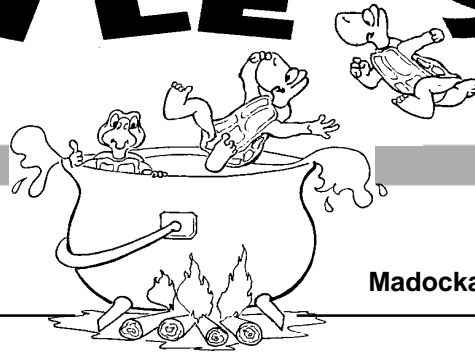


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Order of the Arrow



Madockawanda Lodge #271



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Lodge Ordeal & Service Returns to Bomazeen!

Fall Ordeal Provides much needed Service and Spirit to North Belgrade Camp.

By Aaron Wiggin, Lodge Vice Chief

For the first time in three years Madockawanda lodge held it's fall ordeal at Camp Bomazeen in North Belgrade. The dormant camp, waiting for its conversion to the Council's new Cub World hosted 46 new Brothers who were inducted into our lodge and 4 who completed their brotherhood. All projects were completed and we broke ground with the first work to be done on the new archery range. Other work projects ranged from cleaning sections of the dining hall to restoring the painting on Chief Bomazeen's rock to removing and burning old tent platforms. Clans also helped in prepping the sites for construction of cabins. All in all it was quite a productive day.



Bob the Builder: Operating the Bobcat loader, Council Properties Superintendent Bob Gosselin works diligently on the repairs to the road leading into camp.

The real story behind the Ordeal and Lodge returning is the fellowship that was shared in this great camp. For some members of the Lodge, Camp Bomazeen is home and for some of us its Hinds. As arrowmen, however, it is our obligation to stay supportive of all our camps, and at the Chapter and Lodge level, this weekend was a rededication to this principle. It was a beautiful Friday evening, and the project work was also held with great weather in support of the cause. Despite the huge rain storms that plagued the ceremony work, the Scouts

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Lodge Completes Wolf Neck Service Project!

Service to Community is theme of project at Freeport State Park

By Caleb Frederick, York Chapter



Six members of York Chapter and 5 York "wanna bees" gathered to worked on a community service project that was completed during six hours on a damp September Saturday. Brothers gathered Friday night at Bradbury Mountain State Park to spend a night in Brotherhood, with plenty of Pepsi and S'mores to go around! The next day these dedicated individuals, along with four others descended upon Wolf Neck State Park in Freeport. A day of clearing trails then began. Armed with clippers, hatchets, folding saws, and even a telescopic saw we set out. While walking the trails we cleared any branches that were in the trail,

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Add one and Stick Together: Brothers from the lodge complete trail cleanup and tree pruning as part of the community service project at Wolf Neck State Park in Freeport.



At the 1977 National Order of the Arrow Conference, separate training cells were offered directly to adults. This represented the first time that specific training programs were sponsored for Adult members!



At the 1976 National Committee meeting, the BSA approved that lodge funds be designated as "custodial" funds in the BSA accounting system. Prior to that time, councils had been allowed to treat funds as activity accounts.



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Banquet Set for Portland

Casco Bay hosts Banquet at Church of the Immaculate Conception on Dec 6th!

By Aaron Greene, K-Valley Chapter



Banquet: A great shot of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, the site of our 2006 Annual Family Banquet.

I'm assuming that all of you have been to a banquet before, regardless of the reason or event. Well, unless it was the Annual OA Banquet than you ain't seen nothing yet! So, what does the banquet offer to a brother interested in attending? Well, first of all this is one of our events that family is more than welcome to attend, and in fact we encourage guests since they get to see what our lodge does over the past year. So, what else you may ask? Well, we have a guest speaker that usually covers a topic of local or national interest, either from the Scouting or Order, or possibly even from the local community. We also have reports from our committees and chapters, and present the Founders' Awards, Honor Chapter, and other awards up the Wazzzooo. The food is great and the fellowship of the Lodge is even greater. The Lodge store will also be there for your last minute Christmas items and it is also a prime time to pay your dues for 2007, so don't forget to attend and register when the flyer is mailed in November. This year we are shooting for the largest banquet and without you that is not possible.

