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Lodge takes NOAC by storm!

By Chris Willey, Casco Bay Chapter Chief

It had taken 11 hours, but we were there. A big sign announcing "Welcome to NOAC '98" spanned the road that led to the Iowa State University's Ames, IA, campus, our home for the next five days.

The 15 delegates from our Lodge were all anxious to start on our NOAC experience. It had been a long flight from Boston to Dubuque, where we caught the shuttle bus to Ames.

But first we settled into our rooms which were in Linden Hall, the dorm to which we were assigned. Then it was off to explore and get accustomed to the campus. It was an exciting time for all of us, and we knew that it would be fun.

Sunday, August 2, we were ready early. First stop was the trading post to pick up our pre-orders. The line was HUGE! The National Order of the Arrow Conference offered a variety of workshops in Native American activities, ceremonies and lodge operations in which to participate.

As it grew close to dark our first day, we all gathered for the opening show. It was an awesome performance with Brothers in full Native American costumes whirling on stage.

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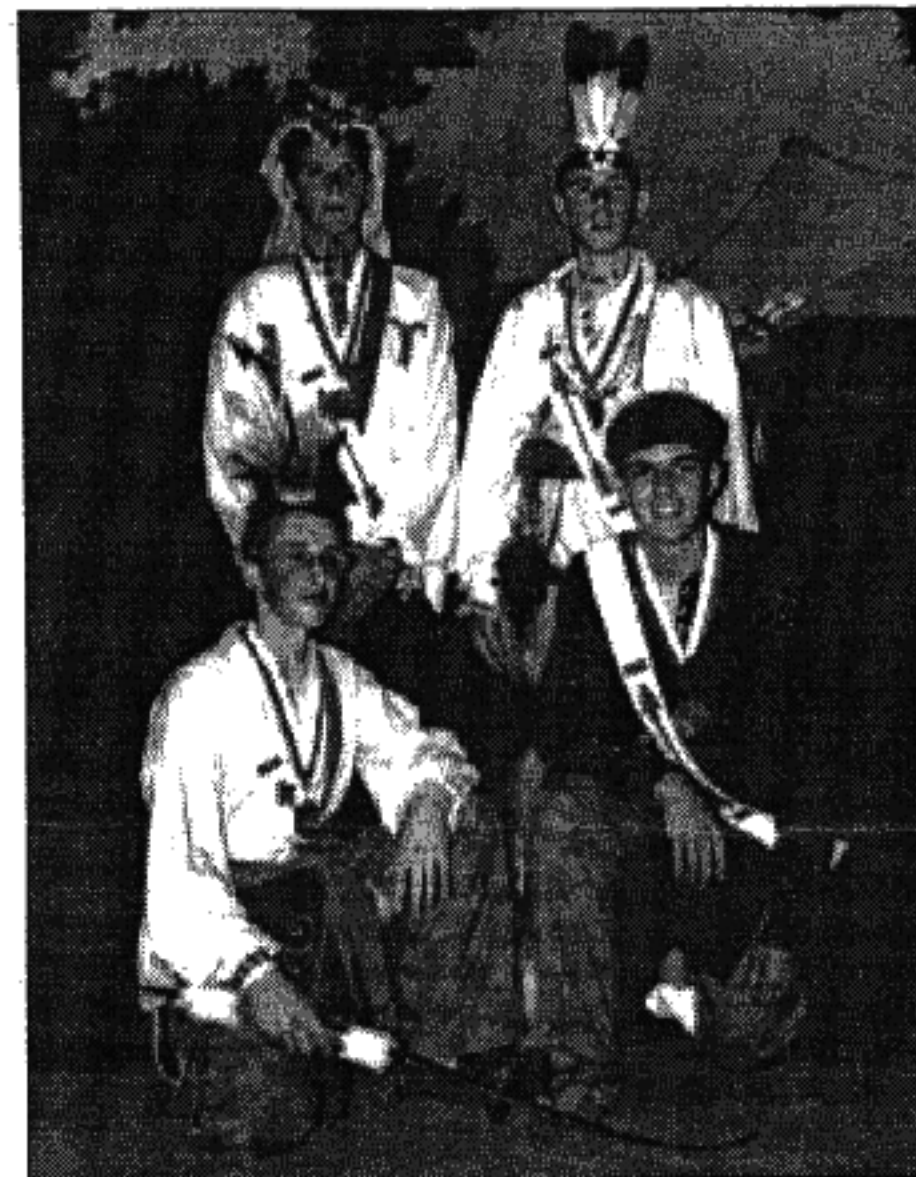
Lodge web pages await your visit

