



WOLF'S DEN

- Pocumtuc Lodge -



Upcoming Events

**Fellowship—coming soon
Banquet - April 5**

NOAC

Please inform Hunter McCormick if you would like to go to NOAC

First Fellowship

Most of us bared the cold at the Winter Fellowship and we all had a great time. We all enjoyed Harris Tanner's presentation on Eagle medals.

What's Happening ?

NOAC - the National Order of the Arrow Conference is coming up in August. It should be a great time for all Arrowmen. Please contact Hunter McCormick to sign up.

Member Info

We would like you to update your information for our records. If you are a member of Pocumtuc Lodge or were ever a member Allogagan or Memsochet Lodge, we would appreciate your help. You can update your information at www.pocumtuc.org under the tab [Update Your Info](#)

Advisors Minute

You were not selected for what you have done, but rather for what you are expected to do.

That is the concept that we all understood when we ventured into the Order of the Arrow and completed the Ordeal. So it is with this concept in mind that I encourage each of you to consider how you can get involved with our new lodge.

It's a wonderful time to be involved with the Order of the Arrow for so many reasons. First and foremost, for the youth it's an opportunity to build a legacy. New Lodges are not created frequently in any given council, so when one is, it's a great opportunity to get involved and leave your mark.

While we have already established Lodge by-laws and operating procedures, the real work is just beginning. It's time to conduct elections throughout the entire Western Massachusetts Council area, which means going to as many troops in the Council as possible. It's a big job but very manageable, provided we have a good team of dedicated people. If you can help with this task, please contact one of the co-chiefs at chief@pocumtuc.org. Other upcoming activities include a Winter Fellowship activity. In November the Lodge hosted its first fellowship weekend at Camp Moses. More than 60 brothers attended the weekend activities. Besides getting to know each other over great meals, Harris Tanner presented the history of the Eagle Medal which was very interesting and we held an inter-lodge patch trade, swap and sell event. All in all it was a wonderful event, and for our Winter Fellowship, we hope to have even more participation.

In addition, we will be having a lodge banquet in early April, so please review our new website and the Lodge calendar on line. The web address is www.pocumtuc.org.

Yours in Brotherhood
Sameul B. Everette & Al Parent

Chiefs Minute

My name is Nate Morin. I'm one of your current Co-Chiefs. I was Memsochet's last Lodge Chief. I'm an eagle scout of Troop 303 in South Hadley. This year, Pat and I will hopefully be making it the best year our Lodges have ever seen. If you have any ideas to make our Lodge better or you're a youth who wants to get active but doesn't know what to do, feel free to email me at Nat17123@aol.com. Thanks and I look forward to seeing you all at the next event

Hello everybody, my name is Patrick Goldrup and I am Co-Chief of the new Pocumtuc Lodge. You might not know me so I'll give you a little background. I am currently enrolled at Holyoke Community College studying Computer Science. I have been involved in Scouts since Tigers, and am an Eagle Scout. I recently received my Vigil Honor, and then decided to throw my safety pin covered hat in the ring for Lodge Chief for Allogagan. Outside of Scouting I am really interested in computers and hanging out with friends.

As far as as the Lodge is concerned, I am interested in getting people involved. I believe that the more youth involvement that we have, the better all of the activities will be. Not only because more people makes things slightly easier to plan (pick up basketball is not that much fun with 6 people), but also so that we can get more ideas on the table, and have many more different views. I also feel that the connection between the Lodge and the troops is vital. Most people who do not get active in the Lodge have a negative view on us. They think that we are all work and no play. Johnny Arrowman is not a dull boy, ask anyone who went to the Fellowship that we had at Moses a few months back.

I urge you to get active, and help shape the Lodge. We have a great opportunity to change things at this point, because we are starting fresh and can mold anything that we want. If you are interested in helping but do not know how, please, contact any member of the Executive Board, or better yet, come to one of our meetings. We meet on the first Sunday of every month at 5:00 PM at the office in Chicopee. If you can not make it there, but are still interested in helping out, that is fine, and we could certainly use the help. We have a big very large area to cover, and need all the help we can get.