Would you like to know how to get there? Again, it's at the Church of the Immaculate Conception which is located at 307 Congress Street on corner of Congress & Franklin Arterial in Portland. It is always a great way to wrap up the lodge year with good friends, good food, and good times... hope to see you all there.

Annual Meeting to Review Proposed Bylaw Changes

Membership to vote to eliminate \$3 dues late fee and a change to election procedures

by Dan Warner, Lodge Chief

Every year at the Lodge Leadership Development Weekend (LLD), the Lodge holds its Annual Business Meeting. Voting of the new Lodge Officers for the next year, and the approval of the budget are two of the many things that happen at this meeting. Another potential agenda item that can be included at the annual meeting is a vote on a change to the bylaws. This year, the Annual Meeting will feature two proposed amendments that were presented for consideration at the LEC held at the fall Ordeal.

The first proposal will change the way that dues are handled. Currently, there is a three dollar late fee for anyone paying their dues after January 1st of any given year. The proposed amendment would do away with this late fee. If this amendment is passed, the flat rate for dues will apply year round, and no one will be required to pay a \$3 late fee unless your dues lapsed for more than a year. One of the hopes of this change is that it will help maintain membership numbers from year to year because more people will be likely to consistently pay if they don't need to pay an extra three dollars for being slightly late.

The second proposed amendment is a change in the voting procedures. The amendment would make the Lodge Officer voting consistent with Section election procedures. The proposal, if approved, will allow the Lodge Advisor to verify how many people each chapter has in attendance at the annual meeting. Each chapter will receive as many votes as they have members at the meeting, with a maximum number of votes at ten. This is the new way that the Section elects its officers at Conclave. *Each youth member in attendance at the Annual Meeting may vote on the amendments.* If the amendment receives a majority of the votes (more than 50%), than it will pass and will become apart of the bylaws. This is one of the most important events that happens at the Annual Meeting, and that is why it is important that everyone is informed of the proposed changes. Use the time that you have before LLD to ponder these proposed amendments and decide if you believe they deserve your support. Then register and attend the LLD and vote!





At the 75th Anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Indiana University, an Order of the Arrow Time Capsule was sealed with memorabilia to be opened upon the 100th anniversary of the Order in 2015.



In 1933, the Grand Lodge purchased and distributed the Owassippi Lodge handbook to all active lodges. Local lodges were encouraged to adapt it to their local situations. It appears that this book was the forerunner to the Order of the Arrow Handbook.



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and scouters from all over Pine Tree Council all enjoyed the return to this camp and the vision for the future. It was also great to see everyone in the dining hall laughing and smiling and just enjoying the wonderful weekend at this camp. I hope those of you that came to the fall Ordeal have a lasting memory that really defines who you are and why you stay involved. I know my weekend was a good one and has me ready for more.



Geology at Work at Bomazeen: To the left is a clan from the fall Ordeal assisting in the reconstruction of the access road leading into Camp Bomazeen. The road was resurfaced with a new load of gravel, and candidates are seen helping place boulders on the sides of the road to help in erosion prevention.



On the Deck: Brothers help repair the handicapped ramp entrance to the health lodge at Camp Bomazeen during the 2006 Fall Ordeal.



Wolf Neck

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making them wider and more enjoyable. The rain didn't slow us down, it just made us soggy. After a short lunch break consisting of pizza we were back out tackling the trails again. After lunch the rain lightened up and it even got a little sunny. Over all, it was a great project and thanks to Paul Beaupre and every brother who attended and help to make this community service project happen. We gained a great deal of respect and good will with the state park and within the community.





In 1991, lodges were provided with the new "Manual for Elangomats" for those lodges who wanted to use this special "friend" of inductees during the Ordeal and at other appropriate times. The Elangomat system remains a key part of the Ordeal process.



In 1974, the first Region Chiefs were elected and region chairmen appointed. This action increased opportunities for national youth leadership and set up a chain of communication, support and assistance for all lodges.



