

# The Eagle Pipe

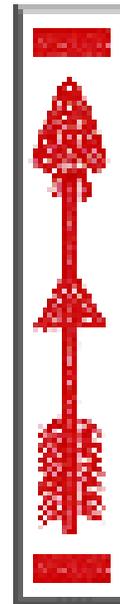


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## Ten arrowmen recognized with the Vigil Honor



Vigil Honor recipients at the invitation only October 27th breakfast event

By *Chris Szybisty, Vigil Honor Chairman*

Gabriel A. Church, Nicholas Fedoronko, Leo T. LeBron, V, Jason Medina, Jason Smith, Martin Church, Chuck Cheek, Sidney Keeler, Shannon Medina, and William "Kim" Terry were selected to receive the Vigil Honor. They were called out at the Fall Conclave and inducted during the Fall Fellowship at D-A Scout Ranch. Their induction was celebrated at the annual Vigil Honor Breakfast held during the fellowship event.

The Vigil Honor committee would like to extend our congratulations to these distinguished scouters and arrowmen. They have exceptionally portrayed the characteristics of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. They have each helped to make Migisi Opawgan Lodge a quality lodge.

The committee would also like to thank everyone who helped make this year a success. Special thanks are due to Mr. Mike Bien, Vigil Adviser, and Mr. Joe Retz-

bach, Lodge Adviser, who continually helped the committee in its tasks all year. Thanks also to the members of the committee, the chapter Vigil advisers, sponsors, all who helped with the induction event and breakfast, and everyone who submitted a nomination.

### LLD November 17th

On November 17 the Training Committee will be providing this years Lodge Leadership Development (LLD). The LLD takes place at the Dauch Service Center starting at 8:00 am. We are excited about some of the new courses being offered for those involved with ceremonies, leadership positions, and for those who just want to get involved more. In order for us to continue to be a strong and growing lodge we



## LLD continued...

need all members to participate in this year LLD (Not to mention it is a requirement to be a Quality Lodge). Be sure to register now, you can find registration forms at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org). Cost is only \$5 which provides you with lunch and a day of fun and learning. Questions? Email [training@migisi.org](mailto:training@migisi.org)

## 2008 Lodge officers elected

Congratulations to the five 2008 lodge officers who were chosen by the membership at the October Fall Fellowship event. Jason Smith was re-elected Lodge Chief; Andrew Curtiss was elected Executive Vice-Chief; James Montour, Vice-Chief of Activities; David Fry, Secretary; and, Pawel Jarosz was re-elected Treasurer. Chris Szybisty, 2006 Lodge Chief, will continue in his position as Immediate Past Lodge Chief with the re-election of Jason Smith for a second term as Chief. Please attend the lodge annual dinner meeting at the Troy Marriott Hotel on December 5th to congratulate the 2008 slate of officers and witness their induction to office.



2008 Lodge officers elect

## Dec 5th annual meeting at the Troy Marriott Hotel

By Andrew Curtiss, Vice Chief of Activities



Lowanue Kuwe Chapter (North Trails and Northridge Districts) is hosting the year's annual lodge dinner meeting on Wednesday, December 5th at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Located 1/4 mile east of I-75, the address is 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI. Fellowship starts at 6:00 pm; dinner at 6:35 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and

can be purchased from your Chapter Adviser or Joe Retzbach, Lodge Adviser, through Friday, November 30th. Tickets will not be sold after this date. Please join us to celebrate our 2007 accomplishments and the swearing in of our 2008 Lodge officers, Chapter officers, and their advisers.

## ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>—It's Huge!

By the Lodge Service Committee

"ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>" (pronounced arrow corps five), and also known as "AC5", will be the largest service project ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America—and, it's coming next summer to five national parks across the country. Yes, that's five sites; five weeks; and, five thousand participants. You can participate at one or all five locations if you wish. Our lodge has been asked to send at least 35 arrowmen (youth and adult) to one or more of the national parks. An ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> flyer is enclosed with this newsletter providing high level event details. Be sure to read it over and visit the National OA website [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) where you can find even more details on this exciting, once in a lifetime, event.

Lodge AC5 advisers are Mr. Don Ray ([djay@comcast.net](mailto:djay@comcast.net)) and Mr. Rick Stoner ([rick.stoner@intier.com](mailto:rick.stoner@intier.com)). You can also email our Lodge Adviser at [adviser@migisi.org](mailto:adviser@migisi.org) for details. Where do you want to go next year—Virginia; Arkansas; California; Utah; Wyoming; or California for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>?



