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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

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WINTER FELLOWSHIP

REPORT

Madockawanda Lodge has kicked off 2024 with a fantastic program held at Winter Fellowship. The weekend at Camp Hinds filled with days of fun & fellowship, with over 50+ arrowmen in attendance, and the completion of over 50 hours of service.

Chapter competitions were held both inside and outside of the training center, a fitting area for games designed to test each chapter. All of this led up to the awarding of the Chapter Cup, which went to Casco Bay chapter.

Throughout the weekend, numerous trainings were held ranging from a variety of topics in which all the youth participated. There was a committee seminar to promote the different lodge committees open for recruitment, and there was a Turtle News LIVE held with a studio audience.

On Saturday night, a successful Brotherhood ceremony was conducted at the Sean Tabor pavilion, where 7 brothers sealed their membership in the lodge.

The weekend overall was a great success, and we can't wait for what comes next!





SPRING FELLOWSHIP

REPORT

Another incredible fellowship weekend hosted by Madockawanda Lodge! There was lots of fun to be had, drawing a great crowd of arrowmen into a chapter competition like none seen before.

Chapters led by Sam P., Gregg H., Gavin H., and Jack R. competed in numerous challenges, including: Moviemaking, Ultimate Frisbee, Kickball, Low COPE, and a Relay ending with Lodge Treasurer Kit A. being pied in the face.

A successful brotherhood ceremony was held on Saturday, with members of the lodge praising the beginning development of bench replacements in the ceremonies site.

In addition to an incredible turnout from arrowmen of Madockawanda Lodge, brothers from Tantamous & Passaconaway Lodge came to visit, getting in on all of the fun to be had.

Overall, Spring Fellowship was an outstanding success, and an important milestone beginning the incredible summer season and remaining months of 2024 ahead for Madockawanda Lodge.





SPRING INDUCTION REPORT

*"Open now your hearts,
and welcome into Brotherhood more brothers!"*
~ Meteu

Meteu's wise words echoed through the hearts of all members of Madockawanda Lodge as they supported candidates through their ordeal. This is just the first of the ordeals for the year, with two other opportunities presenting themselves for candidates elected earlier in 2024 to begin their induction into our brotherhood.

Innovation within ceremonies continued, with the completion of the bench replacement project at the ceremony site in addition to bringing in new ceremonialists into the fold.

Special Thanks to Nick L, the Passaconaway Lodge Chief for stepping in and doing an incredible job as Allowat Sakima throughout our weekend's ceremonies.



In Summary, the first induction of the 2024 season was a great success, with 25 candidates completing their Ordeal and starting their journey to Brotherhood, while 5 brothers sealed membership within the Order of the Arrow.



New England Fellowship - 2024

REPORT

Madockawanda Lodge successfully hosted this years New England Fellowship! The road to NEF 2024 was a long one full of service, with thousands of hours coming together to host 350+ arrowmen from all across Section E19. A weekend of brotherhood, fellowship, and fun campaigned throughout the entire event, culminating with an evening show with various games & competitions.

NEF 2024, without a doubt created long lasting memories for all those in attendance.



NEF 2025

 JUN. 13-15



TANTAMOUS



~ Camp Squanto,
Plymouth, MA



SUMMER CAMP SERVICE HOURS

REPORT

With the four program weeks hosted at Camp Hinds over the summer, the arrowmen of Madockawanda Lodge came together and gave their willing service back to the camp. In return, the dozens of arrowmen each week earned a patch of recognition and complementary ice cream. Various projects were set upon our diligent brothers, like painting the fences leading to Boating, clearing the Nature Terrarium, and other maintenance tasks around camp.





NATIONAL EVENTS

REPORT

This year, Madockawanda Lodge 271 joined forces with our brothers to the north in Pamola Lodge 211 to send 29 arrowmen from Maine to the University of Colorado Boulder for a week full of fellowship, training, and for many- new experiences in the Order of the Arrow.

Over the course of the week, the contingent explored the Rocky Mountains, the Denver Zoo, and the vast campus we called home throughout the event. Our lodge's ceremonies team displayed their skills, and got feedback on what they could improve on. All of our arrowmen participated in various trainings, sports events & games throughout the week, with many of our contingent planning to go to NOAC 2027!



CONTINGENT SHIRTS

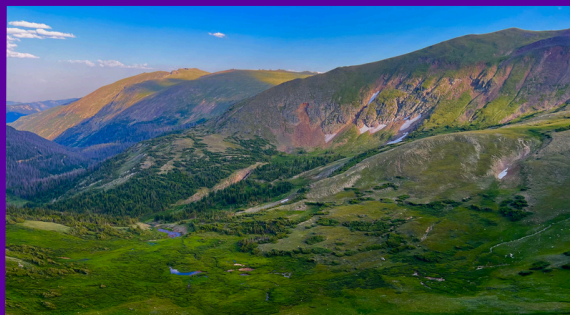
MADOCKAWANDA x PAMOLA PATCH

~ CONTINGENT MERCH DESIGNED BY GREGGORY H.

