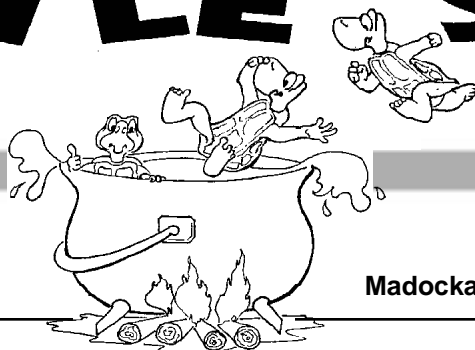


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OPC & LEC Set Path for Lodge Ordeal Season

By Chris Willey, Lodge Secretary

On March 24th, with over 35 members in attendance, the youth leadership of the lodge prepared for another season of Ordeals and service to Pine Tree Council camps. Members were given a copy of the latest Elangomat/Ordeal Handbook, and a variety of service projects and schedule changes were introduced for discussion and approval from those in attendance. With a listing of projects favored by Bob Gosselin, council properties superintendent, and suggested work from members, the brothers set to the task of planning the two Spring service weekends.



LEC at Work! Lodge members plan the Ordeal Season. From l to r: Arthur Price, Kevin Nunan, John Ritter, Dan Viens, and Lodge Chief Adrian Caron.

Projects approved for work at Camp Hinds pending approval by Council include the construction of a canoe and kayak rack, staining of the new shower buildings on both sides of camp, the loam and seeding of the new shower house area on the Tenney side of camp, the construction of showerhouse washstands, and the completion of the painting of the new stairwell railings between the dining hall and Tenney Bridge.

At Camp Bomazeen, projects being considered include the replacement of the bridge, culvert and guardrails separating the parade field and McCurdy Cabin, the repair of the drainage area and pipe at the rear entrance to the dining hall, jacking and leveling of Abnaki Cabin, and the installation of a

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Elangomat is the Ultimate Service!

by Ross London, Elangomat Committee Chairperson

Ask yourself this question: "who are those guys that walk around in purple shirts and have feathers sticking out of their heads?" For those of you who are wondering, they are Elangomats. Elangomats are the core of the Ordeal staff. Yes, there are other people helping in the logistics, but these are the guys fighting out in the trenches. Elangomats are the guide and friend to the Ordeal candidate. They assist the clan in the arduous labor that must be conducted throughout the day. They also eat the scant food that is presented before them, and they maintain silence as well. Elangomats repeat the Ordeal. I know that sounds scary, but I don't want to scare you away. There is a certain "breed" of person that joins the Elangomat corps. They are dedicated individuals who are willing to rededicate



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Lodge Sends 4 More to NLS!

by Nathan Colby, Lodge Vice Chief



The National Leadership Seminar, or NLS as it is more commonly known in OA circles, is a nationally developed training session to further enhance the leadership training of lodge officers and committee chairman. Participants attend a three-day training program, and upon completion of the course, set goals and objectives for them to strive for over the coming year. NLS was originally introduced at the 1977 National Order of the Arrow Conference. 🐢



On Friday March 30th, four dedicated members of the Lodge traveled thru a late winter storm and braved the roads as they left the little state of Maine and headed down South to New Jersey. Why you may ask? Well these four souls were striving to “win all you can” in the Lodge as they were looking to become better leaders. Elangomat Chair Ross London, Lodge Treasurer Jared Smith, Lodge Vice Chief Nate Colby, and York Chapter Advisor Dan Colby were all attending the National Leadership Seminar at Camp Alpine. Despite the bad weather and poor road conditions they made it down in time, as we were the first to arrive. (I don’t think we would have made it had it not been for Ross’ cookies that he had brought with him!)

As the weekend of fun got rolling, we realized that we really had little free time to ourselves. Our whole weekend was planned for us and it was non-stop the whole time. The weekend was full of fun and entertaining activities as we met people from the rest of the Northeast Region. We were lucky to meet Pat Boyd, who is the Northeast Region Chief and is a very funny guy, and meet the National Vice Chief, Scott Hunter. The important concepts we learned were the things that a leader needs to do, be, and know. Besides our training classes, we even got to role play a little bit and put on fake mustaches and beards, and boy did we look funny! Our laugh for the weekend came when we were playing OA Jeopardy with Vanna White! Alex Trabek was Pat Boyd, and Vanna White was Scott Hunter dressed up in a cow costume to symbolize his home state of Wyoming. It was hilarious and fun was had by all.

