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146 join Lodge in year's Ordeals

By Tim Driscoll, Ordeal Chairman

Nearly 2,000 hours of service—valued at \$10,489.50—were provided Council camps during the three Ordeals held by our Lodge this year.

Spring Ordeals focused on clearing brush left behind in the wake of winter's ice storm. Other tasks included construction of an extension to the front of the Hind's dining hall, painting various camp buildings and the razing of seven old Hinds' latrines.

A total of 146 candidates made their Ordeals during the three weekend events, reports Service Committee Chairman John Ritter. In addition, 63 Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Brotherhood during the Ordeals. Three more made their Brotherhood at the LLD/Fellowship weekend in October.

This represents an increase of 25 Brotherhood conversions over the previous year and a conversion rate of 60%, says Brotherhood Chairman Matt Dubois. A rate of at least 30% is necessary for achieving honor Lodge status.

One hundred fourteen Arrowmen attended the three Ordeals to assist with service projects.



Lodge Chief Paul Hallee, left, presents Lodge Staff Adviser Mike Meyers with a Lodge patch upon completion of his Ordeal in September.

Among those making their Ordeal this fall at Camp Hinds was new Lodge Staff Adviser Mike Myers. Welcome aboard, Mike!

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Dubois elected to lead Lodge

Niman, Gagnon and Stearns join him as officers for 1999

In highly competitive but affable elections for the Lodge's top youth positions, members chose officers at the Annual Meeting that reflect a balance among the chapters and a new generation of Arrowmen in leadership.

The Annual Meeting was held Sunday morning, Nov. 1, at the end of the LLD/Fellowship Weekend at the Bog Brook Training Facility in Gilead.

The officer elections attracted so much interest from multiple candidates that members

had to cast votes in three run-off ballots just to give one candidate a majority.

In the election for Lodge chief, Matt Dubois of Auburn was elected to succeed Paul Hallee, who is stepping down after completing two terms as chief. Matt has been past Abnaki Chapter chief, and is Brotherhood chairman and co-chair of the Web Site Committee.

In a four-way race for vice chief, Secretary Joe Niman of York Chapter was elected. Joe is the only current officer returning in 1999. A Vigil member, Joe has served as Ordealmaster several times and is a member of his chapter's ceremony team.

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LLD offers activity-packed weekend

Eighty Arrowmen shared learning, challenges and fellowship in an activity-packed Lodge Leadership Development weekend held Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at Bog Brook Training Facility in Gilead. It drew the largest attendance at an LLD in years.

Despite a rainy, blustery start Friday, all Brothers but seven stayed snug in barracks and the educational center of the National Guard base situated just miles from the New Hampshire border.

For the seven, who were making their Vigil Friday night, it was a raw one in the woods of the White Mountain National Forest. Honorces were Paul Conley (chosen in 1997), Judy Andrews, George Dawbin Jr., Andy Frazier, Ira Michaud, Bill Milasauskis, and Clint Staples (see chart below).

Training sessions Saturday morning included unit election procedures, an update on National policies, and a review of the Service to America Program. Attendees sported their purple souvenir T-shirts bearing the theme "Strong Youth ... Strong Leadership: LLD '98."

Afternoon workshops provided instruction in beadwork, web page design, ceremony symbolism and the role of elangomats/nimats.

Out-of-doors, members could participate in Chapter Challenge volleyball or the military rappelling wall and obstacle course. The latter was headed up by Lodge Staff Adviser Mike Myers.

After a dinner of chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and Italian bread, it was OA Jeopardy! Three mixed teams responded to clues in such categories as Lodge organization, history of Madockawanda, the Ordeal and People and Place.

Lodge Officers for 1999

Matt Dubois, Chief
Joe Niman, Vice Chief
Josh Gagnon, Secretary
Shawn Stearn, Treasurer

Developed by Matt Dubois, the competition—following the game show format—had the three teams vying to give questions to such answers as: "It is the steering committee of the Lodge" (What is the Lodge Executive Committee?), "The Lodge adviser with the longest tenure" (Who is Frank Maguire?), "The booklets you receive throughout your Ordeal" (What are 'Spirit of the Arrow' booklets?), and "The current National chief of OA" (Who is Matt Mileson?).

