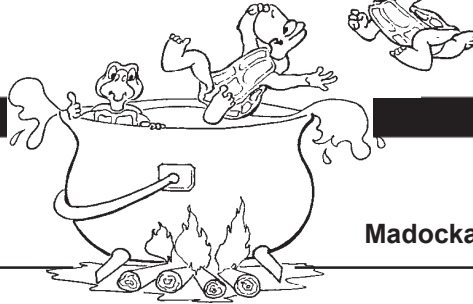


# TURTLE SOUP



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## LEC Approves Goals for 2002!

*Caron Challenges Leadership to Strive for Membership Level of 600 Actives*

*By Evan Bonney, Lodge Secretary*

With a large turnout of over 40 lodge, chapter and committee officers and advisers present, the January Lodge Executive Committee Meeting in Auburn represented a great start to the new lodge year. Lodge Chief Adrian Caron opened the meeting by distributing the new and impressive lodge planbook for 2002, and reviewed the results of the Key 5 meeting held during the last weekend in December. Adrian also announced that the Lodge would continue with some very successful goals, but added three which were very specific to the 2002 Lodge year. Included in the goals for 2002 were to strive to achieve Honor Lodge status for the sixth straight year, continue our service to council summer camps through the Ordeal and the Service Hour program, conduct a productive and meaning Ordeal season, and continue to grow as a resource to council training programs. These four goals are continuations of the objectives set last



*A Smile for the Brotherhood: Lodge Treasurer Nick Gauvin and Lodge Secretary Evan Bonney listen attentively to the Chief at the January LEC.*

year by the lodge, and include the goal of enhancing the presence of our youth leaders in council and district training programs. New for 2002 are the goals of improving the OA Troop Representative Program, host a successful and well attended Section Conclave, and properly prepare and fill a contingent for the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. After outlining the steps for each of these goals, Adrian then challenged all LEC members and chapters to "...seek out all brothers to join in this cause, and let's together reach the 600-member level in the lodge." Getting to 600 will be no small tasks as despite our 586 member renewal for 2001, positive membership growth at this high a level has not been seen in many years! Also included in these 2002 goals by design are the need for the Lodge to achieve 30% Brotherhood conversion, and to pull off a very active schedule that

*see Lodge Sets Goals.... page 3*

## Be Sealed in the Brotherhood

*by Nick Pelletier, Brotherhood Committee Chairman*


In any new year there is change! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Nick Pelletier and I was recently asked to fulfill the call to serve and was bestowed with the honor of being named Brotherhood Committee Chairman for 2002. I believe that Brotherhood membership is the foundation and core of the lodge, as we are those who have furthered out devotion to service and that aspect is what makes us unique. That is why I chose to pursue this job; to guide our ordeal members into sealing their brotherhood and to influence our current brothers to continue their unselfish service to our great lodge. Most importantly, to keep all of them active in the day-to-day events of the lodge. On my way to brotherhood, I have participated in many events that the lodge has offered, including the LLD, Ordeals, elangomat service, as well as COC meetings and many of my York Chapter events, but none of these can compare to the moment I sealed my membership in brotherhood. I encourage all new members of the lodge in 2001 to come forth in 2002 and raise themselves to the Brotherhood level of membership

*see Brotherhood.... page 3*


## Lodge Officers Tell the Tale.....*your officers for 2002!*

*We thought it would be appropriate to tell you a little about your 2002 lodge officers, their scouting backgrounds, and their personal thoughts on their upcoming work in the 58th year of Madockawanda Lodge. It tells the story of brotherhood, cheerfulness, service and commitment.*



For those who are attending the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the theme for this year's NOAC is: *"Test Yourself and So Discover"* 



Here is an interesting fact: During the month of January, the lodge website was visited 177 times. This is the highest monthly total to date in the short life of this new site. The previous high was 130 visits in November, 2001, the first month of its existence. 

