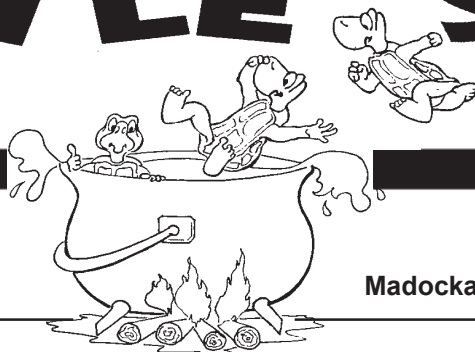


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LLD Weekend Provides Training, Fellowship

By Jared Smith, Jason Clark and Chris Willey

“If Not You, Who?”

This was the theme for the 2000 Lodge Leadership Development weekend held at Bog Brook on October 20-22. Training, fellowship and excitement filled the air the entire weekend, making for some good times.

The air was chilled on this Friday evening as the brothers began to arrive. Met by Lodge leaders, the fellowship began right away. Members were made to feel right at home with an enticing gourmet cracker-barrel prepared by head cook Dan Colby and his assortment of merry workers. Everyone was in high spirits from the start of the weekend.

Saturday began with courses covering some of the vital operations of the lodge including unit elections, camp promotions, lodge structure, publications, and the OA Troop Representative.



These sessions were chosen by the members and implemented using the LLD CD-ROM.

Members were given a chance to fill out a questionnaire this past Spring at an ordeal. The completed questionnaires were then entered into the LLD CD-ROM that National produced last year.

This program allows lodges all over the country to shape their LLD according to the wants and needs of their members. This is the second year that our Lodge has used this program and it has once again

proven itself to be successful.

After a stimulating lunch it was time for the afternoon activities! Lodge Staff Adviser Jeremy Lucas opened up the climbing tower for some much enjoyed repelling while K-Valley Chapter Adviser Tom Thornton led a group in a

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Caron Elected Chief for 2001

By Oh, Lodge Mascot

Following the trend of the last few years, Lodge elections at the Annual Meeting were once again very competitive. The elections demonstrate a continuing balance among the chapters and served as a test to last year’s revision of the Rules of Operation.

The Annual Business Meeting was held Sunday morning, October 22, at the end of the LLD weekend at the Bog Brook Training Facility in Gilead.

In the election for Lodge Chief, Adrian Caron of Lewiston was elected to succeed Matt Dubois, who is stepping down after two terms as chief.

Adrian has served as the Abnaki Chapter chief and vice chief. He has also served as the Lodge Secretary and is currently the Lodge Treasurer. Adrian has been the Turtles Trading Post (Lodge Store) committee chair for three years.

In a three-way race for vice chief, Nate Colby of York Chapter was elected. Nate is currently finishing the year as the Ordeal Service committee chairman. He has also served as the Retaining Wall committee chair. In serving his chapter he has served as the chapter chief and vice chief in addition to being a member of the chapter’s ceremony team.

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heated volleyball tournament. Beadwork and ceremonies were also offered for those who wished to participate and the ever-popular Turtle's Trading Post was open for business.

After a wonderful Thanksgiving style dinner, with all the fixings, excitement began to fill the air again. This time, in anticipation for the long awaited promise of playing the most incredible, mind stimulating, and popular game the Pine Tree Council and Madockawanda Lodge has ever known; Win Joe Niman's Shorts 2! In the end, no chapter could unseat the defending champ and OA Jeopardy! Northeast Region Champs (see related story, below).

It was getting late but the night was far from over. The highly anticipated Pie Auction was up next! Six pies were put on the auction block and the bidding was fast and fierce. In the end, the six pies helped raise over seventy dollars towards lodge projects. Those who were pried were Josh Gagnon, Adrian Caron, Tom Thornton, Jeremy Lucas and Kevin Taschereau!

Josh was so popular that two different people chose to throw their pies at him. However, the whipped cream had run out! Without missing a beat peanut butter, yes, peanut butter was brought in.

When asked why he was doing this Josh replied, "It's not whipped cream, but I'm doing this for all of you!"

Sunday morning brought with it the highly anticipated Annual Business

Meeting. Here, members of the Lodge voted on several amendments to the Lodge Rules of Operations (see related article, page 3) and also for who would occupy the Lodge Officer positions for 2001 (see related article, page 1).

The members of the lodge would like to thank Lodge Chief Matt Dubois and Lodge Secretary Joe Niman for their years of unselfish service to the Lodge and scouting

and wish them the best of wishes for their success in the future.

The weekend ended as all our weekends do with the singing of the Order's song. 🐢



Dan Colby, head cook for the weekend, prepares one of the tasty meals he and his staff served.



