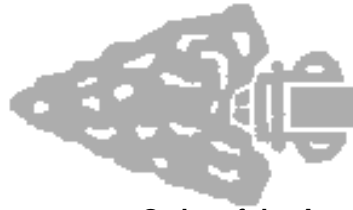
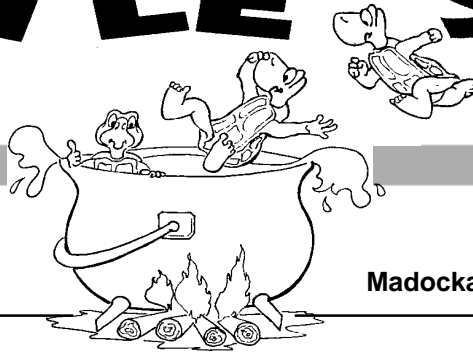


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Brothers @ the University of Scouting

Large Crowd of Turtles Present at Annual Council Training Day!

By Aaron Wiggin, Lodge Chief



Many Brothers, One Great Buffet: Food is being prepared by the capable hands of the Brothers (including Bunny Wiggin) of Madockawanda Lodge just before the lunch break at the University of Scouting held at Central Maine Community College in Auburn.

On a cold but very sunny Saturday in March, approximately 50 brothers from the lodge helped with setup, tear-down, food service, training, displays and store sales at the 2007 version of the University of Scouting. The event is one that the Lodge has taken a larger role in over the years, starting from our typical "service corps" role in the first couple of years

to now hosting our own College where we provide educational opportunities to brothers and general scouts and scouters regarding ceremonies, fellowship, and the history of the Order and our great Lodge. As Chief, I'd like to thank those who served in all roles and thank the Council for its commitment to the Lodge and it's members. 🍌

Share the Service & Fellowship at an Ordeal

Camp Hinds Prepares for the 2007 Camp Season....Calling all Brothers!

By Matt Allaire, Lodge Secretary



Ponder the Ceremony Work: The true meaning of the Ordeal weekend can only be experienced by attending some of the great ceremonial work. Here is a shot from a ceremony at last year's Bomazeen Ordeal weekend.

Depending on when you're reading this, the 2007 Ordeal Season may either be fast approaching, or already in full swing! The Lodge is running three Ordeals again this year, and yes, Old Timers, one will be at Camp Bomazeen up in Belgrade. The Ordeal Season is when we induct a great number of new Arrowmen. It's also a fantastic opportunity for us to provide almost countless hours of service to our area camps, and, as if that weren't enough, the weekends provide current members a chance to seal their membership in the Order with the Brotherhood Conversion. All current Arrowmen should plan on coming to at least one Ordeal and helping out. Caleb and his hard-working team of Elangomats will need every extra hand they can get - Hinds and

see Ordeals....continued on page 3



Did you know that the Order had an official jeweler as early as 1921? the Grand Lodge appointed the National Jewelry Company to design and provide pins for the Order....most designed with a turtle or an arrow. In approximately 1923, Jennings Hood took over and designed most of the early insignia for the Grand Lodge. In the 1940's J.E. Caldwell & Company became the official Jeweler of the Order!



The 1916 Constitution of the Order listed three levels of membership in the Order: Pledge, First Degree, and Second Degree....at that time, no Vigil Honor existed.



Are You Brother Enough to Elangomat?

Chairman is Looking for a Few to Serve in the Greatest of Roles.....A "Friend"

By Caleb Frederick, Elangomat Chairman

It's almost time to welcome new candidates into our Order during the Spring 2007 Ordeals. As you all know, to make this happen we need Elangomats. We were all candidates once, and we went through the Ordeal lead by some person we probably just met called an Elangomat. He tested the bow with us, and worked along side of us throughout the weekend. They showed us the path through the Ordeal and onward, to Brotherhood. As many of you know, they were our friends and led us through the five tests of the



Leadership and Friendship: A Brother serving in an Elangomat role gets the honor of helping and directing new candidates into our Order. Those who have served know of the great fellowship and bond that is created in this service.