### Adrian Caron -Lodge Chief

Adrian is in his second year as lodge chief, and hails from Troop 116 in Lewiston, where he served in various positions, including Senior Patrol Leader. An Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member, Adrian was elected to the Order in 1995, and has served as Chapter Vice Chief and Chief of Abnaki Chapter, and served as Allowat in the Chapter Ceremonies Team. On the Lodge level, Adrian previously served as Lodge Secretary and as Chairman of the Turtles Trading Post, our Lodge Store. Also involved in youth leadership, he has served on staff for Pine Tree Council's Junior Leader Training Conference for the past five years and recently served as an inaugural member of the youth staff for the Woodbadge program in 2001. Adrian has also served on staff at Camp Bomazeen for the past two summers. Adrian states, "My choice to become involved in the Order has given me great opportunities in scouting, including leadership skills, camping skills, the understanding of service, and many new friends in scouting from all over our state and region."

### Nate Colby - Vice Chief

Nate Colby is also in his second year as Lodge Vice Chief, and is a member of Troop 399 in Lyman. Nate has served in various scouting positions, including Senior Patrol Leader and ASPL, and is currently registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster with his troop. An Eagle Scout, he has also served in the Lodge in various leadership roles including Ordealmaster and the youth Chairman for the Waterfront Retaining Wall project at Camp Hinds in 1999. Elected to the Order in 1996, he was honored by his fellow brothers with the Vigil Honor in 2000, and has previously served on staff at Camp Hinds in Raymond, and was also a member of the inaugural youth staff for the 21st Century Woodbadge course in 2001. Nate states about his experiences in the Order, and his officer role, "To me, being an officer in the Order of the Arrow this year isn't much different than my service in any of the previous years of my membership except that I am grateful to be given the chance to be an officer for a second term. I am also pleased to serve with two new officers and to help the lodge and I am very proud of our goals for this coming year."

### Evan Bonney - Secretary

Evan Bonney is a Life Scout from Troop 586 in Farmington and resides in New Sharon. In this troop, Evan has served as ASPL, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. In 2001, Evan was one of two scouts from Pine Tree Council to attend the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp at the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. Evan was elected by his troop to the Order in 1999, and sealed his membership in the brotherhood in 2000. Previous to being elected Lodge Secretary, Evan served as Vice Chief for K-Valley Chapter and was Brotherhood Committee Chairman in 2001, helping the Lodge reach the 30% brotherhood conversion rate necessary for Honor Lodge status. Evan states he would like to attend NOAC, and in his role as Secretary, would like to continue to improve lodge communications between chapters and to the membership, and make sure that the minutes to all lodge meetings are produced quickly and are made available to all members through the new lodge website.

### Nick Gauvin - Treasurer

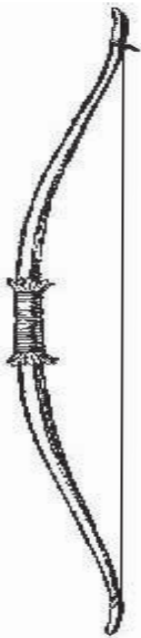
From the same troop as Evan Bonney (Troop 586 in Farmington), Nick Gauvin has served in a variety of positions in his troop, sometimes in multiple positions at the same time! Elected to the Order in 1999, Nick sealed his membership with the Brotherhood in 2000, and has recently served as the treasurer for K-Valley Chapter, and the captain of the chapter ceremony team. For the past two summers, Nick has served on staff at Camp Bomazeen as a Scoutcraft Instructor. As the Lodge Treasurer, Nick's main responsibility is reporting the revenue for lodge events, and is in charge of the Turtles Trading Post, or the lodge store. His goals for the trading post are threefold: Generate new ideas for store items, increase revenue produced through this area, and make sure the trading post is run "By the members, and for the members." Nate is also interested in furthering his adventures in the Order by attending NOAC. "Um, I am planning on going. What more can I say? I expect to see all the good ideas from the other lodge's and steal.....I mean borrow them for our use here in Madockawanda Lodge."



Since being first awarded in 1991, Madockawanda Lodge has only missed the Honor Lodge designation twice, once in 1992, and once in 1996.



