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• LEC adopts 1999 goals

Lodge sets its sights high

At its Jan. 17 meeting, the Lodge Executive Committee affirmed seven goals recommended to it by its officers, and approved an agenda to achieve them.

The seven were developed with an emphasis on creating goals which could be measured at year's end with tangible evidence of whether or not they were reached. The goals accepted by the LEC were:

- Strive to achieve Honor Lodge recognition.
- Replace the Chapter of the Year with an Honor Chapter award.
- Place emphasis and full support behind producing a "Where to Go Camping Guide."
- Work to improve Lodge unity, communications and chapter relations.
- Continue to increase the Order of the Arrow and Lodge's image at Council camps.
- Conduct a productive and meaningful Ordeal season.
- Review and improve the presentation of the Lodge's waterfront project grant application for resubmission to National.

An Agenda for Service

As a service organization, the LEC fittingly set an agenda for service for 1999. At the Fall Ordeal at Camp Hinds work will begin on the waterfront retaining wall project. Despite not having been selected for a National OA Service Grant, the Lodge remains committed to the completion of this project.

As a 50th Anniversary project in 1994, the Lodge created designs and proposals for rebuilding the Council Rings at both Camp Hinds and Camp Bomazeen. While the Hinds' project was completed back then, work on Camp Bomazeen's Council Ring was put on hold while Council decided exactly what it wanted to do with its Belgrade camp.

Now that that decision has been made, the Lodge is committed to fulfilling its Anniversary project. At the Spring Ordeal at Camp Bomazeen, work will begin on the council ring there in hopes of finishing most of the project this year.

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Six from Lodge attend National leadership forums

By Josh Gagnon, Secretary

Youth and adult leaders from Madockawanda Lodge will be well represented at two National Order of the Arrow leadership forums.

Four will be attending the National Leadership Seminar, which will be held the weekend of March 26-28 at Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ.

The three-day intensive seminar is designed to teach leadership and lodge management techniques to newly elected lodge officers and advisers. This once-in-a-lifetime training is offered in each region of the country.

Attending from the Lodge will be Lodge Secretary Josh Gagnon of Abnaki Chapter, Lodge Treasurer Shawn Stearns of K-Valley Chapter, York Chapter Adviser Wayne Holden and Casco Bay Chapter Adviser Geoff Howitt.

In addition, the Lodge's two top youth officers—Chief Matt Dubois and Vice Chief Joe Niman—will be attending the National Leadership Summit, a four-day program being held July 31-Aug. 4 at Colorado State University to introduce the Order's new strategic plan to key Lodge youth leaders.



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Chapter of the Year: out ... Honor Chapter: in!

At the direction of the Lodge Executive Committee, Lodge Vice Chief Joe Niman has been given the responsibility of developing an "Honor Chapter" program to fulfill one of the Lodge's 1999 goals.

The Honor Chapter recognition program will replace the existing Chapter of the Year award presented annually at our banquet. The goal of making the change was adopted after lengthy discussion by the LEC during which all agreed the current system does not adequately recognize all chapters that strive to meet the goals and objectives of the Lodge.

"For some years now the Lodge has given out the Chapter of the Year Award annually to one chapter that received a majority of votes among chapter youth leaders at the fall Lodge Leadership Development weekend," Niman explained. "The specifications for the honor have always been somewhat vague."

Modeling the new chapter recognition program on the National Honor Lodge requirements will go a long way toward correcting these deficiencies, the LEC felt.

It will allow all chapters the opportunity to earn the award by meeting measurable goals and developing quality programs within the chapter.

"The development of a measurable and specific set of goals toward which each chapter

can strive will not only allow all chapters to reach Honor Chapter status, but will also assist the Lodge in meeting its own Honor Lodge requirements," said Lodge Chief Matt Dubois.

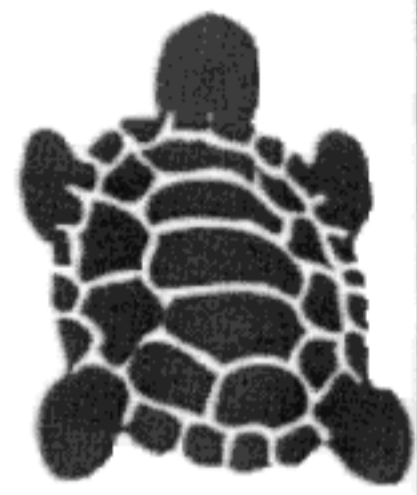
Chapters, under the criteria being developed by Niman, will be required to keep a log of information on participation in events, time spent improving Council camps, descriptions of work performed at district camporees, chapter meeting attendance and positive membership growth achieved through the unit elections in their districts.

"This opens up the potential for any and all chapters to achieve this status," said Niman, "and will encourage Brothers to work closer with each other for the betterment of the Lodge."

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Each of this year's goals are outlined in the Lodge's 1999 Planbook, presented to each Brother in attendance at the LEC meeting.

