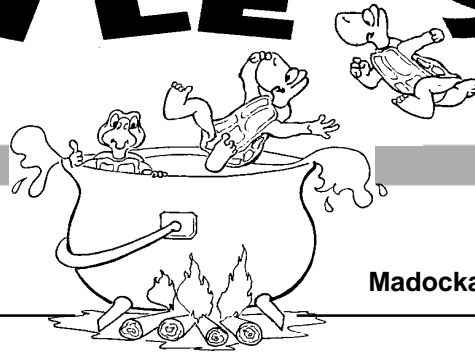


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Waterfront Dedicated to Jim Keene

Jim's family, Council and Lodge Officers and Brothers join in the Spring Event

By Dan Warner, Lodge Chief



Jim's Family at the Dedication: Pictured above is some of the family that attend the dedication of the Jim Keene Memorial Waterfront. To the left of the monument is Alice Keene.

On a beautiful June Saturday morning, approximately 75 scouts and Scouters gathered directly in front of the Camp Hinds waterfront to pay tribute to a true Brother. With Lodge Vice Chief Aaron Wiggin serving as the lead, a variety of friends of Jim Keene gathered to dedicate the Waterfront in his memory. Speakers included Chief of the Fire J.T. Dabbs through to his scouting friends from the lodge, Abnaki Chapter and District, and most importantly, representatives from troop 111 in Auburn, Jim's home troop. People spoke of Jim's dedication to Scouting and the Order, and his great service to our council properties. His design on the waterfront can now stand as a tribute to his leadership in service to the scouting movement in our council. And this only scratched the surface of Jim's dedication to the

see James Keene Waterfront...continued on page 4



Look For the Special NOAC 2006 Coverage Inside our 10 page issue!

101 Complete Ordeals this Spring!

Rain, Heat and Service categorize the 2006 Spring Ordeal Season

With two decidedly different weekends from a weather standpoint, the lodge added over 100 new members. The Spring Ordeals succeeded in helping Camp Hinds get ready for summer camp, including the addition of a new walkway for the waterfront. No doubt some of you experienced that great new addition this past summer! Otherwise, they were both fairly typical Ordeal weekends, complete with brush cleanup, burning, tree cutting, dining hall cleanup, and the installation of the exterior roof at the dining hall! Work also continued on the Bloomquist Meditation to get it ready for the summer camp season. It's also great to report that we had two very good brotherhood conversion ceremonies at both Spring Ordeals, which puts us in excellent shape to reach this Honor Lodge requirement for 2006. As of the first two spring



Two Dedicated to the Task: Two candidates from the first Spring Ordeal at Hinds help to roll parts of a tree stump removed from the boating area - part of our lodge's work to prepare for summer camp.

see Spring Ordeals...continued on page 3



Although the tradition of lodge's "restricting" a flap from trading (our lodge continues that tradition to this date), the national office recommended in 1970 that all lodges removed trading restrictions on lodge flaps.



At the 1967 NOAC, the national committee presented their first of many Red Arrow Awards, established to recognize exceptional service to the Order by those who are not members. Our lodge's Purple Arrow award is modeled after this national program.



NOAC is a "Brotherhood" Heat Wave

Thirty Brothers comprise largest contingent in 14 years

by Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary



NOAC 2006 held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI was a success for Madockawanda. The trip started out with the Lodge flying into Chicago for a day and a half of fun in the "Windy City". Attractions included the Navy Pier, Sears' Tower (what a spectacular view of the city), and the Omniplex video at the Science Museum. The lodge stayed at a local hostel, rode the "L" (elevated train), and ate deep dish pizza.

2006 NOAC Contingent! Outside of Case South, our Dormitory for the week stands our lodge for it's photograph. You might also want to ask about the second picture we took with the red banner!

