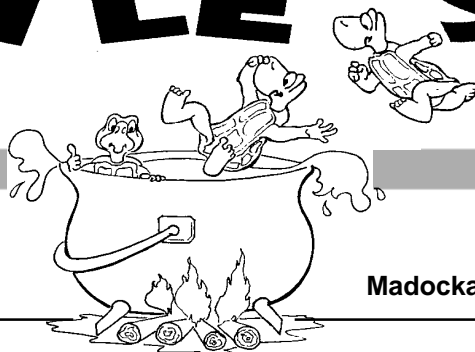


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Large Contingent for 2006 NOAC!

34 expected to attend as National expands the eligibility rules for Lodge Quotas

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

On an unusually warm Saturday in January, the lodge held its first meeting for those members who have registered to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Held at the new council service center, the 28 or so that attended began the steps necessary to plan and organize for this great summer trip. Right now, the Lodge has 26 confirmed registrants and 7 on the waiting list. The National Office will make some slots available after March 1st, so we are hoping that the other 7 get in! Spending just under a week at Michigan State University with what is predicted to be approximately 10,000 arrowman should be a wicked good time. Initial planning puts the crew flying out of Manchester and arriving for a day in Chicago. The members will then board an Amtrak train from Chicago to East Lansing, Michigan for the NOAC festivities. Those who attended this first meeting reviewed the travel itinerary and began planning activities for the day in Chicago and the arrival at NOAC. Youth members were



Bruce at the Podium: Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger discusses the initial plans to the members of the 2006 NOAC contingent at their first planning meeting in January.

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QLS a Day of National Updates/Training

By Dan Warner, Lodge Chief



Leadership Training: Devon Kierstead of Madockawanda Lodge (I) takes part in an exercise during the Quality Lodge Summit held in Portsmouth, NH.

Just over 20 brothers from the lodge attended the third annual Quality Lodge Summit held at the Portsmouth Community Center in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Members from all 7 lodges in our Section participated in a variety of training programs regarding membership retention, ceremonies, and also heard discussion groups on high adventure and the 2008 Arrow Corp 5! As Section Chief, our very own Paul Froman presided over the programs at this event, which included presentations from the National Order of the Arrow Chief Sean Murray. Youth leadership and training was central to the seminar, and part of the fun included meeting some of the Section, Region and National officers and advisers. One of the opening sessions had all the attendees split into "youth and adult" groups, where a variety of role playing exercises and comparisons made about the "good and bad traits" of each age group. The purpose.....to work on continuing to develop the interaction between youth and adults in the Order to promote the principles of Brotherhood, Leadership and Service. It was a great day of work and fellowship even with a snow squall thrown in for good measure. If you missed it, there's always next year!



Traditions at a Klondike Derby change over the years, but some date back to the actual derby traditions run by the dogsled teams in Alaska. Each troop within the council brings a dog sled, usually one that they have constructed as a troop project. The troop pulls their sled around the hosting campground, moving between stations, typically named after Alaskan towns, and demonstrates to the station-masters (also called 'mayors') their skill and knowledge on such topics as national history, ropework, knot-tying, proper use of tools, map-reading, and fire-building, and are awarded points, usually gold nuggets based on their performance. 🐢



Just a reminder but the deadline to register for the 2006 Section Conclave is quickly approaching. Coupons were in the last issue of Turtle Soup and can be obtained on the TS link on the lodge website!

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Klondike!!!

Members are active in the winter, both at unit elections and at the District Klondikes
Two Chapters give their reports.....

by Aaron Greene, K Valley Chapter
and Ian Hanley, Casco Bay Chapter



On the Trail! A brother from K-Valley Chapter works with a sled from a local troop during the 2006 Klondike Derby.

they and their kids would sleep well that night. A sincere thanks go out to all the K-Valley brothers who attended and helped, and the drum team!

