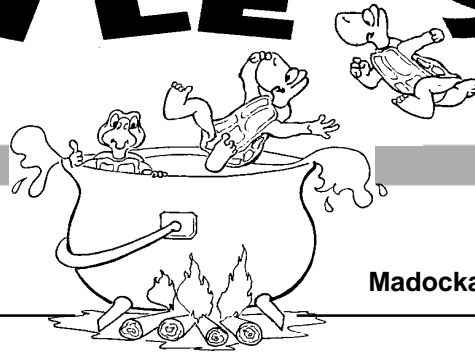


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Order of the Arrow



Madockawanda Lodge #271



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## Bomazeen Hosts Vigil and Founders Day

*Six members bestowed with Vigil Honor at Belgrade Camp*

By Ian Hanley, Vigil Chief

Thunderstorms rolled through the Belgrade Lakes region before leaving a beautiful evening at Camp Bomazeen on July 6<sup>th</sup> where six of our Brothers undertook the Vigil. This year's recipients of the Vigil Honor were; Nick Bouyea (AB), Nate Smith (CB), Kevin Jewett (DE), Scott Adams (KV), Scott Bernier (KV), and Dave Sinclair (Y). All of whom have made an impact of cheerful service in our lodge, chapters, and council and a promise of future leadership in our lodge.



Some have been Chosen: The 2007 Vigil Class pose at the Ceremony site at Camp Bomazeen (l to r) Kevin Jewett, Scott Bernier, Nick Bouyea, Nate Smith, Scott Adams and Dave Sinclair.

Congratulation to each one and everyone is invited to the 2007 Lodge Banquet for the presentation of Vigil certificates. On the morning of July 7<sup>th</sup> more members of Madockawanda Lodge descended on Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade for the second part of the weekend....that of Founders' Day. Directed by Bomazeen Ranger Steve Craig, we moved row boats, canoes, kayaks, and other equipment

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## Ceremonies Add Flare to Spring Ordeals

*Team Bites Down, Overcomes Broken Bow to Win Section Pre-Ordeal Contest!*

By Ian Hanley, Ceremonies Chair



In Full Regalia: Members of the 2007 Madockawanda Lodge Ceremony Team pose at the Spring Conclave (l to r): Stephen Molina, Nate Smith, Ian Hanley and Chris Peterson.

After multiple spring practices and months of preparation, the lodge ceremonies team has begun a busy summer. In the spring our chapter teams performed crossovers and Arrow of Light ceremonies throughout Pine Tree Council. Many of our chapters performed Call-Outs at their District Camporee and other events. The Hinds Spring ordeals were extremely successful. Nate Smith, Chris Peterson, Ian Hanley, Stephen Molina, and Paul Froman did an great job performing four Ordeal ceremonies, and Mike Mikrut and John Trott III

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In the 1916 Constitution and bylaws of the Order, there was no mention of a sash being utilized as part of the ceremony or included as part of the insignia of the *Wimachtendienk*. However, in the early days of the Order, members did wear and are pictured with a black sash with a white stripe running length wise. 🐢



When Goodman established the honor camper program at treasure island, it was to "perpetuate the traditions and ideals of the camp from season to season." It was to be a camp society, but it grew to be much more than that! 🐢

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## Lodge Dominates at Section Conclave

Members and Lodge Newsletter again rule NE-1A!

By Aaron Wiggin, Lodge Chief



Turtle Contingent: The 42 brothers who attended the section conclave from Madockawanda Lodge pose for a group shot during Saturday's activities at TL Storer Scout Reservation.

