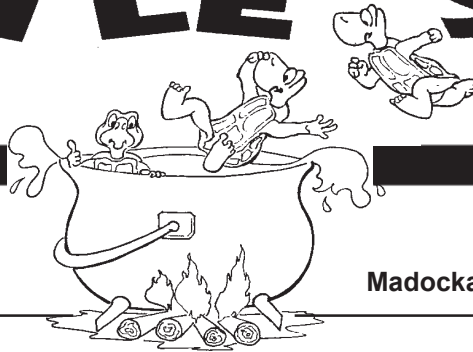


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Madockawanda Lodge #271



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Lodge Set to Celebrate 60th!

Special Service Award Planned for Anniversary Year

By Dan Warner, 60th Anniversary Committee Chairperson



lodge, we have many things planned for this joyous occasion. We are currently working on establishing the location for the original ceremony site that was used by our founders in the 1940's and early 1950s, and plan to hold a ceremony from that exact spot! A dedication and tribute site will be constructed at this exact location to pay homage to our original members, and the original ceremonies that took place at this site. We also plan a rededication for this site during the Spring of 2004, so look for more information on this celebration. For our current members, we have a handful of items for which there will be a pre-order form in the next edition of *Turtle Soup*. A new trader flap was designed that went on sale at the 2003 LLD and will be available at future lodge events, but you may want to get yours at the 2003 Banquet (see story below), because they are going very fast and are definitely a wonderful addition to your lodge flap collection! We also have a special Personal Achievement Award that all active members will be able to earn during the 2004 lodge year. Requirements are enclosed in this edition of *Turtle Soup*. We look forward to this prosperous and eventful year!

As most of you know (many by reading the last issue of *Turtle Soup*), our lodge is in the midst of planning, and will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2004. With honor to those who came before us in the

2004 Graphics! The graphic above and to the left is the official logo for the 60th anniversary of the Lodge and will be the base design for the year's activity (and some cool merchandise!), while immediately below is the official 2004 Lodge Flap...now available at the Turtle's Trading Post!



K-Valley to Host 2003 Banquet!

Senator Inn site for Recognition of Lodge Achievements during the Year

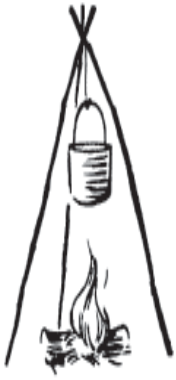
By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Secretary

GREAT FOOD! Do I have your attention yet? Well If I do just keep reading and you can find out how to get it. In case you haven't figured it out by now, I'm talking about the 2003 Madockawanda Lodge Annual Banquet. This year it will be held at the Senator Inn and Spa in Augusta on Saturday, December 6th.

I know what you're thinking...I can get food at home. Well this is true. However, if you do that than you would be missing out on a lot of other great stuff that you can only find at the banquet. What did you think we just ate then went home? Of course not, it is an exciting event that the whole family can enjoy.

The greatness? As I said before there is the food, but that is not it by a long shot. For starters, we have consistently gotten great people as speakers at these functions. To give you

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Even though Pamola Lodge (the "other" Maine Lodge) was founded in 1941, three years before Madockawanda, our own Frank Bailey was the first Vigil Honor Member from Maine.



The Lodge did not have restrictions on its flap until 1973, when the membership voted to place the restrictions on the sale and trading of the Lodge flap.



Banquet... *Continued from Front Page*

a taste the past National Vice-Chief, not to mention our own Council executive J.T. Dabbs, and even the Mayor of Lewiston. So if you think it is just going to be some stupid Lodge Secretary, you are sadly mistaken (hey, wait a minute!)

Also, this is where several presentation take place including the Founder's Award and the introduction and presentation of the 2003 Vigil Honor recipients, not to mention a year in review of all committees. We also recognize those chapters who have earned the Honor Chapter Awards in 2003. And of course what would be a proper closing without the entire year in review for all of Madockawanda. We get to bask in the glory that we have achieved, and it feels pretty good. We may even introduce the 2004 Lodge Officers, and let them talk a bit about their plans for our 2004 Anniversary Year!

So if you still are not convinced, than let me just say that your friends is going to be there, why aren't you? Seriously, this is an excellent opportunity for fellowship. Some of the funniest moments in the Lodge Year happen at the Annual Banquet, and you do not want to miss any of it. There are amazing speeches, chances to rag on those who may be in positions of greater authority, and just a good time. I know that I am in a good mood once I am fed and surrounded by friends.