Casco Bay Chapter: It was just past dawn in the early hours of Camp Hinds when a select group from the Casco Bay Chapter, Madockawanda Lodge lead over 300 scouts into the deep woods of Raymond to search for the illusive Yeti. The day was February 4th, the event was Klondike 2006. After months of planning the day of scout skills competition was on, and was it a Klondike for the ages. It started with a giant orienteering course, which took the 35 sleds on one of 30 courses. The course, which was the first station, was set up by Mike and Nate Smith, which lead each sled to their 2nd station. The remaining five stations combined different scout skills to test Casco Bay scouts in many different areas. The remain stations, fire building, "Traverse the Crevasses," "Himalayan Hill Climb" (first aid), search and rescue, and survival shelters all challenged the scouts while also tying into the theme of "In Search of the Yeti." The day was capped with a final hunt for the yeti, testing scouts knowledge of Camp Hind geography and Scouting history to find our yeti. Which was played by Nate Smith, who was dressed in a white gorilla suit. The day went well and in the end the final results were close. Troop 315 placed in 3rd, and Troop 800 placed in 1st and 2nd. The almost World Famous Chapter Food Station took in \$394.17 clearing \$260.13. This money will be used to put final touches on Patrick Campsite's new Lean To. We are currently making plans to have a BBQ & dedication ceremony this spring.

I would like to once again thank all those who helped in the planning and carrying out of this event; Kevin Wiacek, Brian Seitz, Nate and Mike Smith, all the stationmaster and staff, Arthur Price and John Trott Jr. 🐢

K-Valley Klondike: This Year at the K-Valley Klondike derby the drum was asked to be there and it was as we drummed for many hours that day. We achieved a goal and had the Cub Scouts up to do a dance thanks to Joe Rowden and Paul Froman who helped to keep the kids in line! The chapter also helped with setup of the handicap awareness booth that Bunny Wiggin ran which was awesome to see! Klondike participants had to unwrap a candy bar with huge gloves on and a blindfold and forks in there hands! A tough assignment no doubt and it was a great time to watch. We even got some cub scouts to play with us on the drum so that was good stuff. The dancing was awesome and the parents thanked us a lot for running them ragged and making sure both



Attention, Please! Casco Bay Chapter Chief Ian Hanley barks out instructions to the troops attending the 2006 Casco Bay Klondike Derby. To the left is Associate Chapter Adviser John Trott.



In originally working out the plans and details for the Order, the founders had planned two "Degrees" or "Honors" as they were later known. The First Degree corresponded to the Ordeal and Brotherhood combined, while the Second Degree corresponded to the Vigil Honor.



"You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of the Brotherhood. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four."

If YOU are an Ordeal member, you probably know that your eligible for Brotherhood membership in 2006. Take the time to seal your membership in the Order and register for this year's Brotherhood Conversion Ceremonies!



Are You Brotherhood?

Lodge to offer both Spring Ordeal Weekends and Selected Summer Camp nights for your conversion to Brotherhood! Clip this coupon and sign up for one night at either Spring Ordeals or on a Thursday evening during summer camp at Hinds.

2006 Brotherhood Registration At the Ordeals or at Summer Camp

Spring Ordeal (check one): # Hinds 6/3 ___ # 2 Hinds 6/17 ___

Summer Camp Dates: (circle one) 7/13 7/20 7/27 8/3 8/10

Fall Ordeal - 9/9

Name _____
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assigned research projects regarding Chicago landmarks and sites and will report back to the group at their next meeting in March. The time spent in Chicago will include a trip to the Navy Pier and hopefully the Sears Tower. Plans also include a trip to the gangster areas in Chicago! Final contingent patch and shirt designs are also expected to be decided at the March meeting. And this is over and above the actual flight and train arrangements for our group! At this juncture, we may even travel with the contingent from Pamola Lodge and have over 50 brothers in Chicago from Maine! Some of the unique opportunities at NOAC include the incredible dance and drum competitions, representing native american traditions from each area of our country. Spectacular evening shows which showcase the Order and the "leadership in service" it promotes. And the training is pretty good as well, from bead weaving of intricate headdresses to leadership in the lodge, it recharges your support for scouting and the Order. Don't forget the competitions, including track to ceremonies, the pressure is incredible, but the results are phenomenal! The National Order of the Arrow museum will also be on display, as will vendors from various camping and equipment companies, so there will be plenty to learn and do in 2006! With the larger contingents being allowed under the new formula from national, our lodge has taken it seriously and we look forward to the adventure!



First Glimpse! The National Office recently introduced the first patch being sent to contingent members for NOAC 2006. In fact, our lodge officers are wearing them, so check them out at our next lodge event!





