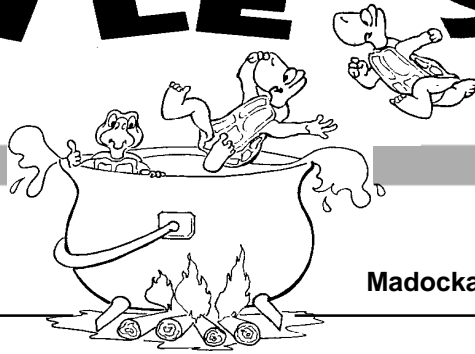


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Wiggin Elected Chief for 2007

Stephen Molina, Matt Allaire and Chris Peterson newly elected as Officers

By Stephen Molina, Lodge Vice Chief
and Ian Hanley, Casco Bay



Our 2007 Officers (l to r): Lodge Chief Aaron Wiggin, Lodge Secretary Matt Allaire, Lodge Treasurer Chris Peterson, and Lodge Vice Chief Steve Molina.

Over 80 brothers congregated in China, ME to make the 2006 LLD weekend a success. Service, training, parties, and the usual amount of free stuff filled this weekend to the brim. The weekend got off to a good start with a Hawaiian theme party and a movie on Friday night. Saturday morning and afternoon training seminars included several ceremonies-based sessions, a double helping of elangomat cells, history of the order, an interesting and unconventional seminar on camp promotion, and several adult training sessions put on by Mike Mirisola. After lunch, we threw ourselves at a trail and rid it of brush, saplings, and, thanks to Matt Randall, some small trees, despite the fact that our tools consisted of only 2 pairs of shears, a hatchet, and an axe. The return of the OA game show on Saturday night greatly contributed to the feeling of friendly competition and brotherhood that permeated the weekend. At this years LLD we had the always fun election of officers. This year was filled with a lot of competition at the polls. The order of business was the election for Chief. The nominees for Chief this year were Dan Warner and Aaron Wiggin. Each gave his speech and the

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Banquet and Casco Bay - A great Match!

Tom Kester and Tracy Wiggin presented Founders' Awards in Portland

By Matt Allaire, Lodge Secretary

This year's banquet was great, with many awards awarded and excellent food eaten. Eric & Paula Schildroth prepared and served the meal, and with full bellies, and, some of us, perhaps, less full minds, we moved onto the main attraction - guest speaker Kameel Farag, who spoke about the values we carry on in life from the Order. Next up, outgoing Chief Dan Warner bestowed the Chief's Bonnet on our 2007 Lodge Chief, Aaron Wiggin. The prestigious Founder's Award was given to Tom Kester and Tracy Wiggin, for outstanding service to the Lodge, and the Purple Arrow was awarded to Jo Wiley. The Purple Arrow, as you

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Chiefly Speaking: Former Madockawanda Lodge Chief Kameel Farag, currently serving in the military, was the keynote speaker at the 2006 lodge annual family banquet.





Statistics are in from the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference. It was the largest conference ever with over 8,000 attendees....with over 300 lodges attending (all registered lodges were represented...a first for a NOAC), that means that the average lodge brought about 23 members to Michigan State University!



The first bylaws of the National Order were created at a meeting of the membership on June 2, 1916 at the Philadelphia Scout Office. It was titled the First Constitution of Unami Lodge.



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AIA Weekend Set for Waterville

January 19th -20th set for Native American Fellowship Weekend with Pamola Lodge

By Aaron Greene, AIA Chairman

For the third year, Madockawanda Lodge is again collaborating with our Brothers to the north, Pamola Lodge, to host a statewide American Indian Activities weekend. For 2007, we have invited all members from our Section and we expect a great turnout. Training includes Native American drumming, dancing, as well as OA ceremony work. A highlight will be an encore presentation of "Living your Character" presented by Ian Hanley. Other classes will range from proper regalia for ceremonies based on the traditions located in our area, including dance outfits of all styles. Members from Pamola Lodge will present dancing in the Old Style and Grass Dance varieties during the weekend. AIA weekend will be held on Jan 19-21 and it will be located at the Waterville Armory. We also have some recreational activities planned including an open gaming period for video games and inter-lodge activities including volleyball. During the evening, a special Pow Wow will be held with dancing where all are welcomed to participate. Drumming and singing will be featured, including



AIA Logo: Here is the artwork and patch for the 2007 AIA weekend!

a veterans honor song along with many traditional and fun songs to get you moving! This event is in our backyard which means we should have a better turnout than Pamola so let's make that happen sign up and sign up fast. With any luck, this will be the biggest and best AIA weekend the state of Maine has seen ever.



