



The Eagle Pipe

The Voice of Migisi Opawgan – Lodge 162

Swan presents 2005 Lodge charter

Taking a first step in working with new Detroit Area Council leadership, Chief Dan Swan met with the Supreme Chief of the Fire, Rick Williamson, to review the newly approved Lodge Charter.

During the meeting, Dan also reviewed the DeCourcy camping promotion application, which requires the Scout Executive's signature. The review included lodge and council performance measurements that are part of the application. Migisi Opawgan did its camp promotion presentation to the other C2A lodges on Sunday, March 6th at the Dauch Scout Center just prior to the Council of Chiefs meeting.



Photo by Joseph Retzbach

Meeting with our new Supreme Chief of Fire, Rick Williamson, Lodge Chief Dan Swan reviews the Migisi Opawgan DeCourcy camp promo application.

Over 300 attend Pilgrimage

Quadrupling previous years, the 2005 Lincoln Pilgrimage was a hit. Hosted by Achowalogen Chapter, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Scouts, leaders and parents enjoyed a number of events from 10 am until mid-afternoon. The program was outstanding.

The event kicked off with a ceremony and wreath laying at the bronze Lincoln statue outside the Thomas Trainor Scout Museum. Long-time Scouter and past Lodge Adviser, Gordon Draper, gave a presentation that detailed

the history of the statue and our lodge's involvement in the annual pilgrimage.

All the events proved popular – from kickball to Frisbee playing; from branding to finding a penny in the hay; from match splitting to determining the number of Lincolns in the museum. There was something for just about everyone. Most importantly, positive comments were heard from the youth and adult guests. So, let's start planning for 2006 to have an even larger attendance.

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A different kind of service

By *Ethan Rein*
Camping Promotions

It was the fall of 2001. Under the leadership of Lodge Chief Sam Stocker and Service Chairman Mike Ruzala, the lodge launched the most comprehensive service program the Detroit Area Council had ever seen. The goal was simple. We sought to remark and add on to the Pedro Trail. Thanks to the involvement of hundreds of lodge members, and the guidance of the D-bar-A Ranger Staff, this program made a huge impact on the trail. It is in no way the sort of project that can be simply finished, and the upkeep of the trail still remains at the heart of our service program.

I submit that the goal of our leaders was not to create an awesome service program, but to create an awesome program which would fulfill a need of the council. This need was the need for an

improved service program. It has been improved, and it's time for the lodge to bring a new issue front and center.

Every summer, hundreds of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts participate in the camping programs offered by the Council and D-bar-A Scout Ranch and Cole Canoe Base. Yet, the camps are not as full as they could be. The goal of our Camping Promotions Committee is to be in contact with as many troops and packs as possible, so that not only will the camps have scouts in every campsite, but that the campsites will be full of scouts.

How can this be accomplished? It won't be easy, but we can do it. Right now, the Council has a program called 'The Blitz' which informs packs about Cub Scout Camping. We encourage each chapter to have at least one trained presenter, youth or adult, for The Blitz who will do presentations this spring. Blitz train-

ings go on throughout the year, so keep posted for the next one. You can also contact the Director of Cub Scout Camping, Mr. Kim Terry at kterry@dacbsa.org for more information. Starting next fall, the lodge and the Council Camping Department plan to unveil a new and improved Blitz presentation, which will be staffed primarily by Arrowmen.

A collaborative effort between the senior lodge leaders and the Council Camping Department is now in action to spread the word to troops about Council Camping opportunities, in the form of an informative compact disc which will be given to all units. Look for this program to be completed later in the year by a presentation that can be given by Order of the Arrow election teams that will excite all the boys at the election about camping. It's a great year to be an arrowman. Let's get out there and promote our great camps.

Annual Trade-O-Ree to be held May 6 and 7

Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162, along with the Detroit Area Council BSA and the Camp Staff Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Livonia Mall, is proud to sponsor the 10th annual Detroit – Great Lakes 2005 Scout Trade-O-Ree and Memorabilia Show.

The show starts Friday, May 6 and runs that day from 5 pm to 11 pm. Then, on Saturday, May 7, the show

runs from 8 am to 4 pm. Livonia Mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile Road, on the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Seven Mile Roads. Park in Lot "G" and enter the mall at the "Lot G" entrance.

