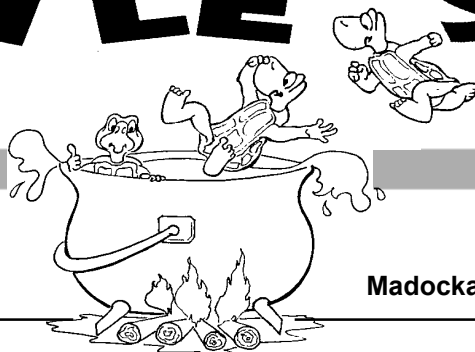


TURTLE SOUP



Order of the Arrow



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Spring Ordeals Serve All

Two Ordeal Weekends at Camp Hinds Serve as a Prep for Summer Camp Season

By Paul Froman, Lodge Chief

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With great weather weekends holding firm, the lodge hosted two spring ordeal weekends at Camp Hinds. During "weekend one", thirty-three candidates became brothers, while 18 members sealed their membership in the Order by completing the requirements for Brotherhood. In addition, 35 additional members attended the Ordeal weekend to help with a variety of work projects, including the usual tent platform building, brush clearing and general burning of brush and waste wood, and the re-installation of the roofing near the dining hall. In addition, brothers worked on the first phase of the construction of the 60th Anniversary Altar and recognition site. During the Second Ordeal weekend, 48 new members were entered into the Lodge, as well as 16 new brotherhood level members! Overall, between both spring ordeal



Once candidates now our Brothers! Elangomat Aaron Wiggin (back row, far left) gets a tired group of candidates ready for the Ordeal ceremony Saturday afternoon at the first Spring Ordeal



See 60th Stories Inside!

49 Attend Section Conclave!

Mike Price Elected Section Chief, while Lodge earns another Silver Tomahawk Award!

By Ben Gleason, Lodge Secretary



Look for the "Smart Turtle" info box for OA quick facts!



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Two Chiefs One Lodge! Freshly elected Section Chief Mike Price (l) poses with past Section Chief and former Lodge officer Scott Valcourt at the Section NE-1A conclave held at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation.

Forty-Nine members of Madockawanda Lodge, again the largest visiting lodge contingent, attended the 2004 Section NE-1A Conclave at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation. Hosted by Passaconway Lodge and Daniel Webster Council, this year's conclave featured continued competitions, regalia and drumming sessions, and training cells in a variety of lodge leadership topics. For the "umpteenth" time, our own *Turtle Soup* garnered the "Best Section Newsletter" award, and the accolades went on and on as #1 OA Website in the Nation continued its award winning dominance by taking home the "Best Lodge Website" award. The Lodge was again presented with the *Silver Tomahawk Award* by exemplifying the greatest amount of service to it's council and camp properties. This represents the sixth straight year that the Section has bestowed this award on our lodge! However, the competition news drops off quickly from there since "The Turtle" relinquished it's two year hold on the "Healey Cup" competition, and failed to repeat on the volleyball court as well. We did, however, come in second place in

See Conclave...page 3....

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The Order of the Arrow has also marked it's anniversaries quite well. For the 75th Anniversary of the Order held in 1990, a special achievement award could be earned by members of the Order. During the 50th held in 1965, a special patch could also be earned, one of only two patches a member can legally wear on his/her sash (and only if he earned the award)! 



Honor Theme of 60th Anniversary!

Service, Celebration and Ceremony Mark Lodge Milestone!

By Matt Dubois, 60th Anniversary Adviser

On Saturday, July 10, 2004, brothers old and new gathered at Camp Hinds for the 60th Anniversary of the Lodge. Special projects were planned, as the Lodge celebrated by performing service for the Camp. More than sixty brothers attended the anniversary day. It has become Lodge custom that upon major anniversaries, the Lodge performs a significant service project for the council. Some may remember the reconstruction of the Camp Hinds council ring in 1994, marking the 50th Anniversary of the Lodge. The Camp Bomazeen council ring, also scheduled for reconstruction in 1994, was completed in 1999, the 55th Anniversary of the Lodge. To mark our 60th Anniversary, the Lodge reconstructed the fire pit at the Madockawanda Lodge council ring at Camp Hinds. In need of at least a thorough cleaning, the Lodge leadership opted to completely redo the pit. All the old dirt, rocks and ashes were removed. New rocks and dirt were brought in, and a new pit was constructed. While it's not purple, you will be impressed by what you see. The new fire pit at the council ring is in the shape of a turtle! The turtle was constructed so that torches can be placed at each of its legs!