By Josh Gagnon, Web Page Co-Chairperson

It's new and improved. It's the Lodge's internet web site!

For a year or so the Lodge has had a stand-alone web page constructed by Craig Howitt at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Building on that foundation, we have now been able to expand our offerings under the umbrella of Pine Tree Council's web pages, using its server.

These pages have been created by me and my co-chair, Matt Dubois, with the help and guidance of Adviser Dean Zaharis. As part of our preparation for building these pages, we



A Winning Team — Our Lodge's ceremony team received the Honor Lodge award for its performance of the pre-Ordeal ceremony at NOAC. Clockwise from left front are Josh Gagnon as Nutiket, Andy Frazier as Meteu, Ben Sheen as Allowat and Ryan Dean as Kitchkinet. (Photo by Ronnie Frazier)

took a day-long adult education course in web page design offered by Brother Zaharis in Scarborough.

At our Lodge site for your browsing are pages giving our history, Lodge and Chapter officers, committee chairpersons and a calendar of events. There are links so you can leave messages for those officers with e-mail.

By the time this issue of TURTLE SOUP hits your mail boxes, we're also hoping to have a sampling of articles from it on the site.

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Ordeals, continued from page 1

The National chief and vice chief were introduced. They announced future plans and the vision created for the Order of the Arrow.

These included OA becoming "Scouting's National Honor Society" and the decision to replace its stylized Indian head logo with an arrowhead. The changes were reflected in the conference patch, which incorporated both logos, and its theme: "Memories of the Past - A Vision of the Future."

The week that followed was filled with seminars, classes and workshops in all different areas, ranging from the nuts and bolts of operating the lodge to the craft of making chokers.

Many competitions took place Monday through Wednesday of the conference, such as in

dancing, drumming, singing and the three ceremonies of our Order.

Our Lodge's ceremony team competed with 120 other lodges from across the country in the pre-Ordeal ceremony and was among 13 receiving an Honor Lodge designation, the highest in the competition.

Team members included Ben Sheen as Allowat Sakima, Andy Frazier as Meteu, Josh Gagnon as Nutiket and Ryan Dean as Kichkinet. The team was under the direction of adviser Mark Bevan, for whom it was the second win. The team he advised at the 1996 NOAC also took top honors.

NOAC also offered competition in athletic events and in publications. Brother Paul Conley finished fourth in his age group in the conference's 5K road race. And TURTLE SOUP received the Standard award for its participation in newsletter competition.

Council Scout Executive Rees Falkner was honored with the 1998 Distinguished Service Award in ceremonies on the ISU campus (see related stories on page 3).

With great shows every night, a fantastic Section NE-1A gathering and pizza party, patch trading, Founders' Day events and fellowship, NOAC '98 succeeded with flying colors.

Thanks to all in the contingent who went, advised and helped make attending the conference a memorable and fun event.

Making Connections — 14 of Madockawanda Lodge's NOAC delegates gather for a group picture enroute to Ames, IA.



Lodge seeks service grant for Hinds waterfront



The Lodge-sponsored project, endorsed by both Council Scout Executive Rees Falkner and Council President John McKernan, will "significantly improve conditions for waterfront staff and scouts participating in waterfront activities."