Arrowmen are needed Thursday evening to help set up the exhibit tables and chairs. They are also needed during show times to help direct

guests and man some of the registration tables and exhibits. Like last year, the team of individuals who helps tear-down the show completed it in record time because of their teamwork. We need additional arrowmen on-site Saturday afternoon starting at 3 pm to wrap up the show.

The lodge receives a portion of the proceeds from this event, which

are placed into our National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) account to help defer some of that event's cost to those participating in 2006. Supporting the 2004 Trade-O-Ree realized a benefit of over \$400 to the lodge thanks to the event organizers and efforts of Arrowmen like Mr. Ed Basar (Vigil Honor 1976).

See you at the Trade-O-Ree!

Members must be registered with BSA

Whether you were elected as a youth or nominated as an adult, one of the requirements for membership in the Order of the Arrow is being a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. That means every person who pays their OA dues each year must also be BSA registered – either at a troop, District, Council, Region or National level.

Sometimes Scout and Scouter BSA annual registrations will lapse and there are many reasons this might occur. Perhaps the Scout or Scouter was removed when a unit did its annual Charter processing. Maybe the Scout

turned 18, left for college, and the unit removed them from the roster. Or perhaps the Scouter, while doing a great job volunteering, has just never registered as a Member at Large in his/her District or the Council each year.

We want to remind everyone in our lodge of the BSA registration requirement. If you are not registered with the BSA, but are a paid OA lodge member, the solution is really quite simple.

Please contact the Detroit Area Council office (313-897-1965) and request an Adult Leader application be sent to you. Or, contact a District Committee member at

Roundtable or a unit committee member at a troop meeting at request the form. If you are not longer affiliated with a unit, register with your District and become a Member at Large. Complete the registration, secure the appropriate signatures, and make sure they process the form for you.

We recently updated the Migisi Opawgan Lodge dues form for you to indicate your unit registration affiliation. If you are registered with a District or Council, please note that on the form in place of the unit number.

Vigil Nominations

By Jamie White

The Vigil Committee is accepting nominations for the Vigil Honor, if you know someone who is a dues paid member, has been a Brotherhood Member for at least 2 years, and is deserving of the highest rank in the Order of the Arrow. You can fill out a nomination form found at www.migisi.org, and give the form to Jamie White so that your nominee is considered for the Vigil Honor. The deadline for nominations is May 18th. The Vigil selection meeting will be held on June 12th, time and location TBD.

Elangomats needed

My Migisi Brothers:

With the Spring Conclave just around the corner, a lot of planning still needs to be done. I would like to remind the chapters to have enough Elangomats for your candidates. If any of you arrowmen would be interested in serving as an Elangomat, please talk to your chapter chief or send me an e-mail (litoo35@aol.com). I will be glad to forward the information to your chapter chief. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Chris Szybisty
Lodge Executive Vice Chief

From the Desk of the Lodge Chief

Brothers, the first part of the year has been a huge success.

With our first event the Lincoln Pilgrimage we saw what a determined group of Arrowmen can do when they put their minds to it.

We hosted over 350 Cub Scouts and parents. Our hard work will make the event even bigger next year. I would like to say how proud I am of all those who helped make this event a success.

Don't forget Spring Conclave and Section Conclave is just around the corner. Let's show section C2A that we are the best! Come out to "Section," as those in the know call it. All lodge mem-

bers are welcome and are guaranteed a good time.

Hope to see you all at future Lodge events.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Daniel Swan
Migisi Opawgan Chief

Chapter news

Achowalogen

Achowalogen Chapter serves the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park. For more information, contact Chapter Chief Leo T. LeBron.

Lowanue Kuwe

By Tyler Colman

The Lowanue Kuwe Chapter had a great year in 2004. We grew by 18 members; provided 1452 hours of service to our council, District and units; had fourteen chapter meetings; and put on 20 Indian dance performances. Some of our members also earned awards at the Section C2A Conclave and NOAC at Iowa State University.

Our first big event this year was to host the Northridge District Klondike. It was very icy and very cold, but the participants had a great time. The highlight of the weekend was "Lasso the Lodge Chief".