In the carrying on of a Hinds tradition, some of the ashes from the old fire pit were saved, and added to the new fire pit Saturday night and Sunday night, at the campfires on those nights, so that the spirit of all the campers and staff that have attended Hinds through the years, may live on in the new fire pit.

Members were treated to a light lunch and a evening barbeque. Following dinner, members attended the dedication of the original ceremony site, and rededication of members.

The Lodge was honored to be joined at the Anniversary Day by Clyde Nason, Jr. Mr. Nason was the second Vigil Honor member of Madockawanda Lodge, and served as Lodge Chief in the 1950s. Also in attendance was Frank Maguire, who served as Lodge Adviser for twenty-two years, and is one of the four members of Madockawanda Lodge to receive the National Distinguished Service Award.

Brothers who participated in the 60th Anniversary day received a limited production patch. 

From the Chief

“ Fall Brings Call for Leadership ”



Hello my Brothers,

As we approach the final Ordeal weekend of the Season, and the final planning stages for our Lodge Leadership and Development (LLD) weekend, we also need to starting thinking of a different type of service. The service as an officer or a committee chairman in the lodge. Throughout the year, fellow brothers take the pledge of service and step forward to serve in both capacities.

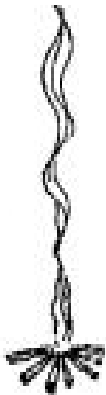
This service is not about popularity, but about commitment! Those who wish to serve should seek out those who have in the past. We are blessed by having many of our past officers and advisers present at many of our functions. They can inform you of the great need for leadership, and of the commitment to the lodge. So, please ponder this role and responsibility well.....”those who chose you need you...”

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief



The Lodge has won numerous awards in ceremony competitions at previous NOAC conferences. In 1986, a pre-ordeal team earned "Honor Lodge" status (the highest awarded) for it's rendition of this ceremony. Also during the 1986 NOAC, Craig Howitt earned an Honor Lodge award for his presentation of the ceremony for the Vigil Honor. In 1998, the lodge again sent a pre-ordeal ceremony team to compete, and again returned with an Honor Lodge award, one of only 13 presented during this NOAC!



Brothers earn accolades at Conclave *continued from front page...*

both these areas, as well as the ultimate frisbee team contest! Rumor has it that Lodge Adviser Wayne Holden even competed in the new coffee cup competition, finishing in third place!



Well Deserved Rest! A clan of candidates from the second spring ordeal at Camp Hinds rest at a troop site fire ring later in the day on Saturday.

"Two" at Hinds.... *cont from front page...*

weekends, the lodge members completed enough tent setups for five troop sites and continued wood chipping and brush cleanup, and a host of other projects!



Keeping Guard! Andrew Rueger in full regalia guards the entrance to the lodge ceremony area during a Spring Ordeal ceremony!

Four Presented with Vigil Honor

By Evan Bonney, Vigil Chairman



They have kept the "Promise"! Standing from left to right are the newest Vigil Honor Award recipients from Madockawanda Lodge: Al Warner, Aaron Greene, Beth Froman, and Ben Gleason.