Than off to NOAC by way of Amtrak, which was delayed an hour and a half for hot tracks and various reasons unknown to the lodge and the Lodge arrived in E. Lansing for the night. The next morning the lodge, along with 8,000 other Arrowmen, arrived on the campus of MSU. The first events were an Orientation by Jon Fuller, NE Region Chief, and than off to Case Hall for our dorms. The opening show was amazing with the usual Skybox full of beautiful young women, giveaways, and loud music. The theme for the shows was "The Legend Lives On."

The Lodge attended numerous training sessions ranging from regalia construction to LodgeMaster to Ultimate Frisbee. Brothers traded hundreds of patches with other lodges; a fun time was had by all. The Lodge literally had "fun in the sun", with the average temperature in the 90s and almost 100% humidity. Luckily for us scuba was a popular event and the shows had AC. Founder's Day was an amazing site with lodges staging booths and giving away freebies, like rubber chickens and patches. The Grand Hodag, a nighttime party on Tuesday, was a fun event with all the root beer you could drink. The Lodge participated in the Pre-Ordeal and Vigil ceremonies competitions and did a commendable job. The lodge entered the Lodge Website competition and came close to achieving honor website status by 9 points. The lodge also entered the lodge history competition. While at NOAC, the Lodge was presented with their service grant oversized check, and for the first time in lodge history we were presented with the Spirit Award, one of 18 lodges in the US and the only one in NE-1A. Also to note, Nate Smith entered the Talent Show and did a great job playing his bagpipes. So there is so much more to write about that happened, but I know the lodge will be creating some slide shows which will showcase many more awesome events that happened at this NOAC. I encourage all Brothers to look at attending one of the next OA national events: ArrowCorps5 happening in 2008 and the next NOAC in 2009 in Indiana.

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The lodge captured the Silver Tomahawk Award and dominated both the lodge newsletter and best website competitions. In addition, Paul Froman was elected to his second term as Section Chief!



Wah Tut Ca Hosts Section Conclave

Froman re-elected as Section Chief as Madockawanda again shines at Conclave!



Our Lodge at the Conclave: Above are the members of Madockawanda Lodge who made up the contingent at our Section Conclave at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca, Yankee Clipper Council.

Despite a rainy Saturday, the 2006 Section NE-1A Conclave was again a huge success. Hosted by Nanepashemet Lodge and the Yankee Clipper Council, Camp Wah-Tut-Ca was host to its first Conclave in many years. The food was great and the training cells were interesting to say the least. Madockawanda was again well represented with over 40 brothers in attendance. Our

very own Paul Froman, Section Chief, welcomed all to the Conclave and encouraged brothers to partake in the offerings over the weekend. Weather was wet, and parking at the top of the camp was a challenge, especially when all had to move to escape the sinking field! Cub scouts also attended and were introduced to the Order and a Section Conclave, but from more of a cubbing background. Our lodge again dominated competitions, with *Turtle Soup* garnering another "Best Newsletter" award. The lodge also again captured the Silver Tomahawk Award for the lodge providing the most service to it's Council. I believe that is the 10th time the lodge has earned this award in 11 years of it's existence! The lodge website also won "best of conclave" for it's design, and most importantly, Paul Froman was re-elected to a second term as Section Chief.



Spring 2006 Election/Ordeal Stats

**210 Candidates elected (Feb-Apr)
101 completed Ordeal In June
109 potential candidates for Fall**

Spring Ordeals

.....continued from Front Page

ordeals, which isn't even counting the conversion ceremonies held at summer camp, we have considering the size of the candidate group elected during the annual unit election period (see chart above), we've had a great turnout, and most importantly, served camp to get it ready for the summer. Now, onto the fall Ordeal and our service in getting Camp Hinds ready for the fall and winter months. We'd again like to thank the Kitchen staff, headed up by Beth Froman for their work in feeding all of our brothers and candidates this year!



At the Ceremony Site: Ordeal candidates are led around the circle of our lodge during the Ordeal ceremony at the second Spring Ordeal weekend at Camp Hinds.