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For up-to-the-minute news, check out [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) — the official Migisi Opawgan website.

## OA High Adventure update

*By the Lodge Camping Promotions Committee*

Are you looking for something exciting to do in 2008? Nothing beats the three high adventure programs offered by the Order of the Arrow: Trail Crew (Philmont), Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base), and Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier). Arrowmen attending these OA treks do so at very attractive prices; and for two weeks. The first week is dedicated to service work projects with the second week focusing on a crew developed trek. Limited campership funds are available from our Lodge and OA Section that are credited to the trek registration fee. Travel and incidentals are the responsibility of the Scout. For more information, please go to [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org), the National Order of the Arrow website, and select High Adventure on the left side of the Home Page. The 2008 applications are already posted and we've already processed seven for next year!!



### Adults, sponsor a youth!

Attention adult arrowmen. Rise to the occasion and help a youth member attend this year's annual dinner on December 5th at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Please purchase an additional dinner ticket and bring a youth member to the dinner as your guest. Your generosity will be appreciated by them and help our youth attendance at this special event.

## More on Training...

*By Daniel Ghastin, Training Committee Chairman*

Don't forget the Central Region will soon be hosting a National Leadership Seminar (NLS) and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS). NLS and NLATS is a weekend training offered at the region level and these seminars explore the "skills and attributes of leadership".

The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training Programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community. Be sure to take part in the upcoming NLS and NLATS. The next NLS and NLATS offered in the Central Region will be February 22-24, 2008 at the Geneva Center in Rochester, IN. As we receive more information, we will post it on [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org). Youth Arrowman interested in attend-

ing NLS have the opportunity to apply for scholarships through the lodge and section.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the training committee at [training@migisi.org](mailto:training@migisi.org)

## Brotherhood: the final push

*By David Fry, Brotherhood Committee Chairman*

OK Arrowmen... You and your Chapter have been making the big push to encourage Ordeal members to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow with a Brotherhood conversion. Wapaneu Chapter held ceremonies in the summer; Wsigau and Mahican Chapters in the September; and Lowanue Kuwe Chapter recently in October. Thank you for your dedication in this and thank you to the Ethan Morlock and the Mahican Chapter for happily donating ceremonialists to help other chapter's provide ceremonies at many locations.

But now it's time to get serious. It's time to make our final push. Chapter's should schedule every opportunity for a brotherhood ceremony: roundtables, chapter meetings, camporees, and even at troop meetings. Don't forget to talk to troops with large brotherhood opportunity and help their members convert.

Members, if you know of someone who has 10 months of membership, they can seal their OA membership and you should get them to a ceremony! It only costs \$15 to register for a ceremony and that cost gets the eligible Ordeal member a brand new Brotherhood sash and a great red bordered commemorative pocket flap. They'll get to participate in a fantastic ceremony too. Your chapter and lodge will thank you greatly.

To our newest members, keep an eye out in the mail for special letters from the four ceremony principals throughout the year and please attend your local Chapter meetings to hear about upcoming events. Stay active and before you know, you too can have the honor of becoming a full member of the Order of the Arrow; a Brotherhood member.

Let's make that final push, help Ordeal members seal their membership, and meet our Lodge Brotherhood goals.

Finally, congratulations to Howard Hamerink and Steffen Hill of Wsigau Chapter; Dylan Delikta of Wapaneu Chapter; and Drake Turner and Evan Hahne of Lowanue Kuwe Chapter for sealing their membership in the Order of the Arrow with a Brotherhood conversion at Fall Fellowship. Well done! Also, thank you to the over 50 Brotherhood and Vigil members in attendance for supporting the ceremony. Thank you to Shaun Range, Gabe Church, Will Gagnon, and James Montour of Mahican for a fantastic ceremony.





Mahican ceremonialists

## Message from the VCA...

*Andrew Curtiss, Vice-Chief of Activities*

Dear Arrowmen and families:

Wow, another year is almost gone. We've had some fantastic times welcoming new members into our Lodge, holding Brotherhood ceremonies to seal members into our Order, providing countless hours of service to D-A Scout Ranch and Cole Canoe Base as well as our local communities, meeting each other in fun and fellowship, traveling to Section Conclave, and to National Events like the National Conservation and Leadership Summit. I was glad to meet many new faces and get to know many old ones.

