

## **Lodge History**

### **Origins**

In 1941 the King Phillip Lodge 195 formed. In 1947 the Massasoit Lodge of the Quincy Council was formed and then later on in 1959, Massasoit changed its name to the Moswetuset Lodge # 370. In 1958, Taskiagi Lodge 261 was formed by merging together Missituck 261, Souhegan 447 and Menetomi 496. In 1965 the Moswetuset Lodge 370 was absorbed into the King Phillip Lodge.

Twenty-eight years later on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1993, Moswetuset Lodge #52 of the Boston Minuteman Council was formed when King Phillip Lodge #195 (of the Greater Boston Council, Boston, MA) and Taskiagi Lodge #261 (of the Minuteman Council in Stoneham, MA) merged.

The name Moswetuset was chosen because it is the name given by the Wampanoag Native Americans to the hill and quarry area of Quincy, MA. It was the same name used by Lodge #370 of the Quincy Council before it was merged with Boston Council in 1965. The number 52 was selected because it was the lowest number not in use when the lodge was founded. Originally, the lodge selected three totems: the lobster (a local delicacy), a talking stick (used by the Wampanoags as a symbol of leadership), and an arrowhead. In 1998, the lodge adopted the single totem of a lobster.

In 2000 the Moswetuset Lodge absorbed Kahagon Lodge 131 of the Cambridge Council 229.

### **Camp Development**

Moswetuset Lodge has excelled in camp development, raising and spending over \$20,000 on projects to support the camping programs of the Boston Minuteman Council. These projects have included the construction of twenty new bulletin boards at TL Storer Scout Camp, BB and Archery Ranges at Camp Sayre, two family picnic areas at Camp Massasoit, the Handicraft Pavilion at TL Storer Scout Camp, the *Eliminator* waterfront activity at TL Storer, new picnic tables at all council camps, the refurbishing of the campfire ring at Storer, and most recently the construction of a handicapped accessible Adirondack at Camp Sayre.

In 1995, the lodge published its first "Where to go Camping" book, entitled *Lobster Lore* and distributed it to every troop in the council. The guide was revised and re-released in 2000 and 2003. From 1997 to 2001, the lodge has produced an annual folder which contains a description of all summer camp opportunities for Boy Scouts and Venturers at TL Storer Scout Camp and Parker Mountain High Adventure Base. In 1997, the lodge produced a pamphlet describing different winter camping opportunities at council camps.

### **Program and Leadership**

Moswetuset Lodge has a history of program and leadership excellence as well. The lodge holds four events yearly: a lodge banquet, a fellowship and two ordeals. To develop the leadership within our lodge, the lodge sponsors both a Lodge Leadership Development Course and a Troop Representative Training

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Seminar. The lodge produces a bi-monthly newsletter *Lobster Tales* as well as a monthly online newsletter *E-Tales*. As recognition for the lodge's efforts, it has been presented the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, an award given to only two lodges per region annually. The lodge has also earned the NE-1A Silver Tomahawk, given in recognition for the highest quality camping program in the section. The lodge was the Service Lodge for the 2000 NE-1A Conclave, held at TL Storer Scout Camp. In 2001, the lodge launched its TrOOop Leadership Seminar (TOOLS) program, a leadership seminar for emerging troop leaders council wide. Most recently, the lodge unveiled its new Strategic Plan (2003 - 2008) to further the vision of increased service to the Boston Minuteman Council.

### **Lodge Executive Board**

An executive board composed of youth officers and chairmen advised by adult scouters, directs the lodge. Five officers, a chief, two vice-chiefs, a treasurer and secretary are elected annually. The chief appoints committee chairmen, responsible for overseeing the lodge's operation. The lodge is divided into two committee groups: Operations and Inductions. The Operations group contains the Camping, Communications, Awards & Honors and Troop Representative Committees. The Inductions Group consists of the Ceremonies, Elangomats, Brotherhood and Elections Committees. The Executive Board meets every other month and meetings are open to all members. In 2006 the Scoutreach committee was formed in order to expand the Arrowman's role in helping inner city youth with the scouting program.

### **Awards**

Quality Lodge (1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003)

E. Urner Goodman Camping Award (1999)

OA Service Grant (1998 and 2000)

NE-1A Silver Tomahawk (1999)

National Honor Newsletter (1998 and 2000)

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### **Lodge Leadership**

#### *Lodge Chiefs*

1993-1994 Brian Laroche  
1994-1995 Kelly Egan  
1995-1996 Chris Churchill  
1996-1997 Benjamin Adamo  
1997 Paul May  
1997-1999 Christopher Taylor  
1999-2000 Robert Schoeck  
2000-2001 Edward Lynes  
2001-2002 Matthew Clienman  
2002 Michael Haviland  
2003 Edward Lynes  
2003 Chris Tiernan  
2004 Jim Santos  
2005 Joe Caiazzo  
2005-2006 Chris Allender

#### *Supreme Chiefs of the Fire*

1993 – 1994 Ron Brundege  
1994 – 2005 Brock L. Bigsby  
2005 – Matt Thornton

#### *Section Leadership*

2001 Ed Lynes (Section Vice Chief)  
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2004-2005 Joe Caiazzo (Section Vice Chief)

#### *Lodge Advisers*

1993-1994 Joseph Marshall  
1994-1997 Howard Nelles  
1997 Brian Connor  
1998-2000 Stephen Lomber  
2000-2002 John R. Halsey  
2002 Andrew Scarano  
2003 Jay E. Schanpp  
2004 Dave Gottshall  
2005 Mike O'Neil  
2005 Dave Gottshall

#### *Lodge Staff Advisers*

1993-1994 R. Scott Harvey  
1994 David Weineke  
1994-1997 John Dillon  
1997-1998 R. Scott Harvey  
1998-2000 James Corcoran  
2000-2002 Brian Shankey  
2002 Gregory Jordan  
2003 Rich Greene  
2004 - 2005 Sharon McConnell  
2005 Brian Shankey  
2006 Matt Thornton

#### *National Leadership*

2004 Ed Lynes (Northeast Region Chief)