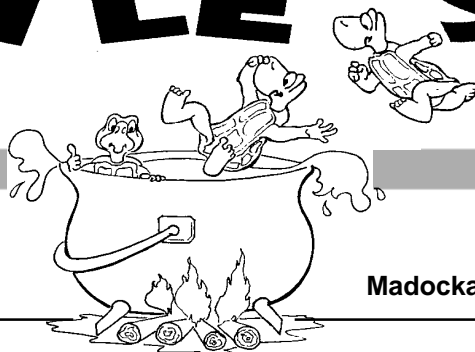


# TURTLE SOUP



Order of the Arrow



Madockawanda Lodge #271

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Newsletter

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## Leadership Chosen for 2006

Warner elected as Chief, Kester returns as Secretary. Wiggin and Rueger new for '06

By Tom Parenteau, Casco Bay Chapter



Your 2006 Lodge Leaders: Right after the Annual Meeting at the LLD, the new 2006 Lodge officers pose for a shot (l to r): Andrew Rueger, Treasurer; Tom Kester, Secretary; Aaron Wiggin, Vice Chief; and Dan Warner, Lodge Chief.

knowledge of OA trivia. Sunday, the lodge elected Dan Warner to another term as chief, Aaron Wiggin as Vice Chief, Tom Kester as secretary for the second year running, and Andrew Rueger as treasurer. The weekend was a great success and was enjoyed by all who participated. All members of the lodge are invited and encouraged to join in the excitement of next year's LLD.

The last weekend of September saw the exciting Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) weekend. It was a weekend of training, fellowship, and fun that ended with the annual meeting and election of new officers for the 2006 year. Friday night began with a tailgate style menu and a movie of similar theme. Saturday morning saw various training cells covering everything from unit elections to Venturing. Madockawanda Lodge also hosted special guest, Dan O'Rourke, the Northeast Region Chief. The afternoon was a time of open activities including a rousing game of ultimate frisbee, drumming and the annual game show put on by former lodge and section officers Adrian Caron, Matthew Dubois, Joe Niman, and Josh Gagnon. York Chapter emerged victorious thanks to their

## Founders' Award to Buckley and Zwetsloot

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary



Brothers arrived at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston, ME for an afternoon filled with food, speeches, and memories of shopping cart races at NOAC. But first came the featured speaker Ray Richardson, a local talk show host. He discussed the various economic/social situations happening in Maine and commended the



2005 Founders' Award Recipients (l to r) With the award pictured below and to the right, former Lodge Secretary Andrew Buckley and Henry Zwetsloot.

Order on its continuous involvement with youth leadership. The Year in Review with the Committee Reports came next. Reports were given by Ordeal/Service, Elangomat, Brotherhood, AIA, Campership, and the University of Scouting. Next came the presentation of the Founders' Award. This year the lodge presented the Founders' Award to Andrew Buckley and Henry Zwetsloot. The Vigil Committee then recognized the 10 new Vigil members who were bestowed their Vigil this year with a certificate and for all the Vigil members present to recite their Vigil names. The Honor Chapter Award was presented to Casco Bay, K-Valley, and York Chapters. Bruce Rueger recognized the cooks who worked at the Ordeals and the LLD with a special patch and all those youth members who engaged in shopping cart races at the recent 2004 NOAC with their shopping cart merit badges. The lodge also recognized the contributions of Paul Froman and Kirk Gagnon in their capacities as lodge officers for the 2004-2005 year. Dan Warner, Bruce Rueger, Matt

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Over the last 10 years, the Madockawanda Lodge Chief has come from either Abnaki or K-Valley Chapters!



A few statistics from the National Office of the Order of the Arrow regarding 2004 membership: There were 309 lodges in 47 sections and 182,441 Arrowmen registered in the Order. Of those 309 lodges, 166 of them (53.7 %) qualified as National Quality Lodges in 2004.