Madockawanda & Pamola lodge have joined contingents, and we bring to you this co-lodge NOAC 2024 patch. A LIMITED EDITION version of this patch ghosted in the signature "Madockawanda Purple" was given out as a contingent exclusive item to our arrowmen.



NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE



NLS - CAMP ALPINE, NJ | SEPT. 20 - 22



(left to right) Sam M, Jack R, John-Andrew Segebarth, Cam Dalton, Jacobi S, Liam B, Mathieu C, Gregg H.

In September, Madockawanda Lodge sent a contingent of 6 youth arrowmen to attend the National Leadership Seminar at Camp Alpine, NJ. There, they went through rigorous trainings teaching them skills in teamwork, communication, and leadership. Also there, was our very own Eastern Region Chief, Cam Dalton & National Vice Chief John-Andrew Segebarth





SUMMER INDUCTION REPORT

The summer is filled with scouting activities, so who wouldn't want to work an induction?

Over the weekend, Madockawanda Lodge inducted 18 new arrowmen into the lodge, with three of our brothers completing their induction and becoming Brotherhood members. Both the arrowmen and candidates contributed many hours of service to the camp, and lots of fun was to be had.

Also this weekend, the ceremonies team debuted new members of the team, with Kallu C. and Keaghan G. taking up the roles of Meteu & Kichkinet respectively throughout the various ceremonies over the weekend due to the absence of many seasoned ceremonialists at this event.

Other arrowmen who made their debut this weekend Lucas W. and Brenden F. as elangomats, guiding the candidates through their induction.

In summary, this weekend was a great success, and we are looking forward to the final induction weekend of 2024 mid coming mid-September.





FALL INDUCTION REPORT

With the induction season coming to a close, the lodge hosted it's final ordeal of 2024. Though we did not have many new members join the lodge, our brothers compensated throughout the weekend, performing endless amounts of service to Camp Hinds- especially as it came time to close down the camp before winter set in.

The 3 candidates completed their induction, and had their ceremony as the sun set, with no subsequent brotherhood ceremony.

After this weekend, the leadership and members of Madockawanda Lodge set their eyes on the rest of the year, putting their best foot forward to end the year of our lodge's 80th anniversary on a high note.

All of their hard work comes to a head over these next two events- Fall Fellowship and Banquet.





FALL FELLOWSHIP

REPORT

A weekend full of fun and fellowship. Lots of fall festivities; including a scavenger hunt around Camp Hinds, competitions to eat donuts off of a string, and lots of fun games in the various fields around camp. All of this fun came to a head with the annual OA's Got Talent competition on Saturday Night, where arrowmen displayed their talents and acts in a fight to win a voucher to the Lodge Store.

Throughout this weekend, excitement and anticipation surrounded the Lodge Annual Business Meeting taking place on Sunday morning, mostly on who would be elected as our 2025 officers.

LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS

- LODGE CHIEF - Mathieu C.
- VICE CHIEF - Jacobi S.
- SECRETARY - Gregory H.
- TREASURER - William R.



(left to right) Treasurer-Elect William R, Vice Chief-Elect Jacobi S, Lodge Chief-Elect Mathieu C, Secretary-Elect Gregory H.



BANQUET

REPORT

On December 7th, Madockawanda Lodge had its end of year "Lodge Annual Family Banquet" at Camp William Hinds hosted by Casco Bay Chapter. At this event, many stories were told, memories were shared, and many of our brothers received special recognitions after speeches from various guest speakers!

At this event, we hosted special guests including the 2024 National Chief David Gosik, our very own 2024 Eastern Region Chief Cam Dalton, previous national officers, the Section E19 leadership, and arrowmen from neighboring lodges.

Everyone came together for this spectacular event to look back over the incredible year the lodge had in 2024. As we celebrate the conclusion of the year of our lodge's 80th anniversary, it is time for all of us to come together and look ahead to what comes next!



BANQUET PHOTOS



CHAPTER REPORTS



Through out the year, Abnaki chapter has been very active, participating in various lodge and chapter events as well as growing our membership and engagement. Throughout the year, we held a roller skating night, movie night, mini golf, axe throwing, and even our own chapter fellowship night. At NEF, our chapter had 40 percent of attendance from the lodge. We also started a merit badge as a chapter and plan to do a few more. In August we held elections for our 2025 chapter officers:

Chief: Natalie P.
Vice Chief Rylan B.
Secretary: Matt I.



Casco Bay chapter did a lot this year. With a jeopardy meeting in February, a mingolf meeting in September, and chapter elections in November, Casco Bay was not very active at meeting. Casco Bay focused on electing people into the OA. Casco Bay Chapter wants to thank everyone involved with banquet and making it such a success. The Casco Bay officers are all looking forward to what 2025 holds.

Chief: Sam P.
Vice Chief: Nate C.
Spirit Officer: Marcus W.



Kennebec Valley Chapter is going into 2025 with openings in all chapter leadership! We are having an election in January to find the arrowmen who will lead our chapter into the future!



This year, the York chapter held 11 monthly chapter meetings, with some activities including bowling and rock climbing, which we invited some of our brothers from the Casco bay chapter to attend. During induction season, held 6 unit elections, with 9 candidates elected. At the start December, we elected our chapter leadership to bring us into 2025. As we start the new year and into election season, the chapter aims to increase involvement at the lodge and chapter level activities. We also aim to implement the unit rep program through troop visits to improve engagement within our chapter.

