

# Banquet caps successful year

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By Austin Nadeau

The Lodge capped a very successful year Dec. 6 with an annual Family Banquet that featured Congressman Ed Pease, national chairman of Order of the Arrow, as its speaker. The banquet was held at the Fortune Fountain Restaurant in Farmington.

The Indiana representative was introduced by Chief of the Fire Rees Falkner, Pine Tree Council's scout executive. Pease took a break from his duties on the House Judiciary Committee acting on articles of impeachment to attend the weekend banquet.

Pease spoke about the future of the Order of the Arrow and about time. Time brings change and we in turn must change and adapt to those changes. The passage of time affected us all, he said, and we must live our lives to the fullest while we can or, otherwise, what is the point in living?

Pease was presented with a Lodge trader flap, purple Lodge hat and certificate which will be presented this summer to two scouts awarding them full camperships in Rep. Pease's name (See related story at right).

The banquet was kicked off with Austin Nadeau, a new Brother from Abnaki Chapter, leading attendees in the Obligation. Rev. Gary Ackeley of Strong provided the invocation. Our meal was a delicious Chinese buffet with fried rice and eggrolls and bottomless drinks.

Out-going Lodge Chief Paul Hallee introduced the new Lodge officers for 1999 and his fellow officer on the section level, NE-1A Chief Paul Healey.

Healey invited all to the 1999 Section Conclave and urged their involvement in making this year's event the best OA gathering in New



*Rep. Ed Pease makes the rounds of tables to talk to Arrowmen at the Family Banquet.*

England ever (See related story, Page 6).

The Year in Review—reports from Lodge committee chairpersons—pointed up just what a successful year 1998 has been. One hundred forty six new members were inducted into our Order and 63 Arrowmen sealed their Brotherhood during the year's three Ordeals. Three attended the National Leadership Seminar and a record number of Brothers were attracted to the Lodge Leadership Development weekend at Bog Brook the end of October.

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## Lodge announces creation of Ed Pease Camperships

Two full camperships in the name of Rep. Ed Pease will be awarded by our Lodge this year to commemorate the National OA Chairman's visit to speak at the Family Banquet.

The announcement of the LEC-approved camperships was made by Lodge Adviser Carl Gagnon at the banquet.

"Our Lodge and Order of the Arrow has as one of its primary purposes the promotion of camping activities," said Gagnon. "We could think of no better way to do this than by sending two deserving youths to summer camp."

The committee, chaired by Austin Nadeau and coordinated by Adviser Mike Mirisola, will establish criteria to be applied in selecting the recipients.

Applications will be available from committee and LEC members and from Council beginning February 1. The deadline for applications will be April 30.

The winning applicants will be announced at a May Lodge event and an award ceremony held at the spring Ordeals.

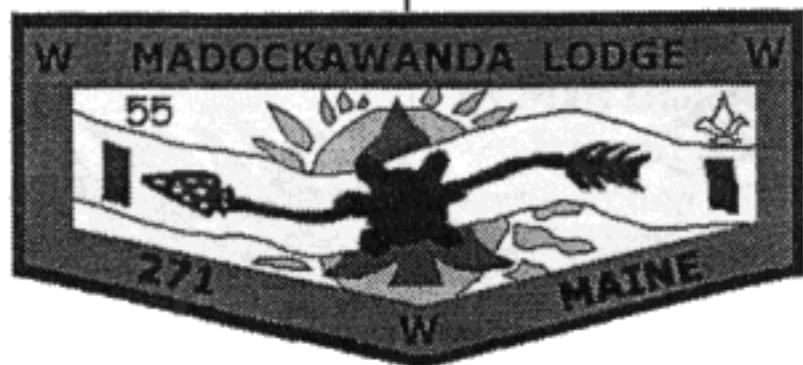


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Lodge Chief Matt Dubois and Lodge Adviser Carl Gagnon were honored at the banquet with the Founders' Award. Reserved for those who best exemplify the founding principles of our Order, the award's bronze medalion has been bestowed on only 15 Lodge members since its inception by National OA in 1981.

Abnaki Chapter, 1997's Chapter of the Year, presented the 1998 award to Downeast Chapter. Congratulations to all in Downeast for this recognition!

The year's Vigil inductees were also recognized and presented with certificates of achievement. This

year's honorees were Andy Frazier, Bill Milasauskis, Ira Michaud, Judy Andrews (the Lodge's first female Vigil member), Paul Conley, George Dawbin Jr., and Clint Staples.

Adding humor to the banquet was the unveiling of the 1999 trader patch voted on by the youths of the Lodge prior to the meal. It was designed by Sam Tarbox of York Chapter, who designed the last trader flap whose first run contained a spelling error in the Lodge's name. "On this one," it was announced, "the spelling will be correct."

## Where's your favorite camping spot?

By Aaron R. Nile

Camping Guide Committee Chair

The "Where To Go Camping" Guide Committee wants to know!

As we continue our efforts to put together a camping guide for the Lodge to provide Council troops, we want to be as inclusive as possible. It'd be a "bear" to do it without your help.

So, please let us in on your best spots.