Ceremony Work: Members of the lodge stage the pre-ordeal ceremony during the ceremonial evaluation session at the LLD.



Members Approve One but Reject Second Bylaw Change

\$3 dues late fee eliminated but lodge maintains current election procedures

by Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

At the Annual Meeting of the Lodge held at the LLD, lodge membership rejected a proposal to tie election balloting to the number of youth each chapter has in attendance at the annual meeting, but easily passed a motion to eliminate our \$3 dues late fee. Despite the Section adopting this new election procedures for Section Officers, our lodge voted to protect the right of weaker chapters to cast 10 votes for each election or bylaw motion. However, strong sentiment eliminated the late fee which had been in effect in the lodge for some time. Members will now allowed to pay the annual \$10 dues at any time during the lodge year.





With the recent passing of former President Gerald Ford, the country lost one of it's former leaders, but did you know that Mr. Ford was the only president that also was an Eagle Scout?



The Purple Arrow has been presented to the following supporters of Madockawanda Lodge:

- 1996 - Alice Keene
- 2000 - Mickey Hinkley
- 2003 - Hussey Seating
- 2003 - Jacques Hobbs & the Unity Community
- 2006 - Jo Wiley



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chapters caucused for 5 minutes. Finally came the voting and with a small margin, Aaron Wiggin of K-Valley Chapter, and our current Vice Chief was elected as our chief. Next came the election for Vice Chief. The nominees for Vice Chief this year were Matt Allaire and Stephen Molina. After each spoke of their goals, each chapter caucused. With that came the voting where everyone learned that "Casco Bay can be applied directly to the forehead", as well as who this year's Vice Chief would be.

As it turned out, Stephen Molina defeated Matt Allaire for this "second in command" position. On to the election of Secretary, where the nominees were Matt Allaire and Chris Peterson. Once again the speeches and the caucus. Despite some folly over whether Paul Beaupre belonged in York or Casco Bay chapter, Matt Allaire scooted past Chris Peterson for Secretary. Finally came the elections for Treasurer. As with our other elections, discussions were rampant



Leadership in Service: A group of Vigil Honor recipients from our lodge pose on the hill overlooking China Lake right after an early morning rededication at the 2006 LLD.

and the nominees for Treasurer were Chris Peterson and James Wiley. With each candidate's words of wisdom and after the caucus came the voting. Chris Peterson passed James Wiley for the Treasurer position. The 2007 officers had been picked and fun was had by all. With that everyone finally went home and thus began the planning for the 2007 lodge year!

Purple Arrow Presented to Jo Wiley!

Council Receptionist has graciously served lodge membership needs!

The Purple Arrow Award was originally created in 1996 to recognize individuals or groups who are not members of the Order for outstanding service to our lodge. Prior to 2006, it had only been presented on four occasions. However, with this year's presentation to Jo Wiley, the lodge has certainly recognized a wonderful supporter of our cause and of scouting in general. Anyone who has entered the Council office knows of Jo and her great smile and wonderful personality. Those who have served in leadership and adviser positions in the lodge know of her helpful ways and the numerous times she has assisted our lodge with registration material, *Turtle Soup* processing and mailing, handling the payments for lodge events, and directing those who just need a little guidance. Congratulations, Jo...you are a great friend!



Jo at the Desk: Council Receptionist Jo Wiley...our "savior" at the council office!

Banquet

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may or may not know, is awarded to individuals who serve the Lodge, but *are not* a part of the Lodge. It is not awarded every year, but only when the Lodge meets someone deserving of the honor. Certainly this year's presentation is well deserved and provides a modest "thank you" to a great friend. The Banquet closed with the OA Song, and a rush for those members who attended to pay their dues. If you haven't paid your dues by now, especially with the lower price, now is a very good time to do so!



At the 1960 Annual meeting of the National Order of the Arrow committee, it was noted that there remained 26 councils throughout the country that did not have a Lodge!



In 1976, the national committee created the new "modern" Indian design that became the symbol of the Order, mainly serving as a jacket backpatch. Most of us refer to this design as the "flaming nun."



From the Chief

"A New Year Brings new Duties"



To My Brothers of the Lodge:

Hello and welcome, I would first like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to lead you into the coming year. I know with your help much will be accomplished.

I would like take this time to encourage you to think outside the box and to bring new ideas to every meeting. We need to be better and more aggressive in attaining our goals then ever before.

