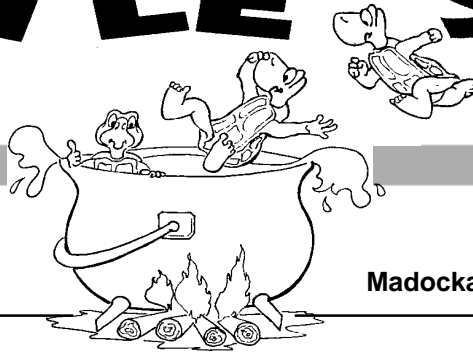


TURTLE SOUP



Order of the Arrow



Madockawanda Lodge #271



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Fall Service Season Sensational!

Lodge Completes 2005 Ordeal Season with a large turnout of candidates and brothers

By Tom Parenteau, Vice Chief

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The 2005 Fall Ordeal at Camp Hinds proved to be as productive this year as in years past. Arrowmen worked hard to complete many projects to finish winterizing camp and to prepare it for the next season. As always, classic projects such as the removal of the "Green Roof" on the dining hall and brush cleanup finalized the closing of camp, with some of the regulars participating. As with any Order of the Arrow event, there was the necessary fire. A crew successfully burned the Patrick campsite lean-to and the old boating area rowboat docks. On a more constructive note, the Tenny shower house was given another coat of stain, the Scoutcraft storage trailer was given a coat of paint, and Casco Bay chapter began construction of a new lean-to at Patrick. The focus of the weekend was on the newly created meditation area behind Patrick campsite. Most of the weekend work force was directed to complete this large project. It now adds a nice place to sit and face a scenic portion of the majestic Tenny River. Members of the lodge came together for a fun weekend with a little blood, the usual surplus of sweat, and probably a few tears to give the service that the order is founded on, making the Ordeal something of a success. ■



Members Ponder the Meditation Area: A clan of Ordeal candidates help install the new fencing which outlines the entrance to the Meditation Area just off the banks of the Tenny River. The project will be completed during the Spring Ordeal in 2006



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



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The 2005 Vigil Honor Class (l to r) Staff Adviser Matt Randall, Paul Beupre, Andrew Rueger, Dan Warner, Peter Gleason, Sam Niman, Tom Parenteau, Tracy Wiggin, Ian Hanley and Aaron Wiggin.

Ten Bestowed Vigil Honor



On a beautiful September evening at Camp Hinds, during the Friday evening cracker barrel immediately after the pre-Ordeal ceremonies, ten brothers from our lodge were "tapped out" for the ultimate honor in the Order, that of the Vigil Honor. With just under forty candidates in camp, plus over thirty brothers attending the Ordeal weekend to offer "cheerful service" on Saturday, the challenge to the Vigil committee was to provide a meaningful experience while not disrupting the Ordeal planning. Those who attended can certainly attest to the success! ■



If you haven't been to the Council Office, make sure you check out the council museum which contains a treasure of historical artifacts of our council and lodge.



The Trailblazer Day was held at Camp Hinds in Raymond in conjunction with the Sportsman Alliance Association and was a fun filled day filled with activities like BB and archery, fishing, wildlife groups and more! Trailblazer Day is designed as a family activity for new Cub Scouts and their families to see and experience a day at camp! It included a BBQ lunch, all program equipment and free prizes and patches for all youth attending. The lodge provided over 125 hours of service to Cubs during this day, including cooking and our drum team!



Council to Create Lodge Patch Display

Calling all Brothers to help with donations for this historical display

by Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser

JT Dabbs, our Scout Executive and "Chief of the Fire" has challenged the Lodge to contact all of it's members for the development of a Madockawanda Lodge patch display at the new council office. He's inquired if we could poll our members and put together a display to honor the lodge and it's service to council over the years by obtaining copies of patches from throughout the years of our Lodge. If you have extra patches, or would like to donate a patch for the collection/ display (especially if you have patches from the 60's and 70's from our lodge), you are encouraged to contact Bruce Rueger, Lodge Adviser (his number and email are on the back page of this issue of *The Soup*.)



