



# TURTLE SOUP



**WINTER 2024**

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# Welcome to 2024

**2023 was a phenomenal year for Madockawanda Lodge, and 2024 is going to be even better!**

**As we head into the new year, Madockawanda Lodge is celebrating its 80th anniversary, a time for us all to come together and create long lasting memories of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.**

**Heres to another FANTASTIC YEAR!**

**- Madockawanda Lodge Leadership**





## **A message from our 2024**

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# **EASTERN REGION CHIEF**

**With many National Events on the horizon, now is a great time to be a member of the Eastern Region! Locally, the region is hard at work preparing for the highest quality National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC) we've had in years.**

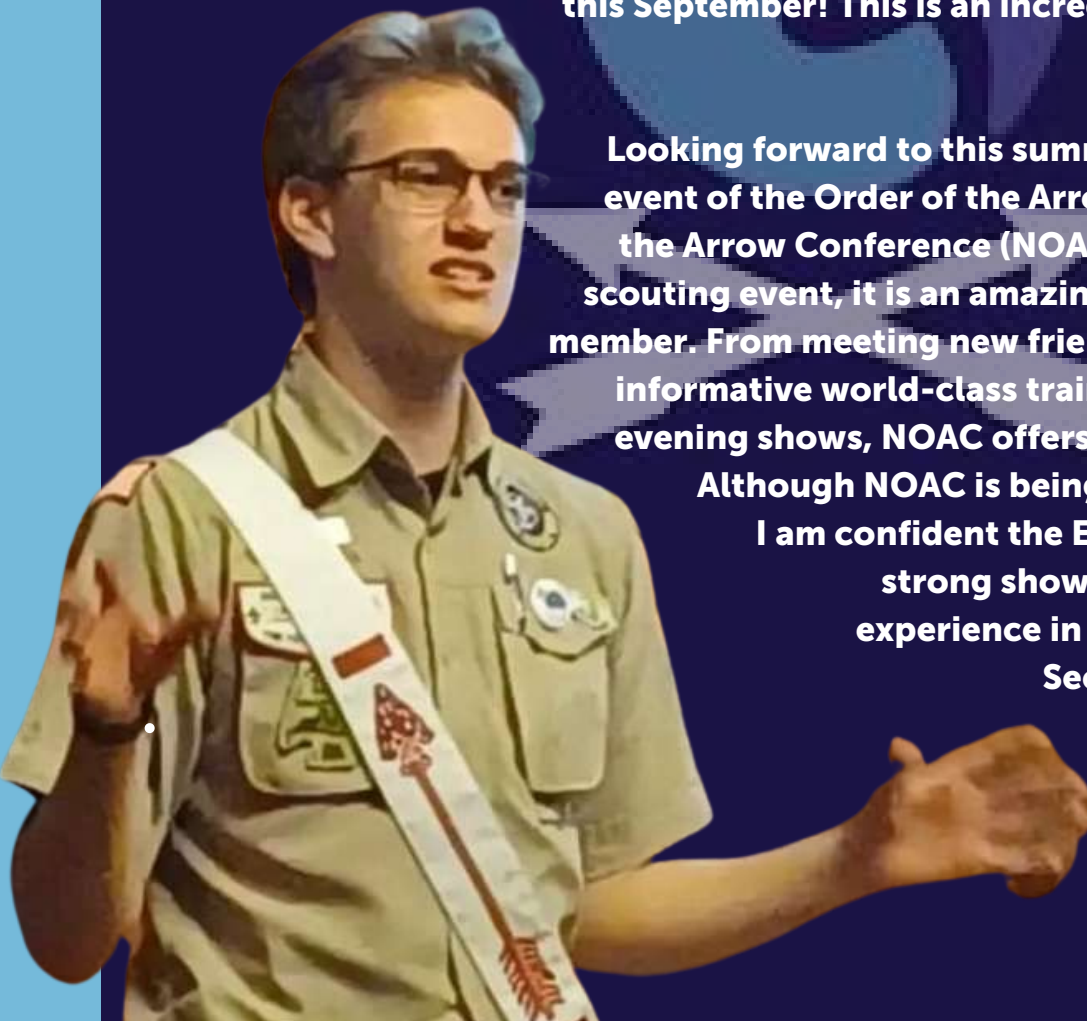
**On January 26th-28th, we held our very first NLS/DYLC of the year in Columbia, SC. It was a great success, with 50 NLS learners and 30 DYLC participants. Together, we learned the essentials of leadership and teamwork to change our chapters, lodges, and sections back home.**