Chief: Daniel H.
Vice Chief: Sam G.
Secretary: JJ S.

2024 ELECTION SEASON RESULTS



Scheduled: 79%
Declined: 3 units
Elected: 18 youth



Scheduled: 72%
Declined: 4 units
Elected: 22 youth



Scheduled: 54%
Declined: 10 units
Elected: 23 youth



Scheduled: 30%
Declined: 13 units
Elected: 10 youth

**WE
NEED
YOU!**

The 2024 election season may have concluded, but now is no better time to train your chapter's election team before the 2025 season



LODGE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Elangomat/Nimat committee has gone strong all year. A patch was created to commemorate three time Elangomats and a pin gifted to 6 and 9 time Elangomats. We have gained two new Nimats through out the year and started the Extended Nimat Program with even more people. The Extended Nimat Program is a new program that allows new ordeal members to have a contact with in their chapter, someone the candidate can reach out to and get answer to questions they have and to get lodge updates from.

The vision is to have the person who's been helping them through the OA to be their Nimat. In summary, the Elangomat/Nimat Program went through an incredible year of innovation in 2024!

ELANGOMAT / NIMAT - Jack R.

As of November, 2024, our Lodge Treasury is firmly in the Black. Our last LEC/Business Meeting also brought on a newly approved budget for 2025 and the confirmation of next year's Lodge Treasurer. Since spring of this year we have introduced flannel pants (which we were very fortunate to consistently sell out of and have to restock on a couple of occasions), and a couple 80th Anniversary celebratory patches to our Lodge Store's stock.

A big thanks to those who had pitched in and volunteered their time behind the Lodge Store counter - And as always, thanks to all those who have bought from, and thus financially fueled our Lodge this past year!

LODGE STORE - Kit A.

Throughout the year, the Madockawanda Lodge ceremonies team has been expanded. The ceremony site itself slowly began renovation projects, with small quality of life updates like new benches and a multi-use candelabra. The other primary expansion for the ceremonies team throughout this year had been with its membership. 16 youth arrowmen have actively participated in ceremonies throughout the year, with the introduction of many new ceremonialists, and members of our tech crew. This year I believe was another step in the right direction for the ceremonies team, the way we conduct ourselves and our ceremonies improving with every event, which could only mean that we are providing the candidates the best experience during the most pivotal steps through their induction.

CEREMONIES - Gregory H.

Our communications team has been hard at work all year. We successfully promoted and got people to all of our events this year. Promotions were made for every event and put out on email and social media. We had record numbers for some of our events this year and have hopefully set the next secretary up for success!

COMMUNICATIONS - Sam M.

Madockawanda Lodge and the staff of Turtle Soup would like to congratulate the Vigil Honor Class of 2024! Kit A., Mathieu C., Garey H., Gavin H., and Cameron L. were chosen for this high honor due to their above-and-beyond service to our Lodge, and the units and communities we serve. Congratulations Kit, Mathieu, Garey, Gavin, and Cameron; and thank you for continuing to show leadership in Service!

RECOGNITIONS - Will B.

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2025 CHIEF

Brothers of Madockawanda Lodge, my name is Mathieu C. and I am honored to serve as your 2025 Lodge Chief. Coming off of our 80th anniversary, we have so much momentum to carry into the new year! This year we have lots going on between our three fellowship and ordeal weekends, and I can't wait to share that all with you.

Building on my experience as your 2022 and 2023 Elangomat Chair and as your 2024 Lodge Vice Chief, I am excited to take on the role of Lodge Chief to continue strengthening the bonds of our brotherhood while leading us through another impactful year of growth and service.

Add one, stick together

In this lodge, we are blessed to have members with diverse talents, dedication, and tenacity like no other. Looking ahead, I have great confidence in the rest of our leadership to deliver the different aspects of our program across all fronts. I have never been more excited to see what unique activities we'll be doing at our fellowships, and what our ceremonies team will be doing to make each ceremony special, yet what I'm most excited to see is who will join us to continue our lodge's tradition of excellence.

Find your place

All of us in the Order of the Arrow are leaders, and I need all of your help. I want to encourage all of our members, young or... experienced, to find a way to get involved, to join a committee, to consider taking on a role of leadership, or to just get your voice out there. Keep the fire burning brothers

Yours in Cheerfulness,

MATHIEU C.

2025 Lodge Chief



THANKS FOR READING!



2025 CALENDAR

WINTER FELLOWSHIP: FEB 7-9

ACT CONFERENCE: MAR. 8

SERVICE DAY: APR. 19

SPRING FELLOWSHIP: MAY 2-4

SERVICE DAY: MAY 10

SPRING INDUCTION: JUN 6-8

NEF 2025: JUN. 13-15

OA DAYS: JUL. 2025

SUMMER INDUCTION: AUG. 15-17

FALL INDUCTION: SEP. 19-21

FALL FELLOWSHIP: OCT. 24-26

BANQUET 2025: DEC. 6