As the weekend was ending we began to realize that what we went through was for a reason. Everything has a purpose. We also, for all of you potential leaders out there, learned what the center of being a great leader is based on. The key for anyone to succeed in the world is TRUST!

As we left, we remembered all of the times that we had there and said goodbye to all of our new friends. The ride home was nice and short and we probably wouldn’t have made it home if it hadn’t been for Ross’ refueling of the cookies before we left. The four of us had a great time and really enjoyed the NLS experience. I think we all just wish that the weather was better than all of the crummy rain that we got, but oh well. I think you tend to remember the experiences better when everything isn’t perfect. 🐢



l to r. Lodge Vice Chief Nathan Colby, Treasurer Jared Smith, National Vice Chief Nathan Hunter, and Elangomat Chairman Ross London are all smiles at the NLS recently held at Camp Alpine in New Jersey. (photo courtesy of Dan Colby)

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self-guided nature trail for camp. Other general projects for both camps include cleanup and maintenance after this long winter, re-building the deck at the Rifle range at Hinds, and the building of tent platform outriggers at Bomazeen.

One of the major discussions held during the Ordeal Planning Conference was a change in the Saturday afternoon schedule and a return to hosting the “feast” before the Ordeal ceremonies. Over the past few years, concern has been raised by youth and adults alike that the length of ordeal day, including the size of the ordeal clans, only caused the Saturday evening feast to start as late at 9:30 to 10:00 PM! Many members have felt that this places too many risks to the participants, staff, and kitchen crew. This would allow for more of a traditional ceremony in the latter hours of the evening. After a great deal of discussion including comments from the ceremony team, kitchen crew, elangomats, and general lodge membership, it was voted to test a return to a late afternoon feast held “in silence”, and then have the Ordeal Ceremonies take place after the meal. This, it was felt, would enhance the understanding of the ceremony by the candidates, and would allow all participants to attend the ceremonial work. This program will be tested during the Spring Ordeal season, and the LEC and Lodge Key 5 will again review the schedule and make a recommendation for the Fall and future Ordeal weekends.





Service Objectives were first proposed and introduced at the National level in 1952, and were designed to promote "...more year round camping opportunities, better camping facilities through service projects, and increased participation in scout camping through the Order or the Arrow unit visitation teams."



1977 was also the first National Order of the Arrow Conference where the Order operated its own Trading Post sales. Previous sales at NOAC's were controlled by Scouting's National Supply.



Ordeal Service has Great Responsibilities

by Nate Colby, Lodge Vice Chief

Last year, when our Past Lodge Chief asked me to be his Service Chair, I was kind of skeptical. I was wondering if this is what I really wanted to do and how exactly I would go about doing it. I eventually thought it through and decided that I would do it and try to challenge myself more. I had some experience, so I had somewhat of an idea of what I was doing and was actually looking forward to it. Later, before the OPC, I had learned that my job had changed. Our Lodge Chief at the time had emailed me and said, "Now don't get all uptight on me. The title has changed but your job is basically the same except that we combined your job and the Ordeal Committee." This wasn't that big of a deal. I was ready to take it on and actually was quite excited at the new challenges that I faced.

As the Ordeal Service Committee Chairman, I never really had any free time at Ordeals. I was constantly talking to Bob Gosselin, the Council Properties Superintendent, about all of the projects that needed to be done and the materials that we needed for these projects. Friday night of Ordeal weekend, I was always trying to figure out who was doing what and what I needed to tell everyone as well as assigning the brothers that showed up for the weekend the various service projects to do. This could be difficult. Beyond this, I had all of these people finishing the projects that I had given them quicker than I had anticipated, and I didn't always have anything lined up for them because they did the project so fast that I hadn't had time to re-organize! Then, there were times where I had all of these projects to do and the materials for the projects never showed up or else they were late and threw the rest of my schedule off in the meantime!

As the Service Committee Chair, I was basically responsible for all of the service projects that the clans completed and the projects that the brothers did around the camps. I had to make sure that everyone knew what they were doing and had the materials to do the task that they were assigned. It is a very tiresome and time-consuming job and position that I am very proud to have held.

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you are asked to serve and to give of yourself. As the Service Committee Chair I realized that my service wasn't only to the Lodge, but it was also to the camps, the council, and the troops we serve. I realized that being the Service Chair is a very special job that anyone should consider a privilege to have. If you want to get involved with the Lodge at the Ordeal weekends, you should look into helping out the Service Chair as he can use the help with the task of carrying out the Ordeal Service work.

