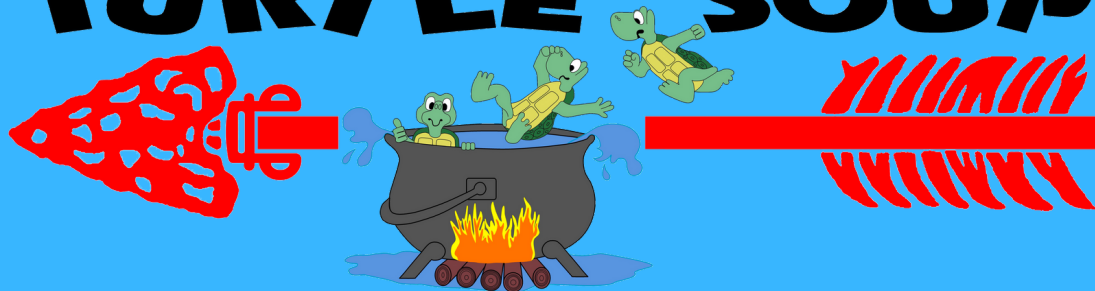




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COME JOIN US AT WINTER FELLOWSHIP

Caleb J, Incoming Vice Chief

Brothers, the time for Winter Fellowship is near!!! Prepare yourself for the weekend that you won't soon forget. At the Camp Hinds Training Center, we will participate in a variety of fun winter-themed activities, with programming on the inside and the outside! If you like sledding, hot cocoa, and fun games then I couldn't think of anywhere better to spend February 11th-13th. So brothers, if you haven't already, go sign up on the lodge website!!

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TO ATTEND THIS
AND ALL EVENTS,
MAKE SURE YOU
PAY YOUR 2022
DUES!

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SUMMER INDUCTION AT HINDS

Caleb J, Service Chair

Brothers, the third ordeal was a success!!! We inducted about a dozen new members and had 1 brother seal his brotherhood. Additionally we had our vigil tap out and tapped out 4 members to receive this high scouting honor, of which you can read about later in this issue. The service we did this weekend was excellent and we got high praise from camp for a job well done. Additionally we had amazing fellowship during the night that included gaga ball and a selfie contest. Thank you to everyone who attended this event! We really hope you consider joining us for an induction weekend in 2022!

A BLAST AT CAMP NUTTER

Zachary D, Lodge Vice Chief

From September 17th to the 19th, absolute bliss transcended onto Camp Nutter in Acton. Our induction weekend was extremely successful, with a large number of projects that occurred around camp. We painted and added seating to their council ring, finished a boardwalk on the waterfront, and worked to clear trails around camp. In the night, we had an amazing amount of fun with a scavenger hunt around camp and an impromptu karaoke session! Overall, it was one of the weekends in Scouting I enjoyed the most!

2021 LODGE FLAP SET

BUY OUR AMAZING SET!



**EACH FLAP FOR \$5,
\$18 FOR THE SET**





HALLOWEENKEND AT OUR FALL FELLOWSHIP

Zack D, Lodge Vice Chief

From October 29-31, the lodge celebrated the fall fellowship at Camp Hinds! We did a number of fun activities, COPE, and a talent show! We ended the weekend by hosting our annual business meeting, where our lodge officers were elected. It was a spectacular fellowship weekend!



MEET YOUR 2022 OFFICERS!

Chief Cameron D is a Brotherhood member of Troop 301 in York and a senior at York High School. His hobbies include robotics and working at the Burrito Shop with former chief Ethan Bald.



Treasurer Gavin H is a Brotherhood member of Troop 187 in Turner and a sophomore at Leavitt High School. His hobbies include swimming and track and field. Gavin also served on Camp Hinds staff last year!

Vice Chief Caleb J is a Vigil Honor member out of Troop 327 in Sanford and a senior at Sanford High School. Caleb is a musician and a second degree black belt.

Secretary Zack D is a Brotherhood member of Troop 433 in Winslow and a freshman at the University of Maine in Orono studying computer science. His hobbies include programming and working at Wendy's in Waterville.



FORMING THE TEAM

Cameron D, Lodge Chief

The Lodge Officer Orientation was an incredible weekend. This weekend was focused on preparing all of our elected officers for their new roles. Lots of our time was spent in study. We listened to, took notes, and discussed topics with our different speakers. Each speaker came with insightful and applicable tools for each of us, and each Arrowmen brought intriguing questions and ideas. Through training, goal setting, and practical planning, our officers are ready and eager to deliver the best year in Madockawanda Lodge history.

Furthermore, a portion of the event was focused on our 2022 committee chairs. Based on the interest Arrowmen expressed to us, we pulled together very strong leaders who fit each of their roles well. We are proud to present Madockawanda Lodge's youth leadership in its entirety, and we could not be more thankful for everyone's service.



BANQUET!

Tyler M, Attendee

On December 4th, 2021 Madockawanda lodge held its first annual lodge banquet since December 2019 at the Rockland Elks Lodge.

Kennebec Valley chapter did a fantastic job planning and executing this event. There was fantastic food, fellowship, and many great presentations put on by our new and previous lodge officers. Many scouts and scouters of our lodge were recognized for outstanding efforts and dedication to our lodge throughout his year. There was a unique surprise awards ceremony for our very own brother Wayne Holden, where he was awarded the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for his dedication to his community, career, and our council.

Our guest speaker was Scott Valcourt, who is a lifelong scouter, serving on the National Order of the Arrow Committee. After his presentation, he swore in our new lodge officers with our traditional Moxie (root beer this year) chug.



GO MARINERS!