The online OA Trading Post offers many unique items, such as a reproduction of the very first OA Handbook, originally printed in 1948. Very few originals exist, but you can have your reproduction for only \$10. Check out the national site and OA trading post by linking from our lodge website: <http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org>



Nationally during the 2004 year, 47,244 new members were inducted into Ordeal membership; 18,811 became Brotherhood members; and 2,458 members were recognized with the Vigil Honor.



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Lodge Earns Slot at West Point!

Only three groups from Maine invited to Scouting's West Point Camporee

By Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser

Madockawanda Lodge has been invited to participate in the 44th Annual West Point Camporee. The camporee will be held the weekend of May 5-7 on the grounds of the United States Military Academy. This is a real honor as only three units from Maine were selected this year. A possible itinerary would leave the late afternoon of May 4th (yes, you would have to miss school on the 5th) allowing for a tour of the academy and a visit to the museum. Following the tour you will travel to Camp Frederick where you and your equipment will be dropped off. You will then grab your gear and head over Bull Hill for a three-mile backpack. You will arrive at the base camp where you will be directed to our campsite. We applied for LiteFighter status, which means we will essential have an outpost camp away from the base camp. Each unit is assigned a cadet (who most-likely is an Eagle Scout or at least a Scout and some are young women) who will spend the weekend with you and with whom you can chat about life at the Academy, how to get in, and more. During the day you will participate in camporee activities. These activities include the water can relay, camouflage, leadership reaction course, canoeing, lash litter, stretcher carry, the Commissioner's Challenge and more. Other activities have included a sky-diving exhibition, infantry tactics demonstrations and military static displays (read, lots of weapons). There will be a competitive Cook-off for scout leaders. Competition also exists for the best over all "troop". The winner will earn the right to bring home an authentic cadet saber. Saturday night ends with a grand campfire. The camporee ends with a closing ceremony on Sunday morning that includes a parade of units reviewed by the Commandant of the Academy. It will be an opportunity not to be missed. We have not yet received the registration document, so cost is yet to be determined. If you want to go, please contact us as soon as possible as only 25 youth spaces are available. Did I mention that Venturing and Girl Scout units would be participating as well? Also, Cadets love girl scout cookies and trade them for military patches, ect...!!! For more information on the camporee go to <http://www.usma.edu/USCC/DCA/Clubs/scou/index.html>.



To My Brothers of the Lodge:

From the Chief

"Who will answer the call to serve?"



The election season is now well upon us, the most important part of the year for our Order. With the election of new members and the induction of them (through the Ordeal process) we continue to grow our Order as well as spread our cause. Our principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service are ones that all should know and be aware of. They are useful both in Scouting, but also in the real world. Through the induction of these new members we will pass our principles on to many generations to come. This is why I charge you all to go all out in this election season.

This is also a time of service. The University of Scouting is one of our biggest events of the year for service. With the upcoming Spring Camporees and Ordeals providing much time of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. These are great times to spread the word about our Order, show everyone why we are Scouting's National Honor Society. Let this be a time of fun and promotion. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

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

Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

K-Valley Chapter

Hello All, we are pleased to announce that k-valley had an awesome start to the year in service, at the Klondike, we had all together 24 brothers with 151 hours of service for the chapter . We had people from k-valley and from Casco Bay there to help us out, we drummed for a lot the kids loved it, the chapter teepee was there for show, and also helped with setup and take down of the event. We also had a great contingent go to the QLS and "the valley" lead an awe-inspiring ceremonies class! Many elected officers and appointed adult representatives attended, including the national chief, along with 2004 Banquet quest speaker Mark Chilluti. This list goes on. By the way, the lodge bracelets were available for the first time and many sold, so get them they are going fast! Next month we are planning on doing bowling as a chapter activity so yeah it will be awesome. We have a great start on the election season with many being elected already, and we already have a few troops that are asking for crossover ceremonies as well. With the new team that is being formed we should be able to knock them out with the accuracy of robin hood in Archery! By the way, the meeting place has changed to the Hilltop Church in Oakland, but the same time and place. So I hope to see you all at the upcoming events and Keep up the good work K-Valley-ers.

Aaron Greene

Casco Bay Chapter

Casco Bay is continuing to role in election season with a few successful elections having already taken place. We organized and ran a very successful Klondike Derby, which had over 300 scouts attend. With the coming of the spring Casco Bay has been planning various service projects throughout the chapter, which has been boosted with the role of Chapter Service and Activities Chairman Brian Seitz. The chapter has a strong slate of events planned, and is looking towards the spring for continued service to Casco Bay.