Lodge Store has it All in 2001!

by Jared Smith, Lodge Treasurer

For 2001, the Lodge store will offer many Order of the Arrow items normally only available through National Supply, and more importantly, will offer Lodge Merchandise never before seen by most of our lodge arrowmen! What I am talking about is the new 2001 Lodge trader flap (see the graphic on page 6), and the Madockawanda Bolo, which was briefly introduced at the 2000 Banquet! Both of these new items will surely sell out over the year, so make sure you get your supply this spring.

There will be the usual items too! We always have a fresh supply of sashes, universal arrow ribbons for your uniform pocket, hiking stick medallions, vigil pins, and a variety of items available only at the Store!

For those of you who missed the chance last year, there is a very limited supply of the two-piece 2000 lodge flap available. And we really mean limited! The numbers are so low, we fully expect to be sold out of this popular patch at the first Spring Ordeal, if any are left after the Council Scout Show!



We also hope to get your ideas for our final steps in setting up the lodge store on the web! What do you want to see, what do you want us to sell, and all these great details have to be worked out before it goes "live" in the Fall of 2001. So, come to the Spring Lodge events, buy plenty of OA goods, especially our new items, and help us start the new internet lodge store of the 21st Century!



Dear Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few events that are “approaching quickly.” The first of these events is the Scout Show. At this Council event, the Lodge will have a site with various displays of our service and Native American regalia. A highlight of our area will be two Native American drum teams that will be performing during the day!

From the Chief

**Ordeals
Need your
Presence!**

Also coming up is the beginning of the Ordeal season. June 1st-3rd is the Hinds Ordeal and on June 15th through the 17th is the Bomazeen Ordeal. Recently, at the Ordeal Planning Conference, the LEC discussed ways to improve our Ordeals. There were discussions ranging from Elangomats, Ordeal service projects, to the Ordeal schedule itself. It was decided to change the schedule to better the candidate’s experience. This new schedule will be used at these Ordeals, and we invite you to partake in this service.

The long winter of 2000-2001 has left both Camp Bomazeen and Hinds with a great deal of work needed in preparation for the summer camp season. General maintenance, cleanup, and some major work around the bridge at Camp Bomazeen and the new shower house at Camp Hinds will be part of our “cheerful service” for this year. You can also continue your service this summer by participating in the *OA Service Hour*...Wednesdays at Bomazeen, and Thursdays at Hinds. And you can earn this year’s patch (see graphic, below)!

I hope you will find the time to Serve!
In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle

Adrian Caron,
Lodge Chief



Service Hour Ready for Summer!

By Adrian Caron, Lodge Chief

With your troop attending summer camp this year, why not spend an hour or two in “thoughtful reflection” by helping out at the OA Service Hour. Again being held on Wednesday afternoons at Camp Bomazeen, and Thursday evenings at Camp Hinds, the program provides for lodge members (and for those visiting from out of council lodges) to help out around camp of various maintenance projects. Last year, the Service Hour program allowed all the major buildings at Camp Bomazeen to be completely repainted, and completed a larger variety of repair and maintenance projects at Camp Hinds as well.



The 2001 Version of the Service Hour Patch! Get Yours at Camp this Summer.

We plan on working on additional projects this year at both camps, including the preparation and continuation of the nature trail at Bomazeen, and the continued work on the clearing of the mountain biking trail at Camp Hinds. With the new shower house built on the Tenney side at Camp Hinds, work will continue on landscaping that area for the summer. We also expect that some of the buildings at Hinds will need to have a new coat of paint and some minor repairs, especially after the long winter we’ve just had! Projects at each camp could also include the completion of the various projects started at the Spring Ordeal weekends, including continued work on the maintenance of our council and ceremony ring sites at both camps, further brush removal and burning, as well as whatever Bob Gosselin and the camp rangers at both facilities decide is needed! Remember, we are here to provide service cheerfully and in whatever manner is needed. At the end of the Service Hour, each participant gets a great ice cream social for their efforts, and the knowledge that he/she has “...reached for the higher vision.”

As in the past, those who come for the service hour and work cheerfully will get the latest version of the service hour patch, pictured above. With the limited amount of these patches made, they are surely some of the most collectible of patches in the Order! I hope to see all of you this summer.



2001 represents the third year of the OA Service Hour program. Originally implemented to improve the visibility and presence of the Order at summer camp, the service hour program has provided over 1,000 hours of “cheerful service” to both camps!