With the eve of the 60th Anniversary celebration upon us, Madockawanda Lodge felt no better time to present the Vigil Honor to four deserving members of the lodge. A beautiful evening prevailed and this year's recipients represent a variety of backgrounds in scouting and the lodge. Al Warner currently serves as the Chapter Adviser for Abnaki Chapter, and has just stepped down as Scoutmaster of Troop 109 in Lisbon. Al also has served on staff for numerous district day camps and also serves on the district committee. Aaron Greene has also served dilligently as Chapter Chief for K-Valley Chapter as well as being instrumental in bringing the lodge drumming team to fruition. Aaron has also served on the chapter and lodge ceremony teams for numerous call out and Ordeal weekends. Beth Froman has recently taken the reigns of the cooking responsibilities for our Ordeal weekends, and has been instrumental in providing adult leadership for both K-Valley chapter and the Lodge. Ben Gleason currently serves as Lodge Secretary, and has previously held chapter officer positions in York Chapter as well as his troop in Buxton. All four continue to embody the vision and obligation of the Order, and continue to serve without flinching. Please take the time to congratulate them on this wonderful honor when you see them next. I'd also like to thank Lodge Vice Chief Andrew Buckley for "filling in" for me during the Vigil weekend. Special thanks go out to Ben Shean for his continued mastery of the chief's role, and to all the brothers and guides who participated!



The Ed Pease Campership Program was started in 1998 when the National Chairman was our guest speaker at the 1998 Lodge Family Banquet (the final banquet hosted by the now defunct Snowshoe District). The Lodge Executive Committee voted in 1999 to sponsor two full weeks of summer camp for deserving youths in our council.



Just a reminder that the requirements and completed application for the 60th Anniversary Achievement Award must be sent in to Dan Warner or Matthew Dubois by September 12, 2004. A copy of the achievement award form is available on the lodge website!



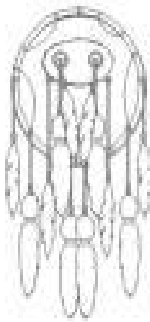
Pictures from the 60th Anniversary Celebration!



It's a Turtle Fire Pit! Henry Zwetsloot (right) smiles as he adds bedding material which forms the turtle shape of the new Madockawanda Council Ring at Camp Hinds!



Brotherhood from "afar"! Long-time member of Passaconway Lodge Richard Avery (right) assists Matt Baldwin, our Section Secretary with the construction of a new fence at the rifle range during the service portion of the 60th Anniversary celebration



I wouldn't put my finger there! John Wood swings a mean sledgehammer while Leonard Shean and Mike McKinney (visiting from Maryland) hold the wood frame that forms the base for a new fire altar. This altar comprises the centerpiece of the site dedicated during the 60th Anniversary weekend to honor the original ceremony area of the lodge.

Lodge Again Awards Two Ed Pease Camperships!

By A.J. Kierstad, Campership Chair

Camping promotion, one of the hallmarks that is the basis of the Order of the Arrow, is something commonly taken for granted in the Boy Scouts of America. But Madockawanda lodge has not forgotten the people that are unable to attend camp due to extenuating circumstances. The Ed Pease campership was set up to allow two scouts every year to experience the joys of spending time at a long term in-council summer camp. In order to be eligible, you must be part of Pine Tree Council (however, you don't have to be in the lodge), complete the Ed Pease campership form that is distributed during unit election season (and is available on the lodge website), including your reasons why you deserve this campership. Then, it's just a matter of sending it to the campership chairman before the due date in May. The selection of the candidates has to be done by the campership chairman and at least two other arrowmen and then be approved by the campership adviser, this year being graciously served by Lenny Niman. This year the lodge received twelve applications. With the greatly appreciated help of the K-Valley ceremonies team, we selected the two people who best embodied the purpose of the campership. They were **Thomas Bridges of Troop 307 in Kittery** and **Samuel Corey of Troop 51 in Windham**. Congratulations to both campership recipients.....and don't worry, the remaining applicants were then sent to Pine Tree Council for admission in to their campership program.

Draft Agenda Set for Fall LLD. . .

By Andrew Buckley, Lodge Vice Chief

Well, in my great duties as your Vice Chief, I have been busily planning the draft agenda for our 2004 Lodge Leadership & Development Weekend. You may notice that the sessions are shorter and there are more of them for those with the short attention spans....now what were we talking about??? The theme will hopefully be Buffy the Vampire Slayer...just kidding, that will be the theme for the Frida night cracker barrel. As for the LLD theme, the temporary one is

“Ponder That Which is Our Purpose”

Friday

- 6:00- Arrival and registration
- 7:00- Opening and review of weekend
- 8:00- Buffy themed party and crackerbarrel
- 9:00- Movie Time
- 11:30- Lights out