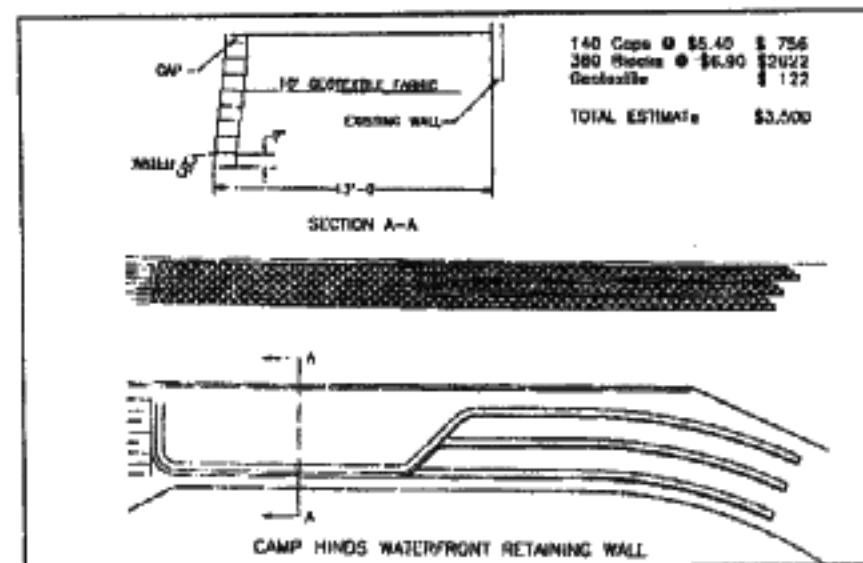
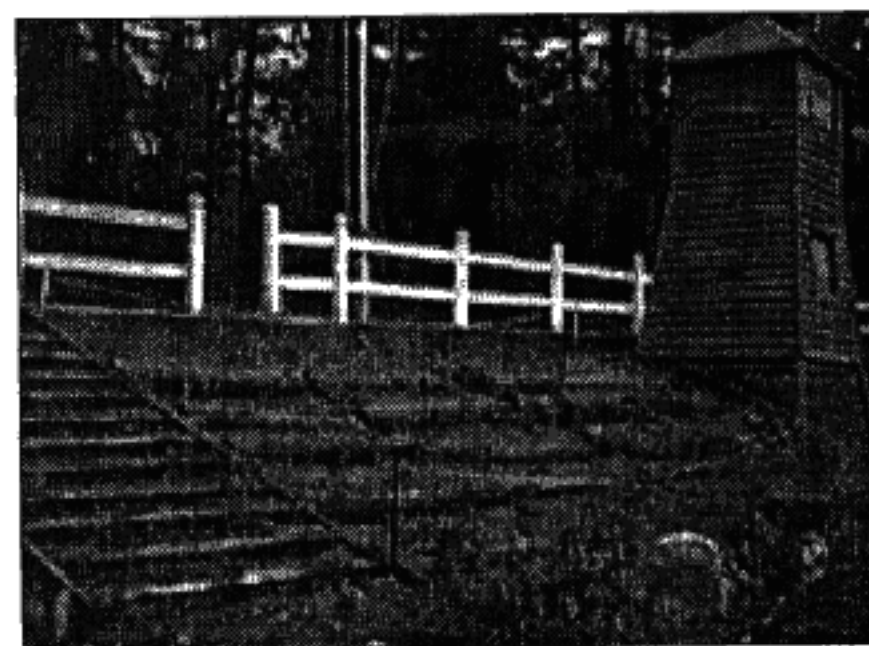
The Camp Hinds waterfront, which has deteriorated over the past several years and was battered by Ice Storm '98, is in dire need of a face lift.