Zeke L, Casco Bay Chapter Chief

After our banquet, Madockawanda Lodge was represented at the hockey game between the Maine Mariners and the Adirondack Thunder. We had a number of beanie-clad Scouts attending the game, and everyone had a great time. To give a recap of the game, the Mariners scored first, with about 7 minutes left in the first period. Since that night was the Teddy Bear Toss, a plushie abundance was hurled onto the ice when the first Mariners goal was scored. In total, over 1500 teddy bears and other stuffed animals were put into a truck provided by the Fire Department.

After that, in the 2nd period, the Thunder scored with about 13 minutes left. With the game tied 1-1, not much happened after that. At the period break, all of the youth present were able to chuck foam hockey pucks onto the ice, near a target. Sadly, none of us hit the target. However, as the 3rd period started and we settled back into our seats, the Mariners couldn't hit the target either. They allowed 3 goals in the final period, enabling the Thunder to win the game, 1-4.

Despite the fact that the Mariners lost, the lodge had a ton of fun at this event. We were able to have a good amount of fellowship between all members, and overall we had a great time. Thank you to Greg Solomon for making the opportunity possible!





2021 VIGIL CLASS

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: the lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the Scouting community, or a Scout Camp.

Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years.

This year, Madockawanda Lodge nominated four Arrowmen for the Vigil Honor.

They are pictured below from left to right: Caleb J, Darryk K, Nick Prins (Vigil Chief), Georgia Hartley, and Jacob Lanoue.





ADAPTING TO LEAD: NLS

Max J, NLS Participant

In the first weekend of October, we had eight arrowmen attend the National Leadership Seminar at Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island. During this event, we learned about how to be adaptive and stronger leaders, useful as participants were chapter and lodge leadership. All of us had a great time, especially when climbing Mt. Everest, an activity that tested our newly learned problem-solving skills. The event provided a lot of fun and fellowship!



CHAPTER REPORTS

ABNAKI

Riley G, Chapter Chief

Abnaki Chapter leadership went to the Lodge Officer Orientation that the lodge hosted. We also have our election team ready for the new year, so get your units ready for some elections. Most recently, we had a blast bowling at the December chapter meeting!

CASCO BAY

Zeke L, Chapter Chief

We have been meeting online and recently held chapter elections, electing a new officer team and creating a new position: the Chapter Spirit. This fall, we helped out at the Casco Bay Friendship Games camporee at Camp Hinds, and have been regularly attending lodge events. We are presently working on budgeting and communications for the next year.

K-VALLEY

Ryan M, Chapter Chief

Our chapter has been meeting since September and to attract more members has moved our meeting date to the first Monday of the month starting in January. We have started the election process by starting election training and reaching out to units. As Chief I am serving in an interim role, and the chapter is looking for interested Arrowmen to fill this spot. We are looking forward to a great year!

YORK

Ben M, Chapter Chief

Under my leadership, the York chapter leadership team has been able to have in-person meetings for a few months now. At our last meeting we had a pizza party to have some great fellowship before the election season kicks off! We hope to engage more troops and so far we have made progress on this goal by preparing for the unit election season. Thank you again for your support and time I look forward to working with you all.



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WHERE ARE YOU GONNA BE NEXT SUMMER?

Approximately every two years, the Order of the Arrow holds a national conference (NOAC) on the campus of a major university. NOAC is our flagship national event, held over six days with 6,000 - 8,000 Arrowmen participating from throughout the BSA. The conference program includes innovative leadership, development, programs, fellowship periods and inspirational shows. In 2022, the Order will host their 34th NOAC at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. This will be our first NOAC since 2018, and the largest Scouting event in nearly four years. NOAC is a great way to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and opportunities that exist in the OA. Also meet Arrowmen from across the country and have a great time! The lodge will be sending a contingent that you can sign up for at the cost of \$1400, which includes, travel, food, the conference, and the touring options below. Make sure you place at least your \$100 deposit by January 31st, or else you will not be able to attend.

Saturday

Arrive in
Nashville

Check into
hotel

Tennessee
State Museum

Grand Ole
Opry

Sunday

Bicentennial
capitol mall state
park

Music City
Walk of Fame
Park

Drive to
Knoxville

Knoxville
Museum of Art

The lost sea
adventure
Caves

Monday

Ijams nature
center

Knoxville
Botanical
Gardens

NOAC
Check-in



REPORT FROM THE CHIEF

Merry Christmas, Arrowmen!

As another year in our lodge comes to a close, I'd like us all to take a moment to reflect on our journey. Let's think back to where our lodge was at this time last year. The start of our year was stunted. Despite this, we worked hard, and our lodge has seen growth in membership, but more importantly, in dedication and enthusiasm. I could not be more pleased with the youth in this lodge.

Now, think back to where you were last year. What kind of person were you, and who have you become? Have you grown? You may have become a mentor for a fellow scout, assisted in providing service to our council, completed a rank advancement, or even taken on a new leadership position. One thing is certain, you are not the same as you were last year.

Reflecting like this is important for practicing gratitude and feeling a sense of accomplishment. However, it is especially important for seeing where we are headed. It is no secret that scouting has seen declining membership in recent years. There are countless youth who are missing out on the amazing opportunities scouting has to offer. All the joys and growth you have experienced in scouting is hanging in balance for the generations following us, and it will be lost if we do not step up.

I have a strong group of Arrowmen around me, who are willing to sacrifice time and energy to keep this program alive, and we want you to join us. Not because it is easy, or because it is always fun, but because it is necessary for those who come after us.

This past year was challenging, but it has set us up for success this coming year, and I am more than excited to spend it with you all, Brothers.

God bless,

2022 Madockawanda Lodge Chief, Cameron D