**We have an outstanding team for 2024 to conduct our 5 courses: Columbia, SC, Puerto Rico, Cincinnati, OH, Alpine, NJ, and Nashville, TN. As you can see, we will be all over the east this year, and even in driving distance for Madockawanda, at Camp Alpine, this September! This is an incredible course that you will NOT want to miss it!**

**Looking forward to this summer, we have the flagship event of the Order of the Arrow: the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)! As the second-largest scouting event, it is an amazing opportunity for any OA member. From meeting new friends across the country to informative world-class training sessions to inspiring evening shows, NOAC offers something for everyone.**

**Although NOAC is being hosted in the west year, I am confident the Eastern Region will have a strong showing! Join us for this 5 day experience in Boulder, Colorado, as we Seek New Heights together.**

**- Cameron Dalton**



# WINTER FELLOWSHIP

**Feb. 9 -11**



Brothers, Winter Fellowship is swiftly approaching!!! A weekend that you won't soon forget is on the horizon. Hosted at the **Camp Hinds Training Center**, various activities will give us all memories to last a lifetime.

Throughout the weekend there will be a variety of fun winter activities, with programming in and outside! If you like sledding, hot cocoa, and fun games then you should attend the 2024 Winter Fellowship! I couldn't think of anywhere better to spend February 9th - 11th. So brothers, if you haven't already, go sign up on the lodge website!

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**PAY  
2024  
DUES**





# CHAPTER REPORTS



Abnaki chapter held an evening event at the rollerdrome in Lewiston. Which was followed by a postponed chapter meeting where we decided on some other events as a hope to increase chapter attendance to events. We decided on some fun events for the next 6 months so that its not just the chapter officers but the chapter having more influence on the events of the chapter. We are continuing with our election outreach to the scoutmasters to get some more exposure and election dates planned.

Yours in Brotherhood, Jacobi S. Chapter Chief



The Casco Bay Chapter has had a successful start to the year with a schedule lined up and has scheduled 3 of our unit elections with more to come. Unfortunately we we did not have a January meeting, however, we are excited about some jeopardy in February!

Yours in Cheerful Service, William R, Chapter Chief



K-Valley is excited for the new year, our leadership team already has experience with the chapter and think it will help us plan more engaging events. We hold meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month at the United Methodist church in Waterville at 7PM. We would love to see new faces to get new ideas of where we should go this year.

Yours in Cheerful Service, Lukas M. - Chapter Chief



In the preliminary months of the year, the York Chapter has started off running by hosting a bowling night as our first chapter meeting of the year, with attendance from not only our chapter but also leaders from Casco Bay and two of our Lodge Officers. We have scheduled 6 elections, one of which we completed with three candidates elected. Right now, we are working with Casco Bay Chapter to host the upcoming Winter and Summer Southern Maine Fellowship! We have elected our new chapter leadership, with Chris D. as Chapter Chief, Dan H. as Vice Chief, Hans B. as Secretary, and Sagan G. as Spirit Director. We are hoping to have a great year with the chapter!

Yours in Brotherhood, Chris D, - Chapter Chief

# 2024 ELECTION SEASON STATUS



**Scheduled: 29%**  
**Declined: 0 units**  
**Elected: 0 youth**



**Scheduled: 39%**  
**Declined: 0 units**  
**Elected: 0 youth**



**Scheduled: 0%**  
**Declined: 0 units**  
**Elected: 0 youth**



**Scheduled: 30%**  
**Declined: 0 units**  
**Elected: 3 youth**

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**

NOW is no better time! Reach out to your chapter officers to schedule elections for your troops and introduce the next generation of arrowmen to this wonderful organization.





# LODGE COMMITTEE REPORTS

As we enter 2024, the lodge ceremonies can only go up from our record last year. We've hit the ball rolling this year, and we as a team have high hopes for what's ahead in the year.

Do you have a passion for showmanship & and being a part of the long-lasting memories of a future generation of Arrowmen?

**JOIN THE CEREMONIES TEAM!**

Email: [committee@madockawanda.org](mailto:committee@madockawanda.org)

## COMMS I Sam M

Looking for new members to join the comms committee and help make our lodge's social media posts and promotions. We have yet to decide on a formal meeting time but we will soon.

email:  
[secretary@madockawanda.org](mailto:secretary@madockawanda.org)

## CEREMONIES I Gregg H

In 2024, Turtle Academy continues to seek new heights! As the official training portal of Madockawanda Lodge, Turtle Academy aims to ensure all Arrowmen in the lodge have the skills necessary to excel in their roles in Scouting and life. We have already released six new trainings this year, and intend to release four more in the coming weeks. The Training Committee continues to work hard on building Turtle Academy, and has partnered with the lodge leadership to produce some elite training for the 2024 Winter Fellowship!. The Training Committee is also looking for trainers and assistant training managers to serve on the team. Email [turtleacademy272@gmail.com](mailto:turtleacademy272@gmail.com) if you are interested

