

My Brothers,

February-March 1991

We have seen many good times and have struggled through many different trials.

We all have very busy schedules, families, and other things which occur in our daily lives. If we all plan ahead, we can make room for that one or two hour chapter meeting, once a month or every other month.

In doing this we shall be able to bring our lodge closer together and unite as one, for without your thoughts and wisdom we shall not grow and prosper. Madackawanda Lodge will just be a name instead of an entity which we all pledge our honor to.

Just take a second and think about Uncas. He left his whole being behind to help and serve his fellow brothers. We too, should take a little time to lift some of those heavy burdens off the shoulders of your fellow brothers that are growing tired and in need of your help.

Remember that you are as much of a brother in this honored brotherhood as any other brother.

Yours In Brotherhood,  
William W. Walker  
Lodge Chief

#### OA Service Corps at Maine Jamboree--1991

Our lodge will have an opportunity to fulfill its obligation of cheerful service at the Maine Jamboree this May 17-19. Aaron Harriman, Lodge Vice Chief and Mike Kidder, Downeast Chapter Adviser, will head up the OA service corps. Aaron and Mike are looking for two adults and five youth members from each chapter who will be at the jamboree and who would be willing to serve for the weekend. Other members who may not be available for the entire weekend, but could give 3-4 hour blocks of service, are also being recruited. Duties at the jamboree include: on Friday, general set-up and meeting of units upon arrival; on Saturday, meeting of late arrivals and day visitors, moving information booths, V.I.P. tours (by older youth who are Eagle Scouts or Vigil Honor Members), and ushering units to the stage show; and on Sunday, assisting with unit departures, and general clean-up.

If you are interested in serving either for the weekend or for a 3-4 hour period of time, please contact:

Mike Kidder  
3 Collins Circle  
Topsham, ME 04086  
(207)-725-6322

## Fellowship Weekend : A Success

Despite the elements, there was a good turnout for the Annual Lodge Fellowship Weekend which was held January 11-13, 1991. As some of the participants will remember, the weather was fine on Friday afternoon but come Saturday morning there was an additional 5-6 inches of snow which had fallen. It didn't let up until Saturday evening.

Friday evening, after everyone had gotten settled in, people spent time getting to know some knew and different faces and others took the time to chat with old friends. On Saturday the Arrowmen attended some activity sessions. Some brave souls ventured into camp and others played a game of football in front of the training center. At 3:00 p.m. the Lodge Executive Board held their meeting. People packed up and shoveled their way out on Sunday morning.

Many thanks go out to the kitchen crew who cooked up a storm!!

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## Martial Arts And Founder's Day Award

### Highlight Lodge Banquet

On December 2, 1990, those in attendance of the Annual Lodge Banquet were treated to a wonderful speech and demonstration by internationally known martial artist John Jenkins, a native of the Lewiston/Auburn area. After a wonderful dinner the audience listened to Mr. Jenkins speech and then watched him chop a plank of wood in half with his bare hand.

After his display, congratulations went out to Downeast Chapter on their award of Chapter of the Year. Congratulations also go out to Scott Valcourt. Scott is the 1991 receipient of the Founder's Day Award from Madockawanda Lodge. He is one of the only members of our lodge to receive this award.

Who leads an elangomat Ordeal? The elangomats are not the only leaders in an elangomat Ordeal. Four groups share leadership.

- The ceremonial team sets the atmosphere and offers the ideals of the Order in words and symbols.
- Elangomats offer the ideals of the Order in their example. They provide continuous leadership to the candidates.
- The Ordeal master, supported by his adviser, manages the administrative details and the health and safety of the candidates.
- Other lodge leaders provide support services to the Ordeal master.

#### Elangomat I.Q. Scale

- 9-10 Mighty Chieftan
- 7-8 Powerful Young Buck
- 5-6 Keeper of the Wigwam
- 3-4 Four-eyed slime snake
- 1-2 Earthworm

If you are interested in being an Elangomat, then you should get in touch with:

Kevin Newman  
Elangomat Chairman  
(K-Valley Chief also)  
4 Chase Ave.  
Augusta, ME 04330  
(207)-621-0103

MAKE SURE that you call early enough so you can be prepared for the Spring ordeals.

#### THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST TURTLE SOUP !!

This will be the last Turtle Soup you receive unless your 1991 dues are paid. If you are unsure whether or not you have paid please check the address label on this issue. If there is a '91 on the label you are in good standing and if not you need to pay up. Annual dues are \$5.00 for 1990 active members and \$3.00 additional if you were not an active member during 1990. Dues are paid to the lodge treasurer with checks being made out to Madockawanda Lodge #271. Use the convient form below if you need to make payment.

Clip here and return to lodge treasurer  
Brian Higgs 16 Stimson Street Kittery Me. 03904

Please find enclosed my dues for 1991:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am: Ordeal \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil \_\_\_\_\_

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\$5.00 1991 dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.00 reinstatement fee \_\_\_\_\_

## OA Indian Village Planned For Maine Jamboree

Lodge Advisor, Roger Gagnon, announces that our lodge has committed to be an integral part of the Maine Jamboree this May by establishing an OA Indian Village. Phil Hammond from Bath will head up this effort and Hap Baston will serve as advisor. Plans are being made for displays of OA and Indian-related items. There will be demonstrations of Indian cooking and dancing. Some teepees have been secured but more would be welcome if you have a source. Items such as Indian regalia or artifacts, OA items, patch collections, books or appropriate demonstrations are also welcome. If you are an Indian hobbyist, historian, or enthusiast you may want to help with this project. Some out of council lodges have been invited to send their dance teams. Security in this area will be tight if you have appropriate items and this would be a concern. If you have items or would otherwise like to participate please call or write to Hap Baston for further information. He may be reached at the address below. Do not miss this opportunity to see our lodge in action!

Hap Baston  
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Damariscotta, Me. 04543  
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# A Thing of the Spirit

It speaks through birds ... lakes ... flowers ... trees.

It resembles the arrow ... a mountain in ringtime ... the roughness of the ocean.

It gives us devotion. It sets a goal for us to attain—a mark to hit.

It lives in our dreams, yet it nurtures our realities. It makes up the sunset, yet it greets the dawn.

It's not what you have done, but rather what you are willing to do. It's meeting and greeting ... it's old friends and new.

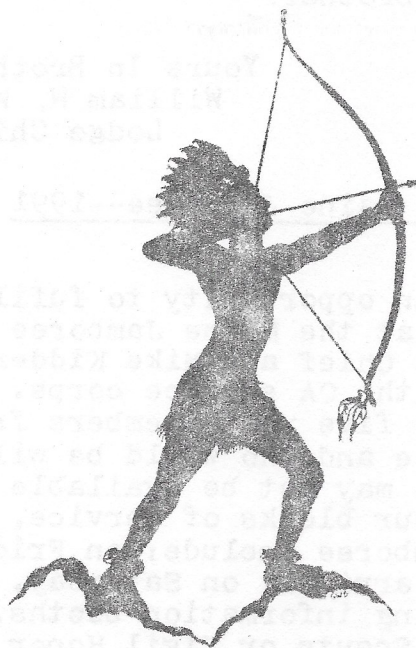
It's the spirit ... life ... the reason we're all here. It's the Order of the Arrow. It's wider than the valley ... freer than the eagle ... richer than a gold mine.

It's Scouting. It's the entire program ... it's the Oath and the Law. It's the Order of the Arrow.

That's some of what it is to me ...

And, what is it to you?

Maybe, it's your first Ordeal fire ... maybe your last thoughts as you kept your Vigil. It



might be thoughts of your own troop ... your chapter ... your lodge ... your section ... your region.

It might be your chapter chief ... your lodge adviser. It might be your best friend ... someone you love. It might be your neighbors ... your hometown. It might be your mother ... your father—helping you along the way.

But, it's also you ... as an individual. Your participation ... your enjoyment ... your achievement, it's your best at what you strive to do ... your work for all ... your service ... your good turns. It's your accomplished feats ... your helping hand. It's the smile on your face when you have achieved your goal.