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John Pise - Assoc. Adviser

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Steve Crochiere
Immediate Past Lodge Adviser

Hunter McCormick
Immediate Past Lodge Chief

Bob Gunnells - Staff Adviser

Larry Bystran - Scout Exec.

N.O.A.C.

The National Order of the Arrow Conference, more commonly known as NOAC, excites Arrowmen all across the country. Why you ask? Just ask anyone in our Lodge who has been to one, and they will probably say it is among the greatest scouting experiences they have ever had!

Imagine for a moment, you and eight thousand of your closest friends, descending on a major college campus for 6 days of brotherhood and fellowship, training and recreation, competition and friendship making. That is what a NOAC is all about. From August 1st through 6th 2009, you will experience training, sports competitions, arena shows, gatherings, ceremony competitions, dance competitions, college dorming with your best friend, great food, the Founders Day Fair and Parade, patch trading, tons of lodge spirit, and a big list of other great and amazing things.

In 2006, our lodge sent 14 participants to the NOAC in Michigan. This year we hope to increase that number to 30 and it all starts with your help! If you have never been, this year is a perfect time to go, and even if you have been before, why not experience NOAC again? Our Lodge needs your help in making this the best NOAC ever!

If you are excited and ready to attend the 2009 NOAC, talk to our Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser or anyone that has attended in the past. For more information and how to sign up go to http://www.pocumtuc.org/noac_2009.html Remember, the theme is "I'm There". The question is, "Will you be there?"

Founders Award

The Founders' Award was created in 1981 by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their Lodge. The award is reserved for a member who demonstrates to their fellow Arrowmen that they memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by the Order's founders Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. While the Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction, the Founders Award is used to recognize those Arrowmen, youth and adult, who have impacted the Lodge in a positive and lasting way. This is a rare and distinguished honor presented to recognize the spirit of our Founders visible in worthy Arrowmen.

Nominations for the Founders' Award are to be taken seriously. Please provide as much information about the nominee as possible. In this way, the Awards Selection Committee can make a fair assessment of the contributions of the nominee to the Lodge.

To be eligible for the Founder's Award, an Arrowman must:

1. Be registered in the Western Massachusetts Council, BSA
2. Be member in good standing of the Pocumtuc Lodge

In order for a nomination to be accepted, it must:

1. Be submitted on an official and current Founders' Award Nomination form. Any additional information can be attached to the nomination form.
2. Be received at the Council Office no later than March 1, 2009.

You can download a nomination form from the forms page on the Lodge website.

Ceremony Team News



Interested in having the OA Ceremony Team at your Pack or Troop meeting, but don't know where to start?

The Pocumtuc Lodge Ceremony Team is willing to perform ceremonies for packs, troops, and crews whenever possible. This is often a highlight event for a scout.

To make a request for the Ceremony Team to participate in one of your events please go to <http://www.pocumtuc.org/ceremonyrequest.htm>. Please use this form to make your request; it helps us keep up with and organize the many requests we receive.

After you have submitted your request, someone from the C-Team will contact with to let you know if your request can be honored or not. We will make every effort to honor your request, but please remember that the team is made up of scout/student volunteers that have other commitments in addition to the Order of the Arrow



Pocumtuc Lodge Flaps

Check it out! At the February LEC, the lodge leadership was able to review the first set of samples of our new flaps. We anticipate that the flaps will be available for purchase by our Lodge Banquet on April 5th.

However, before the standard flaps are available, a special commemorative lodge flap will be sent to lodge members who paid their '09 dues before the 2008 deadline. These members are considered 'Charter Members' of Pocumtuc Lodge and will receive two commemorative charter member flaps that have a gold mylar border. The commemorative charter member flaps will not be available for sale by the lodge, making them a valuable part of any complete collection of Pocumtuc Lodge flaps.

New uniforms

As many of you have probably heard, or even seen first hand, there has been a recent change in the official Boy Scout uniform.