Our near term plans for 2005 include a March 17 Chapter Meeting at the "The Fridge" toboggan run in Oakland County; hosting the Spring Conclave at D-A in April; attending the Section Conclave; assisting the

North Trails and Northridge Districts at their Spring Camporees; and playing Whirlyball on May 26.

We're looking forward to another great year for the members of Lowanue Kuwe.

Mahican

My name is Chris Corbin and I am the Chapter Chief for Mahican Chapter.

I believe that this year will be a good year because the Chapter seems more organized and ready for the year.

Our camping promotions chair is making handouts to pass out to the Troops to tell them what camps are in their area, and how they can help the unit.

Our ceremony team has a lot going so far. We are busy with Ordeal Ceremonies, Brotherhood Conversations, and Blue and Gold Banquets. We are also looking forward to hosting the summer conclave at Cole Canoe Base, and the Annual Dinner, location still undecided.

Thank you.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Chris Corbin

Wapanue

by Mark Elias

Wapanue Chapter,

servicing the Lakeshore and Michigami districts, has a new home, a new management team, and a renewed spirit. Chapter Chief Stephen Benoot along with his other officers has embarked on a program to rebuild the ceremonies teams in Wapanue. While there are a lot of enthusiastic young arrowmen, some experienced and some new, that are preparing for this year's conclaves, we still have room for anyone interested in being part of the pre-ordeal, ordeal, or brotherhood ceremony teams. Non-speaking parts are available if you would just like to help.

As mentioned, Wapanue has a new home. We are now meeting at Kelly Middle School. The school is located at 24701 Kelly Road in Eastpointe, just south of 10 Mile and just west of I-94. Chapter meetings are the second Wednesday of each month (except July and December) and start at 7:00 PM. The bulk of the next few meetings will be to continue our work on ceremonies. In addition to practicing the actual ceremonies themselves, there will be sessions on regalia

content and construction. Please plan on attending one of these informative sessions. Even if you can't stay long, please show up for the business portion of the meeting, which will take place first. We have a lot of important items that need to be passed along to our fellow arrowmen and this is a good way to do so.

Speaking of ways to pass along chapter information - have you checked out Wapanue's Yahoo Group website? Through this Yahoo Group we are able to pass along important chapter information to all of our members. Please take the time to visit the website - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wapanue> - and Join the group. It only takes a moment and, by adding your name to our group list, you will help us share information and updates with you, our chapter members, without the expenses of regular mailings.

Finally, the Unit Election teams for the chapter have made it a goal to try to contact as many units as possible BEFORE the first ordeal of this year. This

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Chapter news (continued)

gives the candidates from your units the best chances of making an ordeal within 2005.

Please contact the chapter adviser, Mr. Mark Elias (586-776-8364 or mark@markelias.com), or visit the Migisi website (www.migisi.org) to schedule a unit election.

Wsigau

Greetings, Brothers of the Great Wsigau Chapter. Boy, have we been busy since our last newsletter. First, for those that weren't there, what a great time was had by close to 30 Brothers at the Christmas party at the Grand Prix of America!

Great job by Nick Fedoronko putting the party together.

We've had two meetings so far, and are busy planning the year especially for this year's Fall Fellowship. Still need more input, so come to the Chapter meetings and share your ideas. Sunsets Winter Camporee was another great spot for Wsigau involvement. Recognize those Native Americans trading gorp, combs, and beads doing the Lewis and Clark sled race? Another great OA get together in the evening for fellowship and food.

It's election time. If

your troop has not done so talk it up and go to the www.migisi.org website and let us know when you want one. Also we need election help, so step forward and volunteer. It fun and great way of helping the Chapter. Every Troop having an election should be our goal, but we can not do it with out everybody's support.

Hey, Northville Ordeal members! The chapter challenges you to prepare for the Brotherhood Ceremony to be held in your city. Watch for the dates and be ready. Everything you need can be found

on the www.migisi.org site. The only thing missing is your commitment to make this happen. What a great opportunity to seal your membership.

