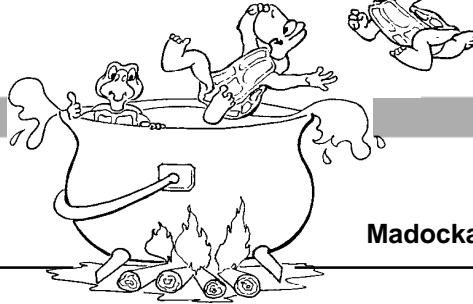


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Lodge Sets the Lead at University of Scouting

Lodge supports and Serves Council training program held in Auburn

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary



Smile for Service! Lodge members Jared Cascio and Steve Hart of York Chapter smile from the stands at the University of Scouting held this past March at CMCC in Auburn.

A large group of scouts and scouters alike, and a great representation from the lodge attended this year's University of Scouting held at the Central Maine Community College in Auburn. 30 Lodge members assisted in various program setups, attended training sessions, as well as operated the lodge store and a powerpoint presentation on the Order and the steps for election into our lodge. By the way, it wasn't just all work either....much fellowship and brotherhood was held as members from all five districts and chapters were on hand to celebrate the growth of scouting in our council

and the plans for the new year. Brothers and scouters alike were privy to a variety of training and presentations, including commissioners council, displays of patch and general scout memorabilia collecting, and the usual round of leadership and scout training programs designed to address key training needs at the cub scout, boy scout, and explorer post levels of our great organization. There were also a great deal of general scouting displays relating to other great parts of the scouting movement, including Woodbadge training and Cub Scouting! 🍷



Lodge Generations! Many years of service and leadership are present in this picture from the UofS...from left to right...former lodge chief and adviser Paul Conley, former lodge adviser Frank Maguire, former lodge and section chief Scott Valcourt, and former lodge chief Matthew Dubois.

Ordeals, Brotherhood and Service Hour!

Summer Schedule contains many options for Members

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

Well, it's time to tidy up the final tallies from the recently completed election and troop visitation season, and as the invitations go out to our elected candidates for the Order, we now move to the all-important service and Ordeal season. With two spring ordeals at Camp Hinds scheduled for the weekends of June 3-5, 2005 and June 17-19, 2005, we need our brothers to come out to camp for some service, as well as to visit during Thursday evenings at Summer Camp for the OA Service Hour. Both are great fellowship opportunities! See the brotherhood dates on the back cover of this Soup. 🍷



The National Leadership Seminar is a three day weekend training for new lodge officers and advisers started in the early 1990's as a method to train youth and adult officers and advisers on lodge operations and involvement in Section and Region activities. This highly successful program has been copied and certain course content is now utilized in Woodbadge and NOAC activities!



Although Native American traditions appear throughout the Order, in our lodge Vigil naming originally was based on the names of constellations in the sky. Only in the late 1960's did the lodge turn to the Lenne Lenape language and began bestowing Vigil names utilizing this historic language.



Leadership well represented at NLS!

Officers and Advisers make the six hour trek to Camp Alpine, New Jersey

By Paul Froman, Lodge Chief

April 1st-3rd the leadership of Madockawanda Lodge headed to Camp Alpine NJ for NLS. For those of you who don't know, NLS stands for National Leadership Seminar. NLS is a weekend training for leaders in the lodge to come and learn how to be a better leader. However this trip wasn't just all training. We headed down to NJ a day early so that we could go to the big city of New York City!

We hit the big city early and went to Ground Zero. It is still a sad place as I am sure it will be for many years to come. We then went to the Grand Central Station, The Empire State Building, to the Council office there and last but not least Times Square. Then headed off to camp to start training. Once we got to camp all the weather did was rain. The training start Friday night, with introductions and over look at the weekend, NLS is put on by the region and is run by the region chief and the instructors are Section chiefs, National Officers and Advisers. The training covers what kind of



New York...Skyscrapers and everything: Madockawanda leadership lands in NYC during their recent trip to the National Leadership Seminar.

leaders we are and how to use the skills we have and ones we don't. At the end of the seminar we each have to come up with goals for ourselves to put are new skills to work. The trip was awesome. For those future officers out there its something to look forward too and if you get the chance to go-go. I hope the Officers and Advisers will be able to use our new skills to help the lodge grow into one that everyone can be proud of in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.