With Motswetuset Lodge hosting the 2007 Section Conclave at TL Storer Scout Reservation in Barnstead and with an expected turnout of over 400 scouts and scouters alike, one had to wonder how our approximately 40 participants would do in the various fellowship activities and friendly competitions. Well, I'm glad to report that we achieved some impressive "heights" on the June weekend! The lodge again took home the Silver Tomahawk award as the lodge providing the most service to it's council. That represents the 11th year

(out of 12 years the award has been in existence) that our lodge has earned this great award. Congratulations also go out to our ceremony team for their work in winning the pre-Ordeal competition, *Turtle Soup* for again capturing the "Best Section Newsletter" award, and to Phil Taschereau and Henry Zwetsloot for their culinary expertise in dominating the "Iron Chef" competition! Our lodge also garnered a second place award for it's website design but finished a disappointing 6th (out of seven lodges) in the annual Healy Cup competition. Despite breaking a many year streak of having a section officer elected from our lodge this year, we made up in this category by learning of the appointment of Matt Randall as Section Staff Adviser, replacing the long serving Rick Rioppelle in that role, and Mike Mirisola being appointed as an Associate Section Adviser. 🐢

## Service Hour at Summer Camp

Service Hour, Brotherhood Conversion and "OA Day" round out Lodge at Hinds!

by Wayne Holden, York Chapter

The ninth year of the OA Service Hour will be completed by the time you read this article, but the fellowship and service provided to Camp Hinds and the summer properties staff is impressive! As always, it was well attended by scouts and troops who attended summer camp, but also visited by those Brothers not fortunate enough spend a week on the shores of Panther Pond. Some of the work completed during this year's Service Hour included clearing a trail for mountain biking, staining picnic tables, replacing some retaining walls by Patrick and Baden Powel campsite, helping to prepare for Casco Bay Day Camp by assisting in the set up of the Cub BB range all the way to helping fill an old latrine pit as well as general brush and wood clean up.

Lodge members also helped rebuild the campfire ring near Bates cabin and helped clear an area for a new COPE element. All in all it was another very productive OA Service Hour Program!

A bit late now!  
Here's the 2007 version of the OA Service Hour Patch. All who participated at Camp Hinds got one of these beauties!





The original induction ceremony contained three distinct steps: A demonstration of Brotherhood by attempting to encircle with outstretches arms a large tree trunk. One brother could not achieve this task, but for two people, it was an easy matter. Secondly, a principle of Service by attempting to climb a steep hill. Failing this, a candidate is then assisted by an officer of the council fire. Finally, the candidate is given a bundle of small twigs and told to place them on the council fire. This demonstrated Cheerfulness.



During the National Committee meeting held in Pittsburgh in 1937, a decision was made to develop a certificate to be presented to Vigil Honor members. Not only did this apply to all new Vigils beyond 1937, but each Vigil member who was bestowed this honor prior to 1937 and had a known address received a signed certificate!

# Founders' Day

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from the waterfront building to make room for coming events at Camp by moving them into the trading post/camp office area under the dining hall. We then moved a large amount of brush and branches which fell on or near the road during spring storms. This years Founder's Day was attended by ten Brothers; Josh Shean, Wayne Holden, Steve Craig, Bruce Rueger, Ian Hanley, John Wood, Irene LeClaire, Connor Pillsbury, Kelly Pillsbury, and Priscilla Adams. This year's event was a success for those who came, and I would invite more people to come next year and join in the spirit of service as to which our Order is founded.

## Ceremony Flair

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joined Nate, Ian, and Stephen did two Brotherhood ceremonies between the two ordeals. At the 2007 Section NE-1A Conclave, Madockawanda ceremonies defeated Moswetuset Lodge's ceremonies to win the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Contest in front of a large crowd of Purple Turtle faithful. This summer, the Ceremonies team has called on people from all corners of the Lodge to perform Brotherhood Conversions each Thursday at Camp Hinds, immediately following the Service Hour. The Ceremonies team will be working with the Lodge Drum & Dance Committee in producing an "Indian Village" for October's Council Camporee, as well as creating the Saturday evening show. If you are interested in joining the Ceremonies Team, Tech Crew, doing Brotherhood Conversions, or helping with the Council Camporee please go to [www.seekthefire.org](http://www.seekthefire.org) and click on "Contact Us."