Saturday

- 7:30- Wakeup
- 7:50- Breakfast
- 8:30- Review of day
- 8:45- Trail to Brotherhood/Nimat Training
- 9:15- Effective Unit Elections
- 9:45- Beyond the Lodge or Lodge Structure
- 10:15- Elangomat System
- 10:45- Time Management/Goal Setting or Mentoring
- 11:15- OA Troop Representative
- 11:45- Dynamics of Leadership/Innovative Programming
- 12:00- Lunch
- 1:00- Native American activities/Quality Ceremonies
- 1:30- Camp Promotions

Saturday Afternoon

- 2:00 Activities
- 5:00- Cool Down
- 6:00- Dinner
- 7:00- Guest Speaker
- 8:00- New Lodge gaming system
- 9:30- Pie Auction/ Other weird things
- 10:00- Crackerbarrel/ movie
- 11:30- Lights out

Sunday

- 7:30- Get Up
- 7:50- Breakfast
- 8:30- Clean up
- 9:15- Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for 2005**

*Activities- Chapter VolleyBall, Soccer, Frisbee, Cards!



The carved hand showing the “Scout Sign” at Camp Hinds was carved by Clyde Nason, Jr., in the early 1950s. Clyde was our first youth Vigil Honor member!



Older Lodge members may remember Kameel Farag, our 1994 lodge chief. Kameel is currently serving in Iraq with the US Army. Kameel is currently a Seargent in the 133rd Engineering Battalion!



From the National Office:

Earlier this year the national office conducted a survey of OA Lodge Membership Systems. They received 201 responses from the 307 councils having OA lodges. The responses demonstrate the huge investments that have been made in keeping track of OA membership data. One aspect of membership where everyone seemed to need some help was in checking on the BSA registration of the OA members. To that end, the OA has contracted with the ScoutNet folks to develop a new process that will allow your council administrator to upload a comma delimited file that you create of your lodge members and ScoutNet will match these against the council BSA membership records. An output report and file containing your uploaded data will be returned for those who are not currently members of the BSA. The match will be made on the Person-ID field. BSA Information Systems Division (ISD) is scheduling this development work for 2005; the National Order of the Arrow Committee is paying for it. When national gets a firm date for implementation, you'll see it in *The Soup!*



When a brother is presented with the Vigil Honor, he/she is also provided with a name from the Lenne Lenape language. This name is usually indicative of the person's role, a personality trait, or his/her habits, hobbies or skills.



"From the beginning of the Order in 1915, all members have been equal. There are no ranks. As an Ordeal member you are entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Order. Yet, so important is the induction sequence that the Order strengthened it by creating brotherhood membership. It is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting (camping, service, and unit involvement) and to the lodge since their Ordeal induction."

(from the OA Handbook)



"Cookie" Serves to Remind Those Chosen

A brief history and report on the use of Vigil Cookies in Madockawanda Lodge With Contributions from Richard and Scott Valcourt

For Scott Valcourt, our former Lodge Chief and Distinguished Service Award recipient, his Vigil "cookie" was crafted on July 31, 1987 at Camp Hinds minutes prior to the Vigil Callout that day. Back then, it was a simple task, yet one that almost went undone prior to the callout. Most Vigils prior to that date typically had a similar Vigil Totem, one cut from leather scrounged from the craft shop. While circumstances were typically the same, and time was of the essence, an additional primary reason for the leather Vigil Totem was that they were easy to make and the callout was typically held at Camp Hinds in the summer. Here is his story...When I was appointed Vigil Chair in 1988, and later was Vigil Adviser in 1991, I was determined to not let time overtake us in the preparations for the Vigil Honor. Having seen the ornate Vigil Totems of other Lodges in NE-1A during my stint as Section Chief, I wanted to bring that small tradition to our Lodge with a special Vigil Totem that was not crafted from leather but from wood. In 1988, I cut small triangles from spare 1/4" plywood that my father had in his woodshop, painted them red on one side, white on the other and painted white triangles on the front. After drilling holes and running gimp craftstrip, they were ready for presentation, their true purpose. Totems are used during the Vigil Honor "Tap Out" to publically recognize those who were chosen for this honor. From this presentation until the candidate completes his/her vigil, only this totem is worn...with no sash! The advent of the Vigil cookie seems to have taken place in the early 1960's, since no records exist of the cookie being around prior to that time.