When the national Vigil Honor membership grew, the ceremony was furnished in typewritten format and sent to lodges with Vigil Candidates. It was not until 1940 before the Boy Scouts of America granted approval for a Vigil honor ceremony booklet.





The Lodge has been bestowed three national honors in 2006, including the National Service Award, an OA Service Grant, and now the NOAC Spirit Award. It's an impressive trifecta of recognition of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service!

Madockawanda Captures "Spirit" at NOAC 2006

Lodge one of 18 out of 307 to earn Spirit Award at Conference



Dan & Bruce: Lodge Chief Dan Warner and Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger proudly display the 2006 NOAC Spirit Award during the evening of the closing show at MSU!

Adding to the list of accolades for 2006, Madockawanda captured one of 18 Spirit Awards at NOAC 2006. Criteria for the award included meeting the minimum NOAC contingent quota of 26 members. We had 27. Also required was an entry of a lodge history poster at the OA Museum for which we received a participation certificate. Our lodge chief, Dan Warner, and the youngest arrowman of the contingent, Dylan Gagne, went to the Very Important Arrowman luncheon as part of the mandated requirements. Our Lodge website was also entered in the evaluation portion of NOAC, which was also an optional requirement. Additionally, Tom Kester, Nate Smith, Ian Hanley and Chris Petersen competed in the pre-Ordeal evaluation and Ian Hanley participated in the Vigil evaluation. Two of the lodge KEY 3, Dan Warner and Bruce Rueger attended the National Conference of Chiefs. To earn this recognition, all contingent members had to attend a minimum of 75% of the training sessions that they signed up for at NOAC, no small task with all the things going on at the conference. We committed to attending ArrowCorps5 in 2008. Needless to say we were busy at NOAC 2006 and in spite of the heat and humidity, had a great time.

To My Brothers of the Lodge:

From the Chief

"Fellowship leads to service"



As the summer draws to a close we are upon one of the most beautiful times in our great state, the fall. As the leaves of the trees turn an array of colors so will our mindset. It is no longer a time of increasing our membership, or worrying about Brotherhood conversion. Our Lodge has done so well this year, we won't need to worry about these things. No, this is a time of relaxing, rejoicing, and some good ol' fashioned brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. We have both our Lodge Leadership Development Weekend (LLD) and our Annual Lodge Banquet coming up in the near future. We have had a very successful year, earning a National Service Award, National Service Grant, and the Spirit Award at NOAC. We were one of 18 lodges across the nation that earned the prestigious Spirit Award, and I am very proud of all who attended this year's Conference in our contingent. This is one of the first years in recent memory that we will not be scrambling around at the last minute to complete the Brotherhood conversion and positive membership growth requirements for Quality Lodge. Let's finish out the year strong and enjoy ourselves in the process. It has been my pleasure serving as your Chief for the past year, and I look forward to an enjoyable LLD and Banquet to finish off the term.

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



The plaque dedicating the Hinds Waterfront to Jim Keene.



E Urner Goodman was an adopted member and honorary chief of the Blackfoot Tribe of American Indians. The honor was bestowed on our founder in 1947.

James Keene Waterfront....continued from front page.

scouting movement. He was instrumental in the design of our new shower houses, the council ring at camp Bomazeen, and the repair of the waterfront tower and recreation building at Camp Hinds. With Alice standing next to the podium, the covered plaque and stone monument were unveiled for all to view. In addition to the plaque at the waterfront, a permanent display recognizing Jim and this great project hangs in the camp museum in the rec hall. The Keene family has also dedicated some of Jim's scouting files and a circa 1950 Troop flag to Troop 111 of Auburn and OA files to the Lodge. The Lodge would like to thank all the brothers that worked on this project, including Dick Valcourt, Matthew Dubois, Joe Niman, Josh Gagnon, Adrian Caron, Carl Gagnon and John Wood for their special help on this project, to the family, Jim Keene and Pine Tree Council for their support and to all those who attended the dedication.