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Lodge Patch Collecting

(.....or rather an addiction)

by Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

Over the years I have started collecting lodge flaps from all over the US. But the one lodge that I collect the most is our own lodge's flaps. Now many of you are probably saying, "well I collect our lodges flaps too", but do you know your flaps? With the great invention of the internet and EBay (my second home), I have come across many of our lodges own flaps for sale. They range in value from a few dollars all the way to thousands, varying from the recent 2005 jamboree patches to the first patch made by the lodge. But one of the best ways to collect these patches is through a tradoree or national event. At National Jamboree I saw collectors with our patches and I was able to trade for them. I now have begun not only to collect patches but various other items that our lodge has created. I recently purchased a Madockawanda Lodge Nealslide. Nealslides are a real collectors item that were made in Maine and are sought by many slide collectors and articles have been written about the Neal slides for the 1957 National Jamboree in the ISCA Journal. I also have purchased one of the lodge's neckerchiefs, an N3b neckerchief. Altogether there have been around 7 neckerchiefs produced by the lodge starting with the silk screened one that is red on white created by Stan McCurdy. To the aspiring Madockawanda Lodge patch collector I suggest starting off with purchasing the current patches that the lodge store offers, such as the: 2004 Trader Flap, 2005 Trader Flap, 2005 Non-Contingent Flap, and the 2006 NOAC "double decker". Then start asking around and seeing if anyone has any extras that they would trade and attend such events as Conclave and NOAC where the trading is hot. But remember that there are ethics to trading and they should always be followed. Check out these sites for good information on correct patch trading and patch images: www.oaimages.com (a library of lodge patch images) and www.scouttrader.org (official International Scouting Collectors Association). But remember, have fun collecting!





Is this a challenge?
The lodge would like to thank Casco Bay Chapter for the great work they completed on the demolition and reconstruction of the permanent shelter at Patrick Campsite during the fall Ordeal weekend at Camp Hinds. Are there more in the works....are any other chapters up to the Challenge?



Check out the Lodge Store at the Annual Banquet. This will be your final opportunity to pre-order your very own Lodge Sweatshirt, which is available in both a hooded and crewneck versions. Obviously, this will be the new style for all 2006 OA activities, so don't be "out of style"....you have to get your very own, and they are only available through a prepaid preorder, and only at lodge events!



Banquet Set to Honor Lodge Achievements

Abnaki Chapter to Host Annual Family Banquet at Ramada Inn in Lewiston

By Dan Warner, Lodge Chief



Council Troop 107 at the National Jamboree: Thanks to Arthur Price for this most excellent shot of Pine Tree Council Troop 107 during their very "hot" stay at the National Jamboree this past summer. The troop hosted National OA Chief Patrick Murphy (near the center) for dinner!

Every year around the first weekend in December, our great lodge holds our Annual Banquet. The duty for this arduous undertaking is traded off every year to each chapter, this year, Abnaki has the pleasure of holding it. This year, Abnaki Chapter is proud to announce that the 2005 Annual Banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn, in Lewiston, ME. It will be from 1-4 on December 3, with a very exciting speaker to be attending, which will be announced when the flyer for the event comes out sometime in late October or early November. This will be a lunch buffet, which I am sure everyone will enjoy, after all, who doesn't like to stuff their face with food? The food will be delicious, and I assure you, there will be plenty to go around. I ask you, what could be better than all that food and a great speaker? The answer is simple, having time to mingle with all your friends of the Order and their families, as well as hearing a recap of all of the year's events. It is also where the Chief for the 2006 year will officially be "crowned" with the war bonnet. It promises to be a jolly good time, and I hope you all attend!



Staff Adviser's Minute...comments from Matt Randall

By Matthew Randall, Lodge Staff Adviser

2006 - A new year is right around the corner! What does 2006 look like for our lodge. Well, glad you asked....here are a few things to look forward to as we approach the new year, in no particular "Order":

- * New youth administrators for the lodge
- * A NOAC year with pre-registrations looking like they are going to set a new record
- * A youth lodge members serving as own Dean at the University of Scouting
- * A return to the Bomazeen Ordeals upcoming in the Summer '06
- * The growth of the drum team and ceremonies team
- * The Lodge In-service Award
- * Final touches and completion of the Vic and Gail Blomquist Meditation Area at Hinds
- * And so much more await on the horizon.

It is shaping up to be a great year. Each of these projects will positively effect the council and lodge. On top of this I feel we need to devote time and energy to retaining our membership from year to year, strengthening our ties to the units we serve, stabilizing and growing the internal structures of each of our chapters, and allow our youth leaders to have ever-increasing opportunities to run the operations of our lodge. We need to be what we are charged to be - the strong right arm for the council. When there is a need for help, we are the folks they can call - whether it is for popcorn distribution, setting up tents, performing cross-over ceremonies, or teaching knots at a camporee.

