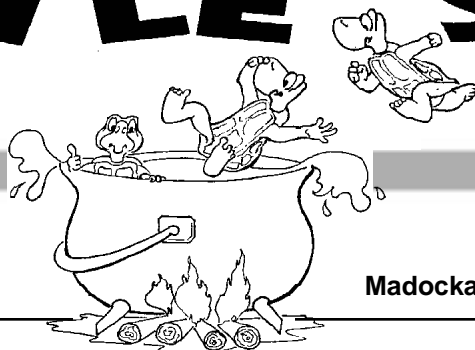


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Order of the Arrow



Madockawanda Lodge #271



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Rain & Heat Add to Spring Ordeals

By Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter

How many of us have said over the years “...Well, it’s not an Ordeal unless it rains.” Nothing could be finer if you are of this opinion and you attended the 2001 Hinds Ordeal weekend. This first full weekend of June brought torrential downpours throughout the day on Saturday, causing many of the clans, ordeal staff, ceremony team members, and lodge officers to scramble through much of the weekend on many ‘Plan B’ projects and venues for the weekend activities.

The other extreme came true two weekends later at Camp Bomazeen where swarms of mosquitos on Friday night and temperatures hovering just below 100 degrees during the day on Saturday caused work projects throughout that camp to be temporarily halted during the mid-afternoon to allow for a brief swim for all five clans and elangomats! “We had to be concerned about heat exhaustion and the brief swim was the best way to get our clans cooled off” stated Cathy Gosselin, Council Camp-

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“Summer of OA Service” Hour 2001

by Nick Gauvin, Bomazeen Service Hour Coordinator

For the third year, the OA Service Hour took place at both summer camps and assisted both camps in continued maintenance and repair in a variety of work projects. Every Wednesday at Bomazeen, and Thursday at Hinds, members of our lodge, and any visiting lodges who attended camp could work for approximately one hour to help camp rangers with various projects. In return for this cheerful service, each participants receives a service hour patch, fellowship, and an ice-cream social for their efforts. Some of the projects completed during the “Summer of Service” included the repair of campsite fire ring seating at Camp Hinds, continued work on the biking trail, and general maintenance, while at Camp Bomazeen, Scouts

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Hold it Up! Brothers at Camp Bomazeen during Week II help to re-install the fencing around the archery area during the OA Service Hour.



The Wet Look.... Candidates at Camp Hinds work through the soggy conditions while placing a new fencepost on the stairs near Tenney Bridge. (photo courtesy of Matt Dubois)



Look for the info box for OA quick facts!



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Section NE-1A Conclave Report:

Gagnon Re-Elected to Second Term as Section Chief

by Nathan Colby, Lodge Vice Chief

With the beautiful Norris Scout Reservation as the host, thirty-six members of Madockawanda Lodge travelled an average of five hours to reach the annual Section Conclave. Warm June weather was the norm, and what one member categorized as “the best training at a Conclave that I have ever attended,” Madockawanda Lodge, with the largest visiting contingent for the second straight year, again left its mark as a great supporter of the Section and the Order. Despite losing the Section Volleyball Championship to team after holding the crown “turtle” lodge represented competitions and training attended was thrilled with fellowship that was evident of the camp, Norris Scout camp with large open fields competitions, including competitive Ultimate Richard Valcourt discussion on the Vigil adviser in that function, and this group added their par-Vigil Honor program. Hampshire demonstrated team to the attendees of this demonstration proved to be events. Ajapeu lodge, as the host lodge, also took home the “Healey Cup” as the champion of the Iron Arrowman competition.



Only a mother could love...K-Valley Chapter Adviser Tom Thornton digs into his chicken wings at the Section Conclave!

In what had to be the most unique competition of the Conclave, the Pinewood Derby competition was run over a series of picnic tables pitting the design skills of each of the lodge chiefs to the test. Since our Lodge Chief, Adrian Caron, was recovering from leg surgery earlier in the week, I had the honor of representing our lodge in this competition. Modeled after the Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2 picnic table jump, cars had to run straight and true to win this event. Needless to say, we came home victorious with the championship! It was also great to see that *Turtle Soup*, our Lodge newsletter, again took home the honor of “Best Newsletter” in our Section. This has to be, at least, the eighth straight year for this honor to our lodge.