An Ice Cream Social, which featured birthday cake for Lodge Vice Chief Andy Frazier as well as the traditional frozen confection, was followed by movies.

Special recognition was given Master Sgt. Daniel Deraspe, the caretaker of the facility for the weekend who served as our National Guard host.

At Sunday morning's Annual meeting members passed a \$10,537.50 budget that for the first time breaks out events such as Ordeals, the LLD and Annual Family Banquet and makes each event self-sustaining and responsible for breaking even.

For election results for Lodge officers, see box above and story beginning on page 1.

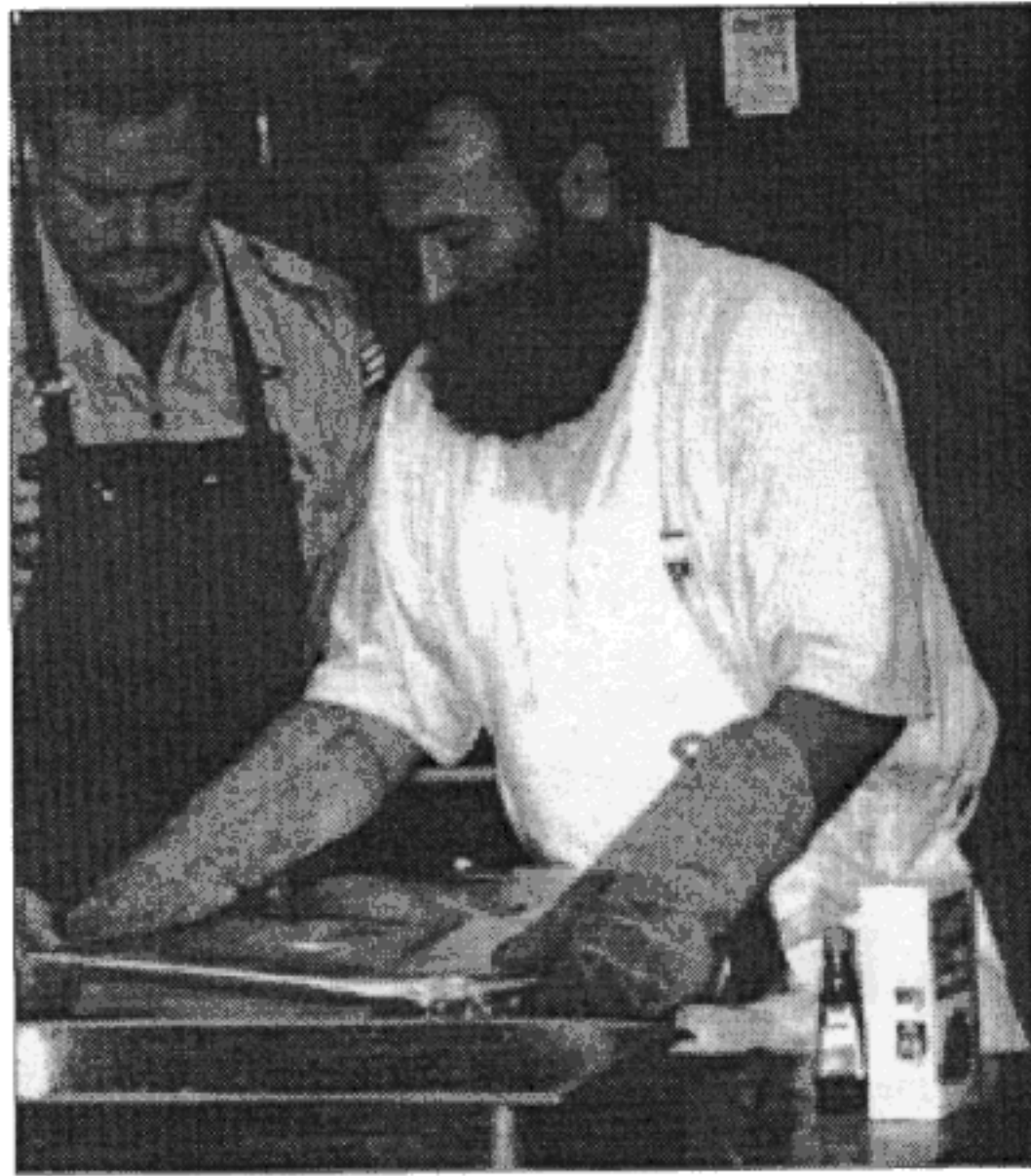
Those who chose you need you...