From the Chief

"Renew your commitment to your troop and your lodge"



To My Brothers of the Lodge:

Once again, we find ourselves in the fall, and winter will be here before we know it! We have a few major events coming-up for our Order. The LLD and Banquet are two significant things that our Lodge puts on each year. Both are loads of fun. The LLD looks to be a good one this year, as the committee has been working very hard on getting the details nailed out. The banquet will also be a great time, with wonderful food, and an amazing speaker. It is as we move into this time, that I urge you all to remember your commitment you all took as you entered our Order. Do not forget your commitment to your troop! You would not be apart of our wonderful organization if it weren't for them. I urge you all within the coming months, to go up to a young scout in your troop and ask him how he is enjoying the program. Ask him how his advancement is going, and don't forget to ask if there is anything you can do to help! As the honor members of Scouting, we must take these young birds under our wings, so that one day they will soar with the Eagles. Not only that, but they are the future members of our Lodge. This applies to the Cub Scouting program as well. If we don't have the Cub Scouts crossing over, than the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow, both, have no future. I recommend that everyone heed my advice to further the program, and make it something our founders, Dr. Goodman and Mr. Eddson, would both be very proud of. Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Chief, and I look forward to an outstanding close to the year!

Yours in the Purple Turtle! *Dan Warner, Lodge Chief*

2006 - Another Quality Lodge Designation?

Nearing highest historical membership level and a goal for 2007?

By Tom Kester, Lodge Secretary

Statistics on the recently completed Ordeal season just in from Roger Gagnon, our Associate Adviser for Administration indicate that Madockawanda Lodge has again achieved two of the most difficult requirements for the Quality Lodge Honor as part of it's annual recharter process. We have attained positive growth again this year (39 more members than last year for a total of 565 this year as of the publication date in October) as well as a Brotherhood conversion rate that exceeds the required minimum conversion of 30%. Based upon figures in from these Ordeals and the Thursday summer camp Brotherhood ceremony evenings, the lodge converted 32.5% of it's eligible Ordeal members to Brotherhood. In an email note to all Lodge Executive Committee members and to the various Chapters and Committee volunteers, Bruce Rueger stated it succinctly, "Great job! This can only be attributed to the hard work of all of you. We have not only attained positive membership growth, but exceeded our goals for brothers to seal their membership in the Order." Although records are difficult to verify from earlier years in the lodge, we believe that we are within approximately 25 members from achieving our largest total membership in history. Again, we encourage all members to set this as a goal for 2007 - Renewal of your membership and encouraging all former members in your troops, districts and council to register. It's the single most important duty...be faithful to the lodge and it's high ideals!



2006 Membership Stats

Youth Members: 342
 Adult Members: 223
Total Membership: 565



2006 Inductions

Ordeal 147
 Brotherhood 52
 Vigil 5

Yours in Wimachtendienk. . .

Casco Bay Chapter

Things are changing in CB as we bid adieu to 2006 and prepare for an awesome 07. At our October roundtable we elected incumbent candidate Robert Carter to vice chief, James Wiley to treasurer, Dave to secretary, and myself as chapter chief. On the upcoming agenda for the chapter are: 06 Klondike Derby (CSI Alaska: the case of the missing snowman) which promises to be amazing as usual, the LLD, and of course, the annual banquet. We also look forward to continue our service to camp hinds by improving camp facilities before next season. We are currently in the process of compiling our honor chapter report for submission, and it looks as though Casco Bay will make Honor Chapter again this year. We look forward to the upcoming season as Casco Bay continues to lead the way.

Nate Smith

AIA Committee Planning 2007 Maine AIA Weekend

For all of our brothers who are interested, plans are underway to hold another American Indian Affairs weekend in 2007. We will be working with Pamola Lodge on all the details and hope to have a flyer going out later this year, but the plans are to hold the event during the weekend of January 19-21 at the Augusta Armor. More details will be in the flyer and we are shooting for a preregistration (versus paying at the door) and hope that our group is larger than Pamola! Watch for more information at the Banquet and in the Flyer!

Aaron Greene

York Chapter

York's getting ready for another great winter season and will be preparing for the 2007 elections. Our first chapter meeting was attended by several new members from the spring ordeals in September and everyone in York Chapter had a great time at our annual Oktoberfest meeting in October. The games and food were excellent and a wonderful way to kick off the fall season. See you at the LLD and the Banquet!

Caleb Frederick

K-Valley Chapter

Well we had our first fall meeting and it was killer! A great turnout and our plans include making the K-Valley online newsletter larger. We have a lot of crafts planned as discussed at our last meeting lets hope we have an awesome year. We will be having our new officer elections at the end of the December meeting.

Aaron Greene

Come and Drum!