Old and New! Above and to the left is the Vigil "cookie" presented to Richard Valcourt during the 1989, and to the right is the vigil "cookie" presented to the Vigil Honor recipients during 2004!

The change of the reference from Vigil Totem to Vigil "Cookie" was coined by Michael Fortin of Casco Bay District. Mike's brother Mark had been on the Vigil Ceremony team at that time. When it was Mike's turn, he took the wooden triangle and held it to his mouth, pretending to take a bite out of it and eat it, as he was quite hungry, referring to the totem as a "cookie". The term stuck and is still used to this day.

The Vigil Cookie has emerged into the ornate decoration that modern-day Vigil Candidates wear from the leather form that I wear for each Vigil Honor Callout and Ceremony that I attend. Having been in four other Lodges' Vigil activities around the country, I have yet to see the Vigil Cookie tradition in Madockawanda Lodge utilized out there. I have had some ask me about the white leather triangle I wear during Vigil Honor activities and Arrowmen have found that to be a simple, impressive token of one's vigil ceremony. Maybe what each Vigil Honor member wears as a Vigil Cookie will inspire others to consider similar traditions of leadership in service.

Although we are aware that some lodges utilize totems as part of their Vigil ceremony work, it seems as though relatively few use a totem in the shape and size that is

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presented through our lodge. Paul Froman, our current lodge chief, completed his Vigil through Tsisqan Lodge, where he was presented a ceremonial feather for this honor. Passaconway lodge also utilizes vigil tokens, although Ajapeu lodge in Vermont does not use this tradition. Quick searches on various national web site indicate a few lodges who use this form or recognition, but not many! We've included some of the more recent Vigil Totems, or "cookies" as they are now known and we have placed a few pictures of various Vigil tokens, or "cookies" from our past, and a few from other lodges throughout the country. However, it seems as though most lodges use another form or recognition, such as the previously mentioned feather, beads, or a vigil pocket flap as part of their recognition, but we continue to promote the totem and it's meaning....a tradition that should continue throughout the future of Madockawanda Lodge!



It's all about the "cookie"....yea, the "cookie"!



Bruce Rueger - Memssocket Lodge 507....a long time ago!



John Wood 2000



From another Lodge!



Paul E. Conley....1997

Vigil Cookies through the Years



Carl Gagnon 1999



Shawnee Lodge 51 Vigil Totem



Scott Valcourt...1987

A few Examples... Above are a few examples of what are officially known as Vigil Totems. Included are a few pictures from recent Madockawanda Lodge "cookies" both wooden as is the case with recent year versions, and the white leather totem presented to Scott Valcourt. Lanyards, rope, lacing and ribbon have been used throughout the years to hold the totem around the neck of the recipient. In 1987, as Scott points out in his article, a length of gimp was used for this purpose!

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Brotherhood Ceremonies Return to Summer Camp with Success!

Initial reports from Camp Hinds suggest that the return of the Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony as part of summer camp festivities was a great success. On the first evening of this program, Wednesday, July 14th, nine ordeal members sealed their membership in the Order! Thanks to the members of the lodge who attended the ceremony, and for those Hinds staff members who helped with all the preparation and planning! Watch for end of year conversion statistics in the Winter issue!

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Lodge Calendar

Fall 2004 Update

- Sept 10-12 - Fall Ordeal - Camp Hinds, Raymond ME
- Sept 12th - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Oct 22 -24 - Lodge Leadership & Development Weekend
- Oct 22nd - LEC Meeting at LLD Weekend
- Oct 24th - **Lodge Annual Meeting & Election of Officers - 9:00 AM**
- Dec 4th - Annual Family Banquet - York Chapter Hosts

Remember the LAST CHANCE to get your candidates to become a member of the Order is at the Fall Ordeal. This is also your final opportunity to seal your membership at the Brotherhood Level!