Send the following information to Aaron Nile, P.O. Box 79, Strong, ME 04983-0079:

*The place* - the name by which the site is known.

*The directions* - so we'll know how to "git thar from hee-ar."

*The contact* - The person to get in touch with for permission to use the site.

*And the person submitting the information* - You! - Your name, address and phone number so we can get back to you if we need more information.

Thanks in advance for helping us out.



*Any where I want!*

### From the chief

## Sharing the burden is key to success

Brothers,

With the beginning of the New Year, it looks to be an awesome one for the Lodge. We are fresh from a banquet where the morale and spirit of the Lodge was unbelievable.

As we heard from our National Chairman at the banquet, the Order of the Arrow is undergoing a shift in its image. Moving away from our Native American image (using it only as a vital tool), we have adopted as our logo the arrowhead, a symbol of leadership.

As we speak of image, it is also important that we portray the best image as Arrowmen. When we visit troops for elections and promotions, we should be in full Class A uniforms and shoes. We need to be courteous and respectful of the unit and their traditions and practices. Team members need to be trained, well rehearsed and organized.

For whatever reason, some units do not have the best opinion of the Order. Let us not give any troop reason to have a bad opinion of us.

The Lodge has many goals and projects for 1999, some large and others not, but all important to the Lodge. There is a common thread which runs through all the goals and projects of the Lodge: they cannot be accomplished alone. We are a team. Whether it is on a committee, in a chapter or at the Lodge level, we must work together for the good of the Lodge and its members to be truly successful.

As we start the journey of the year ahead, let us remember the words of our founder, E. Urner Goodman: "For he who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest." Let us serve our Council and fellow man, let us do it cheerfully and respectfully, and let us do it together.

In the Spirit of the Order,  
Matt Dubois, Lodge Chief





# Yours in Wimachtendienk,



## Abnaki

### Chapter plans Gustin fire ring fix-up

The change of the year brings many things for our chapter. We are extremely active. It is a must that all members of the chapter try to make our once-a-month meeting.

This spring we will be revitalizing the Camp Gustin council fire ring. For us to do this and for it to be a grand success, we must have stronger participation from our members. But being Abnaki, I know we can! I hope to see you at our next meeting.

-Adrian Caron, Chief

## Downeast

### Members busy on several fronts

Sybil and Fred Offenburger will be working with chapter members on the Indian Lore merit badge. Several members are also working on a chapter web site.

January's meeting is dedicated to unit election training and installation of new chapter officers listed on page 3.

-Chris Switzer, Secretary

## K-Valley

### Pizza and pizzaz mark meeting

We held a pizza party at our December meeting and played baseball besides.

We started working on election and call-out teams. Please attend our next meeting for unit election training.

We also elected new officers whose names you'll find listed on page 3.

-Aaron Nile, chief

## A REMINDER:

Ordeal Planning Conference

Saturday, March 27

High Street Congregational Church, Auburn

All officers and chairs should plan to attend.

## Da-da, da-da, da-da-dump!

*I know! I know! A team of contestants leaps to its feet ready to respond to an answer in OA Jeopardy. The mixed chapter teams had great fun in responding to the "answers" about our Lodge put to them by host Matt (Don't Call Me Alex) Dubois during the LLD/Fellowship weekend event. (Digital Image by Matt Clark)*



# Last chance to renew your OA membership

## 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  
Indicate amount paid: \$ 7.00 1999 dues  
Ordeal over 3 years - \$20.00 1999 dues  
\$3.00 reinstatement (if after 12/31/98 or currently expired) \_\_\_\_\_

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

If there's a colored stripe across your mailing label, it means your 1999 dues are not paid. Use the coupon at left to get them in!

Failure to pay your dues 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 are assessed an additional \$3.00. If you haven't yet paid your dues, your membership is expired and this fee must be paid 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 from your chapter adviser.

Clip and Mail



# Conclave '99 will be 'enlightening' experience

**By Matt Dubois, Lodge Chief**

It is said that every Arrowman should attend at least one Conclave in his or her lifetime, and this year's section event is one you don't want to miss. Set among majestic pines at the Paul E. Robsham Scout Reservation in Bolton, MA, is Camp Resolute, site of the May 21-23 Section NE-1A Conclave.

Section Chief Paul Healey, his fellow officers and Council of Chiefs are planning an event full of training, competitions and fellowship. It will be your chance to meet Brothers from Lodges throughout the region. This year's theme is "To Bring Forth Light from the Darkness" which captures the aim of the Conclave to enlighten, enliven and encourage full involvement in the Order.

Training topics will include ceremonies, officership and special sessions for new members. Competition will be in sports, ceremonies and publications.

The cost for the weekend is \$27. Watch for the special mailer will be sent to each member later this winter.

"To Bring Forth Light from the Darkness" is this year's NE-1A Conclave theme.

## Calendar

Feb 1	Unit elections begin
Mar 27	Ordeal Planning Conference
Mar 26-28	NLS, Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ
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
June 12	Dedication of Bruce Nunan Trail, 4 p.m.
Sep 10-12	Ordeal, Camp Hinds

**Any changes will be passed along through chapter chiefs.**