Finally, it is with regret that I am stepping down as Chapter Advisor of the Great Wsigau for health reasons. Chuck Cheek is stepping forward to fill the position. I know you will give him all the support he needs as you have given me. I will not be going away and will still be active in the Chapter and Lodge but at a slower pace. Thank you for your dedication to the Chapter.

Chapter year-end goals

Achowalogen Chapter

- Membership – 33
- Brotherhood Conversion – 2

Lowanue Kuwe Chapter

- Membership – 235
- Brotherhood Conversion – 50

Mahican Chapter

- Membership – 311
- Brotherhood Conversion – 40

Wapanue Chapter

- Membership – 135
- Brotherhood Conversion – 20

Wsigau Chapter

- Membership – 215
- Brotherhood Conversion – 35

Migisi on your homepage

Lodge Calendar now available on 'MyYahoo' and 'MyMSN'

If you use MyYahoo or MyMSN, perhaps as your browser Home Page, you now have the capability to add our "Migisi Opawgan Calendar" to those sites. It basically becomes another grouping on those pages just like "AP: Top Stories;" "Reuters: Business;" "AP: Sports" or "TV Listings."

You can reposition it on the

page so it is convenient to your viewing preferences.

How do you do it? Go to www.migisi.org and just below our Home Page calendar, select the MyYahoo or MyMSN icon. Follow the directions and you will easily have our calendar in front of you whenever you visit MyYahoo or MyMSN. Check it out!

If the Calendar of the events disappears on MyYahoo, go to "Edit" and change the display parameter to "Any Date."



New 'Leadership in Service' award

In recognition of the Order of the Arrow's heritage of service, the National Order of the Arrow Committee created a new three-year Leadership in Service Program which was announced at the 2004 NOAC.

The Order strives to strengthen Scouting's foundation of service by further fostering in Arrowmen the ethic of servant leadership. By promoting and rewarding service that benefits the Boy Scouts of America's outdoor program, and the communities in which Scouts reside, the Order will be acting to support Scouting at the most important level.

Award Criteria

Arrowmen must complete the following requirements each year in which they earn the award:

- Give 8 hours of service participating in a lodge, chapter, or council service project benefiting a local council camp (lodge induction weekends do count). Service may be split over two or more events. Working as camp staff does not fulfill the council service requirement.

- Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge or chapter. Lodges are encouraged to use the OA's Lodge Community Service Guide to aid them in planning community service projects.

The timeline for the Leadership in Service Award is a graduated system that encourages Arrowmen to continue their service from year to year. Requirements for the award can be met during the calendar years of 2005, 2006, and 2007. Service from a previous year cannot be carried over to meet the next year's requirements. Arrowmen of all ages may earn the First Year award in 2005, 2006 or 2007, the Second Year in 2006 or 2007, and the Third Year Award in 2007 only.

Signatures for the requirements of this award may be signed off by the Arrowman's Scoutmaster, Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisers. Please visit to download the "Leadership in Service" form for Migisi Opawgan Lodge. Completed forms should be returned to the Lodge Recogni-

tions Chairman for processing. The awards will be presented by the lodge at an appropriate occasion.

The Lodge "Service Report" and the Lodge "Leadership in Service" Award form

The lodge "Service Report" captures the details and hours for service to our camps and community. This is at the highest level for all persons participating and this form's detail is used to calculate lodge/chapter performance for Honor status. The "Service Report" is the basis for any service feather recognition. This form goes to the Service Committee Chairman who approves the service report; logs the service hours reported into a summary matrix for the lodge; and, delivers the approved and logged report to the awards committee.

Our individual "Leadership in Service Award" form tracks an individual's service/hours toward this award. This form cannot be used for lodge or chapter service hour reporting. When completed, the arrowman gives it to the Recognition (Awards) Committee chair for processing.

Ceremony and Dance

by Jamie White

The Ceremonies and Dance Committee is looking for members in each Chapter who are interested in taking part in our ceremony and dance teams.

Our goal is to have a Ceremony team in each Chapter, and eventually have a Dance team for each Chapter too.

If you are interested, contact your Chapter Chief or Jamie White.

