the history of our Order." And with our history, why not? The celebration includes admission to the Goodman Center for Order of the Arrow History, the original ceremony reenactment, detailed tours of the birthplace of the Order, fellowship with special guests and leaders of the Order, a wonderful evening show and grand finale. Participants receive a

commemorative event booklet for attending. The following brothers make up the Madockawanda Lodge Contingent to the 90<sup>th</sup>: Noah Lemire, Phil Taschereau, Carl Gagnon, Wayne Holden, Dave Wade, Maryann Wade, Kenny Bonar, Henry Zwetsloot, Sam Niman, and Adam Theriault. This event should be a great one, and the memories will last a lifetime. Keep looking in turtle soup for an article when we return! 🐢

## Lodge Helps Staff/Serve Winter Camp

*By Paul Beaupre, Service Chairman*

In 1915, when the first members of the Order were inducted into Unami Lodge, the details of the ceremonies had been worked out only vaguely. The candidates were not required to take the Ordeal. The Ordeal was first instituted in 1916 when the ceremony had been developed and put onto paper. 🐢

Thanks go out to all of the brothers who served on the 2005 Winter Camp staff at Camp Bomazeen during February break week. Twenty-eight scouts who attended the week-long winter camp were treated to great advancement programs, training, superb food and leadership, and were introduced to the fellowship of the Order and our Lodge. With the winter snow, relatively warm weather, and a great attitude, we even included our annual pilgrimage to the tubing center in Oxford, where "a great time was had by all"! We even were able to pitch in and help Ranger Bob with the renovations that are currently taking place at the Training Center!



*Winter Wonders! Staff Adviser Matt Randall, Paul Beaupre, Tom Parenteau, and Lodge Chief Paul Froman shine in front of the renovations taking place at the Rotary Training Center.*



*In 1953, the National Office included a questionnaire with the annual lodge recharter packets. Some of the results were as follows:*

*60% were represented at the last annual meeting.*

*67% had a first class rank requirement for election.*

*20% had an age requirement for election.*

*33% were divided into chapters.*

*75% held formal lodge ceremonies during the summer camping season.*

*More lodges had a volunteer lodge adviser compared to a scouting professional, but many lodges had both.*



## *QLS Well Attended by Lodge*

*By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary*

On February 19, 2005 a contingent of Arrowmen from Madockawanda Lodge and all the lodges in Section NE-1A came to the Portsmouth Community Campus Center in Portsmouth, NH, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Quality Lodge Summit. There Arrowmen enjoyed lectures on Brotherhood Retention, the OA National Strategic Plan, and the new LLD program. Those leading the programs were the 2005 OA National Chief Patrick Murphy, 2004 OA National Vice Chief David Dowty, 2005 Northeast Region Chief Dan O'Rourke and our very own 2005 Section NE-1A Chief Mike Price. Arrowmen engaged in practical discussions over how to help a council financially to what the OA can do to help Cub Scouts. Lodges could share ideas and we were all taught how to "steal" ideas from other lodges. Also the new edition of the Section NE-1A website was revealed with the new options of the Lodge Advisors section, Section Leadership section, and the Section NE-1A Trading Post. This year will mark the first year that Arrowmen can register for Conclave on-line and purchase all their Conclave gear at the Trading Post. Paul Beaupre and Aaron Greene were up to no good at QLS by attacking everyone who had gold epaulets by stripping them our purple half-strips. It was a sight to see as the National Chief, Regional Chief, and Section Chief all wearing our lodge's purple. Later at the COC (Council of Chiefs) there were discussions on the upcoming Conclave to be held by Chippanyok Lodge #59 at Camp Resolute in Bolton, MA. Our lodge chief and CVC of Program Paul Froman gave the report on the lodge and sponsored 25 Arrowmen for Conclave (so sign up!). Overall it was a day of fellowship and brotherhood for members of Section NE-1A. Members exchanged ideas and were able to return with the knowledge of how to improve their lodge.



*Not the QLS! Members of the lodge gather in Biddeford during March for the Lodge Executive Committee Meeting.*

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## *'Add one and stick together'*

*By Matt Randall, Lodge Staff Adviser*

Our lodge is the strong right arm of the Pine Tree Council. Our duty and Sacred Honor obligate us to serving our council in all its endeavors – camping, finance, recruitment, program, etc. We need to constantly expand our influence beyond the camps and our own internal activities and events. The lodge and the council are one and the same.