## Scouting Loses a Great Friend

*Jim Keene was a friend, a terrific Scouter, and will be greatly missed by our Lodge*

*by Carl Gagnon, Associate Adviser*



There aren't many of us that haven't been influenced by our membership in the Order, and by the people we meet by sharing Brotherhood and Service. Jim was one of these great men. Think of the projects that have been completed throughout our Council because of his work and dedication, and one only can ponder on how he has cheerfully served. Those who knew him well will always remember his sunny disposition and his dedication to the scouting movement at all levels of our organization. Jim was instrumental in many of the projects with our council properties, including the design of the Hinds waterfront, the shower facilities at this camp, and the reconstruction of the recreation hall. His skills as an engineer were very well known throughout our state, since he also

designed and was the lead in building the council seating area at Camp Gustin in Sabattus and the reconstruction of the council ring at Camp Bomazeen. Jim served in various capacities in Scouting, including Scoutmaster and Committee member, District Commissioner for Abnaki District, and served on staff at the OA Speciality Weeks held at Camp Bomazeen in the early 1990s. A Vigil Honor member, Founder's Award recipient, Chapter Adviser and the Service Committee adviser, his legacy to this Lodge is simply amazing. His passing leaves a void in the Order, but those of us who had the pleasure of his friendship are that much greater for his influence in our lives.



*Service at Work: Jim Keene (rear) supervises the work to complete the new waterfront retaining wall at Camp Hinds in 2000. His work has been instrumental in the revitalization of all council properties.*

## Banquet Leftovers *continued from front page.....*



Randall, and J.T. Dabbs all gave remarks on the past year and applauded the lodge on it's involvement with service and leadership to the council and our camps throughout the year. Once again we commend those lodge officers leaving for their service and we thank you for your effort and time, and we also congratulate those new officers elected. We hope that 2006 will be the best year yet, and we encourage all members to be active in the lodge in 2006!

*Weaving at the LLD! In the dining hall at the Bog Brook Military Training Facility, members of the lodge learn Native American weaving skills as part of the afternoon activities at the 2005 LLD weekend.*



To the right you will find the 2006 coupon page which contains all the registration material for the following events:

- \* Your 2006 Dues
- \* The Quality Lodge Summit, and
- \* The 2006 Section Conclave.

Please note that this represents the only mailing you will receive for these programs, so please note the deadlines and register early. Copies of these forms are available on the lodge website:

[www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge](http://www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge)



Don't miss the 2006 Section NE-1A Conclave at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca. Please mail your registration form in by April 8th and save \$5. The theme is "For Brothers and Friends". Once you send in the coupon, the lodge will register you with the Section. Again, the Pre-Registration Form to the right, the Conclave Code of Conduct, the Conclave Course list, and Medical form will be on our lodge website.

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**Turtle Soup**

**Dues Coupon and Registration Forms for the Spring Section Events**

**2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES  
Madockawanda Lodge #271**

Send your 2006 dues payment (made payable to Pine Tree Council) to:  
OA Dues, c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council, BSA,  
131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Troop/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am an (circle one): Ordeal      Brotherhood      Vigil  
Indicate amount paid:      \$13.00      2006 Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**2006 Quality Lodge Summit  
Section NE-1A**

Saturday, February 18, 2006 - Portsmouth Community Campus Center  
100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth NH 03801  
Deadline for Submission....Saturday, February 11, 2006

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

For Directions: <http://www.communitycampus.org/directions.cfm>

Please Clip this coupon and include a check for \$22 (includes Polo Shirt)  
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QLS Registration - c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council, BSA,  
131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102



**2006 Section NE-1A Conclave  
Hosted by Nanapashemet Lodge**

June 9-11, 2006 - Camp Wah-Tut-Ca  
36 Amesbury Road, Haverhill, MA 01830

**Note:** Discounted Rate of \$35 Due no later than April 8, 2006.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Clip this coupon and include a check for \$30 (if Paid by April 8th)  
\$35 after April 8th (made payable to Pine Tree Council) to:  
Conclave Registration - c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council, BSA,  
131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102

Registered members will find course and health forms as well as the code of conduct on our lodge website.