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Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

K-Valley Chapter

Hello All K-Valley Members We had an awesome contingent at NOAC this year with several KV people - we figured out like 9 or 10 which I believe is the biggest group from our lodge so that kicks butt. Other than that we have been kind of chillin' out this summer. Our chapter had a great Spring Ordeal season and it was a good to see new people getting into the Order. Let's hope they all stick around and get active in the Chapter. A BIG reminder that the Fall ordeal is at Bomazeen, the first lodge event there in over 2 years so we hope to see a huge amount K Valley members there.

Aaron Greene



Brotherhood membership was once considered part of the "second degree". The sash was the same as the ordeal sash, but worn over the left shoulder!"

Abnaki Chapter

The Abnaki chapter is getting ready to start up fall meetings again. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Auburn Middle School. If you know someone that does not go the chapter meetings, ask him to go with you just to see what it is like. The meetings are full of information on the chapter, district and lodge. The chapter is preparing for the fall camporee and also is looking forward to the September ordeal. This is what Abanaki is preparing for the future.

Nick Bouyea



A note from the Brotherhood Chairman

I would like to start by thanking a few people who helped make my job as Brotherhood Chairman easier, (specifically, my guides and Paul Conley, Mike Mirisola, Wayne Holden, and Bruce Rueger.) Thank you for your support during my term as Brotherhood Chairman. This spring we successfully had 48 brotherhood conversions, which puts us where we need to be for the honor lodge Brotherhood Conversion requirements! Hooray! With one more ordeal still to go at Camp Bomazeen, we should have more than the 30% that we need. Thank you for all of your time.

Dustin Wiggin



The American Indian Affairs show at the 2006 NOAC was a pageantry of the winning individual and team dance categories, as well as the drumming honor lodges performing in a series of dances that comprise the competition. The regalia and costuming is extraordinary and the performances vary from region to region based upon the Native American customs of that region.



York Chapter

York Dorks were well represented at the 2006 NOAC.....I mean we even had our own meeting spot in Wells! Did you know that some even served in laundry service in Michigan! This followed our infamous bowling night in June and our commitment to making the trek to Camp Hinds this summer for the OA Service Hour on Thursday evenings. Look for our chapter meetings on Thursday evenings at the Roundtables held at Sanford High School. Just remember, Cod is Dog.

Elmer Furgens

Casco Bay Chapter

I'm not sure when the last time I wrote an update on the CB Chapter, so I'm just going to tell you what we've been up to. We've had a strong spring and summer. We recently finished our chapter meetings for the summer with our annual pizza party. We had a great Call-Out and campfire at the spring Camporee. At the first two ordeals we welcomed many new brothers. We have had many new Brotherhood members become a part of our chapter due to camp brotherhood conversion. We had three and a half members attend NOAC at MSU, including the fabulous bagpipe work of Nathan Smith who entertained the crowd during Founders' Day at NOAC. We look forward to the fall as Casco Bay continues to lead the way.

Ian Hanley

Five are Chosen for the Vigil!

Recipients are chosen for their service to their troops, chapters, lodge, and the Camping Tradition

By Paul Beaupre, Vigil Selection Chair



2006 Vigil Class (l to r): Wyatt Carpenter, Lodge Secretary Tom Kester, Mitch McArthur, Steve Craig, and Noah Lemire

As with any duty, it is always difficult to determine the true answer, yet the Vigil committee met over the late Spring of 2006 and selected five brothers for the 2006 Vigil Honor. Each has a legacy of service and a promise for leadership in the lodge. Tom Kester is serving his second year as Lodge Treasurer, following his service with Abnaki Chapter. He has been actively involved with inductions and ceremonies as well as patch design. Noah Lemire is the former York Chapter Chief who also led the contingent in the 2005 trip to Treasurer Island and the 90th Anniversary of Unami Lodge. Anyone familiar with Camp Bomazeen ranger duties knows of Steve Craig. Steve has been instrumental in many Ordeal weekends at that camp as well as his continued service to K-Valley Chapter and District. Mitch McArthur is well known by those who have attended ordeal weekends as one of our key kitchen crew and is also active in the

K-Valley Chapter functions. Wyatt Carpenter has been a key youth officer in Downeast Chapter and has served at Ordeal and on Camp Hinds staff. Congratulations to all and be sure to join them this December at the Annual Banquet. 🍷



Lodge Staff “infects” NOAC....

by Aaron Greene, K-Valley Chief



Tom and “OH”: Lodge Secretary Tom Kester holds our lodge mascot on his perch during the parade of lodge flaps during Founders’ Day at NOAC.