Ordeal and served our lodge and the Ordeal and Service Chairs with a great spirit and desire to insure that all of these candidates found the true meaning of the Order. Many who have served in this role have commented that it brought time to reflect on their own Ordeal weekend, no matter how long ago that was, and many stated that it only intensified their respect for the Order and strengthened their bond in Brotherhood.

Now it is your time to return the favor, and maybe even improve your bond in the Lodge by becoming an Elangomat. There are several open spots this year, particularly in June. Please let the Elangomat Committee Chair, Caleb Frederick, know if you are interested. Caleb can be reached at 676-9835 or cfred@metrocast.net.



OPC Sets Service Plans for Spring Ordeals

Lodge Ordeal Planning Conference sets the tone for Ordeal and Brotherhood Projects

by Stephen Molina, Lodge Vice Chief

On Sunday April 22nd, various members of the Lodge leadership flocked to Camp Hinds to plan the Ordeals for this upcoming Ordeal season. The meeting began at 1:00 PM and included the 2007 lodge officers and a group of members from the Lodge Executive Committee. With Caleb Frederick leading the meeting from a service standpoint, the first order of business was to walk the camp to see what projects and service could be completed the Lodge during the first two spring Ordeals. With that said, the group went into Camp Hinds to get an idea of what they were working with. After checking out a small portion of the camp the meeting moved to the meditation area by Patrick campsite, where most of the meeting took place. The biggest thing that was discussed was what service projects will be done at Ordeals this year, by both the new candidates and the Brothers who will attend. Ranger Bob read off the long list of projects necessary for the camp's upkeep, and the OPC reviewed and prioritized the work based upon Council's desires, the camp's level of need, and Bob's input. In addition, everything was discussed and organized for the Elangomats and clans for the Ordeals, as well as the Ceremonies teams. One thing that was decided is that there will be three Ordeals this year, two at Hinds and one at Bomazeen. With all the business taken care of, everyone left with high hopes for the upcoming Ordeal season.





So how did elections to the Order happen in the early years when Unami lodge was the "only" lodge? Well, based on the "instructions for scoutmasters" who attended camp at treasure island, "Every Thursday, during the day, each troop in camp for its last week should hold an election to name a candidate for the Wimachtendienk, the camp honor fraternity."



There are a few recollections of the first few Ordeals held at Unami Lodge in the early years of the Order. At that time, the Ordeal was called the "ritual". Two or Three "tests" were included, and the ritual was composed of a public ceremony and private "explanation" immediately after the ceremony work.



OA Service Hour - See you at Camp!

Get your 2007 Patch and Put a Little Service into Your week at Hinds

By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

For nearly a decade, the lodge has sponsored the OA Service Hour at both Camp Hinds and Camp Bomazeen and have provided thousands of hours of service and much needed maintenance to our camps. Most of these afternoons and evenings have been spent in beautiful weather providing a lift to the camp rangers and staff in a variety of areas, including painting, brush cleanup, and general repairs. This year is no different, as Camp Hinds will again host the OA Service Hour on Thursday evenings during each week of summer camp. It's a great way to spend a beautiful weeknight away from the regular stresses of daily life by coming out to camp and provide a bit of "cheerful service" and gain one of the most awesome patches in the Order. For the ninth year, the lodge will again sponsor the Service Hour program to assist in weekly service at camp. For those of you attending camp, it's an easy thing.....just show up right after dinner in your work clothes and get ready for about an hour of service on the shores of Panther Pond. For those Brothers who are not able to attend camp, why not grab a few of your buddies and car pool up (or down) to Hinds and help out! We hope to see you there!



What will it look like in 2007? : Well, the design is not ready yet, but here's a few of the OA Service Hour patches from earlier this decade.Get the new version on any Thursday night at the Service Hour at Camp

Ordeals.....