But wait, there's more! We still have the Lodge Leadership Development event on Nov 17 and the Lodge annual dinner meeting coming up on Dec 5. That's Wednesday, Dec 5 at the Troy Marriott. Tickets are \$15 and it is imperative you purchase these ahead of time from your Chapter Adviser or the Mr. Retzbach, our Lodge Adviser, as seating is limited. All members are invited to this event which celebrates the successes of our great lodge this year and honors the contribution of some outstanding arrowmen, not to mention we'll eat some excellent food.



Please, also remember to participate in local service opportunities such as Scouting for Food: Can-Do, the Mason's Michigan Child Identification Program, our regular camp service weekend, and spread the reward of joy in cheerful service by bringing your troop or crew along, involving a local Cub Scout Pack, or just inviting your family out to help others. Need help finding out where to serve? Talk to our

outstanding Service Committee. You, as Arrowmen, know that serving others will make you feel great.

I encourage you to check out your Chapter's ceremony committee and talk to some ceremonialists. All chapters are always looking for some dedicated and interested individuals to make our fine OA ceremonies magical.

As this is my final article as Lodge Vice Chief of Activities, I also want to encourage you to take advantage of some other fine opportunities you have as Arrowmen: OA High Adventure, National Leadership Seminar, and ArrowCorps5. Look elsewhere in the Eagle Pipe to find my brief article on why you should consider those fine national events.

Thank you for your support this year! It was my pleasure to serve as your Vice Chief of Activities and I hope to see your smiling face at one of our remaining 2007 events and at all our events next year!!!

## Chapter Reports

### Achowalogen

Our Chapter meets the same night, time, and location as the Motor City District Roundtable meeting. Please join us at the Dauch Scout Center at 1776 West Warren, Detroit the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. Be sure to check the lodge calendar for details as we sometimes change the schedule. Proper uniform is requested.

*~Leo LeBron V  
Chapter Chief*

### Lowanue Kuwe

Lowanue Kuwe Chapter serves the Northridge and North Trails Districts. The chapter is hosting the annual dinner on Wed. December 5 at the Troy Marriott compliments of Tyler Coleman. Watch for further information. The chapter has an active ceremonies and dance team. This summer the team performed at Cole Canoe Base and at D-A for Trail of the Eagle camp participants. Chapter members will participate in three days of service and in the Fall Ordeal. Because Chapter Chief Andrew Corwell resigned, Assistant Chief John Suarez has taken over his duties. Lowanue Kuwe meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at St. John's United Methodist Church in Royal Oak at 7:30pm.

*~John Suarez  
Chapter Chief*

### Mahican

Mahican Chapter is proud to announce that we have exceeded our goal for brotherhood conversion. Our hard work throughout the year has paid off. I am especially pleased that we have achieved our goal with minimal in-town ceremonies. The majority of our brothers had their ceremony at a council camp after a day of service.

Mahican meets on the third Thursday of the month, which is generally the night after Lodge, at First United

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Methodist Church in Dearborn. Please be sure to attend in order to pick up information about Winter Camp, which will take place from December 27 to December 31.

*~Ethan Morlock  
Chapter Chief*

### Wapaneu

Wapaneu Chapter has had a great year. We have added 35 new members, bringing us close to the 200 member mark, ending the year with 196 total members in the chapter. We had 23 members seal their membership in our Order by becoming Brotherhood members. Combined with the other elements, these two accomplishments have allowed Wapaneu to remain a Quality Chapter in 2007! But we aren't stopping there - the chapter will be hosting an in-town Brotherhood ceremony on the eastside on Saturday evening, November 17th starting at 8:00 PM in the evening following the Lodge Leadership Development sessions happening earlier that day.

Speaking of Fall Fellowship - Wapaneu would like to congratulate all 10 members of the Vigil Class of 2007 who went through their Vigil on Friday night of Fall Fellowship, and especially the four members of Wapaneu that are part of this year's class - Jason Smith, Jason Medina, Shannon Medina, and Sid Keeler.

The chapter fun event will be held Saturday, December 1st at the Warren Recreation Center on Mound Road, south of 14 Mile. Regular costs are \$15.00 for youth (up to 18) and \$10.00 for adults (over 18). Chapter members that have earned participation points over the year will be able to attend for a reduced cost - and a few members will be able to go for Free due to their high level of participation. Members attending will have 2 hours in the gym and game rooms, food, and unlimited swimming in their indoor pool. Please contact one of the chapter officers by November 17th if you plan on attending so that we can get an accurate count.