The University of Scouting builds on the foundation of the Commissioner College first developed in our council in 1992, but council expanded the course offerings to incorporate new courses for troop leaders, POW WOW type offerings for Cub Scout leaders, and special "High Adventure" selections. For 2006, The Lodge will have it's own program lead by the "Dean" of the lodge, Vice Chief Aaron Wiggin.



The Lodge has been recognized by the National Office on a previous occasion. In 1999, we were one of the lodges to receive the first National Service Award. This was based upon our council service, especially relating to the reconstruction of the waterfront at Camp Hinds, the implementation of the OA Service Hour, and the redesign of the Bomazeen Council Ring!

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# University of Scouting Up in March!

Lodge to have it's own program lead by Lodge Vice-Chief

By Aaron Wiggin, Vice Chief



As you all know or at least most of you know the University of scouting is a time of service back to our council. In the past before and after that time of service arrowmen have just hung around doing nothing. This year however the OA has been allowed it's own branch of studies. As the dean of this years OA studies I can say for certain that you are going to enjoy the classes set up for you. Mark your calendar for March 18, 2006 and just take a look for yourself:

**Brotherhood conversion-**(members only) Ready to seal your membership in the OA? This class will teach you the steps needed to prepare you for sealing your membership within the Order.

**The OA in Cub Scouting-** (for all scouters ) Cub scouting is the life blood of boy scouting and the OA. Arrowmen and scouters who attend will learn how they can serve each cub scout and there packs effectively to ensure that the life blood will remain strong throughout its future.

**Elangomat-** (members only) Ready to relive your ordeal? This class will prepare you to be the friend and guide for someone else's ordeal.

**Scoutreach-** (for all scouters) Ready to learn about scouting in urban areas? This class will teach you some things the OA as well as scouters in general can help serve to ensure a long and great future for the program.

**Eastern Woodland Native Americans-**( for all scouters) this power point program will cover history culture and other interesting subjects and stories of one of the greatest cultures in American history. It is truly something to look forward to in the lists of classes offered by the OA.

**What is the OA anyway? (for all scouters)**

I encourage all arrowmen to attend this day of leadership and learning. more fun and fellowship for all.

## From the Chief

*To My Brothers of the Lodge:*

### **New Year and Service to our Troops!**



As the new year is upon us, it is time for us to look back on the previous year and remember all the wonderful times we had together and how we can continue them into 2006. We need to look back at the success of 2005 and turn it into the success of '06. With our receiving of the Service Grant, I feel we have the ingredients for a prosperous and flourishing coming year, if we can take these ingredients and combine them properly, there is nothing that can get in the way between us and completing all of our goals. With all success there are always setbacks, and we need to bond together as a lodge to get past these, and remember those principles that we hold so near and dear at heart, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. I look forward to the upcoming year and serving once again as your Chief. I know it promises to be a great one, one to remember and never forget. If you haven't served on a unit election team, then you're missing out on a great part of the lodge service program. It gives you the opportunity to see another troop and how it functions while promoting the Order to the future members of our Lodge.

I'd also like to encourage each of you to register for the Quality Lodge Summit in February....this is a great opportunity to meet other OA members in our Section.

In Brotherhood! **Dan Warner, Lodge Chief**

# Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .



## Casco Bay Chapter

The snow has fallen which can mean only one thing...it's Klondike season. Casco Bay Chapter has been planning for this years Klondike at Camp Hinds, which promises to be the most exciting and challenging yet. With help from Chapter Assoc. Advisor John Trott and District Planning Committee Chair Paul Conley, our Klondike Planning Committee has been hard at work to ensure this years event runs smoothly. If you would like to help, contact a chapter officer or advisor. We have finalized our plans for the completion of the Patrick Lean-To, which will occur in spring 2006. Casco Bay was well represented at the past few events including LLD and notably the Annual Banquet. Spring is looking promising for the chapter, with our ceremonies team in preparation for performing numerous Crossover for area Cub Packs. We are also hoping to continue our good success with unit elections. If you are interested in becoming involved in any chapter activity or committee, contact a chapter officer or adviser.