In June, the Lodge Executive Committee and Council Camping Committee approved construction of a new retaining wall designed by Vigil member and civil engineer Jim Keene. To complete the \$7,000 project, the Lodge filed with National Order of the Arrow for a Service Grant for half the funds needed.

Preliminary work is expected to begin next spring with excavation work by the National Guard. It will continue at next year's Ordeals. Under the terms of the grant application, work must be completed by Nov. 15, 1999.

By replacing the eroded step terracing with a combination high wall and tri-level retaining wall of geotextile block, the project will improve appearance and increase usable space.

The damaged waterfront as it appears today, top right (Photo by Pete Klepsig); and the design for a new wall by Jim Keene.



Our Chief of the Fire honored with DSA

By Chris Willey, Casco Bay Chapter Chief

Rees, Falkner, Pine Tree Council Scout Executive and our Lodge's Chief of the Fire, has been honored with National Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award.

The presentation was made during the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, held August 1-6, at Iowa State University.

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on Arrowmen who have shown exemplary service to OA beyond the lodge level.

Established in 1940, the award has only been given to about 625 of the more than one million who have been elected into the Order. Only 175,000 active members are currently enrolled in OA.

Three other members from our Lodge have previously received the DSA: Lodge founder Frank Bailey and Dennis Prefontaine in 1971; and Scott Valcourt in the early '90s.

Before coming to Pine Tree Council as its scout executive in January of this year, Falkner served as director of the Boy Scout Division Program Group, which is responsible for the implementation of programs and services within the division, one of which is OA.



Distinguished Service Award ribbon

OA adds to its focus

National Order of the Arrow has adopted a "blueprint" for greater service to Scouting in the 21st century which significantly expands its scope beyond the traditional promotion of Scout camping.

The Order intends to call upon its members—those who "best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives"—to fulfill that promise by doing more to assist councils in helping young people understand and "live" the Scouting way.

Greater emphasis will be placed on leadership development, membership extension, adventure-related programming and broader assistance to Scouting and the community.

"This change does nothing to diminish the organization's focus on the out-of-doors," National said in announcing the move. "Rather it is to broaden the perception of OA's commitment of service."

Web, continued from page 1

You can find it through Council's index page, or go directly through your internet access software at www.pinetreebsa.org/lodge/.

We hope to offer a web page design and html language editing workshop during the LLD afternoon training session in October.

Once you've visited our Lodge web pages, tell us what you think. Please contact Matt Dubois at dubwah@hotmail.com or Josh Gagnon at nutiket@ime.net.

Be honest. This home page represents your Lodge, and we want it to be the best.

New advisers join Lodge's leadership ranks

Many thanks and a tip of the purple cap to those who are moving on to other things, and congratulations and best wishes to our new advisers.



This summer has seen a number of changes in the Lodge's ranks of advisers.

At the Council level, Program Director and OA Staff Adviser Bill Zinkey has left the positions he took up a year-and-a-half ago.

His staff adviser duties for the Lodge are now being performed by Mike Myers, who had been with Council's Explorer Division and has served as co-camp director at Camp Bomazeen. Not currently an OA member, Myers will make his Ordeal in September by special arrangement by Chief of the Fire Rees Falkner.

Three chapters now have new advisers. It's taken two to fill the void left in Abnaki Chapter when Carl Gagnon left to take the reins as Lodge adviser. Sharing responsibilities are Dave Tribou and Shawn Arnold, who will jointly wear the mantle of chapter adviser. They will be assisted

in their duties by veterans Jim Keene and Dick Valcourt.

Casco Bay Chapter Adviser Bill Clark has resigned after two years in the post and is replaced by Geoff Howitt. York Chapter Adviser Ernie Tarbox has also stepped down after two years at the head of the Lodge's southernmost chapter. He is replaced by past chapter adviser Wayne Holden, a 1998 recipient of the Silver Beaver award.