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Bomazeen took a beating during the recent Nor'easter, and there's plenty of service to go around. Camp Hinds needs a bit of work, and we're counting on all of you to chip in where you can. Speaking of which, if you are interested in actually being an Elangomat, you should get in touch with the man ASAP. His email is cfred@metrocast.net. For more information on the 2007 Ordeals, and the Ordeal process in general, go to the revamped lodge website at the following address:

<http://lodge.pinetreebsa.org/programs.html#ordeal>


We'd really like to see if we could get a great turnout of Brothers who haven't been that active in the lodge turn out for this year's spring Ordeal season. Friday evening is always a time to catch up with some fellowship and gab with a few of your Brothers in the Lodge that you may not have seen in a few months, and to sample a few pieces of the great food at the cracker barrel. Even if you can't stay the weekend, service is generally on Saturday, so how about packing your vehicle with a few tools, a pair of gloves and a desire to be part of the lodge service program.





As part of the early pre-Ordeal ceremonies, each Ordeal candidate was given a small piece of root of some harmless plant which he would chew for a moment as directed by Meteu. Meteu would then direct the candidate: "Take, and chew until its essence is absorbed into your bodies." 



The Principals of the first Ordeals in the 1915-1921 period of the Order are not familiar names: Medeu: Chief of the Fire and camp director, Powwow: The assistant camp director, the Medicine Man, who read the Legend; Sakima: Chief...and usually a youth; and Nutiket: the Guide and Guard. 

From the Chief

"You who Love the Haunts of Nature"



To My Brothers of the Lodge:

My brothers, with the election season coming to a close I would like to thank those who participated in the elections and Unit visitations. Your contributions have set the stage for our Ordeal season. Without each and every one of you we would not have the candidates to keep our traditions moving forward. Now it is time to hold these traditional weekends of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

But remember... the time of service to Scouting is not yet complete. With summer comes more opportunities to show our devotion to the high ideals of our Order. I encourage you to attend the ordeals, Service Hours, the various outings to Bomazeen to help with projects at that camp and of course the Brotherhood conversions at summer camp.


To the chapter officers: I encourage you to continue having activities over the summer. This way we remain active in our chapters all year round. We as a lodge are off to a good start to the year and there's no reason to slow down now! Work on those tasks you need to complete to achieve Honor Chapter and we will achieve our goal to make Honor Lodge. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you at the Ordeals.

Yours in Brotherhood
Aaron Wiggin
Lodge Chief 2007

From the Staff Adviser.....Matt Randall's Minute.....

There are many times I wonder what else I could be doing for a career...teaching, running a camp for some group like the YMCA, exploring options as a private business owner, etc. Scout Professionals tend to get a rough reputation among the volunteers – probably because there are a lot of good professionals with less than stellar communication skills. The reality is that the job has very long hours, requires a mountain of patience, and you frequently find yourself attempting to "smooth over" or figure out some situation that you had no part in creating – but you are the "Scout Guy," so the concerned party wants you to fix things.

Then, you flip the coin over and end up with an event like the University of Scouting. In my case I get energized when I watch all the brothers chipping in to prep and serve the lunch, clean up the meal afterwards, and then go on to clear out the entire hall. I get energized when I have my staff at Winter Camp tell me "we got this under control, don't worry about it." I get energized when I visit the OA website and see all changes that have happened, seemingly overnight. I get energized when I read the staff lists for Fly 1st Class and Summer Camp.

All you youth, being successful – that is what motivates folks like me and my fellow adult brothers in the OA, to return season after season. I mention all this because summer is going to come upon us quickly. The lodge has much to do – between ordeals, camp, brotherhood conversions, conclave, etc. You don't need to attend each and every event – but try to make a few. Come be a part of what we are doing. Get involved – and with that involvement help to grow your skills as a leader and as a member in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Come and give us adult brothers more opportunities to become energized and excited about being associated with such talented young men. 

Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Casco Bay Chapter

Casco Bay is still going strong as we approach the end a tough election season. At print time, we boast 33 candidates with a few more elections on the way. Our chapter ceremonies team has also completed its season; performing its final Arrow of Light and Crossover ceremony on March 25. Our April chapter meeting was cancelled due to unexpected meteorological hazards, so at our next Chapter meeting we plan to focus on preparing a potential Elangomat list for Mr. Frederick, finalizing the design on our chapter merchandise, and prepare for our upcoming service weekend on May 11-13 at Camp Hinds where we plan on making Patrick campsite even cooler (as if such a thing is possible in a site with purple picnic tables), and providing the main waterfront with new "turtle" docks. We look forward to the upcoming ordeal and conclave season as Casco Bay continues to lead the way!