Care for some pie? The victims, from top to bottom, Kevin Taschereau (pie courtesy of Phil Taschereau), Josh Gagnon (courtesy of Jeremy Lucas, Mike Kidder and Tom Thornton), Adrian Caron (courtesy of Paul Halle), Jeremy Lucas (courtesy of Bomazeen staff members), and Tom Thornton (courtesy of Mike Price).



Adrian Caron demonstrates the technology used to enhance the weekend. Training Sessions, movies, and Win Joe Niman's Shorts 2 were all projected onto a screen.



Lodge Team Successfully Defends WJNS Title

By Adrian Caron, WJNS Producer

It was chapter v chapter as brothers competed for the right to call themselves the Win Joe Niman's Shorts Champion, and in the process dethrone the Lodge team.

Parodied after the Comedy Central show 'Win Ben Stein's Money,' Joe Niman put his shorts on the line. But to win them, the teams would have to go through two gruelling rounds and then face off in the final round, the Best

of Nine.

The first round saw the five chapters compete against each other as the Lodge team watched from the sidelines. After the first round, four chapters moved on to the next round. Enter the lodge team.

Made up of Section Chief Josh Gagnon, Lodge Chief Matt Dubois (both members of the 2000 Northeast *See WJNS, page 3*



WJNS CHAMPS!! Lyndon Morgan, Matt Dubois, and Josh Gagnon (horizontal one) celebrate the victory, donning the shorts!

Members pass Budget, Two Amendments

By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Member

At the Annual Meeting Sunday morning of the LLD weekend two amendments to the Lodge Rules of Operation and a proposed budget were up for consideration by the membership. All three were passed.

Lodge Treasurer Adrian Caron presented the proposed 2001 budget. There were little changes to the different components of the budget, and the membership overwhelmingly passed it.

Up next were two amendments recommended for passage by the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). The first one dealt with the annual dues fee of the Lodge. The LEC, citing the fact that National raised its dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00 last year, felt that we needed the revenue that was taken away by the increase. In addition, most lodges in the area are in the \$10 dues range.

The membership again overwhelmingly passed the amendment to raise the current lodge dues from \$7 to \$8 effective immediately (see related article and dues coupon, page 7).

The second amendment to be considered dealt with removing the statement: "In the event that a lodge member has not attained Brotherhood Membership after three (3) years of attaining Ordeal membership, the dues

amount will be equal to the current Brotherhood fee" (Section VI, Statement 8).

"This came about upon the recommendation by the Lodge Officers. When it was first implemented it greatly aided the Lodge's effort to convert Ordeal members to Brotherhood. With only 5-8 people paying the fee per year out of the dozens and dozens who have been Ordeal members for 3 years or more, there is no real way to enforce it," said Matt Dubois, explaining why the measure was proposed.

With not quite as much support as the other measures, the amendment still passed easily. The final part of the Annual Meeting was the election of the 2001 lodge officers (see related article, page 1).

The Annual Business Meeting was closed with the song of our Order. 



The Great Compromise? Well, not quite. The members of Abnaki Chapter caucus during the elections for 2001 Officers.

Your 2001 Lodge Officers




From left to right: Adrian Caron, Chief; Nate Colby, Vice Chief; Jared Smith, Treasurer; Chris Willey, Secretary



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The race for secretary proved not only to be competitive but also tested the revisions of the Lodge Rules voted on last year. In the end, Vice Chief Chris Willey captured the office. Along with Adrian, they are the only two current officers returning in 2001. Chris has served as the Brotherhood committee chair along with several terms as Casco Bay chapter chief.


After the first ballot the candidates found themselves in a tie vote. According to the Lodge Rules, the current officers caucused and cast the deciding vote for Chris.

The contest for Lodge treasurer position ended in Jared Smith of K-Valley Chapter claiming victory. This is Jared's first office in the Order. He has served on the Camp Bomazeen staff and as staff for several fun pack weekends. 

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Region OA Jeopardy Championship Team), Lyndon Morgan and Lodge Staff Adviser Jeremy Lucas, they were the obvious favorites going into the competition.

The second round thinned the pack down to just two teams, the Lodge Team and the York Chapter team. It was far from over. York would have to be better in the Best of Nine final round. Each team put up their best member to compete in this round.

A valiant attempt was made by York Chapter, but in the end the defending WJNS champion Matt Dubois and the Lodge Team were victorious. Host Joe Niman presented them with their "trophies," a pair of his shorts! 



Moments from the Year 2



How quickly we can forget... The old log retaining wall seems like a very distant memory, but it was only a little over a year ago that it existed!