Formerly, the traditional tan/olive drab uniform was available in three styles: polyester/cotton, cotton, and polyester/wool. The old style polyester/wool is still in production, however the other two have been replaced with a different material and overall design.

There are two new Centennial Uniform blends. The first is a rich cotton poplin shirt and cotton canvas pants. The shirt features double-needle construction with comfortable generous back pleats and hem vents. The 67% cotton - 33% polyester blend keeps you cool and allows the uniform to stay crisp. The second uniform is a Supplex nylon blend, which is a moisture control fabric that wicks away moisture and keeps you cool.

Both shirts feature bellows breast pockets with velcro-style closures, as well as a smaller pocket on the left sleeve. The long-sleeve shirts feature Swiss tabs and outside loops on the sleeves so they will stay neatly in place when rolled up. Both pants feature Switchback zip-off styles so that you no longer need to buy both pants and shorts for the changing seasons. They are available in Classic and Relaxed fit.

Several other components of the uniform have changed as well, including the uniform cap. The cap has moved from green and red twill to a forest green twill with an embroidered tonal universal emblem on the crown. The shoulder loops have switched from red to a rich forest green, and unit numerals are forest green on khaki. The uniform belt is wider and beefier, with a three-dimensional universal emblem on the steel-gray metal buckle and a sturdy, ratchet-claw closure. Socks are available in various styles, featuring arch support and moisture-wicking capabilities.

These new uniforms, introduced in August, 2008, are available from your local council trading post, or through National Supply Group at www.scoutstuff.org.

Hunter J McCormick
Sales Clerk, National Supply Group

The Extended Elangomat Program

Elangomat is the Lenai Lenape word for “Friend”. Pocumtuc Lodge will be instituting the Extended Elangomat Program. The Extended Elangomat Program is a great way to help new candidates and current Ordeal members ease into the Order of the Arrow and continue to feel “in the loop” until they earn Brotherhood.

At the Ordeal, it is the mission of the Elangomat to help provide a great first experience for each new member and demonstrate for them the Spirit and Ideals of the Order. He should lead by example and undergo the same Trials as his Clan. He should be a Cheerful worker.

After the Ordeal, the duties of the Elangomat are not done, but they change. He should maintain contact with the members of his Clan and answer any questions they may have. He should invite them to Lodge meetings and encourage them to get involved. He should invite them Lodge Fellowships and explain to them about Conclaves and why they should attend.

As the Elangomat's Clan nears the time of it's Brotherhood Conversion, he should remind them of their Obligation to learn more and take that important next step. He should provide them with the information they need for their Conversion and instruct them in How, When, and Where that Brotherhood can be earned.

The Elangomat Program is much more than just Ordeals. It is the backbone of the Order.



~ Weuchsowagan ~

Allogagan Lodge 83 was chartered April 7, 1936 under the Hampden Council #234. The lodge was the 2nd to emerge in the original Region 1 area, following Wahquimacut Lodge 59 from Middletown, CT, which chartered on July 20, 1931, but disbanded in September 1933. Middlesex County Council did not form a new lodge until March 22, 1957 when Kiehtan Lodge 59 was chartered. Effectively making Allogagan Lodge the oldest lodge in New England.

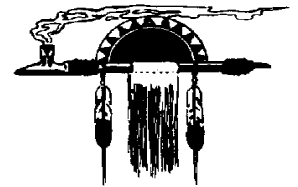


Allogagan (pronounced Allo-ga-gan) comes from the Lenape, meaning *a servant* or *one who serves*. The lodge totem of the lodge was an Indian Chief. The lodge's first flap (pictured above) was issued in 1956.