OK, so there are a few things that haven't happened in our Lodge or Section. First of all, no brother has ever served three terms as Madockawanda Lodge Chief, and no National Chief or National Vice Chief has ever hailed from Section NE-1A!



## Brotherhood..... Continued from Front Page

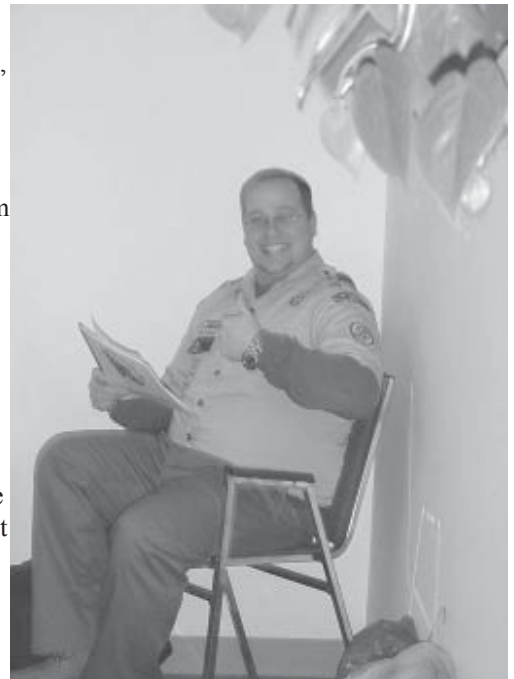
in 2002. We have many reasons to do this....for the honor lodge goal, to better ourselves in service, and to celebrate the lodge and the Order during this Conclave hosting year. I also need those brothers who have reached for this level to step forward in their chapters to encourage our members to come forward. Remember, at each Ordeal weekend, members can earn the Brotherhood and serve as staff at the Ordeal, a weekend quite different from the one you participated in during your Ordeal. If you have any questions, comments or just want to let yourself be known, my e-mail address can be found on the lodge we site under committees, and you can also contact any lodge officer and ask them. I'm not only excited to serve in this position but to work with all the brothers and members. I look forward to seeing all of you at one of our Lodge events!

## The OA Troop Rep and Service...it Starts with You.

So, if you want to help the lodge reach one of its goals, there are numerous possibilities for the OA Troop Representative. The position is flexible enough to allow your unit to fine-tune the exact responsibilities. However, it takes our members to "push" their units into service. Why? Because the basic task of the Troop Representative is to coordinate the involvement of the unit with the Order of the Arrow and the Lodge. How? By involving the troop with service opportunities within the council and its camps. Has your unit thought of contacting Bob Gosselin, Properties Superintendent, to schedule a troop service weekend at Bomazeen or Hinds? Come on, all of you have thought "what can we do for a troop camping trip this month?" Well, how about a weekend at either camp in service? Its a great way to serve and to have fun!

## Lodge Sets Goals for 2002...Continued from Front Page

includes three Ordeal weekends and the completion of the drainage and bridge project near McCurdy Cabin at Camp Bomazeen, hosting and staffing a Section Conclave at Camp Hinds during the 75th Anniversary year of this camp, planning and implementing a LLD weekend, as well as hosting our Annual Banquet. This is over and above the role that lodge youth members will play in various troop, chapter, district, and council activities. Committee plans for the 2002 year were also provided, including reports by Ross London on Elangomats, Nick Pelletier on Brotherhood, Josh Shean on the Ceremony Team, Josh Gagnon on the Web Page and the Founders' Award, and Nick Gauvin on the Lodge Store. In other business, members expressed their desire to continue promotion of full uniform wear at lodge and council events where the Order has a presence, and a report from Conclave Committee Chairman Mike Price summarized the plans to date as the lodge and its members move forward in hosting the Section NE-1A Conclave at Camp Hinds in June. In the end, probably the most moving part of the meeting was when Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden, as part of his adviser's minute, read the farewell letter written by outgoing Chief of the Fire and Council Executive Rees Falkner to all Lodge members. Despite his departure, Rees encouraged the Lodge move forward in change and noted that with the 2002 goals set forth in the Lodge Planbook, all lodge members have been "...provided outstanding opportunities for growth as you work to accomplish these outstanding and meaningful objectives." The LEC also pledged its full support to Eric Chamberlain as he serves as interim council executive during the search process, and we look forward to seeing him at our various lodge events and activities.