Brothers attend American Indian Affairs Weekend hosted by Pamola Lodge

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

A group of Arrowmen from the lodge which included Aaron Greene, Tom Kester, Tommy Thornton, Ian Hanley, and later on Paul Forman and Paul Beaupre attended the first ever American Indian Affairs / Katahdin Area Council event, which took place March 18-21 at the Bangor YMCA. It was a weekend filled with instruction on Native American dancing, dance regalia building, and drum building. Saturday morning was dedicated to instruction on dancing and on how to drum, led by the Madockawanda Lodge Drum Team. Tommy Thornton, Lodge AIA Advisor, helped Pamola Lodge assemble their pow wow style drum later on in the morning. The afternoon was dedicated to regalia building, wall climbing, basketball, and of course, Halo 2. At night came the pow-wow, Tom Kester was one of two Madockawanda Lodge dancers and the drumming was led again by Tommy Thornton and the Lodge Drum Team. There was a grand entry dance, veteran's dance, and other dances like the dance of vigor. There were both northern tradition and grass dancers at the pow wow and everyone had a good time at the event. Pamola Lodge is looking to expand this event to the rest of the section and possibly conduct a special AIA weekend for the section next year.





In 2005, not only is the Lodge Leadership and Development program redesigned with a national website implemented to help lodges plan and create new training programs and presentations, but members who attend the LLD will be eligible to obtain a new LLD patch offered for the first time this year! Watch for the registration flyer which will be available in early September!



LLD Planning Taking Shape

By Dan Warner, Lodge Vice Chief



Hello all, as some of you may know, it is my job as Vice Chief to put together our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) weekend. As I am hoping to make this the best LLD in many years, I need everyone's feedback that went to LLD last year, or in years past. If you went, and you have any comments or any ideas for this year's LLD, please e-mail me. I would like to get everyone involved in the planning this year, and I am open to all ideas, the only bad idea is the one that is not mentioned! For those of you who want to get involved in the more technical aspects of LLD, we now have a LLD Committee; if you are interested in being apart of this, please let me know. As soon as I hear back from one place, I will announce where we are

holding LLD this year, as well as the theme. As soon as this is found out, a Turtle Express will be sent out. My goal is to have this year's pamphlet out by the beginning of September. Secondly, my other main job is to get the OA Troop Representative program going. In addition to all the Council's Scoutmasters receiving a registration form in the mail, I also recently sent out e-mails. If you are an OA Troop Rep, please ask if your Scoutmaster has sent in, or e-mailed, your registration form. If he or she hasn't please do so immediately! I am trying to compile a database of all our Troop Reps., and then we will begin to have meetings. Once again, thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. Thank you for your help, I hope to have a spectacular LLD this year, and to significantly progress in the formation of the OA Troop Rep. program!



Service Hour Set for Camp Hinds

By Dan Warner, Lodge Vice Chief



Would you be able to identify the five challenges of Brotherhood? Well, they're not that difficult, but if you are eligible for conversion this year, here's a hint:

1. Memorize the Signs
2. Serve Your Unit
3. Plan for Service in the Lodge
4. Understand the Ordeal
5. Review your Progress

Are you ready?



Picture yourself; sweat dripping down your face, you finishing digging the last hole, and you look up. You see all the work that you have done, and you realize that this hour was well spent. You have cheerfully provided your strength, so that camp will be all the more joyful. Do you want this satisfaction? Do you want to know that you have helped to make the experience of future campers even better than it already will be? If this is what you want, then come to Camp Hinds on any of the Thursdays during camp, and come participate in the OA Service Hour. Not only will you feel great, but you'll also receive a really cool patch! Madockawanda Lodge has cheerfully served Pine Tree Council for over 60 years, and one way we do this is through our OA Service Hour. After the evening meal on Thursday, all the OA members will meet in front of the dining hall, and will be assigned projects, and then the fun starts! Upon the completion of your project, you will not only get a spiffy patch, but you will also have the gratification of knowing you have truly helped our council. After all, it is important for us to remember that without our Council we do not exist, so it's important for us to help them whenever we can. I hope to see you all this summer at the service hours!