The past year has been amazing and the next one promises to be even better. It will take the dedication of the youth and adult members of our great lodge to accomplish this objective. Our first major goal is to have a successful election and unit visitation season, so please serve on an election team in your chapter. I have said it before and will say it many more times, the many awards, hours of service, and successful membership growth was not the work of one man alone but the joining together of many brothers to accomplish the main goal in our order - Unselfish Service.

As we approach this our year I would ask you to remember the ties that bind us one to each other and find the true meaning of Brotherhood.

Yours in Brotherhood

Aaron Wiggin

Lodge Chief 2007

Ceremonies....calling all interested!

Youth encouraged to attend and participate in lodge ceremony work

By Ian Hanley, Ceremony Chair

Ceremonies blew away the ordeals in 2006, and its only going to be better in 2007! The best part is that we want you to be part of it. If you have an interest in anything ceremonies, whether it is regalia, portraying any of the four principles, or just making awesome fires as a techie there's something for you. Whether you have no experience at all, are a seasoned chapter ceremonialist, or a self-declared expert like Nate Smith, we've got a place for you. It takes a lot of work to put on a great ceremony at an Ordeal weekend, so we are looking for those who are interested in serving the lodge through ceremony work. If you have any interest at all in ceremonies e-mail me at:

ian.hanley@yahoo.com.



The not so sweet smell of success: Ian Hanley (l) and Nate Smith work on making deer toe rattlers for the ceremony team.

We will be starting monthly practices in January and continuing through the months of the Ordeals.



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Casco Bay Chapter

Casco Bay has had a resounding year. Ceremonies, elections, Yetis, root beer, and pizza parties flavored our 2006 season. This season, Casco Bay gained new 44 new members (the highest in the lodge), and we also led the way in conversions, with 19 members gaining brotherhood membership. Between ceremonies, unit elections, and our save-a-scout telethon, we racked up a total of 182 service hours in the 2006 season. Our chapter boasted an even bigger contingent at the 2006 LLD, where we brought home the proverbial bacon in the OA Game Show. As the 2006 season draws to a close, Casco Bay would like to extend an endearing thanks to Arthur Price, Chapter Advisor many years in the running. Our plans for '07? An off the wall Klondike, a bigger and better ceremonies team, the continuation of our service to camp through maintenance and upgrades of the Patrick Campsite at Camp Hinds during our first annual service to camp weekend, and, of course, more parties. We look forward to sharing 2007 with you as Casco Bay continues to lead the way.

Nate Smith

Downeast Chapter

We recently held our annual election of Officers for 2007 at December's Roundtable. The new Officer's are Chapter Chief - Wyatt Carpenter 785-4607, Vice-Chief (Membership) Jeff Rhoads 837-3774, Vice-Chief (Ceremonies) David Varnum 443-6737, Secretary - Shawn Turner 832-7681 and '07 OA Banquet Chair - Tyler Totten 666-5542. Discussion was then held on next year's plans. Jeff did a tremendous job last year with the election cycle and is planning a super job this year as well. Scoutmasters please call either Jeff or me to schedule your unit's election. Part of the Ceremonies team assisted at a recent Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony - thanks go to Cody Mauro for assisting me and to Rodney Gagnon for requesting us - The ceremony went well and was well received by the audience. DownEast is planning an awesome year and striving toward Honor Chapter.

Wyatt Carpenter

York Chapter

York Chapter held elections at December's meeting. The results were Caleb Frederick, Chief; Matt McAdam, Vice Chief; Jeff Molina, Secretary; and Sean Knight, Treasurer. The York Chapter Ceremonies team has been asked to perform at some crossovers in the up coming months. We plan to host a city at this year's Klondike Derby. Congratulations to newly elected officers.

Caleb Frederick

K-Valley Chapter

K-Valley participated in many good events in 2006 and our chapter and it's troops elected a lot of new members to the lodge. I think we as a chapter elected the second largest amount, and we'd like to strive for the most in 2007, so please sign up for an election team and attend our chapter meetings. This is now the end of my reign as chief so I will turn over the plans for the year ahead to the new Chief of K-Valley chapter, Mr. Andrew Mudie.

Aaron Greene

Abnaki Chapter

Congratulations go out to the recently elected Chapter officers from Abnaki Chapter: Paul Saucier was elected Chief, Brandon Roberts was elected Vice-Chief, and Jimmy Vachon was reelected as Secretary. The chapter will be working on elections and unit visitations during the upcoming winter months and will support the upcoming camp promotion night to be held on January 23rd, so please join us at the Chili Supper!