The Planbook also details various activities of the Lodge has planned during the year, including such information as timetables for when committees must have their work done, a calendar, and explanations of how to write articles for TURTLE SOUP.



Yours in Wimachtendienk,

Abnaki

Chapter builds benches for Gustin
We're in the final stages of building benches at the Camp Gustin campfire ring.

We've completed five Webelos cross-overs and are prepping for the call-out at the spring camporee.

Austin Nadeau is working to transfer our chapter web site to the Lodge server.

-Adrian Caron

K-Valley

Largest chapter needs your help

With our geographic area having doubled with the merger of Snowshoe and K-Valley chapters, help is needed from youths and adults in conducting elections.

At our Waterville and Strong meetings we are working on Native American chokers using hairpipes and brass beads.

-Aaron Nile

Downeast

Chapter thrives on variety

In addition to preparing for the call-out at this spring's District Spring Fling, our chapter is exploring web pages, accessorizing our ceremony costumes and continuing work on our T-shirts

We're also looking to adopt a Chapter "mascot."

-Benjamin Shean

York

Looking ahead to the banquet

This year we are hosting the Lodge banquet on its new day—the first Saturday of December, Dec. 4.

Dr. Don Burgess will serve as adult adviser to the planning committee and we are in the process of putting together the youth members to work with him.

-Aaron Doyle



Make a note of these officer list updates

Since publication of the Officers and Committee Chairmen's listing in the last issue of TURTLE SOUP, the following changes have been reported to the Lodge secretary:



Because of the sensitivity of the material contained in this section, it has been erased when viewing on the net. Members of the lodge should consult their issue of TURTLE SOUP to find the corrections in postal addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.



Lodge Classifieds



HELP WANTED 271

CHEERFUL ORGANIZERS

The Where To Go Camping Guide Committee has a new advisor, Luc Caron. Now it needs some reps from each chapter to compile and organize camping information from all troops.

Don't think someone else will do it if you don't. A few hours of your time will help us succeed and help our Lodge meet a requirement toward becoming an Honor Lodge. Help continue the tradition of cheerful service. Contact Aaron Nile at 639-2785; denrock@tdstelme.net; or P.O. Box 79, Strong, ME 04983.

HELP WANTED 271

Is there a doctor in the house? If you are a doctor, nurse or EMT, and are willing to spend a weekend at an Ordeal, we need YOU! We are looking for a Health Officer to be on hand for our Ordeals. If interested, please contact Carl Gagnon at 783-3743.

WEB WONDERS

We recently added more memory to the Lodge web server and are looking to add pages for each of our chapters. We need a rep from each to work with the Web Page Committee to help create these pages. Call Josh Gagnon at 783-3743.

HELP WANTED 271

LEADERS

Are you someone who likes to lead? We have the perfect opportunity. We are looking for youth members to be next Millennium's Ordealmasters. This involves planning and running an Ordeal in the year 2000. You will learn the ropes this year working as an assistant Ordealmaster under an experienced veteran in the position. Then next year, you'll be ready to go. Call Matt Dubois at school at 581-7615, or at home at 782-5449.

HELP WANTED 271

SITE PREPARERS BACKUPS CHAPTER TEAMS

The Ceremony Team is seeking Brothers to help improve our ceremonial sites and revamp the Brotherhood fire pits into an arrow-shape. Also need backups for each of the four principles. Chapter teams encouraged to do the pre-Ordeal ceremony at upcoming Ordeals for excellent experience. Contact Josh Gagnon at 783-3743.



• Turtle's Trading Post

Look what's in store at the Lodge Store

By Adrian Caron, Lodge Store Committee Chairman

During the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the OA's new arrowhead logo debuted. And you know what that means: all new products stamped with the new logo!

The Lodge Store is working hard to get lots of these products to sell at Lodge functions, such as the always popular pewter bolo tie, mugs, patches and stickers all featuring the new design.

We will also be featuring the Lodge's new trader patch, chosen by participants at December's annual family banquet.

There will also be a collectable, first-of-its-kind jacket patch. This large, special patch is the design of the Lodge's restricted patch and is divided into three separate pieces which can be joined to create the one oversized patch.

One piece of the patch will be available at each of 1999's three Ordeal weekends. To collect all three, a Brother must participate in each of the Ordeals.



A new Lodge hat is also in the offing. Anyone with design ideas should pass them on to the Lodge Store Committee through their chapter chief.

Calendar

Mar 26-28	NLS, Camp Alpine, Alpine, NJ
Mar 27	Ordeal Planning Conference, 9 a.m. High Street Congregational Church, Auburn
Apr 3	Council of Chiefs Camp Resolute, Bolton, MA
May 21-23	Section NE-1A Conclave Camp Resolute, Bolton, MA
June 4-6	Ordeal, Camp Bomazeen
Jun 11-13	Ordeal, Camp Hinds
Jul 31-Aug 4	National Leadership Summit Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

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