Just horsing around. Jeremy McNelly (left) and Josh Shean make a new friend at the Council Camporee.



The OA Village. The gateway and OA site, which included two teepees, displayed the heritage and prestige of Madockawanda.

Ordeal Service. Below and left to right, the new PFD shelter was built at the Bomazeen ordeal. Al Warner of Abnaki Chapter tends the fire the same weekend. Members near completion of the waterfront wall at the Hinds Spring ordeal.





The culmination of the hard work of many people: The National Service Award



Is there a resemblance? Lodge Mascot Oh poses for a picture with his namesake, 1999 National Vice Chief Andy Oh at NOAC 2000.



Lodge Chief Matt Dubois tries on Goodman's Sash! It is said that whoever wears E. Urner Goodman's National Committee Sash will do well financially in their life.



A Star in the making? We'll see, but for now, that is Matt Stobbs of York Chapter on stage during the History Show of NOAC

Maraghy Steps Down Honor Lodge Bound!

After nine years and 42 issues Gerry Maraghy has stepped down as the editor of TURTLE SOUP.

In 1991 he helped redesign the layout of TURTLE SOUP and mold it into a better publication. A more timely publication schedule was implemented and the newsletter was published four times a year. It would later move to five issues a year.

Gerry has been instrumental in the standard of the articles that have appeared in TURTLE SOUP. With a flair for news style reporting, his touch to 'the Soup' gave it the feel of reading a professional style newsletter.

A Vigil Honor member, Gerry is also a recipient of the Founders' Award. He has served in many positions including York Chapter Adviser and Lodge Adviser. For the last two years he has served as the Lodge Associate Adviser for Publications.

On the behalf of the members of Madockawanda Lodge, Thank-you, Gerry. 🐢



It looks good! The preliminary figures are in and all signs point to an Honor Lodge Distinction for 2000! Specifically, we met all but ONE of the eighteen requirements, including all of the required ones.

- We have a membership of 584 members, which is 50 more than last year!
- 60 members sealed their membership in the order, translating into a 34 percent conversion rate! (National requires at least 30 percent for Honor Lodge).
- The Lodge held its Lodge Leadership Development weekend and provided training in unit elections and publications, among others. A unit election was held in every troop desiring one.
- Many service projects have been completed at our camps under the direction of Ordeal Service Chair Nate Colby- including the major undertaking of rebuilding the Hinds waterfront.
- The Lodge Key 5 has met regularly to review lodge goals, objectives and projects.
- With this copy, five issues of TURTLE SOUP, our lodge newsletter, have been published.

This will be the fourth straight year the lodge will be an Honor Lodge! 🐢

From the Chief

Looking Back at the last Two Years



Looking back over the past two years, it is astonishing how much we, as a lodge, have accomplished.

The culmination of all the work we have done has to be the National Service Award (NSA). The thousands of hours we have given in service to our council camps has been recognized in grand fashion. The actual award is just about finished its Stanley Cup like tour, and beginning in January it can be seen in its new home at the Council office in Portland!

While the NSA is a great accomplishment, one of the other feats we have accomplished that helped earn the NSA is the OA Service Hour. This is the only known program of its kind, and it originated in Madockawanda! The Service Hour continues to grow and continues to help Bomazeen and Hinds accomplish even more service. The Service Hour also helped accomplish the goal of getting Arrowmen in view of the members of the council, doing what we do best--service!

A leader is only as good as those he leads.

I would like to thank those who, along *with* me, made this lodge great over the last two years. Carl Gagnon, Joe Niman, Adrian Caron, Josh Gagnon, Chris Willey to mention only a few. They are some of the best leaders this council has. How fortunate the Lodge is that they all served at the same time.

I would also like to thank the members of the lodge who, while they hold no title or occupy no office, willingly give their time at ordeals, during planning meetings, etc., to help strengthen the lodge. Your support is valued and appreciated. Thank-you.

What stops us from having another great few years? Nothing. With your help, Adrian and Wayne and the other officers will continue the trend of success and lead the lodge to heights yet to be seen. What is the key? Service. In the words of E. Urner Goodman, "For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest!"

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,
Matt Dubois, Lodge Chief

Burning Issues

Brought to you by your 2000 Northeast Region OA Jeopardy Champions




Question: Why is so much emphasis placed on paying dues each year?

Response: Revenue from dues accounts for MOST of the income each year. Most of the other income goes right back into what it was received from. For example, the 28 dollar ordeal fee generates a considerable amount of income, but it goes right back out as we must pay for the ordeal supplies (sash, handbook, patch, food for weekend, etc.). In reality we only make a few dollars on each ordeal fee.