Brothers Bestowed Vigil Honor

by Josh Gagnon, Vigil Honor Chairperson

With a hectic schedule and many candidates, the Vigil Selection Committee met in early June to review the list of eligible members, and to complete the selection of those worthy for the Vigil Honor in 2003. Under the direction of Vigil Adviser Dick Valcourt, representatives for chapters in



The 2003 Vigil Class: Completing the Vigil Honor for this year (from l to r), Phil Taschereau, Andrew Buckley, Tim Curtis, Justin Colby, Leonard Niman, and Arthur Price.

our Lodge met to discuss and review each option available, not an easy task! Once selected, the process becomes clearer, especially considering that we had a very capable Allowat in Josh Shean! With two vigil evenings necessary due to a prior Philmont commitment by one of our candidates, the evenings were quite enjoyable. All candidates experienced their own Vigil "experiences", full with retrospection and plenty of flashlights! This year's candidates include three youth and three adult members of our lodge who have served cheerfully in their troops, districts, chapters, and at the lodge level. Phil Taschereau has served in numerous positions, including scoutmaster in his troop in Arundel,

and has been a perennial Elangomat for the Lodge at most of our recent Ordeal weekends, and advises the York Chapter Ceremony Team. Andrew Buckley currently serves as Lodge Secretary, after serving in a chapter office in K-Valley chapter, and has also served on the Lodge Ceremonies Team that competed at the 2002 NOAC and on the council JLTC staff. Tim Curtis just completed service as the OA Service Hour Representative on staff at Camp Hinds, and has been active in his troop in Casco Bay. Justin Colby currently serves as the Lodge Vice Chief, and has held numerous officer and committee positions in both the lodge and in York Chapter. Lenny Niman currently serves as Assistant District Commissioner for York District, and has served as an Adult Leader in the Buxton, Maine troop, as well as often serving on the cooking staff at various Lodge events, and was instrumental with supplying the "goody" bags distributed at the 2002 Section Conclave held at Camp Hinds. Arthur Price is just finishing his second year as Casco Bay Chapter Adviser, and has served on Philmont contingents for our Council. Make sure you attend the banquet and congratulate these excellent scouts and Vigil Honor recipients!





During the 60s and 70s the Lodge hosted a camporee each year. The camporee was for lodge members only!



The Frank Bailey award was created in 1982. This is an award that chapters may win annually by completing a number of activities. The goal of this award is to increase chapter activity at every level. There is no record on how long this award was in existence.



Drumming Up a Team!

By Aaron Greene, K-Valley Chapter Chief

Over the Spring and Summer months, our chapter has been working on a drum based upon a traditional Native American design and we are pleased to announce that it was finished a couple of weeks ago. It is a good drum and I know that because we have played on it and it has a great sound! I would just like to thank all of the people that helped with it's construction because it was a wonderful chapter project. I would first and foremost like to thank our friend Jacques Hobbes, for he has passed down the drum teachings to Tom and many of our youth members, and most of all for doing a good part of the work on the drum with our chapter. And I would like to thank the people from K-Valley that have helped us along the way. Paul Froman, for he had a huge part and for the others who helped me start this project. A special thanks should go out to our Lodge Staff Adviser Jeremy Lucas for skinning the hides so it could be done. Our next step is to start a drum team and then, if there is enough interest we also want to start up a dance team and competition since many of our youth members had fun when we did it at conclave! Watch for the drum at our various lodge events!



I just want to bang on this drum all day! Members of the Lodge practice various drum techniques at Camp Bomazeen. Clockwise, (from left to right); Geoff Howitt, Tom Thornton, Paul Frohman, Mike Mirisola, Paul Hallee and Wayne Holden.



Remain True to the Obligation....Pay your Dues in Advance for '04

2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES Madockawanda Lodge #271

Send your 2004 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: \$8.00 2003 Dues \$ _____
\$3.00 reinstatement (if after 12/31/2003 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.

The Dues for the 2004 year are due. Don't be a Scrooge this holiday season...pay your dues for 2004 and stay in touch. Use the coupon and stay active and informed!

Failure to pay your dues will allow your membership to lapse and you will be ineligible to wear the Lodge flap and to participate in Lodge events.