Ian Hanley

York Chapter

York Chapter has been thriving this year. Our election season has jumped to an excellent start. Many troops have held elections and more are to come. York chapter will be holding Elangomat training this coming March, and is currently working on encouraging Brotherhood Conversion among its members, however our main focus is on election training. Our slate of officer is followed up by outstanding committees such as Community Service, Fund Raising, Activities, and Ceremonies. March and April look to be great months and I strongly encourage all York members to answer the call by attending the meetings.

Jared Cascio

Abnaki Chapter

The Abnaki Chapter is very busy with crossovers and elections. We also had fun helping out during the Klondike. The chapter is planning on attending the university of scouting, and planning for future camporees. For those of you who don't know when the chapter meets we meet every second Wednesday of every month. At these meetings we discuss upcoming events and we plan for crossovers and elections. Everyone should really try to make the meetings. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, March 8th.

Nick Bouyea



Another interesting tidbit from the 2004 National Order of the Arrow report... 166 lodges (53.7%) qualified for National Quality Lodge recognition. 230 lodges (74.4%) met the Order's 30% Brotherhood Conversion



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Carroll A. Edson helped E. Urner Goodman research the lore and language of the Delaware Indians who had inhabited Treasure Island, which they combined with characters from James Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans", to develop dramatic induction ceremonies for the "Order of the Arrow", as the fledgling honor society was soon dubbed. Both Goodman and Edson were Masons, and thus it is not surprising that a certain similarity between some aspects of OA and Masonic ceremonies is also apparent.



Casco Bay Chapter set to complete Patrick Lean-to Reconstruction!

by Arthur Price, Casco Bay Adviser



Chapter Service: A picture from last fall after Casco Bay completed the new lean-to at Patrick campsite. A few finishing touches are planned for the Spring of 2006! (photo by Mr. Arthur Price).

I've had the desire to remodel/rebuild the Lean To at Patrick Campsite since 2000. My own Troop uses this campsite during week three of summer camp. I had talked to Ranger Bob and other adults that summer and we agreed Bob would work with a couple of the adults and create a set of plans we could use. The idea was to ensure all future buildings at campsites would be of the same design. With a Vigil Name of "Amendchewagan Lachxowileno", STUBBORN CAPTAIN, I could not give up. With the help of Tom Parenteau who was working at summer camp in 2005, we were able to obtain a set of plans from Ranger Bob. It turned out to be roughly the same design as the cabin at Byrd Campsite. Once we had the design and location set, I submitted the plans and pictures of Byrd's cabin to my boss William Risbara to get us a quote from Hancock Lumber. The quote came back at \$1,500.00 +/- . Even though the Chapter only had about \$452.00 in the bank we agreed to go for it. I received a phone call on Wed Aug 31st from Hancock Lumber wanting to know were they could drop the lumber.

Bob told us to drop the lumber off in the parking lot by Patrick. I was told the lumber would be there on Fri the 2nd but it was not delivered until the following Friday. We all know what Friday that was. I had been talking with Matt Fadden and JP Parenteau and they both agreed to be there to start work on Saturday morning. With the help of numerous Arrowmen and friends we were able to tear down the old Lean To and start erecting the new one. Great gains were made that weekend and over the next month Tom Parenteau his father JP and grandfather Robert made numerous trips back to Hinds to finish enclosing the Lean To prior to the first snow. We still need to put screening on back window and attach a door on the front. Also would like to get some bunk beds made for it. Once all the bills started coming in, I learned Risbara Bros. and Hancock Lumber worked out a deal agreeing to donate all the materials. We are now planning a dedication ceremony May 13th with a BBQ. The Chapter will invite all who helped along with representatives from Risbara & Hancock. I would personally like to thank all the Arrowmen who took the time to stop by and help out with this great project. A special thanks to Matt Fadden, Tom Parenteau & JP Parenteau.

Trading Post Getting Ready for Spring!

by Andrew Rueger, Lodge Treasurer



Well, the leadership has met and we've come up with some new ideas for the lodge in 2006. First of all, look for our new purple bracelets in 2006! They are Da Bomb, so they say! First it was the purple epaulets that took the OA world by storm, then there were the boxer. What else could we get Mark Chalutti, the National Committee member who spoke at our banquet in 2004 to fall in love with? Well it would be a wonderful purple wrist band! See the most excellent picture at the right. From there, you may ask....were do we go?