## NLS 2007:

### Training, Fellowship, and Purple

*By Matt Allaire, Lodge Secretary*

The Lodge sent three of its Arrowmen to the Northeast Region's second National Leadership Seminar for 2007. Considering the proximity to Maine and not wanting to make that long trip to Camp Alpine, our group took advantage since the weekend-long event was held at Hidden Valley Scout Camp in New Hampshire, and was a weekend of learning, fun, and fellowship. Lodge Vice Chief Stephen Molina, Lodge Secretary Matt Allaire, and Casco Bay Chief Nate Smith attended the weekend, and experienced the equivalent of a week's worth of training - in what amounted to a day and a half. Training session included Situational Leadership, Keep Your Eyes On The Prize, and a game of OA Jeopardy on Saturday night, which we came very close to winning! National Chief Evan Chaffee flew across the country from Orange County, California to help out as a table guide and keynote speaker. We seized the day and purpled both him and Region Chief Ken Hager, sharing our favorite color and way of life with them. Another NLS will run this fall at Camp Alpine in New Jersey - talk to your Chapter Chief about attending this incredible leadership training opportunity!



*Purple at the Top! National Order of the Arrow Chief Evan Chaffee proudly displays one of our purple "tabs" on the epaulet of his Scout Uniform at the National Leadership Seminar!*



The Grand Lodge of the Order was formed in October 1921 and the National Committee began. In 1922, the *Wimachtendienk W.W.* becomes and official program experiment of the BSA. In 1926, Lodges throughout the country were retroactively given their numbers.



The National Committee of the Order of the Arrow has had some interesting names in the past. As mentioned above, it was originally known as "The Grand Lodge", but in 1935, the bylaws changed it to the "National Tribe" in 1935. That lasted less than a year when the bylaws were once again changed to reflect the new name of "National Lodge".



## Vice Chief Talks "Executive Committee"

Spring LEC Brings Action to the Lodge Summer Season

By Stephen Molina, Vice Chief

On July 3rd, right after the morning festivities of the Ordeal, the Lodge Executive Committee met. The meeting started with the Obligation, and then business got under way. The first thing that happened was the secretary's report, where the minutes of the last meeting were discussed. After Matt's report came the treasurer's report. The lodge, as of the end of April, had a net balance of \$11,443.12 for use with future projects and lodge expenses. Chapters then reported on their activities, and from the sounds of things everything had gone well during the election season. With committee reports ranging from banquet to LLD planning completed shortly thereafter, we moved on to some old business; mainly the subject of unit visitation and elections. The discussion was mainly related to having a larger effort to get elections scheduled by all units during 2008 despite a solid election finish in 2007. During New Business, attendees discussed the Ordeal and decided that for the first weekend events generally went well. General discussion included some suggested procedural changes. The proposal was to make it where candidates didn't have to bring any forms with them to the Ordeal. This would help to make paperwork much easier, and make it where candidates won't have to bring their forms to attend. The next suggested discussion was to change the name of the lodge. According to a directive from the National Office, the use of lodge numbers would no longer be used for national recharter. Suggestion is that a lodge should not use the number but refer to itself using it's council number. Discussion surrounded the use of our existing name without the number. No more "Madockawanda Lodge #271," - now it would be just Madockawanda Lodge. It's amazing the suggestions and topics that come up at an LEC...it's a very democratic process and one that keeps our lodge moving forward. In the end, a few other things may have been discussed at the LEC, but it's difficult to remember all the topics!



### To My Brothers of the Lodge:

As we look back on a summer filled with service and development we must ask ourselves what lessons learned we will use to better our lodge. The skills we learn will be useless if not used to better our organization.

### From the Chief

### "Reflect on the lessons learned"



As we move closer to the 100<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary of the OA we find another change in our purpose and intent. For the first time since I became a member, our lodge has a written, five year plan which will be discussed more at our Annual Meeting during the LLD. We also continue to plan for ArrowCorps5 - the largest undertaking of service by the Order. Our second planning meeting will be held this fall and I highly encourage arrowmen to sign up.