The Lodge is still seeking replacements for Service Committee Adviser Pete Klepsig, who has left his position as Camp Ranger, and Where to Go Camping Guide Committee Adviser Marshall Longway. Klepsig's position has been filled by Bob Gosselin, a past member of OA, whose new title will be camp properties manager.

Sign up for these special fall events

Watch your mail for special flyers giving further details.

LLD provides learning, fun and fellowship

Bog Brook, the National Guard's training site for Maine in Gilead, will be the location of this year's LLD/Fellowship weekend.

Housing will be in the facility's barracks and activities will use much of what the site has to offer. Situated off Rte. 2 west of Bethel, Bog Brook is nestled in the heart of the White Mountain National Forest.

The Lodge's annual membership meeting and election of officers will be held at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, November 1.

Chinese fare highlight of '98 family banquet

A variety of Chinese foods will grace the buffet at the Lodge's annual family banquet to be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, December 6 at Fortune Restaurant, Rte. 4 in Farmington.

The Lodge will use the opportunity to honor and recognize the achievements of individuals among our members.

Lodge officers are hoping to have a speaker from National OA to talk about the many changes afoot in goals, objectives, logos and themes.

LLD/Fellowship Weekend

Friday, October 30 - Sunday, November 1, 1998
Bog Brook, Rte. 2, Gilead, ME

Send your preregistration payment (made out to Pine Tree Council) to:
LLD Weekend, c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council-BSA,
125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103.

Must be received in Council office no later than Friday, October 16, 1998.

- YES, I want to be a part of the LLD/Fellowship Weekend (Fee, incl. T-shirt, \$20)
Circle shirt size: S M L XL 2XL
- YES, I want to make my Brotherhood Conversion (Fee \$20)

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Address _____ DOB ____/____/____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ Unit of Registration _____

Unit information must be furnished.

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

Annual Lodge Family Banquet

4-6 p.m., Sunday, December 6, 1998
Fortune Restaurant, Rte. 4, Farmington, ME

Send your preregistration payment (made out to Pine Tree Council) to:
OA Banquet, c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council-BSA,
125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103.

Must be received in Council office no later than Friday, November 20, 1998.

- YES, I want to attend the 1998 Lodge Family Banquet (Fee \$12 per person)

Number attending _____ TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Chapter _____
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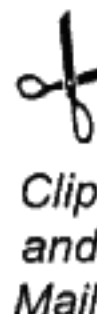
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LLD/Fellowship deadline:
Friday,
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Family Banquet deadline:
Friday,
November 20,
1998



NE-1A Conclave delegates get a soakin'

By Matt Dubois
Brotherhood Committee Chair

Think back ... What was the wettest, rainiest weekend of the year. What weekend did the roads turn into rivers and leaks develop in places you never knew you had?

Yeah, that's the one. The weekend of the 1998 Section NE-1A Conclave.

Held June 5-7 at beautiful Camp Onway in Raymond, NH, the 30 delegates from Madockawanda Lodge—along with Arrowmen from lodges around the section—were treated to a weekend full of training, competitions, games, fellowship, a stage show, an ice cream social and ... oh, yeah, some rain!

But no one was raining on our parade. Lodge members were involved everywhere. Two of the programs offered Saturday were offered by our members.



Singing in the rain? —Treasurer Matt Clark, left, who chaired the committee producing Conclave's stage show, commiserates about the weather with Lodge Chief Paul Hallee, who was elected Section vice chief later in the weekend. (Photo by Scott Valcourt)

"Awake My Friends," a session on performing meaningful ceremonies, was put on by Ceremonies Committee Chair Josh Gagnon and his adviser, Mark Bevan. "Lights, Camera, Action," a workshop on producing stage shows, was offered by Treasurer Matt Clark and former member Scott Valcourt, now of Passaconaway Lodge.