Well, based upon input from the members who attended the January Lodge Executive Committee meeting in Portland, we are heading our way to a fleece pull over of some sort. And I would absolutely assume that Mark will want one! I mean.....he even got excited about a purple Waterville Hockey jacket my dad had on at QLS! The lodge will also offer it's traditional lodge trader flaps and the great, fully embroidered 2-piece NOAC flap! We look forward to having you at our Spring events, including at the University of Scouting in March and the Ordeals! So, plan on bringing a few extra bucks to these events and make sure you stay current with all the lodge items!



Wear the Band Proudly: Here is a group shot of the new purple lodge bracelets which are currently available at the Turtles Trading Post!

Ordeals, Service & Planning set for April 29th

By Paul Beaupre, Service Chair

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29th as the Lodge will hold its annual Ordeal Planning Conference at the Council Service Center in Portland. I am working on finding a community service project for the completion of our lodge community service requirements, A few ideas have been circulated from people already, such as a form of coats for kids, food drive for local food pantries and trail work for local state parks in different areas. If any one has any other ideas please let me know and I will gladly talk it over with you.

I have a small working list of project that would be the most benefaction to the OA and the opening and operation of Camp Hinds this season.

1. The Meditation area is going to be number one on the list of thing to finish this year. Because it has been approved and is expected to be done by a cretin time according to the LEC.
2. Brush clean up and chipping is going to be a very big one in the center of camp and around the camp sites. The wind storm that camp had was very devastating and has brought down a lot of debris.
3. Working on the fences around camp that had been hit by falling tree limbs and broken the in many different places. The waterfront is going to need two fences worked on in the boating area and the main water front.



Ceremonies with the Cubs! Casco Bay Chapter ceremonies team after a crossover for PAck 800 of Raymond. The back row is (l to r) is John Shively and Steve Clark, and the front row (l to right) is Brian Seitz, Ian Hanley, and Christian Gordan. (photo courtesy of Ian Hanley)

There will be other projects to be added after the walk though of camp and the OPC (ordeal planning conference) I will hopefully have them for discussion at the next LEC. I am already making my yearly list of service hours for the silver tomahawk. If any other chapters have service reports including the number of brothers and hours they worked I will be more then happy to add them to me list. As of right now we have:

1. KV Klondike derby with 25 at 8 hours
2. CB Klondike derby with 15 at 8 hours

Please add to my list so we can get it all in and added up. I look forward to seeing you all at the University of scouting and at the OPC. Come ready to work!

LEC Report..... _____ *by Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary*

The Lodge Executive Committee met on January 14, 2006 at the PTC Service Center to discuss beginning of another year for the lodge. But before the LEC happened, the NOAC Contingent Meeting took place. The Brothers attending NOAC got to see a promotional video of NOAC along with information and sites to see in Chicago.

The LEC discussed the upcoming University of Scouting to be held at CMCC in Auburn, the new grant that the lodge received from National for the renovation of Camp Bomazeen, and about the upcoming election season. Members from the LEC were also informed about attending QLS, Quality Lodge Summit in Portsmouth, NH, and time was allotted for presentations to those Brothers who had earned the Leadership in Service Award. The next meeting of the LEC and NOAC Contingent was on Mar. 4, 2006.



If you want to read an interesting story on the links between Scouting, the Order of the Arrow, and Freemasonry, check out this web article: <http://www.100megsfree4.com/stimso/oa1.htm>



Get a former Lodge member to register! That's right....now's the time to check with your fellow scouts and scouters and ask them... "Have you paid your lodge dues for 2006?" If not, coupons are available as a download on the lodge website, or just print out the January-February issue of Turtle Soup, and voila! Check out the lodge website at: www.lodge.pinetreebsa.org



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Have you had your Troop Election this Year?
Remember, the deadline for unit election is April 30th!



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Lodge Calendar

Mid Winter 2006 Update

- 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
- Apr 30 - **** **Unit Election Season Ends** ****
- May 6th - Deadline for Unit Election Submission
- Jun 2-4 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- Jul 29 -Aug 3 - 2006 NOAC - Michigan State University

Have you sealed your membership in the Order? Register for your Brotherhood this Spring at Camp Hinds!