Eagle Pipe contributions

by Elliot Njus

If you are writing a Chapter report, please be sure to include the following things: Where and when you meet, what you plan to do between now and the next issue of the Eagle Pipe, any events that you have had recently, and recognition for any chapter members for anything that bears printing in the Eagle Pipe.

If you are writing about an event or a committee report, be sure to include specifics, such as date and time, location, and contact information.

Adviser's Five

Spectacular year for Migisi Opawgan

If you attended the Winter Fellowship and Lincoln Pilgrimage in February, you have to believe Migisi Opawgan Lodge is going to have another outstanding year. Attendance at the Saturday Lincoln Pilgrimage event was nearly four times greater than 2004 – in fact, we had 300 guests and over fifty arrowmen for lunch that day. Why the change? I believe it's because arrowmen across the lodge "marketed" the event to Cubs, Webelos, Scouts, leaders and parents at Roundtables, unit visits, and through flyers distributed via the Express Mail at Council. This is exactly what must be done for all our events — even those where lodge members are the principle participants. Remember, "If we are out of sight; we will be out of mind." Each arrowman can help ensure success.

Looking to the future, we have our Spring Conclave (Ordeal); Section C2A Conclave; and, Summer Conclave (Ordeal) events. Our Chapters and members hosting and/or planning these events must ensure everyone knows their roles and responsibilities — e.g. the plan. When the plan is communicated, the event (even with deviations) will move forward because everyone is working toward the same goals. This year, we will also leverage the "Lessons

Learned" evaluation from the 2004 event to ensure problems from last year are avoided and to refine and improve the many positives that also occurred.

Through our continual event performance evaluation, taking action to improve and refine, our events can only become bigger, better, and more fun — and, I would like to emphasize FUN!

"It is my hope each arrowman will look into our membership and find someone new you can mentor and teach the skills you know so well. "

Continuing to look to the future, we have a new Lodge Supreme Chief of Fire – Mr. Rick Williamson. As the new Scout Executive for the Detroit Area Council, Rick has a broad background of experience in the professional program. He comes to Detroit from the BSA's Central Region offices, and was the Scout Executive in Grand Rapids and has held senior program positions at the National Office. Dan Swan, your chief, and I recently met with Rick and Jerry Freyberg, the Council's Director of Program Administration. Our hour long meeting gave Dan a chance to update to Rick on Migisi Opawgan Lodge and our role

in supporting the Council. Rick asked the lodge to continue its focus on providing service to our Council camps, but to put an even stronger emphasis in the coming year in working with Scouts and leaders in their units. We need to provide spirit, leadership, and incentive to boys at all levels so they will continue their involvement in Scouts — even when they reach high school and college. Clearly, this is something Migisi Opawgan members are already doing, but we need an even stronger emphasis to drive change.

Finally, and looking to our future, it is my hope each arrowman will look into our membership and find someone new you can mentor and teach the skills you know so well. By teaching and encouraging others to participate, you will create a legacy that will carry Migisi Opawgan Lodge well into the future. Reaching into Scout units, Roundtables and District events to communicate who we are, what we do, and why Scouting is a great program will also help Migisi Opawgan to continue its growth and success at all levels.

See you at the spring, summer, and Section Conclaves!! And, let's have some FUN!

*YiB,
Joe Retzbach
Lodge Adviser*



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Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 13, 1 p.m.	Lodge Leadership Committee Meeting	Ford Motor Company, Regent Court
March 16, 7:30 p.m.	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist Church of Dearborn
April 3	Lodge Leadership Committee Meeting	Ford Motor Company, Regent Court
April 20, 7:30 p.m.	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist Church of Dearborn
April 22-24	Spring Conclave	D-A Scout Ranch
April 29-May 1	C2A Section Conclave	
May 6-7	Detroit-Great Lakes Scout Trade-o-Ree	Livonia Mall
May 8	Lodge Leadership Committee Meeting	Ford Motor Company, Regent Court
May 18	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist Church of Dearborn
June 3-5	Summer Conclave	Cole Canoe Base
July 8	Trail to Eagle Camp Closing Campfire Dance Performance	D-A Scout Ranch
September 16-18	Fall Conclave	D-A Scout Ranch
September 21, 7:30 p.m.	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist Church of Dearborn



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