On Oct. 31, seven Arrowmen completed their Vigil and joined the ranks of those in our Lodge so honored. They were:

| Year | Arrowman | Indian Name | Translation |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1997- | Paul E. Conley | Kschamehellan | Runner |
| 1998- | Judith Andrews | Lauchsoheen Sachgachtoon | Happy Cook |
| | George Dawbin Jr. | Kikey Gokhos | Aged Owl |
| | Andy Frazier | Anatschihuwewagen Amochol | Cautious Boater |
| | Ira Michaud | Laushsoheen | He who makes others happy |
| | Bill Milasauskis | Klamachpin Wintawematpanni | Quiet Assistant |
| | Clint Staples | Tuney Machque | Bearded Bear |

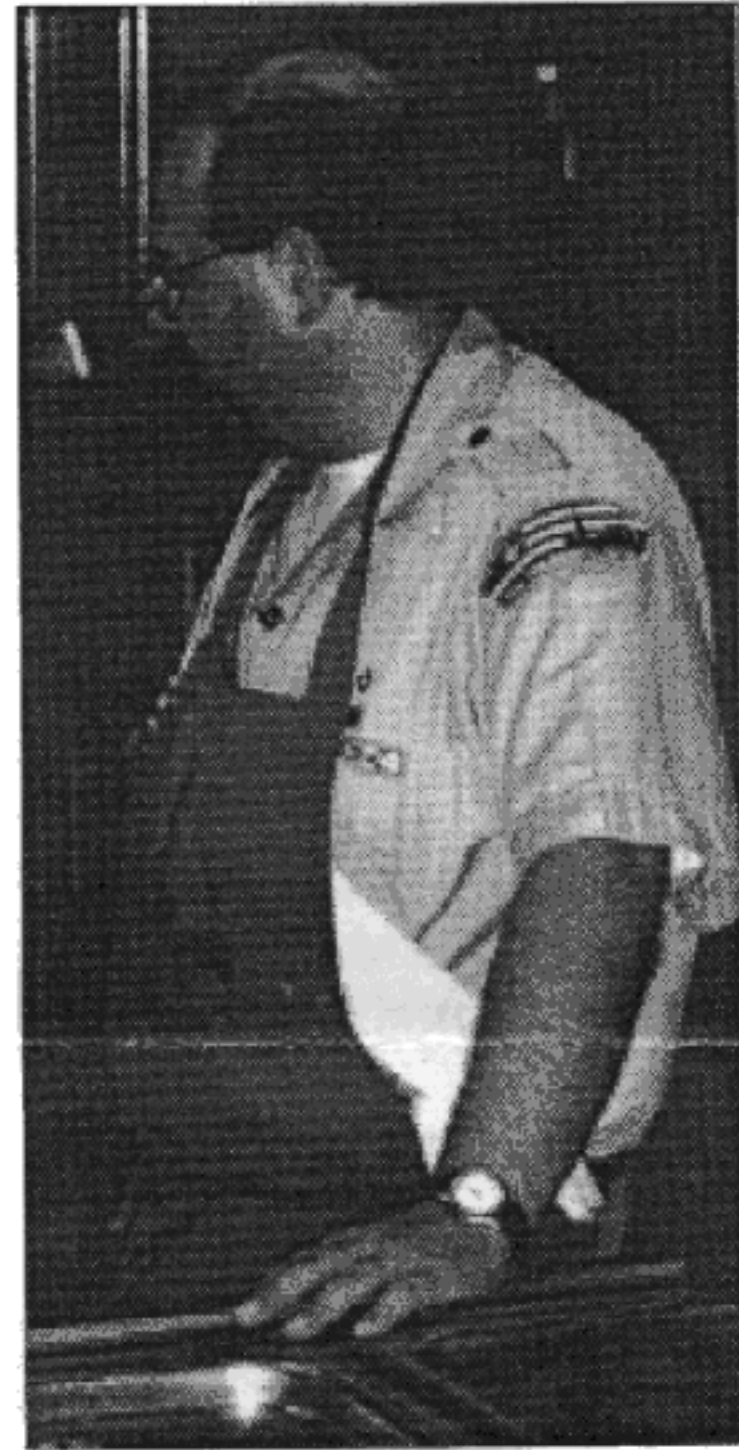


A fall Ordeal scrapbook



Man with the 'golden' mitts — Cook Wayne Holden, in left photo, pulls a piping hot pan from the oven. Mike Mirasola looks on, below.