This year, with some encouragement from Tom Thornton, I decided to serve on Staff at NOAC in the drumming/American Indian Affairs area. After picking up some stuff Tom drove all the way to East Lansing....15 hours later we arrived there at 10:30 PM on Thursday, which was obviously too late to register so we had to twist some arms so we could get a bed to sleep on! I was lucky enough to have air conditioning in my room...very few on campus did so it rocked! We got up on Thursday for breakfast and it was great food and since the dining hall was nice and empty, we knew the quiet would end soon but we took full advantage of an empty campus. Running around only with staff on campus is cool. Thursday was setup and the more important people on staff putting up signs and making sure it was ready for Friday when the lodge contingents started to arrive. I met the Chief of Section W-1A from Washington, which happens to be the Chief of Paul

Froman’s old section. East is Beast but he was a great guy so the West is not all bad. The contingents started to arrive on Saturday and all went down hill fast our slow empty campus started to fill with the excitement of the scouts. We had a meeting as the staff and the chief and vice chief of the nation talked to us and said how big this NOAC was gonna be, not just measured by the number of people who were attending but by the sheer number of training classes being offered. If you are interested in being staff than I would say go for it! There are so many committees that you can find something you like no matter what it is. Whether it is AIA, NOAC shows, finance, the service corps or the activities committee, it is such a chill time. You can serve your role on staff and you also get free time for you to experience the conference. I would not recommend you serve on staff at your first conference, but do give staff a try at some point. You get to meet a lot of people, so being on staff was awesome! It was a great time and I hope to see you all at the next NOAC in 2009.

Sign Up for the LDD...Flyer comes in September!

"Weld Tightly Every Link" theme for 2006

By Aaron Wiggin, Lodge Vice Chief & Nate Smith, Casco Bay Chapter



Now that the summer activities are coming to a close it's time to start looking to the future. Our lodges LLD is on its way and well its going to be great. This year is a little different in the fact that the event will be held off of scouting property at the Wavus Foundation in Jefferson on October 27th through the 29th. Now that the summer activities are coming to a close it's time to start looking to the future. Our lodges LLD is on its way and well its going to be great. Who knows what else will be different this year as we plan out the courses, fellowship and events. This years location will be on beautiful Damariscotta Lake. Friday night of course is going to be registration and cracker barrel. The next day participants will take part in various training cells and if you thought that was all your wrong.... Adults will also have the chance to take some adult only classes which should also be a good time. And of course no LLD would be complete without an afternoon service project followed by chapter competitions. We're going to have some awesome training programs, including a revamp of Elangomat training to be an extensive leadership course, some interesting ceremonies/Indian regalia sessions, and some awesome inter-chapter activities.

In the evening after Dinner will be the Saturday night show its my pleasure to announce that after hours of try to figure out what to do several arrowmen have given me the answer to my conundrum we will be bringing back beat the OA GEEKS if you know what this is then your getting ready for it rite now, for those of you that don't come prepared to do battle with those who wear pocket protectors and carry encyclopedias.

And finally the Sunday annual meeting and election of officers takes place right after breakfast. The lodge reviews its 2006 events and budget then moves onto the election of the 2007 officers. You need to be there cause every vote counts and you really should have a say on who becomes the next lodge leadership!



Bruce & J.T. Accept Service Award in D.C.

Once we heard about the National Service Award, we knew right then that Bruce would be taking a trip with J.T.Dabbs at a National scouting meeting in Washington, DC. It was a great affair as various lodges earning this honor throughout the nation were on hand for the presentations and fellowship.