Ian Hanley

*Philbreak is an alternative spring break for college-age Scouts and Venturers conducted at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program allows young people a chance to contribute worthwhile service, to visit the ranch at a unique time of year and to enjoy fellowship opportunities.*

## Abnaki Chapter

It is with great pleasure that I announce the newly elected chapter chief for Abnaki Chapter is Nick Bouyea. I wasn't able to attend the last meeting so I couldn't participate in the last election but I will try my best to attend future meetings in service of the chapter. This will be my last article to *The Soup* and hopefully I will return to office in the chapter or maybe the lodge. Abnaki Chapter has been hard at work looking forward to the election season which is right on the brink of our doorsteps. I wish all you newly elected or reelected officers the best of luck and I plan to see you all in the new year.

Zachary Tupper

*The one-week program will be conducted from Friday, March 10-17, 2006. The program includes four days of service on trail work, one day of snow skiing at nearby Angel Fire Resort, and tours of Philmont and the surrounding area. The \$100 fee covers lodging, meals, one day of skiing, and the shuttle to/from Albuquerque International Airport. This program is limited to 48 participants.*

## York Chapter

York has a great start to the winter season with our annual election training meeting held in December, which included a pizza party and our election of officers. Congratulations go out to Jared Cascio, Steve Hart, Caleb Frederick and Ryan Budd who were elected York Chapter officers for 2006. Our first goal is to have a great unit visitation and election season in 2006 and continue to strive for Honor Chapter recognition during the year. York again achieved Honor Chapter in 2005. We also would like to congratulate our Associate Adviser, Mr. Z, for his recent presentation of the founders' award by the lodge at the 2005 Banquet.

Jared Cascio

*Preference will be given to first-time participants. Registration applications can be obtained by contacting: Philmont Scout Ranch, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714, Telephone: 505-376-2281.*

## From the Treasurer and the Turtle Trading Post:

As Treasurer this year I would like to bring new and exciting items to the Lodge Store and expand upon our already great offerings in Madockawanda Lodge sale items! First of all, we continue to promote our 2006 NOAC trader flaps, and I hope to offer some form of outer wear this year. Our NOAC items are designed to sell as a fund-raiser to help send more youth members to NOAC from the lodge. I'd also like to hear from our members regarding what they would like to see offered at the Turtle Trading Post. Do you have any ideas or do you have a "wish list" of OA items you'd like to see? Come to an LEC and make those items known! But most importantly, my goal this year is to keep the lodge store guy and lodge geologist on the forefront of our commercials.

Andrew Rueger



# Planning for 2006....

*Your Vice Chief and Secretary Speak of their Roles and Responsibilities for the New Year*

## Your Vice Chief:

As your new Vice Chief for 2006 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the chance to serve the lodge as a officer in leadership and service. I'd like to share a few goals I have for the lodge this year that I'm sure will benefit all members and increase there interest in the program. The troop rep program is key if the lodge is to survive. They are the eyes and ears of troops throughout pine tree council. There are forms that must be filled out yearly if you wish to be a troop rep forms must be sent to council so the official number of troop reps can be known. We need to get this program running so we can increase communication within our units, and to give them a better understanding of what the OA is. With this out of the way scoutmasters will be more likely to sign up for unit elections this will increase the number of people we have at ordeals and other lodge events. The LLD was a great success this year but its time to get some new training cells and activities for the next one. A committee with one representative or more from each chapter will have a chance to decide with me what new classes will be used as well as what activities in the afternoon they would like to see and participate in. Please contact me on ether of these because the more input I have from members. I can improve the programs to better the lodge and each individual.