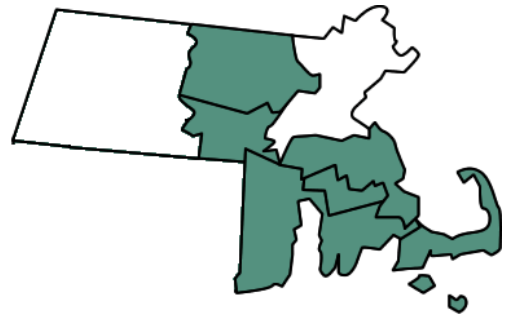
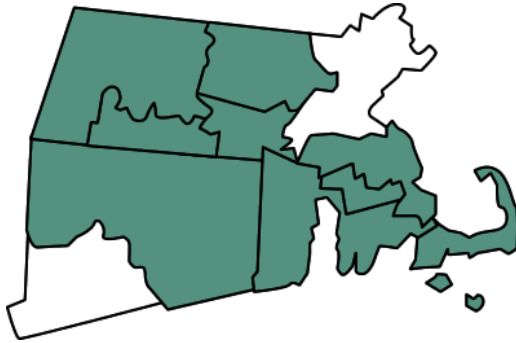
Allogagan 83 (1936-2008) merged with Memsochet 507 to become Pocumtuc Lodge
Nonotuck 277 (1944-1947) name changed to Apinakwi Pita 277
Apinakwi Pita 277 (1947-1962) merged into Allogagan 83
Penain Sew Netami 507 (1954-1968) merged with Metacomet 556 to become Memsochet 507
Memsochet 507 (1968-2008) merged with Allogagan 83 to become Pocumtuc Lodge
Metacomet 556 (1962-1968) merged with Penain Sew Netami 507 to become Memsochet 507

With the recent merger of the Great Trails and Pioneer Valley Councils, a consolidation of Allogagan 83 and Memsochet 507 had to take place. Although each lodge held long standing traditions and histories, a new lodge would emerge. Pocumtuc Lodge was effectively formed on October 1, 2008. Named for the original inhabitants of the area, Pocumtuc (pronounced Poh-Kum-Tuck) comes from the Mahican, meaning *clear stream*. The lodge totem is a wolf. And so begins a new chapter in the long history of the Order of the Arrow in the Western Massachusetts Council.



Northeast Region Order of the Arrow Section Realignment 2008

Effective upon the conclusion of the 2008 Section Conclaves

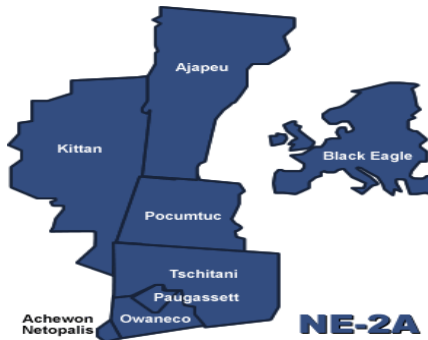


Section NE-1B (1989-2008)

- Tschitani Lodge #10
- Allogagan Lodge #83
- Abnaki Lodge #102
- Tisquantum Lodge #164
- Tulpe Lodge #245
- Grand Monadnock Lodge #309
- Abake Mi-Sa-Na-Ki Lodge 393
- Memsochet Lodge #507
- Pachachaug Lodge #525

Section NE-1B (2008 – Present)

- Abnaki Lodge #102
- Tisquantum Lodge #164
- Tulpe Lodge #245
- Grand Monadnock Lodge #309
- Abake Mi-Sa-Na-Ki Lodge 393
- Pachachaug Lodge #525



Section NE-2A (2008-Present)

- Kittan Lodge
- Pocumtuc Lodge
- Tschitani Lodge #10
- Owanece Lodge #313
- Ajapeu Lodge #351
- Achewon Netopalis Lodge #427
- Black Eagle Lodge #482
- Paugassett Lodge 553



Section NE-1A (2008-Present)

- Moswetuset Lodge #52
- Chippanyonk Lodge #59
- Nanepashemet Lodge #158
- Pamola Lodge #211
- Passaconaway Lodge #220
- Maddockawanda Lodge #271

Note to OA patch collectors: OA Images lists Kittan Lodge under 364. There is no current listing for Pocumtuc Lodge as yet, but should appear with an assigned number when our first flap comes out. These “assigned” numbers are primarily for cataloging purposes only and are applied solely in the patch collecting community.