Bruce & J.T. in DC: Both J.T. Dabbs (left) and Bruce (left center) stand with the National Vice Chief Chris Schildknecht (right center) and Northeast Region Chairman Randy Cline (right) after being presented with the National Service Award earlier this spring.



In 1990, the Order hosted it's 75th Anniversary Conference at Indiana University. One of the achievements at this conference was a revised Lodge Leadership Development program that was the predecessor of the one held today in virtually every lodge!



Speaking of NOAC, Indiana University has hosted more National Order of the Arrow Conferences than any other university!





At the 1926 11th anniversary meeting of the Order, a "first" in the history of the Order appeared. For the first time, the Grand Lodge authorized lodges to adopt a felt emblem as it's Second Degree totem, with an arrow superimposed on it. This is the first recorded approval of the use of what today we generically call patches, and is the forerunner of the lodge flap patch.



The "Spirit of the Arrow" booklets which are presented to candidates during their Ordeal and in preparation for Brotherhood, were first distributed after the 1971 National Conference

Summer Service Recap....

The OA Service Hour and Founder's Day provide continued camp wide improvement

By Paul Beaupre, Service Chairman



Founder's Day: Members of the Lodge help install a new post & rail fence around the back entrance to the Rotary Training Center during the Founder's Day project at Hinds!

Another great summer at camp, and a great show of service by the lodge during the weekly OA Service Hour and at the very warm Founder's Day work at Camp Hinds. We even were able to paint a few turtles on the benches/tables/fences we've built as a promotion to the lodge and the work we've accomplished at camp over the years! Projects included building and staining picnic tables, putting in a new fence in Tenny, installing a new roof at the BB range, fencing at the Archery/BB area, erosion control projects and digging a sump pit at Brownsea. It's also a chance to share brotherhood, help the Ranger and be with your fellow lodge members and attend camp (for those unable to spend a week with their troops) on a great summer night. To top it off, you got another one in the series of Service Hour flaps!



....and Ordeal/ Conclave Pictures!



Ceremonies & Service: Brotherhood Candidates (Above) participate in the ceremonies at the second spring Ordeal at Camp Hinds, while brothers (right) work diligently on the completion of the new waterfront desk. Below...well.... it's from Conclave but were not sure what they're celebrating!



NOAC and Conclave Shots!



That's "Mr. Price" to you: Casco Bay Chapter Adviser Arthur Price shows his distinguished side at NOAC as Lodge Vice Chief Aaron Wiggin looks on in disbelief!



You Can't Touch This: The 2006 contingent (above) poses for a picture after completing the Untouchables Tour in Chicago, one of the great adventures on our NOAC trip!



I'll have mine "medium well": Lodge Treasurer Andrew Rueger poses with Mr. Steak. We're still not sure what lodge Mr. Steak is representing, and that's probably a good thing!



A Trott of Rain: Lodge members stand outside the dining hall at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca waiting for lunch to be served at the NE-IA Conclave.



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“Oh on the Road” Check out the Lodge Mascot’s summer tour during the sideshow at the Fall ordeal!



The lodge leadership has committed to a contingent of at least 15 brothers to attend the 2008 Arrow Corps 5, the 2008 national service program. Watch for information in our next *Turtle Soup!*

Keep up to date with the lodge.....check out the best website in Section NE-IA at : <http://lodge.pinetrebsa.org>

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Lodge Calendar

Fall 2006 Update

- Sep 8 - 10 - Fall Ordeal - Camp Bomazeen
- Sep 10 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Sep 8-10 - NLS - Camp Alpine, NJ
- Oct 27-29 - LLD Weekend - Wavus Foundation - Jefferson
- Nov 17 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Nov 19 - **Annual Meeting & Election of Officers**
- Dec 2 - Lodge Annual Family Banquet - TBA

Remember - Watch your mail and our website for the registration flyer for the LLD!