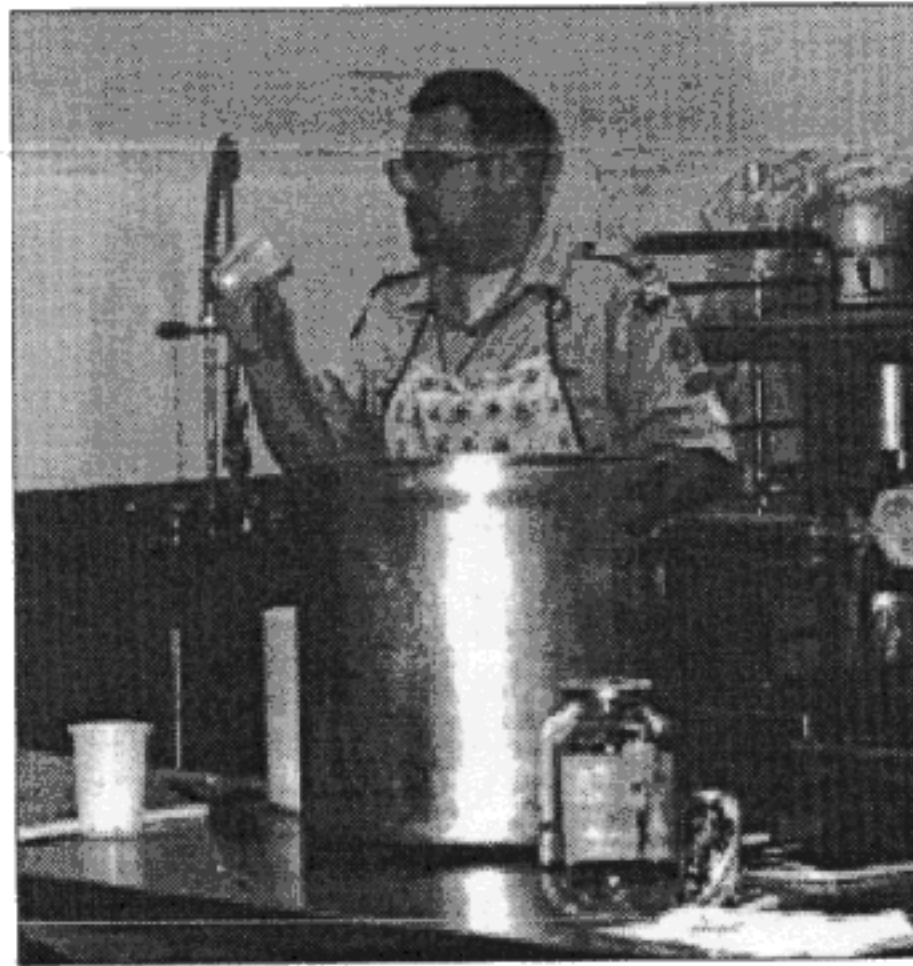
(Photo by Gerry Maraghy)



Wow! It sure doesn't taste like tomato juice — Tom Thornton samples the "bug" juice for Saturday night's feast.

(Photo by Gerry Maraghy)