Many of us will at the end of October be heading to the Maine Jam with our units thus giving us a chance to give back to the troop that got us going on that first step.

The Fall ordeal at Bomazeen is the last chance for us to encourage those elected to join our Order, so contact those who have been elected to register for the Ordeal. I also encourage our members to attend as "many hands make light work" and Camp Bomazeen is calling!

Yours in Brotherhood

*Aaron Wiggin*

**Lodge Chief 2007**



# Pictures from Spring/Summer. . .



*An Eventful Spring '07 (clockwise from top, left): Candidates carefully stain the tent decks clans built earlier in the day during the second Ordeal weekend at Camp Hinds; leadership hold the haul of awards the lodge won at the Section Conclave; Nate Smith gets a bit theatrical with his Bear regalia; a clan helps load old tent platforms for the burn pile, and candidates help rebuild the fencing in front of the James Keene waterfront.*



In order to have a lodge in your council back in 1921, your council had to be a "first class council." That was a council with a paid, full-time Scout Executive. This was required so there would be a Supreme Chief of the Fire who could monitor and even disband a local OA lodge!



In 1948, the first OA handbook was created including an Indian Rituals Costume pamphlet. In the pamphlet, it was suggested that material for costumes were often hard to find. In fact, it suggested that "...the teeth of various animals can be used....check on the stockyard for cow or calf teeth."



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*In forming the Order, Goodman and Edson were looking for ways to improve the camp and to keep the older boys coming back. They looked at several sources in creating their new 'camp fraternity', including:*

- 1. Edward Cave's Boy's Camp Book for the concept of a camp society;*
- 2. College fraternities for the concepts of brotherhood and rituals;*
- 3. Ernest Thompson Seton's Woodcraft Indians for the use of American Indian lore;*
- 4. Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, a Presbyterian church youth group with which Goodman had been involved as a young man; and*
- 5. Freemasonry and its traditions and rituals* ■



## Leadership Attends NCLS

*Strategic Plan and ArrowCorps5 training Captivate four at Indiana University*

The trek to the National Conservation and Leadership Summit began on Thursday, July 26, with chief Aaron Wiggin, Andrew Rueger, Matt Randall and Bruce Rueger departing on our 2700 mile journey from Camp Hinds. Our first night was spent at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford, Connecticut. From there we crossed through New York and Pennsylvania spending the night in an 1880's brick farmhouse at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation. The next day we crossed Ohio arriving at Indiana University in the afternoon. At IU we were housed in air-conditioned dorms for the conference.



*Workcoeman? Lodge leadership pose at Camp Woekcoeman in Connecticut...the first leg of their NCLS journey (l to r): Staff Lodge/Section Adviser Matt Randall, Lodge Chief Aaron Wiggin, National Events Chairman Andrew Rueger, and Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger.*

The first night opened with a show pumping everyone up about ArrowCorps5. The following morning, we began our trek to the summit by first being prepared for the journey. At the opening sessions we met at the "trailhead" in which the new strategic plan for 2008-2012, Living the Legacy, was unveiled. Here we learned of its four components, becoming an active and honored brotherhood, serving and supporting scouting, developing leaders of character, and promoting outdoor adventure. Central to this new strategic plan was a paradigm shift towards better cooperation between lodge and council and recognition that the lodge was the service arm of the council.

The majority of the rest of the conference was dedicated to "trailmarkers" (training cells) that focused on changes in the 2008 Quality Lodge petition, improving LLD, developing quality inductions, Lodgemaster, Cub Scout programming, membership retention, camp chief, OA and council high adventure, the professional's role in the lodge and involvement of members on council and district boards and committees. Mid-conference the format and registration procedures for ArrowCorp5 were rolled out to an enthusiastic crowd. Our lodge plans to reach Trailblazer status by registering 25 lodge members for the event. The closing activity of the summit was the development of a tentative 5 year plan for the lodge that incorporates the four points of the new strategic plan. The summit closed with a great show including a great band and several inspirational speakers.