The lodge made significant steps towards this goal in 2004. Our Camp Promotions team is out and filming footage for a video to help fill our council facilities. The drum and dance team is catching the attention of all who see it perform – especially the youth. The Council Webpage is maintained by the lodge. Lodge members serve in volunteer and paid capacities on camp staffs. The lodge will help to run sections of the University of Scouting event for adults, as well as the Trailblazers day for Cub Scouts. Turtle Treks still graces every camping CD the council creates, and the lodge will participate in the 2005 FOS Campaign.

We are branching out – but we are only beginning to tap our potential. We can do more – Scoutreach, Cub Scouting, Bomazeen, improved unit relations and support, spring and fall recruiting, district level training, camporee participation, and many other projects will be available for us, as a lodge, to help make this scout program the best in the nation for the youth and adult members of the Pine Tree Council.



*Many Opportunities for Brotherhood...by Andrew Rueger, Brotherhood Chairman*

This summer, there will be no excuses for not sealing your membership in Madockawanda Lodge by becoming a Brotherhood member. We will be having NINE brotherhood conversion opportunities. You can do it at any of the three ordeals, two in June and one in September. We will also be doing one every Wednesday night during the six weeks of Boy Scout camp at Camp Hinds. For more information, contact Brotherhood Chair Andrew Rueger at 872.5920 or by email at rueger@dialmaine.com. Hope to see you this summer.



**From the Chief**

**Unit Elections  
continue the  
tradition!**



Hello my Brothers,

Despite the long and snowy winter, I want to that those brothers who have braved the storm and continue to serve during or troop visitation and unit election programs. This is a great opportunity to promote our council and it's camping programs, while electing those brothers who "are ready" to serve in a life of Cheerfulness and Service. Before the election season comes to an end, I'd like to ask all brothers the following: "Has your troop scheduled its election for 2005? If not, then what are you waiting for? If part of our obligation is to "preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow", what better way than to encourage your troop leadership to contact your Chapter officer and schedule this unit visit?

And remember, once elected, the next step is to encourage those chosen to complete the process by attending an Ordeal Weekend at Camp Hinds this Spring. In fact, why not make a troop event....include all members in your troop to attend the Ordeal and show support for your troop's new candidates! It's a great way to promote camping and the Order!

*In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,*

*Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief*

**Revised Native American Affairs Committee Off and Running! \_\_\_\_\_ By Aaron Greene, , Chairman**

Well, our committee has just been reorganized for the 2005 year, and we have spoken of our role within the lodge, most recently at our March LEC meeting. We ANAA committee, you may ask? It is American was formed at the January LEC responsible Ceremony work, but we are now including our Drumming, and Dancing. So instead of having now one. We are looking for a place to meet to Ordeals and our work. Hopefully, when the place. However, if you want to help and if you are interested, that is a good thing, and email me agreene271@adelphia.net and we will see how we can help you and how you can help us. I would like to quote a famous person in my paraphrased closing that remember.... ask not what your lodge can do for you but what you can do for you lodge. 🐢



are new and the season is just started. What is Indian Affairs. We are the new committee that not only for traditional Ordeal and Brotherhood new interest in Native American Affairs, a different committee for all of them , we are start planning for the Spring season and our new Scout Center opens, this might be a great

# Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

## Casco Bay Chapter

Casco Bay chapter is off to a great start in the election season of 2005. We have elected many youth and adult leaders already and hope to see them at one of the coming ordeals. We have been planning an inter-chapter camping trip with York Chapter, planned for late April. All members of Casco Bay and York are welcome, depending on space limits. We look forward to a strong finish to the election season and a successful spring.

*Tom Parenteau*



*The 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, which was held at the University of Texas in Austin, was a celebration of the memory of E. Urner Goodman, who had passed away in 1980. A special day at the conference was set aside to honor the late founder.*

## K-Valley Chapter

We elected our new officers since the last issue came out but the change is very little for 2005. The new officers are as follows. Aaron Greene Chief, Aaron Wiggin Vice-Chief, Andrew Rueger Secretary, Christian Rowden Treasurer. We have not been doing a whole lot just trying to beef up our service that we do and to try and rebuild our ceremonies team. If you are interested than show up to the meeting at the Winslow Jr. high school on the second Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 so you can help us out. We have also gotten few election forms so leaders if you want one get them for the times we are able to do them go fast let me tell you what. Thanks.