Seal of Approval...Lodge Staff Adviser Jeremy Lucas gives his sign of approval of the 2002 Lodge goals at the January LEC.



*In setting up the Order, Goodman and Edson agreed that it would be good to establish something from the rich lore of the Native Americans. The fact that Walter Cowing, then Scout Executive of the Philadelphia Council had what he called "Orders of Woodsmanship" for many years in his private boys' camp in Maine, also inspired our founders. Even at this early time, Maine played a role!*



## Conclave Moves from Planning to Implementation

by Mike Price, Conclave Committee Chairman

The planning for this year's Conclave to be held at Camp Hinds continues to progress and is still very much a work in progress. With my adviser, Mike Mirisola and the Lodge Executive Committee, we have been busy at work filling the key staff roles, but much is left to be done. At this point in the game, it's where YOU, my fellow brother, must step forward to serve. We are still searching for a few key OA members throughout our lodge to help participate on staff. We know you're out there, and you want to help. So come right along- My saying is: *'Be Brave and Work the Conclave'*. With a great turnout, the planning got into high gear this past Saturday, March 9th as the Conclave Planning Committee met before the March LEC meeting to review staffing assignments and organizational plans for this event. More meetings will be held if you missed this one, and this message is for all of those who have signed up to work and have agreed to serve on one of the staff committees I spoke about in the last issue of Turtle Soup. Finally, don't forget the Conclave Workday at Camp Hinds on Saturday, May 11th!

Also, for those of you who couldn't get to this meeting or missed the notice, yet would like to attend and serve, you can contact myself, Mike Price via e-mail [at the following address: priceisrightmp@yahoo.com](mailto:priceisrightmp@yahoo.com). We also are encouraging the members to be on the lookout for the conclave flyer which should "in home" with all active members as this article goes to press. However, if you know of a member who hasn't received a flyer, it will be on the Lodge Website until March 15th! Remember, you won't get the flyer if your not active, so please get the word out to all non-active members, and encourage them to PAY THEIR DUES!!! It's the only stipulation to participating or attending, so I encourage you to do so. Thanks!



Dear Brothers,

2002 is off to a great start and there is much going on!

The Lodge is currently in election season, and this year we are looking forward to a great season that will help increase our lodge membership to over 600 members. By the way, if you know someone who has not paid their dues as of yet, please remind them that they should get that in to insure their good standing and have the honor of wearing the Lodge flap and OA sash.

But there are more bigger, exciting things for you to be looking forward to: Conclave 2002 and the 75th Anniversary of Camp Hinds. Yes, you have heard by now that we are host Lodge, and what could that mean to you? Just about everything! This is an opportunity for you to involve yourself with the Lodge and help us show other lodges what we have to offer. We will be needing people for every aspect - from food services to trading post personnel. If you are at interested please contact myself, Wayne Holden, Mike Price, Mike Mirisola or any of your chapter officers/advisers. It is very important that we have many people involved! Conclave is a great time for fun and fellowship, I hope to see you all there! The year has begun, it's now time to get involved. We need you!

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle!

**Adrian Caron**,  
Lodge Chief

### From the Chief

**"Worthy of  
Our Time  
and Effort"**



# Yours in Wimachtendink. . .

## K-Valley Chapter

The valley has remained very active this winter. At our February meeting at Waterville Jr. High school we made medicine bags to be worn as regalia around the neck. On Saturday, March 2, 2002, the chapter ran the concession stand at the District Klondike Derby. We called it the "KLONDIKE BAR". Every thing is great in the valley as we remain on our journey to our Fourth Consecutive Honor Chapter award.