However, in my opinion, the best part of the program was the Saturday evening theme show, put on under the direction of Pat McKamy of Chippanyonk Lodge. With the technical help of Paul Hallee and Matt Dubois with the visual computer displays, and a starring role in the show by Dan Viens of K-Valley chapter, the show was truly excellent. In our eyes, obviously the star of the Saturday theme show was none other than K-Valley Chief Dan Viens who played the role of the “grouchy Scout. Excellent job, Dan!

After praising the host lodge, the attendees, his officers and program vice chiefs, and the

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Vigil Selection a Great Task

By Lyndon Morgan, Vigil Selection Chair



Although we are called “the CIA” committee by some, I cannot tell you what honor I place on this year’s Vigil selection process. Involving youth from throughout the lodge, we met to review the goals of the Vigil Honor, and those who were worthy for this recognition. Although there is little that I can tell you, rest assured that we place a great deal of importance on this task. By the time you read this newsletter, the call-outs will have taken place, and our final preparations will be in order. I just want to thank our Lodge Chief, Adrian Caron, for this opportunity, and thank Dick Valcourt, Vigil Selection Adviser, for his guidance throughout this “great journey.”



Regional divisions of the Order were first established and supervised by Region Chietains. In 1936, the National Executive Committee concluded that the office of regional chieftain should be eliminated. Deciding that regional boundaries were not necessarily the best parameters for multi-lodge activities, the national chief was directed to stimulate “sectional” meetings. This was the first step towards Section Chiefs as we know them today.



Those to who the Vigil Honor has been given do not constitute a special class of membership in the Order. They have merely been recognized and honored by their fellow members because of their exceptional service. Originally, the Vigil honor was known as the “Second Degree.”





Early Ordeals on Treasure Island had a unique twist. Because the details of the ceremonies had yet to be worked out in 1915, the candidates to the Order were not required to take the Ordeal. The Ordeal was first instituted in 1916 when the ceremony had been worked out and put on paper. Originally, the Ordeal was taken on the mainland, with candidates working for farmers and cottages, but by 1920 all work of the "First Degree" was conducted within the bounds of camp.



Lodges are required to host a Lodge Leadership Development training session as part of their requirements for Honor Lodge recognition during their annual recharter process.

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ing Director, who served as health officer for the Bomazeen Ordeal weekend. Despite the two weather extremes, many service projects were completed at both weekends, including the construction of a new drainage area near the waterfront building, jacking and leveling of Abnaki Cabin, construction of double-wide tent platforms, and the clearing of brush from the nature trail, the result of recent timber operations at Camp Bomazeen. At Hinds, projects included the completion of the fence and railing to the stairwell leading to Tenney Bridge, further work on the area surrounding the new shower house on the Tenney side campsites, general campsite prep work, and the annual installation of the outdoor roof at the Ring Dining Hall. Some of our older members, including John Wood of Downeast Chapter and Geoff Howitt from Casco Bay chapter were able to overcome their age and chip in with some chainsaw and brush clearing work at both camps!



Members dry off in front of the dining hall fireplace late Saturday afternoon at Camp Hinds.

Most importantly, attendance was high despite the weather issues, both in relation to the candidates who "sought the higher vision" and the brothers who came to further serve the lodge, council and the Order. Final numbers from these two Ordeal weekends indicate that 92 new members joined the ranks of Madockawanda Lodge, and 42 brothers sealed their membership in the Order by taking the Brotherhood. Both weekends saw approximately 100 members attend each weekend of service.

In review, both Joe Niman, who served as Ordealmaster at Bomazeen, and Josh Gagnon, who served in the same role at Camp Hinds stated that the weather posed unique challenges to their task. "It was an interesting weekend. We had to adjust our entire schedule to deal with the heat and humidity, but the clans and brothers did a great job." remarked Joe during a recent discussion at Bomazeen.