*Aaron Greene*

*Designated "Founder's Day, Thursday was highlighted by events designed to pay tribute to Dr. Goodman. This "Founder's Day" tradition continues on Thursday at every NOAC since!*

## Abnaki Chapter

In Abnaki, we are looking forward to the upcoming months. First, we had elections two months ago and we have three young guys who will fill the roles of chief, vice chief, and secretary. There are two people assisting me and their names are Vice Chief Richard Curtis, Secretary Dereck Tuttle, and the Chief, I, Zach Tupper. Our meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month for the rest of the year. We are also looking forward to our website that is also linked to the district website.. We hope it's up and running within the next couple of months. We have put together a ceremonies team which consists of me, Tom Kester, Dan Warner, and Dereck Tuttle. We have put together an election team, and we have a lot of troops ready to elect members to the OA. We are planning on making chokers that we are starting on Wednesday March 9th. We are planning to start making t-shirts and hats again. Maybe our order for shirts and hats will need to be larger because of our election results!

*Zachary Tupper*



## York Chapter

York Chapter had the Lodge drum team at our meeting this month. We are into our election season and despite our late start it looks to be a good one. In June we will be having a barbeque and activity night to end the season. There is also an inter-chapter campout with Casco Bay being planned for the end of April. York has also ventured onto the Internet, with a Yahoo Group created by the Chapter Chief at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yorkchapter/>. Visit it and scope out York Chapter. We are also well on our way to becoming an Honor Chapter.

*Noah Lemire*





In 1975, the same year the Elangomat or "friend" system came into effect in the Order, it was also agreed that Explorers could be selected to the Order, but had to have earned First Class Rank first.



## NOAC 2006 Planning Takes Shape By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

Michigan State University in Lansing, MI is the setting for the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference. The conference will be held July 29 to August 2. We hope to put together a contingent of 20 youth members and 10 adult members. We anticipate costs will be in the neighborhood of \$800, but proceeds from the flaps for the 2005 National Jamboree will be used to help reduce costs for members. Possibilities for other fund-raisers exist. Watch for NOAC registration information soon on the lodge website, and future issues of Turtle Soup!



*Trader Flap '05: A Black and White version of the 2005 trader flap as approved by the Lodge Executive Committee at it's March 2005 meeting. A similar flap with "National Jam themes" will also be available...please see the order form*



*National Chief Speaks at Section NE-1A QLS: Patrick Murphy, the 2005 National Order of the Arrow Chief reviews the Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow at the February Quality Lodge Summit in Portsmouth.*

## LEC increases fee for Brothers

After a very productive and sometimes tense debate, the Lodge Executive Committee, at it's March meeting, approved an increase to \$10 the weekend fee for brothers to attend Ordeal Weekends. Those serving as Elangomats continue to attend for free, but citing increased food and supply costs, the LEC increased the fee effective with the Spring 2005 Ordeal weekends. Considering the Friday night social, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunch and the Saturday evening feast and social, this remains the best weekend camping deal in Council!



## Lodge to Send Officers to National Leadership Seminar

Continuing the tradition of providing the best leadership training to our officers and advisers, four youth and three adults will travel to Camp Alpine in New Jersey for the National Leadership Seminar. Specifically designed to train lodge officers and advisers in lodge operations, our four current officers, Paul Froman, Dan Warner, Kirk Gagnon and Tom Kester as well as Lodge Staff Adviser Matt Randall, Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger and Associate Adviser Mike Mirisola will be leaving southern Maine on April 1st at about 7 PM to drive to Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, CT. The attendees will be staying overnight there and heading to NYC on Friday morning to visit the Ground Zero site. Then on to Camp Alpine in the afternoon for NLS!



In 1976, It was agreed, due to a change in the official BSA handshake, that the Order would retain the interlinking of two finders as its handshake.





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Jamboree  
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## Lodge to Expand Brotherhood Ceremonies at Camp Hinds

The Lodge Executive Committee voted to approve the expansion of the Brotherhood conversion evenings at Camp Hinds. After two very successful sessions in 2004, OA summer staff members will host brotherhood conversion evenings **every Wednesday during the six weeks of Boy Scout summer camp**. Look for your registration forms in the mail and ALWAYS available on the lodge website. And a reminder.... each member needs to fill out a lodge health form before attending the Ordeals or Brotherhood weekend dates this year. All attendees must have a new health form on file for the 2005 lodge year.

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### Lodge Calendar

**Spring 2005 Update**

- Apr 30th - **Unit Election Season Ends**
- May 7th - **Deadline for Election Results to Lodge**
- Jun 3-5 - Ordeal Weekend - Camp Hinds
- Jun 5th - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - Hinds
- Jun 10-12 - **Section NE-1A Conclave - Camp Resolute**
- Jun 17-19th - Ordeal Weekend - Camp Hinds

Remember to attend an Ordeal Weekend during June at Camp Hinds.