*Aaron Wiggin*

## Your Secretary:

Looking back on the year it has been one of achievements and set backs, first the bad. I wasn't always there with my Turtle Soup articles and I feel bad as secretary for not taking a bigger, more predominate approach on writing/ getting articles for Turtle Soup. One of my goals is to have more fascinating, in-depth, informational articles written in Turtle Soup. I hope to achieve this through improved communications within the lodge and more use of the website and the glorious thing known as "e-mail". I also would like to have flyers sent out earlier so that members can actually get them before the due date. But now for the good. I will continue to have past LEC minutes for lodge officers at least one week in advance before each upcoming LEC, so that they can look them over and see where I made some blunders. I also will continue to have physical copies of the past LEC minutes available at each LEC meeting. I want to work closer with the website committee in posting articles and announcements. I have succeeded in posting flyers and LEC minutes so that members can get to them for the past year. If you ever need a flyer or minute from an LEC, it's probably on the website somewhere. Lastly, I'll continue to bring new ideas for patch designs! Thank you once again for electing me as your Lodge Secretary.

*Tom Kester*

## Lodge Recipient of 2006 Service Grant!

***Application Filed in October to Assist Lodge in Building Cub Archer Area at Cub World-Bomazeen***

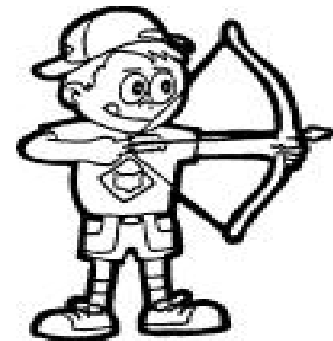
*From the National OA Office*



For the past several years, the National Order of the Arrow Committee has provided matching service grants for a limited number of projects submitted by application to the national OA office. A total of \$35,000 was made available for distribution for projects in 2006. The evaluators considered the innovative scope and design of the project, how the

project impacts a significant number of Scouts, and how the project enhances Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting in the council. Forty-Five lodges applied for the Service Grant, with 10 being given a grant ranging from \$1,200 to a maximum of \$5,000.

Two Lodges received a \$5,000 grant, with Madockawanda being one of them! A special grant of \$5,000 was also presented to Unami Lodge to assist them in the massive restoration at Unami Lodge on Treasurer Island due to the severe flooding that closed their camp. Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser, commented on the process, "Our grant was submitted to provide funding to build a new Archery range at the new Cub Scout Camp to be constructed at Camp Bomazeen. We received the maximum \$5000 possible and our grant proposal was ranked the highest of all the proposals submitted." Another part of the grant was that we build two of these tepee-like structures. They will be used for program and safety instruction. We can use them in the off-season. The proposed archery area will have two ranges, one a traditional with target butts and a firing



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## QLS Set for February in Portsmouth

*By Aaron Wiggin, Vice Chief*

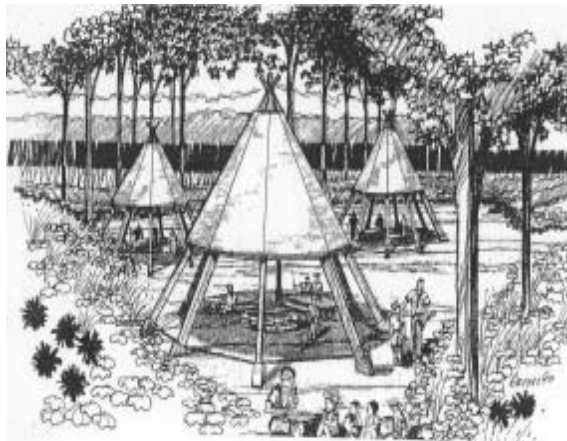
As we move into the winter months, many new and interesting events are available to Arrowmen throughout the section. One of these events is the sections Quality Lodge Summit (QLS). This training course is a day of fun and fellowship where everyone learns at least one new thing and as I always say if you cant learn something new it isn't worth going to. The instructors are some of the best the OA has to offer in the Northeast region, and the QLS often includes updates from the National offices. I highly encourage you to attend this year. For you arrowmen that have gone before there will be an opportunity to attend different classes from what you enrolled in previous years and more rooms are being provided for smaller course structures. Look for the Coupon on Page 3 of this issue of Turtle Soup, and get your enrollment in to Council! By the way, it's a great opportunity to meet some of the other members from our Section and to strike up conversation and ideas you can bring back to your chapter and to your Troop! Remember, the QLS is being held at the Portsmouth Community Campus in Portsmouth, NH on February 18th. The cost will be \$22 and the Fees include a new NE-1A polo shirt and lunch! It's a great deal! Sign up for classes will be on-line but you must send registration to council office to attend!