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and Scouters worked on the complete restoration of all post & rail fencing in camp, and distributed some of the extra gravel left over from the Spring Ordeal weekends. Brothers who participate are honored during the Friday morning breakfast at Hinds by receiving their service hour patch, and recognized during the campfire on Friday evenings. Participants at Bomazeen are given their patches during the closing campfire on Friday nights and are also recognized for the work completed during the program.



Get Ready for LLD! *by Nate Colby, Lodge Vice Chief*

The Annual Lodge Leadership Development Weekend (LLD) is right around the corner! Planned for the weekend of **October 26 thru 28th** at Camp Hinds in Raymond, the LLD is the largest gathering of Lodge members for fellowship and training during the year. This year there are many new and exciting programs in the works. Our theme this year is **"Be seen by many others, and by inspiration lead them."** The usual programs will be available including training for election teams, elangomats, and ceremonial work, but there will also be a new session on publications and proper uniform wear!

Besides the training cells and classes, we will also have the Saturday afternoon Fellowship games for inter-chapter rivalry. Competitions include volleyball, soccer and ultimate frisbee, as well as a fully supervised COPE course! On Saturday night, the highlight will again be Win Joe Niman's Shorts III, where chapters will vie for that coveted pair of briefs! Another Pie Throwing Auction is in the works, so start saving your coin for that event. Of course, the Lodge Store will be available for



Dear Brothers,

As the Summer months wind down, many of us start to think about the return to school, work, and cooler weather. The Fall has often been considered a time of reflection of the past seasons, and what has been accomplished. I certainly hope that you have had the opportunity to serve in the Order this year, but if not, a few more opportunities exist.

From the Chief

**The Fall
Serves
Many
Purposes**



First of all, the final Ordeal weekend of the year will be held on September 7 - 9, 2001 at Camp Hinds. Those of you who know of candidates that have been elected should encourage them to attend and complete their Ordeal. As you know, they have been chosen! Also, many of you may be eligible to seal your membership in the Lodge by attending this Ordeal weekend and becoming a Brotherhood member. This journey is different than that of Ordeal membership, and I am sure that you will find it very enlightening. I also challenge each brother to return to their home troops and encourage former members renew their dues in our Order.

Finally, our Annual Lodge Leadership Development Weekend (LLD) will be held during the weekend of October 26-28 at Camp Hinds, and I cordially invite all of you to attend this great weekend of training and service. Our annual meeting and election of officers is held during this time, so your participation is important to its success. Watch for the special flyer in the mail this September.

In the Spirit of the Turtle...

Adrian Caron,
Lodge Chief

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The roots of the current Section numbering system can be traced to 1972 where the national committee again realigned the regions of the Order. Although this has been modified since that date, the system remains intact. For example, we are Section A, in area 1 of the Northeast Region, thus the name Section NE-1A.



fellowship of the evening program, our returning Section Chief, Josh Gagnon of Madockawanda Lodge had the prospect of facing a tough election against his Vice Chief, Ed Lynes of Motswetuset Lodge. When the votes were counted, Josh had narrowly defeated Ed for a second term. Re-election as Section Chief has occurred only twice prior to this time in Section history, and the first chief to accomplish this was Scott Valcourt, also of Madockawanda Lodge, so this was quite a task. Joining Josh as Section Officers for 2002 will be John Munro IV from Nanapashamet Lodge as Vice Chief and Matt Clineman from Motswetuset Lodge as Section Secretary. Roger Gagnon, also of our beloved Madockawanda Lodge, will continue to serve as Section Adviser for the 2001-2002 year.



Surfer Joe!...Section Secretary Joe Niman serves as Waterfront Director during the Healy Cup II festivities at Camp Norris. (photo courtesy of Paul Hallee)

After the elections, all three officers thanked outgoing Lodge Vice Chief Ed Lynes and outgoing Section Secretary Joe Niman for their service and dedication to the Section and the Order. As you know, we host the Section Conclave next year, so watch for information on the planning of this event in this and future issues of *The Soup*. On to Madockawanda Lodge and the 2002 Conclave, one you are sure not going to want to miss!