Waiting until after January 1st costs you another \$3, so don't delay.

So pay your dues now and pick up your membership card at your next chapter meeting. Remember, the Dues coupon is also available on the Lodge Website!



Bomazeen Work Completes 2003 Ordeal Season

By Jusitn Colby, Lodge Vice Chief



Even though in 1975 the National Order of the Arrow Committee strongly recommended that lodges remove all restrictions on OA patches, Madockawanda continues to this day to have restrictions on its flap!



In what can only be described as a departure from recent history, for the first time in many years the Lodge sponsored two ordeal weekends at Camp Bomazeen in order to “catch up” with necessary work at this transitioning camp. The second Bomazeen Ordeal took place in September, and probably the most radical project included the complete demolition of the craft building at this camp. Not only was it demolished, but candidates and brothers alike watched as the wood from this building was burned as part of the burn pile of scrap wood. With Camp Bomazeen getting ready to undergo a complete “facelift” and change towards a Cub Scout camping venue, many comments were overheard as to



Candidates Wander: Two Ordeal candidates from this year's Ordeal at Camp Bomazeen stand ready for direction near the flammable storage shed near the parade field at this camp.

the future of this wonderful camp that began operations as a Boy Scout resident camp in 1949! Regardless, the Lodge will continue to support it's ever-changing operations, and is considering the establishment of a Native American campsite display as part of this cub scout program. Other Fall Ordeal projects included the continued work on the removal of the old COPE course, repair of the water-front fencing and general cleaning of this area, and continued brush hauling and chipping of the remnants of the recent forest harvesting at this camp.



Dear Brothers,

As the year winds down, I just want to take the opportunity to remind all brothers of the Annual Banquet, and to encourage you to stay involved with the Lodge. We have over 500 members, but most of us realize that small groups are the reason the Lodge and the Order continue to thrive. As the ceremony states “In every village were found some who were willing to give themselves cheerfully in the service of others.”

For those who have been willing, I thank you for your service to the officers and members of our great Lodge. It has made a difference and it has not gone without notice! The service we provide during our Ordeal weekends has continued to be excellent, and we continue to display the vision and purpose of the Order. We have a big year ahead of us in 2004, with the 60th Anniversary Year, and we hope that all will step forward to attend and serve in this new year. Remember, you can make a difference in your troop, chapter, and in the Lodge!

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle!

Evan Bonney - Lodge Chief

From the Chief

“Fall Reflection and Celebration”



Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .



Did you know that there still exists a small group of Scouters, primarily based in Illinois and Indiana, that belong to another honor scouting organization called "the firecrafters". This organization is an honor program to recognize Scouts at summer camp and to keep them involved in camping from year to year.



One of the emblems of the Firecrafters!



The "Sioux Chief Indian head" (a Indian head in profile with a detailed, full bonnet) appeared in 1965. It was used as the logo of the OA for over a decade. In 1976, the Stylized Indian head was officially approved as the "new logo". (It had been created in 1975 as a special cover design for the 60th anniversary edition of the OA handbook.) And in 1998, the logo changed again, to the "new" Arrowhead.



K-Valley Chapter

Sorry we missed the last Turtle Soup article, but we were busy with our own Honor Chapter requirements, and working on our chapter newsletter. As you can see, we had a busy Spring and Summer working on our new drum, and learning the skills necessary to play, and the use and care of such a great instrument. Remember, K-Valley members, it is our turn to host the Annual Banquet, so I'm hoping for a great turnout from this great chapter!

Aaron Greene

Abnaki Chapter

In Abnaki, we are preparing for many a thing. We are getting ready for our very busy election and crossover season which will soon be upon us in 2004. In our chapter meetings, we are working to restore our chapter headdress for our chief and for our ceremony work. We hope that it will look very nice once fully restored and completed. As an ending note, I would like to congratulate all of our new members who completed their ordeal or sealed their membership by completing their brotherhood during the 2003 Ordeal season.

Dan Warner

York Chapter

York Chapter would like to congratulate it's Vigil Honor recipients for 2003, and to let everyone know that the chapter will be working diligently during the winter of 2003 and 2004 on its ceremony team development. Our goal will be to sponsor an ordeal ceremony team during the 2004 Ordeal season, and to hold an impressive call out ceremony during the Spring York District Camporee. We will also begin preparation for our 2004 election season. We also hope to continue the 2003 tradition of having our ceremony team ready for cub scout cross-overs! Remember to pay your dues for 2004!