Just a reminder that chapter meetings take place the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except July and December) at 7:00 PM at Kelly Middle School on Kelly Road, south of 10 Mile in Eastpointe. And tickets for the Annual Dinner are on sale now through the Chapter Adviser, Mr. Mark Elias. The dinner will take place Wednesday, December 5th at the Troy Marriott. Cost is \$15.00 per person, with doors opening for fellowship at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:35 PM.

*~Dylan Medina  
Chapter Chief*

***Special Notice... Wapaneu's November 14th Chapter meeting is canceled.***

### Wsigau

Wsigau has had quite an eventful year. Just recently we had a brotherhood conversion where we inducted 12 new brothers into the brotherhood. Currently our focus is on attaining quality Chapter and Lodge, Lincoln Pilgrimage and internal Wsigau events such as chapter elections and the end of the year party. All in all it has been a outstanding year currently Wsigau membership at 110%. Our projection and goal was 346 members, We now have 382 members . The chapter could not have done it with out your help and support, see you at the annual dinner meeting.

*~Paul Jouney  
Chapter Chief*

### OA Chapter Advisers

These adults are your source for details on the OA.

#### **Sandra LeBron- Achowalogen Chapter**

Serving Motor City District  
(313) 538-7781

#### **Hanson Lee - Lowanue Kuwe Chapter**

Serving North Trails and Northridge Districts  
(248) 952-5413

#### **Jeff Lang - Mahican Chapter**

Serving Three Rivers and Huron Districts  
(313) 593-1768

#### **Mark Elias - Wapaneu Chapter**

Serving Michigami and Lakeshore Districts  
(586) 776-8364

#### **Chuck Cheek - Wsigau Chapter**

Serving Sunset District  
(734) 981-2455

### **“Let’s Go Camping” CD helps troops find great camping locations**

Available at no charge to packs and troops, this CD provides a comprehensive list of camping opportunities throughout the mid-west. Call the Council and ask for the “Let’s Go Camping” CD – 313-897-1965. Support your Council camps!



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## 2008 Section Conclave

The Section Council of Chiefs met on Sunday, October 28th at Camp Agawam near Lake Orion, MI to kick off business and activity plans for 2008.

The 2008 host chapter for the Section C2A Conclave is Chippewa Lodge from the Clinton Valley Council in Pontiac, MI. Section Conclave is scheduled for May 2-4, 2008 at Camp Agawam just off Clarkston Road. The event fee is \$35; however, if you register on or before Friday, April 18th, the discounted fee is \$25 per person. Regular registration and fees apply April 19-25. No registrations will be accepted after April 25 for general membership.

Migisi Opawgan Lodge "new" Ordeal members from our April 25-27 Ordeal weekend will be able to register at the discounted rate of \$25.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Registration for this event will be done electronically via the Clinton Valley website and therefore the cutoff dates and payment amounts are firm.

This year's theme is "Las Vegas!"



2007; or, pay \$12 after January 1st. When you make your payment, please review the invoice details on your account and update any incorrect information such as your troop number, phone number, Chapter, and email address. Also, if you are no longer interested in being an OA member or have moved away, please return the invoice noting your circumstance so we can update the lodge records. Thanks.

## Lincoln Pilgrimage 2008

Wsigau Chapter is hosting the 2008 Lincoln Pilgrimage event on Saturday, February 9th at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. Registration forms will be on the lodge website soon - AND we need everyone to start promoting the event at their troops and District Roundtables.

Attendance in 2007 was terrific. Over 100 arrowmen participated in the OA Winter Fellowship event and hosted nearly 300 guests on Saturday for the Lincoln Pilgrimage. Each chapter sponsored one or more events for the guests that included Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos, leaders and parents. The Trainor Scout Museum was open and the sledding hill at Wyckoff Lodge was very popular. So, hope to see you at D-bar-A!



## 2008 Dues Invoices Mailed

Yes, it's time for your Honor Society dues payment for next year. Pay \$10 between now and December 31,

## Signs of the times at D-bar-A

Ever wonder how those magnificent signs you see at D-bar-A (and Cole Canoe Base) are created? Many of them are done by our very own Mr. Bill Licht and his son, Jason. Both Vigil Honor members of the OA, they have spent countless hours drawing, routing and painting new signs for our camps. Bill is the Scoutmaster of Troop 1999 and Elangomat Adviser for the lodge. Jason is also involved in the troop and has held several Wapaneu Chapter and lodge positions. Please give them a huge Scout "thank you" for their great work when you see them!