Jules Trangemontagne



In 1996 it was reported that Order of the Arrow Lodges, on average, provided financial support to their councils of approximately \$1,000 per year and provided approximately 30,000 man hours per year...the equivalent of hiring 15 full-time employees!



Did you know that there is a very active organization that supports Native American involvement in the Scouting movement? The American Indian Scouting Association is an organization of more than 150 tribes and nations! You can find out more about this organization at their website: americanindianscouting.org





The 2007 National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) will be held from July 28 to August 1 at Indiana University. The purpose of this gathering is to train key lodge leaders for ArrowCorps5 and to present the order's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.



Our lodge will be represented at the NCLS as it is expected that every lodge's Key 3 (lodge chief, lodge adviser, and lodge staff adviser) will attend this event. Our lodge is also planning on sending a contingent to the 2008 ArrowCorps5 program at the Bridger-Teton National forest. Watch for more information in our next Soup!



Lodge to Again Serve at University of Scouting

By Aaron Wiggin, Lodge Chief



The 2007 University of Scouting is right around the bend and nearly everything is in place for a great day on March 24th at CMCC. Once again the lodge will be hosting the OA Studies program. More classes have been added and this year you'll be able to take classes from the various other sections, including Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturing/ Explorer and General Studies. Here are the classes lined up for the OA Studies, so watch for the upcoming flyer:

Brotherhood conversion (OA1) Ready to seal your membership in the Order? This class will review the steps needed to prepare for Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow.

The OA in Cub Scouting (OA2) Cub Scouts are future Boy Scouts (& OA Members). Arrowmen and Scouters who attend will learn how they can best serve Cub Scouts and their Packs effectively to help Cub Scouting remain strong for the future. For all scouters.

Extended Elangomat (OA3) Ready to find out what an elangomat has to do after the ordeal? This class will review ways to make sure members of your clan learn the meaning of Brotherhood in the Order.

Scoutreach (OA4) Ready to learn about Scouting in urban areas? This class will review what the OA as well as Scouters in general can do to help ensure a long and great future for the program. For all Scouters.

Eastern Woodland Native Americans (OA5) This session will cover history, culture and other interesting subjects and stories of the Eastern Woodland Native Americans. This is sure to be one session in the College of OA Studies not to miss.

OA Troop/Team Rep (OA6) What is an OA Troop/Team Rep? This session will help to teach you the basics of the Troop Rep program, their role in your unit, the advantages of having one and how to appoint one in your troop or team. For all scouters.

What is the OA anyway? (OA7) What is the Order of the Arrow? How do I become a member? How does my troop hold an election? Learn what the OA is, how to become a member and find out what the OA can do for your unit. For all scouters.

History of the OA and Madockawanda Lodge (OA8) This session will review the vast and rich history of the OA. We'll look at national as well as local Lodge history, traditions, growth and changes.

I hope to see you at the Central Maine Community College on March 25th where selfless service comes together as one! Let's show our council the true meaning of brotherhood.



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LLD and Banquet Shots to Remember...



Not Considered Class A Attire: Abnaki Chapter Secretary Jimmy Vachon poses in his "Sunday Best" at the LLD!



The Host Chapter: It's all smiles as members from Casco Bay Chapter enjoy the festivities at the annual banquet. Why is Mr. Trott so happy???



Founders' Award: Tracy Wiggin (far left) reads his Founders' Award Certificate after being presented with this honor by (l to r) Founder's Award Adviser Henry Zwetsloot, Lodge Chief Dan Warner, and Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger. Youth recipient and outgoing Lodge Secretary Tom Kester was unable to attend.



Not Considered Class A Behavior: Lodge Associate Adviser for Publications Carl Gagnon stands on a ladder to make a point during the "History of the OA" presentation at the LLD weekend!



Measured in Years of Service: Some of our more "seasoned" members share a table at this year's banquet. Quite a bald spot there, Mr. Wood!!!



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Congratulations to Jo Wiley, Pine Tree Council Receptionist on her being presented with the Purple Arrow Award at the 2006 Lodge Banquet!

*Ring in the New Year by keeping up with lodge events at our website:
<http://lodge.pinetreetsa.org>*

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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2007 Update

- Jan 14 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - Council
- Jan 19-21 - AIA Weekend - Waterville
- Feb 1 - **Unit Election Season Begins**
- Feb 3 - Quality Lodge Summit - Portsmouth 10 AM
- Mar 4 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Mar 24 - University of Scouting
- Apr 27-29 - National Leadership Seminar - Hidden Valley
- Apr 30 - **Unit Election Season Ends**

Winter Reminder - Schedule your 2007 Unit Election and Troop Visitation early!