Membership Approves Dues Increase for 2006

At the Annual meeting of the Lodge held during the 2005 Lodge Leadership and Development (LLD) meeting, the membership approved a \$2.00 increase in the lodge dues effective with the 2006 lodge year. Since the dues payment is part of the Lodge Bylaws, any change has to be proposed at least one month in advance and then voted on at the Annual Meeting. In compliance with Section X of the Bylaws, the Lodge Executive Committee proposed the increase in dues at the September LEC meeting held on Sunday at the Fall Ordeal, requesting a final vote and action at the Annual Meeting. The national office of the Order of the Arrow has again increased the per member fees to lodges throughout the Order. This is the first increase in the membership fee/dues since the 2002 lodge year, and will amend our bylaws (Section VI) to reflect these changes going forward. No change was made to the former members who don't pay their dues by the deadline of December 31st. Inactive members who wait until the new year will still be required to pay the \$3.00 reinstatement fee. So, pay your dues before 12/31 and only pay \$10! If you wait until the new year, your dues will now be \$13. 🐢



From the Chief

Witahemui!



Hello my Brothers,

My brothers, Witahemui, or service, is the third ideal of our Order. It is one that we must truly strive to accomplish in all that we do. It is important to remember our ties to our troop, our council, our lodge, but also our family in friends. The Order of the Arrow stretches further than just Boy Scouts; we should strive to be a beacon of light to an ailing world. We should always be looking for ways to help our fellow man, both in and out of our Boy Scout uniforms. Having said this, it is also important to remember our commitment to the lodge as well. This lodge functions because of each and every one of you. Without you, we would not be where we are today; however, the future of this lodge is bleak and uncertain. We, the lodge, need everyone to step up to the plate. How can you do this, you ask? There are many ways to contribute, write articles for Turtle Soup, attend lodge functions, purchase items in the lodge store, every little thing helps. I leave you all with something from my welcome letter on the website:

I charge you all to go out into the world, and make your presence known. Remember, it is we, the youth of today that are the leaders of tomorrow. We can make the future what we want, so let us strive to make it something worth living for, let us do today what will make tomorrow better. I would like to leave you with this:

"We, as Arrowmen, have the great privilege of pointing the way to other people . . . it's the way to happiness in life. It's the way of cheerful service."

- E. Urner Goodman

In the Spirit of the Purple Turtle,

Dan Warner ~ Lodge Chief

Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Casco Bay Chapter

As the ordeal season gives way to the fall we must turn our attention to the upcoming months. We will be working to set up a model campsite at the Webelos Woods Weekend with help from a few of our Casco Bay brothers. We have encouraged our brothers to attend the Lodge Leadership Development weekend later this fall, along with the Lodge Annual Banquet. We will also be looking for opportunities to continue our work on completing a lean-to shelter in Patrick campsite at Camp Hinds. The work being done on the project, which is being lead by Lodge Vice Chief Tom Parenteau, was a large success at the September Ordeal. Over the three ordeals were able to induct 32 candidates into the Casco Bay Chapter. At the final ordeal, three Casco Bay brothers were bestowed the Vigil Honor; Tom Parenteau, Paul Beaupre, and Ian Hanley. The last few months have been a major success for the chapter and I encourage me fellow brother to attend upcoming lodge events and chapter meeting, in which we will be working to continue our service to Casco Bay.

Ian Hanley

Abnaki Chapter

We have kept the momentum of a good year with some good turnouts at the Ordeals. The chapter has welcomed new members and looking forward to seeing them in the upcoming meetings. For all of you who don't know, I am the Chapter Chief for Abnaki Chapter. Our Vice Chief is Richard Curtis and the chapter Secretary is Dereck Tuttle. I'm looking forward to seeing all our new Ordeal members in the upcoming months as we'll be starting our choker projects during the fall meetings. If you are interested, they are 15.00 for anyone who wants to join in making them. Remember, we hold our meetings at the Auburn middle school on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Zachary Tupper

K-Valley Chapter

K-valley has had quite a start on the new season already and we show no signs of slowing down. We began our new year of meetings with Elangomat training many attended and enjoyed a night of learning and discussion. For our second meeting the chapter began working on the lines for the Arrow of Light ceremony fun was had by all. And of course there was Trail Blazer's Day. This year K-Valley was responsible for the cooking. Many members of our district were present, most of whom were members of K-valley chapter! We ended up providing food for seven hundred and fifty cub's and their parents! As you can imagine that's a lot of hot dogs and hamburgers. On a final note I would like to remind all members of the chapter that next meeting is chapter officer elections and I look forward to seeing you all there so we may have an eventful evening.