## More Grant.....continued from page 6

line. The other will be an action archery range, with a trail through the woods. The proposed Madockawanda Lodge Project at the archery range at Camp Bomazeen will include the following components:

- Two large year-round tepees, which will serve as both instructional and craft areas
- Two shooting ranges, each with eight stations
- A welcoming gateway
- Stands for archery target butts
- Equipment and storage lockers
- Four picnic tables
- Safety fence that surrounds the area
- Pathways to archery stations
- Range signage



*Part of the Grant: This artist rendition of the cub area at the former Camp Bomazeen is part of the Cub World design for which the lodge recently applied for the National OA Grant.*

Council has agreed to match the grant the Lodge has received, which gets us that much closer to the \$18,000 price tag for the entire area. The tepees represent the focal point of this project. They are designed for year-round use and during camp season they will serve as a gathering area for dens to receive instruction on range safety and as a waiting area during inclement weather. Off-season they will be used for Order of the Arrow, district and council functions. Bruce also commented on the following: "We had applied for a grant at the end of 2004, but since our lodge didn't achieve Honor Lodge status during that year, our application wasn't approved. The key to receiving the grant was our ability to recharter at the Honor Lodge level in 2005. Thanks go out to all of our officers and members who helped to achieve this goal."

Watch for more information on the Grant and the plans for this new Archery area on the lodge website and in future issues of Turtle Soup.



You can now order your favorite collectable OA items on line at the national OA trading post. In April, NOAC pre-order material will be available on this new site. Check it out at: <http://tradingpost.oa-bsa.org/>



Like a Troop or even our Council, Order of the Arrow Lodges have a series of 20 items to achieve as part of their recharter process in order to earn Honor Lodge status. Some of these requirements are mandatory, such as "positive membership growth" and "brotherhood conversion." Others, such as attendance at the Section Conclave comprise a voluntary part of the recharter. Lodges throughout the nation work to achieve each section and strive to achieve the Honor Lodge status.



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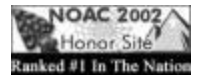
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*If you Label has a "STRIPE" on it, this will be your last issue of TS unless you pay your dues for 2006. Please support your lodge by staying active!*

**Breaking News: Lodge Receives \$5,000 National Service Grant...see Page 6!**

*Remember, you can always get Lodge news and program updates at this quick lodge website link: <http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org>*



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## Lodge Calendar

**Winter 2006 Update**

- Feb 1 - **Unit Election Season Begins**
- Feb 18 - Quality Lodge Summit - Portsmouth 9 AM
- Mar 4 - LEC Meeting - Council Office - 1 PM
- Mar 25 - University of Scouting - CMCC Auburn
- Mar 31-Apr 2 - AIA Weekend - Augusta National Guard Armory
- Apr 1-3 - National Leadership Seminar - Camp Alpine NJ
- Apr 29 - Ordeal Planning Conference - Hinds 1 PM
- Jul 29 -Aug 3 - 2006 NOAC - Michigan State University

See Inside for the 2006 Dues Coupon and Signups for QLS and Conclave!