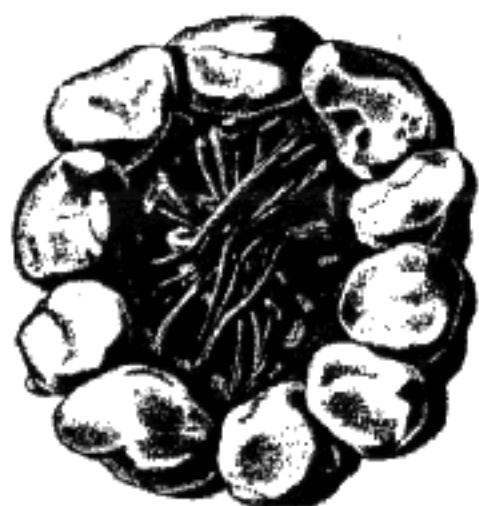
Then came the competitions. Our Lodge's ceremonies team competed against teams from Pamola and Nanepashemet Lodges in the pre-Ordeal ceremony and came away with top honors. And then, later in the weekend, our newsletter, TURTLE SOUP was chosen best newsletter in the Section for the seventh straight year!

Saturday evening, after a delicious meal, came the shows. Brothers had a choice, thanks to the deluge which sent all activities indoors where seating was limited. Some chose to watch a movie while others attended the stage show.

The stage show, "Catch the Dream," was produced by a committee chaired by Matt Clark and was held in the camp's Catholic chapel. Secretary Joe Niman, Service Committee Chair Tim Driscoll and other members had starring roles.

Despite the logistics of juggling to accommodate the weather, the show came off quite well. Indulging in the ice cream social which followed didn't hurt any either!

At the section business meeting Sunday morning Paul Healey of Chippenyok Lodge, the 1999 Conclave host lodge, was elected section chief, and our own Lodge Chief Paul Hallee was elected section vice chief.



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Make the Campfire Right Before You Light

Smokey is counting on you to build a safe campfire.

1. Dig a small pit away from overhanging branches.
2. Circle the pit with rocks.
3. Clear a five-foot area around the pit down to the soil.
4. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby.
5. Stack extra wood upwind and away from the fire.
6. After lighting, do not discard match until it is cold.
7. Never leave a campfire unattended, even for a minute.

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

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Chapters merge in wake of district closeout

"Geographic distance becomes a significant concern in retaining active participation..."

- Carl Gagnon, Lodge Adviser

Pine Tree Council, in a reorganization to more effectively serve its units, is disbanding Snowshoe district, its northernmost subdivision.

To accommodate the Sept. 1 change, Order of the Arrow members in Snowshoe Chapter will be merged with two other Lodge chapters.

Arrowmen from Snowshoe district units in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties will become part of Abnaki Chapter. Those in Franklin County will become part of K-Valley Chapter.

"There has been renewed enthusiasm in Snowshoe chapter in the past several years," said Lodge Adviser Carl Gagnon. "We hope not to lose that. Ideally it will continue and help the two chapters it will become a part of."

Logistics concerning meeting times and places will need to be reviewed, said Gagnon. "Geographic distance becomes a significant concern in retaining active participation in the combined chapters," he said.

Make sure we've got your (right) number!

A recent power problem has caused glitches in the Lodge's data base, scrambling some phone numbers. Please check yours—included on the mailing label below—for accuracy.

If it is incorrect, please notify Associate Lodge Adviser for Administration Roger Gagnon by phone at 783-0908 or by e-mail at rgagnon@ime.net.

Thank you for your assistance. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Calendar

Sep 11-13	Ordeal, Camp Hinds
Sep 13	9 a.m. Lodge Executive Com. meeting Dining Hall, Camp Hinds
Oct 30-Nov 1	LLD/Fellowship, Bog Brook, Gilead, ME
Oct 30	7:30 p.m. LEC meeting
Nov 1	8:30 a.m. Annual Meeting/Officer Elections
Dec 6	4-6 p.m. Annual Family Banquet Fortune Restaurant, Rte. 4, Farmington

Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.

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