# TURTLE SOUP

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# Spring Fellowship 2023

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Spring Fellowski

Brothers, Spring Fellowship is nearing!!! Prepare yourself for a weekend that you won't soon forget. At Camp Hinds, we will participate in a variety of fun outdoor activities, with programming based on a Beach Party theme! If you like ultimate frisbee and other beachside games then I couldn't think of anywhere better to spend April 28-30th. So brothers, if you haven't already, go sign up on the lodge website!!

A challenge for everyone attending: bring a friend to make this the biggest event we've had so far! This can include recently elected candidates who have not yet completed their induction. Everyone is invited to the party.

Gavin Holbrook, Lodge Vice Chief

## **ALL ABOUT**



Have you ever wanted to be an Elangomat and lead a crew through their ordeal? Have you been asked to conduct a unit election but have no idea how?

It is no secret that over the years, it is sometimes difficult to get the training you need. Our committee chairs rotate year-to-year and sometimes this makes training opportunities harder to schedule. It can make knowing what to do difficult. Over in the special projects committee, we are working to solve this problem with Turtle Academy!

Turtle Academy is meant to be a training portal that will give you the background that you need to be successful in a variety of topics. Turtle Academy will be online and hosted on our lodge website. The idea is that if you want to be an Elangomat, Nimat, ceremonialist or anything in between, you will be able to do an online training to give you the background knowledge necessary to be successful in your goals.

This project has been a lofty undertaking and has been the primary focus of the committee over the past two months. Our progress on the project is ongoing, but we are happy to announce an initial wave of trainings and trainers, coming in late April and early May! Be sure to keep an eye on our social media channels so you can be the first to try out Turtle Academy!



Mathieu C Elangomat Chair

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# **2023 ELECTION SEASON REPORT**

Scheduled: 71% Declined: 3 units Elected: 12



Scheduled: 41% Declined: 3 units Elected: 7 Scheduled: 79% Declined: 0 units Elected: 30



Scheduled: 68% Declined: 5 Elected: 11



WE NEED YOU!

The time is now, reach out to your chapter officers to become part of the election team today. Elections teams play a crucial role in expanding our brotherhood.

## JOIN A LODGE COMMITTEE! PLAY A ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR LODGE!

#### WHAT IS A LODGE COMMITTEE ?

Lodge committees are groups which focus on a specific aspect of lodge operation. They typically consist of a group of Arrowmen lead by a committee chair who is selected by the Lodge Chief. They work together to fulfill the duties assigned to the committee.

#### WHAT DO THEY DO?

Lodge committees play a crucial role in the operations of the lodge. Together as a committee they work on projects assigned by lodge leadership. Having multiple people working on one idea allows for a constructive and productive team that can successfully execute their duties.

#### HOW DO I JOIN

If you have an interest in joining a committee please fill out the form by scanning the QR code. The lodge leadership would love to see what you have to offer. The more people we have the the better. There is a committee for everyone!



**Interested? Scan Now!** 

### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

In the last couple of months, the Abnaki chapter has been hard at work conducting unit elections. Currently, we have elected 12 youths and are looking to finish the last of our elections strong. If your unit has yet to schedule an election, don't wait, act now! On another note, the Abnaki chapter meets the first Tuesday of every month and we'd love to see a great turnout at our chapter meeting, but to do that we need to see you!

Yours in Cheerful Service, Natalie P, Chapter Chief



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The Casco Bay Chapter is having lots of success. We have a hike scheduled for April 23rd at Old Speck Mountain, if anyone would like to join us please email cascobay@madockawanda.org . Unit Elections are going along smoothly, we have scheduled elections for about 80% of our units, completed about 45%, elected 25 scouts, and hope to get many more.

Yours in Cheerful Service, Mathieu C, Chapter Chief



Kennebec Valley Chapter the past month has brought the OA's presence into our local district by attending a Cub Scout crossover and helping around at the pinewood derby. The events can be fun to meet others and also have fellowship with one another and we're always looking to do other things, maybe a fun outing, and you can come provide your great ideas by coming to our monthly meetings.

Yours in Brotherhood, Lukas M, Chapter Chief



York chapter has been doing well in elections. We recently held a ski and sled day at Gowen Park. York will be joining Casco Chapter in hosting a Southern Maine Fellowship at Old Orchard Beach on May 18th, where everybody will be welcome.

Yours in Service, Alex P, Chapter Chief

# National Events!

#### Cameron Dalton, National Events Chair

The first National Leadership Seminar of the year was held February 17th-19th in Richmond, VA. Madockawanda had a great showing, with Darryk Kelly & Cam Dalton serving as trainers, and Cam L. getting trained!

The section ACT conference has been rescheduled for May 6th, held at TL Storer in Barnstead, NH. Registration will open back up, so sign up if you missed the chance to register!

June 9th-11th, our lodge will be attending New England Fellowship in great numbers. From loads of fellowship, to high class training, to meeting friends from around New England, this is an event you won't want to miss! But that's not all. Brothers, get STOKED, because Madockawanda will host New England Fellowship in 2024! Let's attend NEF this year with the energy to get everyone excited for 2024.

If you want to be involved in everything national has to offer, join us at Spring Fellowship for the first in-person National Events committe

Cameron Dalton, Section E-19 Vice Chief





# **NEW PRODUCT**



# Quarter Zip



## Vest

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## SOUTHERN MAINE FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars for the Southern Maine Fellowship! This fellowship is being hosted by the York and Casco Bay chapters in Old Orchard Beach, we will be spending the day at the beach playing games and drinking Moxie (free moxie!!). We will meet at 2 Old Orchard Street, on May 14th, from 1-4 PM.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Hello Madockawanda Lodge!

We have had such an amazing first quarter in 2023. Our lodge is setting a new standard for performance and impact in our scouting community. I want to thank all the young leaders in our lodge who have stepped up to make this year so great so far. Here are a couple of our highlights:

First, we have already surpassed 2022 in elected candidates for membership in the OA!

Second, we have ignited our Ceremonies, Service, and Elangomat committees to a level I've never seen before! Huge thanks to those committee chairmen.

Third, we have produced two new projects. One to help aspiring Eagle Scouts find labor to complete their projects, and the other to help train our lodge's aspiring leaders. Both stand to have an impact that outlasts this year by far!

As you can see our lodge is in a vibrant and growing time as was exemplified by our Winter Fellowship which nearly overflowed the PTC's Training Center. Now as we look forward to Spring Fellowship, Inductions and NEF I can't wait to see how we continue to grow and evolve as a lodge!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Darryk Kelly

## **2023 LODGE EVENTS**



Winter Fellowship | February 10th- 12th Spring Fellowship | April 28th- 30th Spring Induction | June 2nd- 4th New England Fellowship | June 9th- 11th Camp Hinds OA Days | July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Summer Induction | August 18th- 20th Fall Induction | September 22nd- 24th Fall Fellowship | October 27th- 29th Annual Family Banguet | December 2nd

SIGN UP FOR ALL EVENTS ON THE LODGE WEBSITE! <u>WWW.MADOCKAWANDA.ORG</u>