## TRAININGS I Zach D



# NATIONAL EVENTS

Gavin H

**I'm saddened to announce that the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is now sold out to participants. But you've yet to miss out on the experience of a lifetime. NOAC recognizes that the physical space at UC Boulder is limited and is offering an all-access virtual program. Any Arrowman can experience NOAC from the comfort of their own home on their computers or mobile devices and will receive unique NOAC memorabilia items. The Remote Delegate program is currently open and can be found on NOAC's website under the event registration page.**





# NEF Service Days 2024

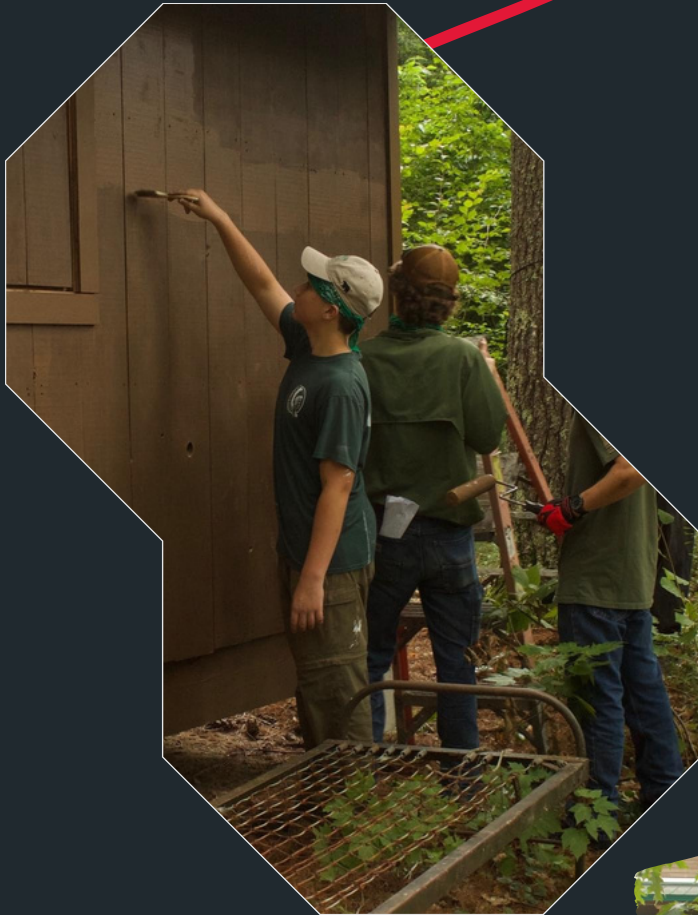


- April 13th
- April 20th
- May 1th
- May 18th



**Join Us!**

**NEF service days are  
held at Camp William  
Hinds throughout  
the year!**



# CHIEF'S REPORT

Arrowmen, my name is Cameron Lebel and I have the distinct pleasure of serving as your 2024 lodge chief. This year has a lot in store, which is only fitting for our 80th anniversary! I'm excited to celebrate, learn and grow together as we look back at our success and forward to the bright future we will pave. In previous years I've served as both your 2021 and 2022 brotherhood chair as well as your 2023 lodge secretary. This is my 6th year in the lodge and my 12th in scouting and I can say with confidence that scouting has made me the person I am today. Everyday I grow to love this great organization even more.

With that said the thing that makes our organization special is our brothers and as you know we are currently in the midst of election season. I'm happy to report that we've scheduled almost 20 elections, but there is still work to be done.

I encourage you to encourage your unit to schedule an election. Reach out to your chapter leadership and find your spot on your elections team.

Everyone has a place, I encourage you to find out where you fit in. It might not be in election but instead as an elongomat. This year I charge to find your place and show everyone the unique skills you have to offer!

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**Cameron Lebel**  
**2024 Lodge Chief**







# **EVENT CALENDAR**

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**Winter Fellowship: Feb. 9-11**

**ACT Conference: Mar. 2**

**NEF Service Day: Apr. 6**

**NEF Service Day: Apr. 13**

**Spring Fellowship: May 3-5**

**NEF Service Day: May 11**

**NEF Service Day: May 18**

**Spring Induction: May 31- Jun. 2.**

**New England Fellowship: Jun. 7-9**

**NOAC: Jul. 29-Aug.3**

**Summer Induction: Aug. 16-18**

**NLS: Sep. 13-15**

**Fall Induction: Sep. 20-22**

**Fall Fellowship: Oct. 25-27**

**Lodge Family Banquet: Dec. 7**