All Brothers attending the OA Service Hour Receive this year's version of the service patch!

From the Chief

Hello my Brothers,

**Summer Camp
returns!**



Now that our election season has come to a close, it is time to encourage our newly elected candidates to attend one of our Spring Ordeal Weekends. It is also time for our current brothers to put these dates on their calendars and make sure to attend the Ordeals and help serve our council as it prepares for another summer resident camp season. Also, I'd like to encourage all brothers at the Ordeal level of membership to seal their membership in the Order and our lodge by registering for the brotherhood. Again, you can complete your brotherhood at either of the Spring Ordeal Weekends, or at Hinds Summer Camp. The dates are listed on the last page of this Turtle Soup, and since the lodge has made conversion so easy, it's now time for all eligible brothers to step and live the obligation of the Order.

Speaking of Ordeals, there is much work to do, and attending an Ordeal weekend is a true measure of your commitment to Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service. It's a highlight of the Lodge year that only happens three times a year, so please make your presence felt at Camp Hinds this Spring. "Kindle the Flame of Brotherhood"

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Paul Froman ~ Lodge Chief

"But if you ask, Amazing things shall happen"

By Matthew Randall, Staff Adviser

Spring and summer have arrived and we have begun our journey along what will be a very busy time of year. Many exciting things are going to be happening, and we all need to realize that as brothers in this great movement, it is our obligation to attend those events that we can, in order to fulfill our ultimate purpose – supporting the values of Scouting through example and consistency, and to grow the camping program.

With the fall elections at LLD, the lodge has entered a new era with new leadership. I personally will be making this transition in August, as I hand over the helm to the person who will be succeeding me as Director for Camp Hinds. Change is good. The lodge is making great strides to become more visible and active in council activities beyond the camps – and this summer will be a great proving ground for this effort. University of Scouting was a success for us – so much so that our role in this event has been expanded. Our ordeal weekends will come upon us fast – the summer ones at Hinds, the fall one at Bomazeen. Brotherhood conversion weekends will happen each week at Hinds, as well as the usual OA Service Hour – both exciting events to participate in. The lodge will be looking at conducting a 90th anniversary of the OA project for this summer or fall, as well as providing full support at the September Trailblazers day for Cub Scouts at Hinds.

The lodge will also have an opportunity to participate in a very unique celebration – the opening of the new Scout Service Center. Regardless of how far away the office is from you, or how often you visit, this building stands for years of hard work and sacrifice from all of you so this moment could arrive. In Maine we are so used to doing "a lot with a little," it is now time for us to enjoy having a world-class facility for our use. I recall an old Scoutmaster's Minute piece my father read about the leader who builds a bridge that he does not need, and the scout asks "why are you taking the time to build this bridge, you have already crossed the river," and the Scoutmaster replied "my son, I am not building the bridge for me, I am building it for those who will come after me." That is what this building represents – a bridge for all who will follow, so their journey can be that much easier. The office will open for business on May 18th, and we, as a lodge, will have an opportunity to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 10th. The building will be for our use – for meetings, storage, and display of our awards and achievements as a lodge. It is an exciting time.

I thank all of you for your continued support and service. I would also leave all of our lodge leadership with this message – in order to grow we need to ask. We have many wonderful committees that are fun and so vitally important to accomplishing the work of the lodge – but they will only grow in membership if we ask folks to join. Most folks do not volunteer, but if you ask.....amazing things happen.

May the Great Spirit keep you safe and bring you joy in the months to come.

Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

York Chapter

York Chapter has been active. We held an elangomat training cell at our may meeting and we will be having a end of the year cookout in June. All members are invited to attend. Elections, though they had a rocky start, still seemed to go well. We are continuing our work on honor chapter and we plan to have a strong end to the season!

Noah Lemire



In the earlier years of our lodge, all elections were completed at summer camp with no elections taking place at the Unit level. In the early years, most boys attended similar to our "provisional" program today. But as of 1955, Only as troops were encouraged nationally to attend as troops by unit did the lodge have to undergo changes to its procedures for election and begin the troop visitation and election program!



Abnaki Chapter

Just a reminder that the Abnaki Chapter meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Auburn Middle School at 7:00 P.M.. We have been very busy in the past month since we have 29 new boys that we have recently elected to do their Ordeal in these upcoming months. We have done about 6 Cub Scout Pack crossovers in the past month. For our new members, I'm looking forward to meeting you in the next few months.

Zachary Tupper

2005 Candidate Election Results...

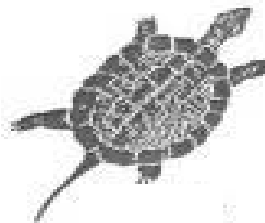
As of May 15, 2005, just beyond the closing date to submit election results (5/10), the lodge was reporting 143 youth and 21 adults being elected or nominated for membership in the Order of the Arrow and Madockawanda lodge. Specifically, the chapters had reported as follows:

Abnaki - 24 Youth, 5 Adults Casco Bay - 45 Youth, 6 Adults
K-Valley 22 Youth, 2 Adults Downeast - 12 Youth, 1 Adult York - 40 Youth, 7 Adults

Now, let's get those candidates to the Ordeals!!



More from NLS! At Camp Alpine in NJ, (left to right), Lodge Chief Paul Froman, Lodge Staff Adviser Matthew Randall, Lodge Vice Chief Dan Warner, Lodge Adviser Bruce Rueger, Lodge Treasurer Kirk Gagnon, and Lodge Secretary Tom Kester.





Scouts and Scouters who are interested in patch collecting and trading should check out this new webring on the internet that specializes in many scouting patches and the art of trading:

<http://www.simonhome.net/trader.html>



At the US Scouting Service Website (<http://www.usscouts.org/honorsociety/oahistory.html>), you can get a unique history of the Order as well as find a wealth of information on Scouting in general!



Search [usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org)

Lodge to Issue Jamboree Patch! _____ By Kirk Gagnon, Lodge Treasurer

As many of you saw in our last issue of Turtle Soup, there was a full page pre-order form for the national jamboree patches. Two types (one specially designed and fully embroidered for the Jamboree attendees, and one available for the general sale to the lodge) will be available for purchase. The lodge executive committee approved the creation of a trader flap with a full front pocket design to honor the scouts from Pine Tree Council who will attend the 2006 National Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hood Virginia. We're not sure, but this seems to be the first patch sponsored by Madockawanda Lodge to commemorate a National Jamboree. This two-piece patch will be largely embroidered and will depict our lodge and the great State of Maine! We anticipate having these available for \$10 at the Fall lodge Ordeal and LLD sessions.



Not the Jamboree patch! We don't have that one yet, but this is a "keepa" as well...the 2006 NOAC Contingent Flap!

Hinds Target of Camp Promo Work

By Aaron Wiggin, Camp Promotion Chairman

Well, the first time the lodge completed a camp promotion video, the year was 1998, and the chairman was Aaron Nile, so I thought it was only fitting that I keep the Aaron thing going! The camp promotions committee had a very busy February vacation week. We began filming for the camp promotions video during winter camp week this year. We managed to get a lot of good footage, not only of the activities but also the great scenery around Camp Hinds. Some of the activities that were filmed included merit badge work for photography, citizenship in the world, and woodworking merit badge. We had the opportunity to film the campers making their quinces. In the afternoon after the filming was complete we sat down and had a meeting with the Camp Director. At this time we began to set the criteria for the planning of filming at summer camp, so watch for us this summer. There will be many opportunities for fellow arrowmen to be part of this production. Remember, this video will be copied and utilized for future camp promotion work by the lodge, and during our annual troop election season. We will need help in the developing and making of this great production. Therefore, we are asking that each chapter have at least two brothers available to represent the chapters in this film. Those of you who are brothers who will also be working at summer camp should consider taking an active role in this production.