Nate Smith



In the early years of the Order, to be able to earn the Brotherhood (Second) Honor, each member of the First Degree had to memorize the answers to 31 questions before he could be inducted as a Brotherhood member!



K-Valley Chapter

Now that election season is coming to an end and K-valley has conducted many elections and have a number of people elected from K-Valley Chapter. But besides that our ceremonies team has preformed six more crossover ceremonies for local cub scout packs and have a few more to perform. In the up coming months, we have few things to accomplish and one very important task is the upcoming call-out ceremony at the Spring Camporee. See you there!

Andrew Mudie

Downeast Chapter

Well, the election season is finally coming to a slow and oddly inactive close. Not too many troops in our district with youth available for election this year, so that will affect our candidate numbers. For those troops who did have elected youth and nominated adults, we thank you for letting our election teams come down and hold an election. At this time I cannot give the exact numbers until after our next chapter meeting. We will now be getting geared up towards the spring camporee and the callout ceremony that will be held there. (Expect more fire and torches!) Until then and the Ordeals everyone!

Wyatt Carpenter



Brothers who are interested in the early ceremonial work of the Order should consider obtaining a copy of the book entitled "The Kekeenowin of the Wimachtendienk" by Terry Grove.



Abnaki Chapter

I am currently looking in to starting some more fund-raisers for our district, and any ideas would be helpful to get things started. I have also been looking into starting an OA service project for the chapter...maybe the repair of the seating at Camp Gustin. I think it would be a good idea to get together and to start working together on a more active basis. Elections have been going very well - we currently have 18 voted in for this year with more to come. Another thing...if you want to donate some bottles to the Abnaki District, it would be much appreciated. Let me or one of our officers know if you would like to donate some bottles to our cause. I thank you guys for all your support with the district so far, and lets keep it going to get a really great year in!

Paul Saucier

York Chapter

Hey! York Chapter has been chugging away at elections. Our April meeting was suppose to hold the Chapter's Elangomat training, unfortunately, due to the freak snow storm, the meeting was cancelled. We plan to move this training to May, so any York members interested in becoming an Elangomat, this is a meeting you don't want to miss. Of course, it can't be York without the annual June Party, so tell all your York friends, there is going to be a party in June!!!

Caleb Frederick



In 1915, the OA did not exist as a national organization, nor did it have lodges. The Order was referred to as simply as "WWW".



When the Order celebrated its Diamond Anniversary in 1990, membership had grown to 160,000 Arrowmen of the more than one million eligible Boy Scouts in the U. S., organized into almost 400 lodges nationwide.



ArrowCorps 5 Planning at June Ordeal

Inviting all Interested Brothers to join in Preparation for ArrowCorps5 in 2008



Are You Ready? Brothers who attend the ArrowCorps5 with the lodge will enjoy a week of service and fun....in Wyoming!

If you are interested in finding out more about ArrowCorps5, the lodge is planning to have a kickoff planning meeting during the weekend of the first Spring Ordeal. The meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Camp Hinds Dining Hall** to discuss the initial cost estimates and our planning for this upcoming trip, including selecting a contingent youth leader for the trip. Your involvement is crucial since as a contingent, we will all make the decisions regarding the trip and what we will do as a group. So, what will be talking about at this June meeting? For starters, we will review trip length, travel and flight options, t-shirt and patch designs for the participants, and general requirements from the national office. Those Brothers who attended the 2006 banquet or the University of Scouting had an opportunity to see the lodge display on this adventure and to sign up for more information regarding the 2008 trip. An introductory email was sent to all who expressed interest in AC5 regarding this meeting, and we hope that the word is spreading fast. Anyone who is interested in obtaining information about the program and the trip should be at this first Ordeal weekend of 2007.