*Dan Viens*

## Abnaki Chapter

Just a friendly reminder that the Abnaki Chapter meetings are held the same night as the district roundtable. In March, the chapter will shift gears a bit for a month by structuring an activity around the boys and achievements by helping with the collections and hobbies merit badge work, and will be working on the achievements for the Indian lore merit badge. We are also in high gear with our election season, and if you haven't scheduled your unit visitation and OA election, please contact Dave Tribou, our Chapter Adviser or our Associate Adviser, Al Warner.

*Dan Warner*

## York Chapter

York Chapter is in full swing and has some great plans for the future. At our next meeting, we will be having a guest speaker join our chapter meeting to discuss Native American crafts and his performance on dance and drum teams in our area. We look forward to his talk about his work with Native Americans. At our April meeting, we will hold our Elangamat training and finalize the plans for our second chapter campout of the year at Nutter. We should have the final design and order forms prepared for our new 2002 Chapter T-Shirts available at this meeting, so make sure you attend! We look forward to a great elections and Ordeal season

*Justin Colby*

## Casco Bay Chapter

The Casco Bay Chapter is doing great in a very busy time of year for our members. We have contacted the units in our chapter and begun our intense election season in the largest chapter in the lodge in terms of unit visitation. We helped out at the 2002 Casco Bay Klondike Derby, as we helped run stations and sold refreshments to benefit the chapter activities. Our meetings have been packed and well attended and we're looking to start the Indian Lore merit badge and to do more outings now that the Spring season is approaching.

*Greg Bradford*

## Ceremony Team Goes Upon a Journey

The Lodge Ceremonies Team is actively preparing for the upcoming Ordeal season. In addition to this, we are also engaged in preparations for competing in NOAC. Our first show of force will be when we combine our powers and slaughter the opposing teams at the Section NE-1A Conclave. We will then travel to NOAC, which is to be held in that state that is both south and west of us. Once there we will proceed to destroy all competition and instill in them the fear of the wrath of Madockawanda Lodge! At which point we shall return to the great state of Maine and boast of our greatness! You too can join the Ceremonies Team, or our Tech Crew. To do this, simply contact Joshua Shean by E-mail at [shean@clinic.net](mailto:shean@clinic.net), You can also contact our adviser, Joe Niman, at [joseph.niman@maine.edu](mailto:joseph.niman@maine.edu). We are looking to start a second ceremony team and need your help!

*Joshua Shean*



*The first two Executive Secretaries of the Order (which in title has evolved into today's National Director) were actually youth members. It was during the term of the second Executive Secretary, J. Richard Wilson, that the position was upgraded to a professional post in the national office.*



*The Nimat Hike for the Brotherhood membership level is a relatively new concept. Prior to the development of this hike as part of the brotherhood honor, Brothers who reached for this level used to be (and in some lodges, still are) subjected to a grueling interview.*



**Summer Camp is Around the Corner!**

Remember, the Lodge sponsors two full weeks of summer camp for two deserving youth of our council through the Ed Pease Campership Program. Chapter election teams have the application forms with their election material, so please make sure you ask for a copy during your unit visitation. And remember, you can always obtain a copy from our lodge website: [www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html](http://www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html)

**Pardon our Appearance:**

Casco Bay Chapter Adviser Arthur Price had his email inadvertently listed incorrectly in the January-February issue of *Turtle Soup*. His correct email address is: [a.pricejr@worldnet.att.net](mailto:a.pricejr@worldnet.att.net)

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**Lodge Calendar**

*March - April 2002 Update*

- March 9th -Lodge LEC Meeting -SMMC Biddeford 1:00 PM
- March 23rd -Ordeal Planning Conference -Auburn 10:00 AM
- May 4th - COC Meeting and Conclave Workday - Hinds
- May 10th - Deadline for Unit Election Results to Lodge
- May 11th - Conclave Workday - Camp Hinds
- May 31- June 2 Ordeal Weekend & LEC Meeting - Camp Hinds
- June 7 - 9 - Section NE-1A Conclave - Camp Hinds
- June 14 - 16 - Ordeal Weekend, Camp Bomazeen

Any changes will be passed along through the chapter chiefs, and on the web page at [www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html](http://www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/lodge.html)

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