“Set apart from the rest of the scouts for something higher.” Elangomat, in the Lenni Lenape language, means “Friend”, and serving as an elangomat can be one of the most rewarding roles in the Order. The Elangomat program was first introduced at the 1976 National Committee Meeting.



Chapter Advisers were first allowed to wear their “badge of office” patches in 1972, as these new positions were officially recognized at the 1972 National planning meeting.



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themselves to the Order. As the elangomat chairman I am always looking for willing individuals. For the Spring 2001 series of ordeals, the Lodge needs a total of 10 Elangomats. That is five for each Ordeal, as there will be five clans at each Ordeal. The Elangomat committee will be conducting trainings throughout the year. Some of the “perks” to being an Elangomat are the Elangomat feather, which are given to an Elangomat each time he serves. In past years Elangomats have been given t-shirts for their service, and we hope to continue that tradition. And for the patch collecting Elangomat, there might possibly be a special Elangomat patch that will be issued by the committee and available only to those who serve in this great role. If there are any trained Elangomats out there who would like to serve sometime this year, do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at rossl@ctel.net. The few, the proud, the Elangomats!

Yours in Wimachtendienk,

K-Valley

Kennebec Valley, like always, is keeping ourselves busy and striving for excellence. We have completed our election season, with 13 troops. We had great voter turnout and are excited for the ordeal season. On April 7th, we assisted the Cub Scouts at the District Pinewood Derby, and on the 14th, we helped with the Habitat for Humanity Program out of Augusta. The Ceremony team continues to rehearse for the coming events. Our recent Monthly meeting had a Mic Mac drumming group come in for a demonstration.

-Dan Viens

Downeast

After planning and hosting of a very successful Spring District Camporee with the theme “Back to Nature” and completing another election season, the chapter also helped celebrate Father Sheehan’s priesthood by representing time spent on a Sioux reservation. One quarter of all active chapter members attended this celebration.

-Josh Shean

York

After focusing on putting on a District Camporee based loosely around the Theme of the TV show “Survivor” which was held at Camp Nutter on the last weekend of April, and seeing our meeting attendance jump due to the help of many brothers, we would like to thank Dan Colby, Phil Taschereau, Wayne Holden, Tim Shea, and all of the Arrowmen who helped with this camporee and with the election season.

-Andy Shea

Abnaki

The Chapter has had another good election year, and again completed many cross-over ceremonies for local Cub Scout Packs, including one in Raymond for our brothers in Casco Bay! The chapter has decided to make chapter hats, and held its candidate call-out ceremony during the Camp Gustin cleanup weekend on April 28th.

- Adam Tanguay

Casco Bay

The Casco Bay Chapter just completed another election season, and successfully helped man stations and sell its famous chili at the district Klondike. We have also begun the planning for the 2001 Annual Lodge Banquet. For the Scout Show in May, the chapter has already reserved a dunk tank, and we plan on having a lot of fun with this addition!

- Mike Price

Meeting Notes:

A reminder to all chapters that the Founders’ Award committee will meet Friday evening, June 1, 2001 during the Camp Hinds Ordeal. The committee is looking for one youth representative from each chapter who is not the chapter chief to meet with Josh Gagnon, Founders’ Award committee chairman, and Tom Thornton, adviser, for selection of the 2001 recipients. If you have questions, please contact Josh through his email: nutiket@adelphia.net



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New Lodge Flap Ready for Spring Ordeals!

The March 24th Lodge Executive Committee Meeting addressed a great deal of important business, none more important than the new Lodge trader flap design. With at least four entries, the LEC had a difficult task, but after review of the candidates, a design submitted by Dan Viens, current Chapter Chief of K-Valley was approved in a vote of the committee. A drawing of the soon to be released patch appears to the right! Look for it at the Spring Ordeals! 🐢



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Calendar

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| May 19 | Pine Tree Council Scout Show
Windsor Fair Grounds, Windsor, ME |
| June 1 -3 | Ordeal Weekend /LEC - Camp Hinds |
| June 8-10 | Section Conclave-Norris Scout Reservation
Eden, Vermont |
| June 15-17 | Ordeal Weekend - Camp Bomazeen |
| July 23 - Aug 1 | National Scout Jamboree - Fort AP Hill VA |
| Sept 7 - 9 | Fall Ordeal / LEC - Camp Hinds |

*Remember the **OA Service Hour** at Summer Camp - **Every Thursday** at Both Camp Hinds and Bomazeen!*

Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.

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