From the initial planning that took place last summer when our lodge sent 30 members to NOAC at Michigan State University, members decide to make this an adventure far to the west of our current location....Our lodge has chosen to participate in a western site, **the Bridger-Teton National forest in Wyoming**. The dates for this event are July 26th thru August 2, 2007, although we are looking at the possibility of adding a couple of days for additional exploration of that area prior to the beginning of this ArrowCorps session. There is also a great deal of recreational activities at each site, which at the Bridger Teton site include whitewater rafting, canoeing, hiking, and water skiing. We hope you can attend our planning session on Saturday at the first Spring Ordeal, and we look forward to seeing you there!



NLS 2007: Training, Fellowship & Purple!

By Matt Allaire, Lodge Secretary

The Lodge sent three of its Arrowmen to the Northeast Region's second National Leadership Seminar for 2007. 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.

National Chief Evan Chaffee flew across the country from Orange County, California, to help out as a table guide and keynote speaker. Our members 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!



Brothers Attend West Point Camporee....

By Matt Allaire, Lodge Secretary



Just Hanging at the WP07: Here's a picture of a scout doing some low element COPE (in the armed forces it's called obstacle) course work at the West Point Camporee.

Early in May, the Lodge sent 16 Arrowmen down to West Point in New York for the 45th Annual West Point Camporee. After a six hour trip, we joined 200 other Scouts on Drop Zone Maddock and around Lake Frederick. The first night was spent setting up camp and meeting the Army cadets who were running the weekend. Some of the cadets were seniors, and were taking their last weekend before their final exams to be with us. Saturday was filled with competitions, and a lot of walking, as they were spaced around Lake Frederick. We got camo'd up, made a shelter, raced to tie knots, and got to see a display of weapons, plus the chance to use night-vision goggles. That night, we sat in front,...well....away from a huge bonfire, and had a cooler top's worth of nachos. The next morning, we packed up and ran, making it back to Council for 4:30. All in all, we had a great time, managed not to drive Phil, Henry, and Dave Shenck

(our adults) insane, and took back many great memories.



Great Ordeals...Continuing the Magic!

Reprinted from the National OA Site

As Arrowmen we each completed the same Ordeal, however each of us had our own unique experience. There is no question about the importance of conducting first-class Ordeals, however the more pressing question is how to make it happen. The first step to making a great Ordeal is easily stated, but is much harder to achieve. This first step is communication and making sure Brothers from the lodge make the new candidates feel welcome.

Communication is perhaps the most mentioned idea you will hear from an individual about creating a great Ordeal. The bottom line is that there is no escaping the continuing need of communication. Some people may be tired of hearing it, but it is key.

It is important to remember that a large part of a successful Ordeal is the induction of new members. Everything that happens throughout the weekend becomes a first impression for each of the candidates. Making each candidate feel welcome by those who will become his **brother** by the end of the weekend is important.

The bottom line is making members feel welcome throughout the weekend. After the Ordeal the Lodge Chief should be out and amongst the candidates thanking them for the work they have done. Furthermore, candidates should have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the Order. Saturday evening's social and Sunday's orientation and chapter meetings are key to getting the new Brothers involved with the chapter and lodge.

Inducting new members is a wonderful thing, but equally important is keeping them around. Making them feel welcome, and exposing them to just how dynamic of an organization the OA is will undoubtedly make the new members of our lodge as excited about the OA as you are. Things like Brotherhood Conversion will happen naturally when the many pieces of the puzzle fall in place, and new members feel welcome from the moment they arrive for their Ordeal.



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Lodge Calendar

Summer 2007 Update

- June 1-3 - Spring Ordeal - Camp Hinds
- June 3 - Lodge Executive Committee - Camp Hinds
- June 8-10 - Section NE-1A Conclave - TL Storer - NH
- June 15-17 - Spring Ordeal II - Camp Hinds
- July 6-7 - Vigil and Founders' Day - Camp Bomazeen
- Jul 28-Aug 2 - National Conservation/Leadership Summit
- Sep 7-9 - Fall Ordeal - Camp Bomazeen
- Sep 9 - Lodge Executive Committee - Camp Bomo

Brotherhood Reminder: Ceremonies will be held at Camp Hinds on 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, and 8/9