Your eight dollars (eleven dollars if after 12/31/00) pays for your fee to national, your

mailing of Turtle Soup and event mailings, and projects. Without dues revenue we would not have been able to complete the waterfront retaining wall at Camp Hinds.

Paying their dues is the single most important thing a brother can do for the lodge. Without dues revenue we could not function. It pays for most operations of the lodge. If we cannot function, then we could not have had all the success we have experienced the last few years. We have been able to do what we have because of the revenue from dues payments. We encourage you to pay your dues, without them we would not have as great a lodge as we do. 

Send in the Dues Coupon on Page 7 to keep aiding the lodge program!



Have a burning issue? A question about the OA or Madockawanda Lodge that you just cannot find the answer to? Why not ask the experts? Send your question to the Lodge Secretary, and he will forward your question to the person who can find an answer to it.

Yours in Wimachtendienk,



Abnaki

Honor Chapter Bound!

We held our fourth annual chapter pool party in August. Fun was had by all!
 We are proud to report that we will once again be receiving the Honor Chapter award!
 In 2001 we are looking to implement new meeting ideas to continue to improve attendance.
 -Adam Tanguay

Casco Bay

Campfire a blast!

At the district Fall Camporee we organized and executed an excellent evening campfire. We also had a guest speaker come in to help start up our ceremonies team.
 We had a great year and met all but one of the goals we set! I would like to thank all the officers, advisers and those who participated for making it a great year.
 -Mike Price

Downeast

New Officers Elected

Downeast Chapter has new officers. They are: Chris Porter, Chief; Chris Will, Vice Chief; and Brian Franklin, Secretary.
 Over the summer we helped with two Pow-Wows and held a bowling event along with an Ice Cream social.
 Chapter members also helped run the Fall camporee campfire.
 -Josh Shean

K-Valley

Highly Successful Year

Our chapter had a 47% brotherhood conversion rate this year, along with a 106% retention of members. We will once again be an Honor Chapter!
 New Chapter officers were elected. Dan Viens is chief, Evan Bonney will serve as vice chief. Rounding out the officers are Will Mercier as Secretary and Nick Gauvin the treasurer.
 -Dan Viens

York

First Honor Chapter Recognition

We are proud to have earned our first Honor Chapter Award this year.
 During the Fall camporee we built an OA Village and promoted the Order with a game show.
 New Chapter Officers were elected. For 2001 they will be: Andy Shea, chief; Justin Colby, vice chief; Jason Clark, Treasurer; and Norman Hammon, treasurer.
 -Kevin Taschereau

Time to Renew your Membership in the OA

2001 MEMBERSHIP DUES Madockawanda Lodge #271

Send your 2001 dues payment (made payable to Pine Tree Council) to:
 OA Dues, c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council, BSA,
 125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Address _____ DOB _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Unit of Registration _____

I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil
 Indicate amount paid: \$7.00 2001 Dues _____
 \$3.00 reinstatement (if after 12/31/00 or currently expired) _____

Unit information must be furnished. You must be currently registered in Scouting to be a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Your 2001 membership dues are now due. Don't put it off! Don't Procrastinate! Use the coupon to get them in.

Failure to pay your dues will result in your membership becoming expired. You will then be ineligible to wear the Lodge flap and to participate in Lodge events.

To be reinstated you are assessed an additional \$3.00. If you didn't paid your dues for 2000, your membership is expired and this fee must be paid along with the annual dues.

So pay your dues now and pick up your membership card from your chapter adviser.

Clip and Mail Today!

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Wayne Holden becomes Lodge Adviser

In what has become a whirl wind of changes in the top adult leader spot in the lodge, Wayne Holden has accepted the appointment of Lodge Adviser.

Mike Kidder, only months after his appointment and weeks after officially taking



the reigns, had to resign from the position. He was offered and has accepted employment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "I regret having to leave the position so soon," Kidder told the membership at the Annual Meeting, "I have learned a lot and will miss having the opportunity to work with the youth of this lodge."

Wayne has been serving as the chapter adviser for York, in addition to serving as 'head cook' at many Hinds ordeals. His appointment was effective immediately.

YOUR 2000 LODGE LEADERS

Chief – Matt Dubois

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Secretary – Joe Niman

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Adviser – Wayne Holden

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Calendar

Jan 13	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Abnaki Chapter Hosts
Feb 1	Unit Election Season Begins
Mar 10	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting York Chapter Hosts
Mar 24	Ordeal Planning Conference Time and Place To Be Announced
Mar 30-Apr 1	National Leadership Seminar Camp Alpine, NJ
Apr 30	Unit Election Season Ends
May 19	Pine Tree Council Scout Show <u>Windsor Fair Grounds</u> , Windsor, ME

Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.

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