The next day, August 1, we celebrated Scouting's Sunrise at 8 am and headed east. We returned to Custaloga Town that night and had dinner with their Council Executive, Duane Havard, formerly of Pine Tree Council. Highlighting our second and longest travel day was a visit to Niagara Falls, where we got thoroughly drenched enjoying the Maid of the Mist boat ride into the spray of both the American and Canadian Falls. We spent that night at Chesterfield Scout Reservation in western Massachusetts. We returned to Camp Hinds on August 3 armed with much enthusiasm and information to pass on to the lodge at LEC's and LLD. ■

# Chief of the Fire Departs for Texas

Council and Lodge wish J.T. Dabbs the best in his new "errand"

By Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser

We were all saddened to hear earlier this summer that we would be losing our Supreme Chief of the Fire. Council Executive JT Dabbs recently accepted the Council Executive position in the Capitol Area Council in Austin, Texas. J.T. was instrumental in our lodge's efforts regarding the National Service Grant and Award, and was a strong supporter of the Lodge, its youth leadership programs and our various lodge projects. As the Lodge Adviser, I often relied on his great knowledge of the Order, Council operations and national policy when planning lodge activities. We will miss his leadership, but pledge our unwavering support to the Council during this transition period and welcome our new Assistant Council Executive Bryan Thomas who will "hold the fort" during the search to find the replacement Council Executive. Regardless of the journey, we look forward to serving the incoming Scout Executive when hired. 🐢



*Thanks, J.T.:* The Lodge wishes nothing but the best of luck and success to JT and his family as they start a new Scouting adventure in Texas.



By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

## Spring Stats....

Despite a Late Start, Lodge Elections lead to a Solid Spring Ordeal Season



*Bound in Brotherhood:* Soon to be Ordeal members take the Obligation of the Order during one of the Ordeal ceremonies at the second Hinds Ordeal in June.

Figures are in on the membership status report for the lodge as of the completion of the Spring Ordeal season, and the results are pretty good! Through the first two Ordeal weekends, the Lodge inducted 89 members. That is almost half of those we inducted. In regards to total membership we now stand at 519, which gets us closer to our "positive membership growth" goal which now is attainable if we have a good turnout at the fall Ordeal. To make our goal for Quality Lodge we need to induct 58 members by the end of the year. If all the chapters could push the Ordeal at Bomazeen in the fall, we could do it by then! That would be awesome. Brotherhood conversions during the first two Ordeal weekends was 16, which gives us about 10%. One of the Quality Lodge requirements is to have a minimum Brotherhood conversion of 30%. Again, conversion

numbers are not in from the summer camp Brotherhood ceremonies, so we expect to be closer to our goal. However, if you know an eligible Ordeal member or think you might know one, please encourage them to attend the fall Ordeal at Bomazeen.

Lodge leadership would also like to thank all who attended and served during the Spring Ordeal season and during summer camp OA activities. Without all the work that you all do, we would not be the lodge that we are. 🐢

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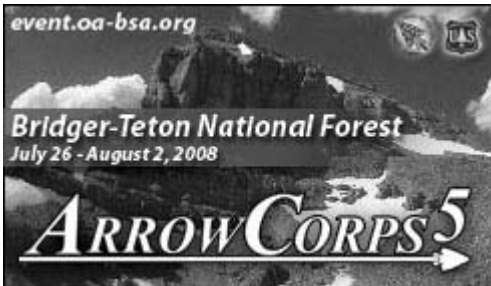
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## Lodge Calendar

Fall 2007 Update

- Sep 7-9 - Fall Ordeal - Camp Bomazeen
- Sep 9 - Lodge Executive Committee - Camp Bomo
- Sep 19-21 - National Leadership Seminar - Camp Alpine NJ
- Sep 22-24 - Lodge Leadership and Development Weekend
- Sep 24 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- Oct 19-21 - Council Camporee/Trailblazer Day - Oxford ME
- Dec 1 - Lodge Annual Family Banquet - Downeast

Watch for the Fall LLD registration flyer and register to attend!