**Hey,
what's
cookin'**

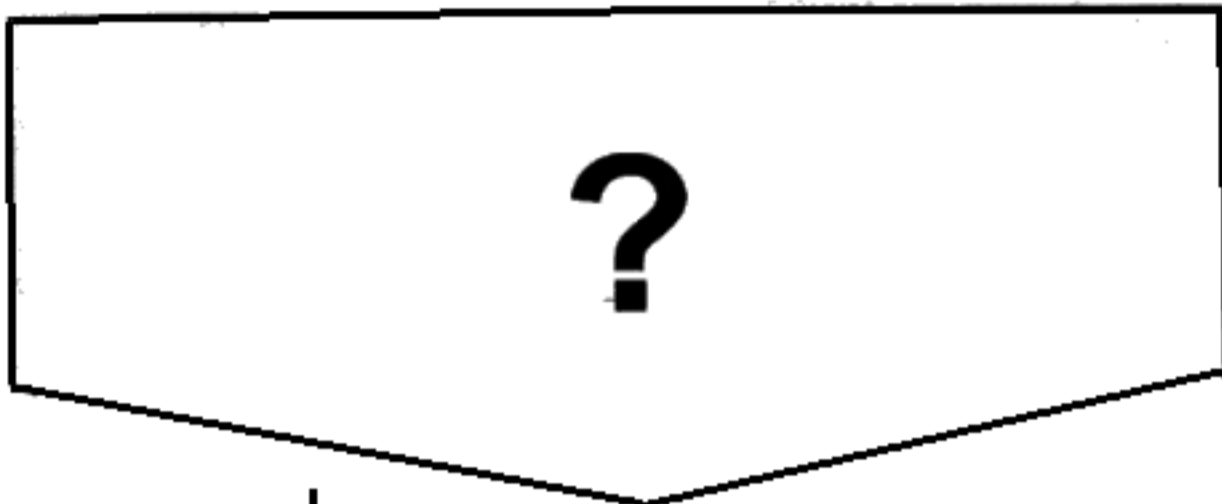


What in blazes!— An Ordeal clan burns debris from the last of Camp Hinds' old latrines, above. At left, a rapt audience listens to Meteu during the ceremony. (Photos by Dan Sullivan)

Help design our 1999 trader patch

Here's your chance to let your artistic talents show and at the same time help your chapter and Lodge.

The Lodge will be again producing a trader flap for members to exchange with Brothers from other lodges at various OA events, such as conclaves.



What will it look like? Only you can tell by offering us your design.

Each chapter is asked to bring to the Annual Family Banquet a design it has chosen from among its members submissions. There it will be displayed with those from the other chapters for those attending to view. The LEC will judge the competing designs, the winner becoming the flap that will be produced in early 1999.

Each design must contain certain fixed elements: our Lodge name, number, the fleur-de-lis and the three Ws. The rest is entirely up to your imagination.

So get out your pencils, felt-tip markers, crayons or whatever and start your drawing today!

The trail leading to the Hinds ceremony site will be named the Bruce Nunan Memorial Trail.

Trail to be dedicated to Bruce Nunan

Upon recommendation of the Lodge Executive Committee, the Council Camping Committee has approved naming the trail to the OA ceremonial site at Camp Hinds the Bruce Nunan Memorial Trail.

Bruce was a Vigil member of our Lodge who was instrumental in the production of TURTLE SOUP at Hussey Corporation in North Berwick, where he worked.

He died of a heart attack in his hometown of Saco three years ago. He was 52.

A frequent helper in the kitchen at Ordeals, Bruce had been involved in Scouting for 44 years. He was an Eagle Scout and Wood Badger. He was a recipient of the York District Award of Merit.

A post with a plaque commemorating the trail will be placed at its top.

Okpik offers winter fun

Okpik Maine, the official BSA winter camping program offered through Pine Tree Council, will again use Camp Hinds as base camp for its operations.

Participants in the weekends use the Training Center as a heated lodge upon their arrival and then camp out on Saturday. Activities may include winter hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, winter tracking, equipment making and team building experiences.

Slots still exist for crews of 8-12 persons Jan. 15-17, and Feb. 5-7, 12-14 and 26-28. Registration is \$70 per person. Reservations for your troop can be made through Pine Tree Council's office in Portland.



New logo unifies OA's image

To better position the Order of the Arrow as "Scouting's National Honor Society," National OA intends to focus on the symbolism of the arrow as it relates to both the individual and to leadership.

In a related move, there will be a de-emphasis of the Order's American Indian image. National has said, however, that it will be retained "in the proper context as one of many 'tools' used to enhance our program."

The newly adopted logo will reflect these changes, focusing on the arrow rather than the Native American. "The arrow is easily the most recognizable symbol that has its origin in our first ceremony," National has said in its policy statement.

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Both top officers have had National Leadership Seminar training.

Amid high-fives and well-wishing, three members of Abnaki Chapter duked it out for the position of secretary, the votes in a run-off finally going to Josh Gagnon. Josh is a member

of the Lodge's winning ceremonies team and co-chair of the Web Site Committee.