MADOCKAWANDA LODGE IS GOING – ARE YOU?

Preparations are under way for the Madockawanda Lodge contingent to attend the 2006 NOAC held at Michigan State. The National Conference is a great opportunity for Scouts and Scouters alike to further their understanding of the Order and experience a phenomenal event attended by thousands of other arrowmen.

For the 2006 conference, Madockawanda Lodge has set a goal of taking 24 youth and 12 adults! This is more than two times the number of people that went in 2004. Our planning is well under way to make this trip the best experience for the entire contingent. Will you plan to join us?

The approximate cost for the event will be \$800.00 for attending arrowmen. This cost includes conference fee, transportation, an overnight stay in Lansing, and our NOAC contingent packet. The exact fee for the event will depend on the Conference fee, airfare, and touring costs. **Don't however let this number scare you!** We are planning to do some major fund-raising to get this price much lower. **To get this lower price you will need to participate in fund-raisers leading up to the event. The earlier you sign up for this event the cheaper the event can be for you!**

If you are interested in attending NOAC, fill out the attached application. DO NOT let the fee discourage you from getting more information about this great event. **To secure your reservation you must send in a \$100.00 DEPOSIT NOW!**

EVERYONE THAT SIGNS UP MUST TRAVEL WITH THE CONTINGENT! ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 1, 2006.

For general information call: Paul Froman (207) 453-4205 or Bruce Rueger (207)-872-5920 Please mail all registrations to Bruce Rueger, 13 Oakland Street, Waterville, ME 04901

Please accept my \$100.00 deposit and request that a space be reserved for me on the Madockawanda Lodge 2006 NOAC contingent. I understand that the fee for NOAC will be approximately \$800 (estimate only) that will include airfare, conference fee, hotel, and the contingent package. This \$100.00 deposit is nonrefundable, but is transferable, after January 1, 2006. All requests for refunds must be received in writing. I further understand that I must maintain my registration in the Boy Scouts of America and Madockawanda Lodge to attend. For the purposes of this registration, a youth shall be defined as an applicant that will be under the age of 21 through the duration of the conference (approximately Aug. 5, 2006).

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

City:

Zip:

E-mail address:

Date of Birth:

Chapter:

A NOTE ON ADULT REGISTRATION: All adults attending NOAC with the lodge will be required to perform a leadership role for the contingent. Space is strictly limited to one adult for every two youth. Preference will be given to those adults who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a National Conference. Please encourage youth to attend so that we can fulfill all requests by lodge members to attend.

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Summer Brotherhood Conversion Dates at Hinds!!!

For all Troops and Members eligible for Brotherhood Conversion in 2005, here at the dates of this year's Brotherhood Conversion Evenings at Camp Hinds. Please Preregister at your first convenience!

Week 1 - July 6, 2005

Week 2 - July 13, 2005

Week 3 - July 20, 2005

Week 4 - July 27, 2005

Week 5 - Aug 3, 2005

Week 6 - Aug 16, 2005

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Lodge Calendar

Summer 2005 Update

- Jun 3-5 - Ordeal Weekend - Camp Hinds
- Jun 5th - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting - Hinds
- Jun 10-12 - **Section NE-1A Conclave - Camp Resolute**
- Jun 17-19th - Ordeal Weekend - Camp Hinds
- July and Aug - OA SERVICE HOUR - Every Thursday Eve!
- Jul and Aug - Brotherhood Conversion Evenings - Hinds
- Sep 9-11 - Ordeal Weekend - Camp Hinds
- Oct 28-30 - LLD Weekend - Watch for Registration Flyer

Remember the OA Service Hour All Summer at Hinds!