The Lodge drum team will be holding drumming practices on various Sunday from 2-4 PM at the Council Service center in Portland, and in various other locations. If you are interested in drumming or dancing please plan on attending and we will get you involved. Information will be available at the LLD weekned, and at the Banquet. We would love to have more people on the drum team since we have dates scheduled for the upcoming year and we will need avid drummers to participate. So if you are interested in learning about Native American drumming and dancing, show up some Sunday and "boom" we will get you involved. I hope to see a huge turnout and we have plenty of events like a powwow and meeting and the AIA weekend and stuff so please show up to the meetings and make me a happy Person. Feel free to contact met with questions or to get our schedule. I can be reached at Agreene271@adelphia.net.

Aaron Greene



The first Order of the Arrow seminar for the study of Indian culture was held in July, 1974 at the Philmont Scout Ranch. 62 brothers attended from 27 states and learned from 18 Indian and 7 non Indian instructors!



At the 1952 meeting of the Order of the Arrow Committee, it was announced that the BSA supply division was soon expected to be able to provide a white woven sash for OA members. This is considered the end of the felt sash....by many considered rare and collectible to this day!





In the 1968 Order of the Arrow Bulletin, it was reported that Eagle Scouts who were not members of the Order of the Arrow could be given special consideration during the unit election period. If an Eagle Scout was elected, he would not count against a unit's election quota!



Cut out the coupon to the right and send it in with your 2007 dues payment. Or better yet, bring it with you to the Lodge Banquet in December!

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I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil
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Planning Underway for ArrowCorp5

Early Planning for 2008 Trip "West" for a week of Service and Adventure

by Dennis Namin, K-Valley Chapter



Also in 1968, in addition to the other existing requirements for Brotherhood conversion, a brotherhood candidate also had to submit a written statement regarding his rededication to the principle of cheerful service to his fellow man.



During the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow will embark on the largest service project in its history - ArrowCorps5. After years of collaboration, the OA and the United States Forest Service will work together to provide meaningful and lasting service to some of our nation's most treasured natural resources. During five weeks in the summer of 2008, at five sites across the nation, 5,000 physically fit and able volunteers will descend on our national

forests to perform cheerful service that will benefit Americans for decades to come. ArrowCorps5 is the largest opportunity for servant leadership our Order has ever undertaken. The program will include eight days of life-changing cheerful service as well as a host of recreational activities at every site. At least one day will be spent enjoying the diverse recreational facilities available at each site.

More information about ArrowCorps5 can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org>. Detailed information on each of the five sites will be released quarterly throughout the next year. Keep checking *Turtle Soup* and the OA Website for frequent updates and information on how and when to sign up. Our lodge has committed to send at least 15 brothers to ArrowCorps5 in 2008 and we are targeting one of the western locations, such as the beautiful Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, pictured here to the right. This is a "once in a lifetime experience, so don't miss out on the adventure and fun. Watch for the special presentation at the Annual Banquet in December.



More Pics From the Summer and Fall!



Oh at the Stick: Our Lodge Mascot, Oh, poses in the cockpit of our US Air flight from Manchester to Chicago on the first leg of his NOAC Tour. See more of Oh's adventures at the LLD and Banquet!



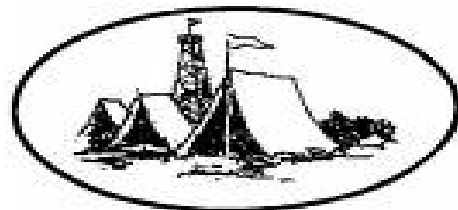
Filling the Need: A few candidates help move bark mulch near McCurdy Cabin at the Fall Ordeal held at Camp Bomazeen.



Boys in the Wood: Brothers who will remain nameless stand patiently at Camp Bomazeen during the Fall 2006 Ordeal.



Carrying the Load: Brothers help load the old tent platforms onto the panel truck as they are brought to the fire pit for final destruction.



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Lodge Calendar

Winter 2006 Update

- Nov 17-19 - LLD Weekend - China Lake Conf. Center
- Nov 17 - Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
- Nov 19 - **Annual Meeting & Election of Officers**
- Dec 2 - Lodge Annual Family Banquet - Portland
- Dec 10 - 2007 Lodge Officer Training - TBA
- Dec 15 - Lodge National Recharter Due
- Dec 31 - 2007 Membership Dues Due!

Please Note - Watch your mail and our website for the Banquet Flyer and 2007 Events!