Aaron Wiggin

York Chapter

York has had a good start to the fall season, and restarted our meetings in August after a bit of a breather in July. Our fall plans include election training early this year to avoid the problem with snow storms and the cancellations we had last year. Amazingly, I have also already received requests for dates for elections for 2006, so if your troop has a date in mind for February, March or April in 2006 for your unit visitation and election, please see me at our district roundtable. We are looking to have a good year, and another good piece of news is that we are on track for honor chapter.

Noah Lemire



The National Order of the Arrow Committee recently voted to make materials more readily available to lodge leaders. As a result, the Guide for Officers and Advisers is now available on-line instead of through the National Supply division. This book provides support for lodge and chapter leaders. The on-line distribution allows better access for more Arrowmen. The guide reflects the current policies concerning the organization and administration of the Order of the Arrow Lodge. All lodge and chapter officers and advisers should have a copy.





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Renew your membership in the Lodge for 2006! Use the coupon and stay active and informed!

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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!

**2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES
Madockawanda Lodge #271**

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Unit information must be furnished. You must be currently registered in Scouting to be a member of the Order of the Arrow.

I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil
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Price on the Northern Tier....

Mike's summer included a trip to the Florida Sea Base....a great adventure!

By Mike Price, Casco Bay Chapter

In June, I flew to Eli, Minnesota, for a two week excursion at the Charles E. Summers Canoe Base at Northern Tier. The first week, our crew of 8 arrowmen stayed at a campsite on the prestigious boundary waters of Minnesota, rendering cheerful service to portage trails that have existed since early exploration of America. The second week included a 185 mile canoe trek to International Falls through Canada. Our group was one of two to ever canoe that distance in 5 days through the program. Every night provided a beautiful sunset that you could only imagine. The wildlife was phenomenal every direction you looked. As Happy Gilmore would refer to it, it became my 'happy place'.

In early July, I flew down to the Florida Keys to participate in the first year of the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program. The first week we were down their, we went through training to become certified SCUBA divers. The second week of the program includes working with the government and National Wildlife Sanctuary to scuba dive and collect data on underwater wildlife. Aside from being evacuated from the keys a week early due to Hurricane Dennis, it was a great time to be chillin' in the keys rendering service, what our organization is all about.

Unfortunately, I didn't have enough time to be able to participate at Philmont in the Trail Crew adventure, but either way, I had a spectacular time at OA Wilderness Voyage in Minnesota and at OA Ocean Adventure in Florida. I strongly recommend ALL of these programs to everyone eligible. Whether you like canoeing, hiking, or scuba diving, you're bound to have the time of your life. The great part about these programs is that there cheap! To attend a High Adventure base, it can cost upwards of \$1000 and even more. But for the OA High Adventure programs, you only pay between \$100-\$250 depending on the program plus airfare. That's it! Also, you don't have to wait to sign-up. Chances are, if you act fast enough, you can reserve your spot for 2006!



Minnesota! *Outgoing Section Chief and Casco Bay member Mike Price took this great photo while canoeing as part of his Northern Tier Wilderness Adventure.*



NOAC 2006 - SLOTS ARE DISAPPEARING SOON!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held from July 29th thru August 3rd, 2006 at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. For 2006, the National Committee has lifted the "2 youth for every adult" rule and we now have the opportunity to bring as many Brothers to the event as sign up, as long as we maintain a 1 youth for 1 adult ratio! However, to reserve your place in the Lodge Contingent, you must make a deposit no later than January 1, 2006. With close to twenty deposits already in, our group is filling quickly! If you have any questions on the conference or the deposit system, please contact Bruce Rueger, Lodge adviser at 872-5920 or via email at rueger@dialmaine.com Final cost will be established at a Spring 2006 Contingent meeting.

NOAC Coupon # 1 - Deposit - \$150.00 - Due January 1, 2006



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, 2006



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NOAC Coupon # 3 - \$150.00 - Due March 1, 2006



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NOAC Coupon # 4 - \$ TBD - Due April 15, 2006



Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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- * *Drive for Unit Elections and Troop Visitation*
- * *University of Scouting*
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- * *Bomazeen Ordeals Return*
- * *Bloomquist Meditation Area to be Completed*



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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2005 Update

- Dec 3 - Annual Family Banquet - Ramada Lewiston
- Dec 11 - New Lodge Officer Training - Council Office
- Dec 15 - Recharter Package to National Office
- Dec 31 - NOAC 2006 Deposit Due
- Dec 31 - 2006 DUES PAYMENT DUE
- Feb 1 - Unit Election Season Begins
- Jul 29 -Aug 3 - 2006 NOAC - Michigan State University

Get a Head Start of Your 2006 Unit Election - Schedule Yours Today