Ben Gleason

Casco Bay Chapter

Just to fill everyone in on the activities of our Chapter, we recently held officer elections for the 2003-2004 chapter year, and "yours truly" was elected Chapter Chief, while Jacob Brink was elected Vice Chief, while Justin Benson was elected Secretary. In order to keep track of our fund raising efforts, Tom Parenteau was also elected Chapter Treasurer. Both of our advisers, Mr. Price and Mr. Bradford are looking forward to working with this new slate of officers, as we prepare for our upcoming anniversary (and NOAC) year!

Joe Goodness

Order Receives USFS Award

The US Forest service has awarded the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program the 2003 **Chief's Volunteer Award** for Youth Volunteer Service. This is the highest volunteerism award the US Forest service can present to a youth organization. The award citation notes the "exemplary service and efforts" contributed by the OA Wilderness Voyage. Nobody would have thought in 1999 that a new program that started with just 71 participants would advance within five years to achieve such a result, but the enthusiasm and hard work of the OA Voyage participants and staff have led to this national recognition.

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The 60th Anniversary Personal Achievement Award Requirements can be found on the Special Events page of the Downloads section of the Lodge website.

The 60th Anniversary Award requirement sheet is also available as a download from our Lodge Website: www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge

NOAC 2004 - RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held from July 31st thru August 5th, 2004 at Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa. This is an event you don't want to miss, because it is filled with training, fellowship and fun! However, in order to reserve you slot in the Lodge Contingent, you must make a deposit no later than January 1, 2004. Remember, Lodges are given exact numbers that can attend by the National Office, and these spaces fill quickly. If you have any questions on the conference or the deposit system, please contact Wayne Holden, Lodge adviser at 490-3648 or wph@cyberpc.net. The estimated cost of conference attendance, including registration, travel and accommodations is \$600.00. NOAC Coupons are also downloadable from our website!

NOAC Coupon # 1 - Deposit - \$150.00 - Due January 1, 2004



Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ - _____
 E-Mail: _____ Troop: _____ Chapter: _____

1st Deposit Payment does not guarantee you a contingent slot with the Lodge. However, if a space is available, you will be contacted to confirm your space. Once your space is confirmed, no refunds can be made.

NOAC Coupon # 2 - Deposit - \$150.00 - Due February 1, 2004



Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ - _____
 E-Mail: _____ Troop: _____ Chapter: _____

1st Deposit Payment does not guarantee you a contingent slot with the Lodge. However, if a space is available, you will be contacted to confirm your space. Once your space is confirmed, no refunds can be made.

NOAC Coupon # 3 - \$150.00 - Due March 1, 2004



Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ - _____
 E-Mail: _____ Troop: _____ Chapter: _____

This payment should not be made unless you have received notice that you have been reserved a space with the Lodge. Remember, once your space is confirmed, no refunds can be made.


NOAC Coupon # 4 - \$ TBD - Due April 1, 2004



Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ - _____
 E-Mail: _____ Troop: _____ Chapter: _____

This payment should not be made unless you have received notice that you have been reserved a space with the Lodge. Remember, once your space is confirmed, no refunds can be made.

Lodge Loses a Friend...

For anyone who ever attended a summer camp, either in Cub Scouts or in Boy Scouts, Milledge Preston will always be known at the "Slide Guy". Yes, he made neckerchief slides, and most of us have one, or maybe even more. It was not unusual for Milledge to walk by and hand you a few slides as you walked through any one of our council properties or day camp locations. However, Milledge was also a very accomplished Scouter, and as a Scoutmaster in Pine Tree Council, was responsible for guiding many a youth through the ranks. In fact, 28 boys became Eagle Scouts under his direction. He truly embodied the Spirit of the Order as well as Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Milledge, on behalf of the Lodge and all scouts in our council, you will be missed! 

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Lodge Calendar

Holiday 2003 Update



- Dec 6th - Lodge Annual Family Banquet - 1:00 PM
Senator Inn - Augusta, Maine
K-Valley Chapter Hosts
- Dec 31st - 2004 Dues are Due & Lodge Recharter Deadline
- Jan 1st - NOAC Deposit # 1 Due
- Feb 1st - Unit Election Season Begins

Any changes are on the web page at www.pinetreesbsa.org/lodge/lodge.html

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