It was that evening in August 1915, when the Spirit began with only a handful of Scouts taking part. Service ... devotion ... brotherhood were the key points. It was there on Treasure Island while our founders looked on with pride. The sign of that Spirit was an arrow, illuminated by the glow of a fire ... touched with the courage of the mighty Indian. Only a handful were given the promise then, but countless others have taken it to heart since that night.

It has been said that we are a spirited organization, an organization with potential ... optimism ... warmth. We're a cheerful group, with leadership ability unsurpassed by any other youth organization.

It's something personal ... an inside attitude. It's your thoughts—whenever or wherever you have them. It's a 'thing of the spirit,' and whatever you propose it to be.

It's a thought that is personal ... something that belongs to you. It's something that you may live, no matter where you are ... what you're doing ... or who you're with.

It's independent of anything else ... just your thoughts—give it life.

It's never twice the same ... but it's always you.

Pay attention to it ... it's the Order of the Arrow ... we are ...

"A thing of the spirit!"  
Jerry "Pancho" Lemmon

## WHAT IS YOUR ELANGOMAT I.Q.?

1. Elangomat is an Indian name for friend. T F
2. Elangomats are highly trained specialists from other lodges. T F
3. Elangomats can be helpful in conducting ordeals. T F
4. Elangomats recruit scouts to come to Ordeals held at council camps. T F
5. Elangomats assist the Ordeal master in conducting the ordeal by providing inspired leadership to patrol-sized groups of candidates. T F
6. Elangomats have part of the OA since its inception. T F
7. Elangomat Ordeals offer no real advantages over traditional Ordeals. T F
8. Elangomats are the only leaders in an Elangomat Ordeal. T F
9. Elangomats can have a positive impact on a lodge in many ways once they become established. T F
10. Elangomats have been used successfully by Madockawanda Lodge for several years. T F

You may determine your Elangomat I.Q. by reading the following information which contains the answers to these questions. Once you have done this you may check your score against the scale below to see how you stack up. It will also be informative to you since our lodge will be starting to conduct elangomat Ordeals this spring. If you are a youth member and would like to be an elangomat please let this be known to any of the lodge officers.

What is an "elangomat Ordeal?" *Elangomat* is the Lenni Lenape word for "friend." The Order gives the title "elangomat" to an Arrowman who leads Ordeal candidates through the power of his example. As the elangomat successfully completes the four tests of the Ordeal he teaches his candidates how to complete them without flinching.

An "elangomat Ordeal" is an Ordeal in which trained and inspired elangomats provide leadership to patrol-sized groups of candidates from arrival in camp through the Ordeal ceremony.

Why elangomat Ordeals? The idea of the elangomat — inspired leadership by a brother taking the Ordeal again — grew from a single Brother in a Florida camp to be the most meaningful way to manage Ordeals in the Order of the Arrow. Yet, the use of elangomats is an optional Ordeal program because it is not the only way to manage the Ordeal correctly.

For example, crew leaders are another option for managing the Ordeal. Using crew leaders saves the Ordeal master much work. They do not need to be recruited and trained in advance. Recruiting them is easy because they do not sleep out and do eat full meals. They can receive their work projects Saturday morning. The candidates can be assigned to crews

Saturday morning and can be reassigned as needed get the work done.

With these advantages of crew leaders, why would a lodge executive committee consider using elangomats?

- Elangomat Ordeals are the best match to the images of the pre-Ordeal ceremony.
- Elangomat Ordeals are the best method to show a different way of life — the Admonition in practice.
- Elangomat Ordeals are the most effective and efficient way for candidates to learn the lesson of the Ordeal — that Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service are a way to real happiness and success in life.
- Elangomat Ordeals are the best way of meeting Youth Protection guidelines and community concerns.

As a result of these advantages, your lodge may improve its overall program. Such improvements may also lead to better membership retention and attainment of Brotherhood members. Even without these improvements, elangomat Ordeals are good for us and for our candidates. And that's worthwhile.

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