Jason tracing stencil letters on a sign board



Mr. Licht routing a new sign at the D-bar-A shop

## Lodge Adviser 5...

This year has been another banner year for Migisi Opawgan Lodge and everyone should be proud of our accomplishments – from membership growth to Brotherhood conversions; from thousands of service hours to our camps to community service and Scouting for Food support; from Trail to Eagle to the University of Scouting; and, from training events and conferences to outstanding staff members at our Council camps.

We are also very fortunate to have a great working relationship with our Council professionals and staff members; they believe in us and what we deliver.

Please celebrate our accomplishments at the December 5<sup>th</sup> annual dinner at the Troy Marriott Hotel where you can congratulate your 2007 lodge and chapter officers for a job well done as well as the new 2008 youth leaders and their advisers.

Oh, yes it's true... the Scout Executive has asked me to return in 2008 for another year as Lodge Adviser. I'm looking forward to another great year and working with wonderful arrowmen like yourself. Thanks for a great year and thanks for allowing me to share in your many successes.

*~Joe Retzbach  
Lodge Adviser*

## Up close with Wsigau's Chapter Adviser - Mr. Cheek

I currently work for "Learning By Design" making and selling T-Shirts, sweat shirts, and more. I retired from NSK Corporation after 27 years as accountant. I have been in scouting for 13 years; with Pack 854 and currently Troop 854. I was Committee Chair and Treasurer for Pack 854 and am currently the Treasurer and an ASM for Troop 854. I am also the Wsigau Chapter Adviser and a member of the Sunset District Committee. I enjoy all of our Detroit sports teams, but my favorite sport is Michigan football. I have three items that I have really enjoyed: being on staff for the 2001 National Jamboree where I worker transportation; the 2006 NOAC; and, this past weekend being presented the Vigil Honor. I like the O-A because it offers the Scouts a lot of different things to do and I also like the fact that you are with Scouts that want to be there; not forced to attend an event. One of my hobbies is my 72 Monte Carlo and I also collect old license plates.



## Message from the Chief...

My Fellow Brothers,

As we come to the end of our year, I would like to thank each and everyone of you. All of the members of our lodge have worked together to make 2008 another great year. In the beginning of the year I said that if we all worked together we would succeed and continue to make our lodge one of the best in the nation, and we have done that once again! Our lodge received the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award from the National Order of the Arrow Committee and our lodge is very close to receiving quality lodge status again because of YOU!

Vince Lombardi said, "The accomplishments of any successful organization are brought upon by the workings

of many individuals in the organization, not just by the workings of one man." This year, we all have worked together as 1 lodge, not 1,394 individuals or 5 separate chapters. As we look back on this year, think about how much time each of you has devoted to our lodge and to your units. I would like to be the first to say "Thank you" to all of you for all of that time that you have contributed to help something great become even better. No matter if you just became a member of our lodge this year, completed your brotherhood conversion, held an officer position at the chapter or lodge level, or even just wore your sash when you put on your uniform you made a great contribution to the lodge and are making a big difference to all of those around you. I hope that we can all continue to work together and build and grow ourselves and our lodge in the future.



*Your Brother,  
~Jason Smith  
2007 Lodge Chief  
2008 Lodge Chief Elect*

Chapter	2007 Membership	2007 Brotherhood
Achowalogen	19	0
Lowanue Kuwe	358	32
Mahican	415	50
Wapanue	196	24
Wsigau	382	44

# *Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
November 9-10, 2007	Great Lakes Trade-O-Ree	Livonia Mall, Livonia
November 17, 2007	Lodge Leadership Development	Dauch Scout Center, Detroit
December 5, 2007	Lodge Annual Dinner Banquet	Troy Marriott Hotel, W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI
February 8-10, 2008	Lodge Winter Fellowship	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
February 9, 2008	Lincoln Pilgrimage	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
April 25-27, 2008	Spring Ordeal	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
May 2-4, 2008	Section C2A Conclave	Camp Agawam,
May 16-18, 2008	2008 Rendezvous Council Camporee	Willow Metro Park, Huron Twp, MI
May 30-June 1, 2008	Summer Ordeal	Cole Canoe Base, Alger, MI



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