At the 1929 Grand Lodge Meeting (the early predecessor to NOAC), members voted to fully enact the Brotherhood level of membership, calling it the "Fellowship" degree.



National meetings, or NOAC's as they now are known, have taken place in the Order since the founding of our great organization, in one form or another. However, the national meeting was twice cancelled, in 1942 and in 1945, due to World War II.



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your shopping enjoyment.

Finally, the weekend will be wrapped up on Sunday morning with the 57th Annual meeting of Madockawanda Lodge, getting us back to the real world of Lodge Leadership where we will elect next year's slate of Lodge officers. In what has been a highly competitive yet friendly event, brothers from around the Lodge will vie for Chief, Vice-Chief, Treasurer and Lodge Secretary positions. Your chapter and Lodge brothers need you at this event. Please come and "lead others" at LLD 2001. I hope to see you there!

OA Newsbriefs...

Conclave Committee Chair/Adviser Named

Lodge Chief Adrian Caron has appointed Mike Price of Casco Bay Chapter as the Conclave Committee Chairperson for the 2001-2002 year. Mike currently serves as the Chapter Chief for Casco Bay Chapter and has held numerous leadership positions in his troop and in the Lodge. As you know, Madockawanda will host the 2002 Section NE-1A Conclave, and preparations are in the works to begin the coordination of this undertaking later this summer. Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden has also named Mike Mirisola of York Chapter as the Conclave Adviser. Mike is well known as the health officer at Camp Hinds and cheerfully serves in many other advisory positions in the lodge and in scouting in general. Watch future issues of *The Soup* for further information.

NOAC coming to Indiana University

Although it may seem early to talk about this event, NOAC 2002 will be held at Indiana University in late July, 2002. Lodges are required to reserve contingent member positions based upon very tight registration formulas, so Madockawanda Lodge will again have registration coupons in the November-December issue of *the Soup*. That's right, your first deposit and registration will be due in January, and the lodge expects that only approximately 17 slots will be available, with at least 11 slots reserved for youth participants. Sign up early if you want to insure your place at NOAC 2002!

News from the National Office

- * The latest Operations update from the National Office states that Associate Section, Lodge and Chapter positions have now been approved by the Order as official adviser positions in the program. Often utilized as informal positions at all levels in the WWW, this new policy change will greatly assist each division of the Order in completing various goals and objectives. Patches for these new position will be available through National Supply.
- * Remember that there are only a few months left to meet all the criteria for the Arrowman Service Award for 2001. (for details, see the March-April issue of *Turtle Soup*.) All requirements must be approved by the Lodge and processed through the national office. The Lodge executive committee recommends that you return the criteria sheet at the LLD weekend. You can also print a copy of the requirements and criteria sheet for this award by going to the national OA web site:
www.aa-bsa.org/misc/anr/asa/.
- * After three years and 214 million hours of community service, the Boy Scouts of America success fully completed its commitment to the Service to America campaign at the end of 2000. The OA supported the program by forming service promotion teams that visited district roundtables, troops and cub packs during the first quarters of 1998, 1999, and 2000. The promotion teams, usually centered around the chapter election teams, explained the program and its benefits. Locally, Madockawanda Lodge provided key promotion teams in all three years and reported their results as part of their annual recharter packet administered by the Lodge Chief in each year of service.



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Honor Lodge is at Stake!

Over the past several years, Madockawanda Lodge has been able to string together growth in membership to where the "Purple Turtle" is now considered one of the most successfully lodges in our Region. However, 2001 has not been a stellar year for membership renewal, and our status as 'Honor Lodge' is at stake. Please, if you know someone who has not renewed their membership, pass them the dues coupon to the right, and ask them to honor their obligation! 🐢

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Calendar

Sept 7 - 9	Fall Ordeal - Camp Hinds
Sept 9	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
Oct 26-28	Lodge Leadership Development Weekend
Oct 28	Annual Meeting & Election of Lodge Officers -Camp Hinds, Raymond ME.
Dec 1	Lodge Annual Banquet Governor's Restaurant - S. Portland
Dec 27-30	OA National Planning Meeting, Dallas TX
Dec 31	Lodge Charter Renewal Deadline

Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.

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