Three also sought the treasurer's position. Shawn Stears of Vassalboro, a member of K-Valley chapter, won the election to the post in a run-off vote.

Yours in *Wimachtendienk*,

Abnaki

Chapter rotates meeting throughout area

We are rotating our meeting throughout our chapter's new enlarged territory to make meetings more accessible for members to attend. We are averaging about 25 members at each session.

We are working on ceremonies and planning a Christmas party for the chapter. We now have Chapter T-shirts, neckerchiefs, a newsletter and web page at <http://www.fortuncity.com/greenfield/bypass/320/Abnaki.html>. Check us out!

-Adrian Caron

Casco Bay

Chapter plans campout

Tentatively we're planning to hold a Nov. 20-22 chapter campout that would include workshops on a number of topics. We're also looking into building a teepee that can be used at campfires and ceremonies.

Our membership has been down a bit, but we hope to spark more interest.

-Chris Willey

K-Valley

Brothers discuss Service to America

We had a good turnout for our September meeting, now that we have an enlarged membership as a result of folding in former Snowshoe Brothers.

Service to America, ceremonial shields meeting activities and plans for the year were discussed.

-Ross London

Downeast

Taking OA to the units

We've been going into our district units, especially those who have not been holding elections, and talking about OA so they better understand what we are about.

We've also been working on Service to America, discussing this at roundtables, and designing Chapter T-shirts.

-Jeremy McNeilly

York

Chapter off to a great start

Our attendance is up, we've got our newsletter started and a ceremony team put together. At our first fall meeting we discussed holding fund-raisers.

See what we're all about on the web at http://members.tripod.com/~OA_Scout/OA.html.

-Tim Driscoll

Time to renew your membership in the Order

1999 Membership Dues

Send your 1999 dues payment (made out to Pine Tree Council) to:
OA Dues, c/o Lodge Treasurer, Pine Tree Council-BSA,
125 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103.

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

I am an (circle one): Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil
Indicate amount paid: \$ 7.00 1999 dues _____
Ordeal over 3 years - \$20.00 1999 dues _____
\$3.00 reinstatement (if after 12/31/97 or currently expired) _____

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

The deadline for paying your 1999 dues is December 31, 1998. Use the coupon at left to transmit your payment. Annual dues are \$7.00.

Failure to pay dues by year's end will result in your membership becoming expired. You will then be ineligible to wear the Lodge flap and to participate in Lodge events.

To be reinstated you will be assessed an additional \$3.00. If your membership is currently expired, this fee must be paid now along with the annual dues.

If you have been an Ordeal member for more than three years, your dues are equal to the current Brotherhood fee, or \$20 (Section V, subsection 8, Lodge Rules of Operation).

So pay your dues now and pick up your membership card at the annual banquet.

OA National chairman will speak at banquet

Congressman Edward A. Pease of Indiana, National chairman of the Order of the Arrow, will be the guest speaker at our Lodge's annual Family Banquet. The event will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Fortune Fountain Restaurant in Farmington.

"We encourage all OA members and their families to attend the banquet to hear Ed speak on the future of Scouting and the OA as we enter the 21st Century," said Lodge Adviser Carl Gagnon, in announcing Pease's appearance.

In addition to hearing Pease, attendees will be introduced to their Lodge's new officers, review their Lodge committees' work, and honor Vigil, Founders' Award and Chapter of the Year honorees.

Pease was born and raised in Indiana and is currently serving his first term from the state's 7th District. He previously served as a state senator from 1980 through 1992, and taught and served as vice president of Indiana State University.

Pease has also served scouting as a member of the national advisory council of Boy Scouts of America. Since becoming an Eagle Scout in 1965, Pease has received several awards and recognitions for his involvement in Scouting, including the Silver Buffalo Award, Scouting's highest commendation.



Congressman Ed Pease

Calendar

- Dec 6 4-6 p.m. Annual Family Banquet
Fortune Fountain Restaurant, Farmington
- Feb 1 Unit elections begin
- Mar 27 Ordeal Planning Conference
- Apr 30 Unit Elections end
- May 21-23 NE-1A Conclave, Camp Resolute
- Jun 4-6 Ordeal, Camp Bomazeen
- June 11-13 Ordeal, Camp Hinds
- Sep 10-12 Ordeal, Camp Hinds

Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.

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