



Eagle Pipe - March 2001

The official newsletter of Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162

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FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

"He who serves his brothers if of his brothers greatest," was inscribed on the certificates I gave to each Chapter Chief at the end of his term in 2000. Our organization is one based on service, service to camps, service to the community, and, most of all, service to your troop. Giving service to others without expecting anything in return produces its own rewards. Being a Scout, you know how good you feel after you perform that good turn for the day, yet being an Arrowman extends this action further. You have committed yourself to "preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities..." Every day you have to face this challenge on the job site or in the classroom but always remember what you are doing is for the greater of all.

Yet we're also young men and adults who still love to have fun. Lodge events are a mixture of service and fellowship, but the most fun an Arrowman can have is at Section Conclave. This year Section Conclave is at Camp Munhacker in Hell, Michigan (that's right folks) on May 4-6. Think about attending, believe me, you won't regret it!

If you have any questions about the Order, how you can be involved or anything, give me a call at (248)-547-1823. See you at Conclave!

Your Brother,
Sam Stocker

SECTION CONCLAVE 2001

An exciting opportunity is coming your way! The C-2A Section Conclave is scheduled for May 4-6, 2001. Arrowmen from seven lodges from Michigan and Ohio will converge on Great Sauk Trail Council's Camp Munhacker for a weekend of fun and fellowship. At the Conclave there will be many activities that you simply will not want to miss! Cost is only \$26.00 by April 13. If you pay after that, it will be \$31.00 but you only have until April 20 to pay or you won't be able to go at all.

Arrowmen will have the opportunity to participate in interesting training sessions led by some of the area's most experienced Scouts and Scouters. Some other highlights of the weekend are Native American dance and Ceremony competitions, a carnival, a campfire show, the election of new Section officers, Lodge Spirit and participation competitions, as well as many other activities.

Mark your calendars now! May 4-6, 2001. Section C-2A Conclave. Be there!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

You should find your membership card in this issue of the newsletter. If you don't, then there are two possibilities: first, you haven't paid your dues yet. Second, we've made some sort of mistake. In the unlikely event that we've made an error, please contact Irene Church (ichurc@aol.com) to discuss the problem.

Thank you,
Membership Committee

MAHICAN CHAPTER DOING GREAT

The Mahican Chapter is doing awesome. We have over half of our membership paid to date. In the first month of the year the Mahicans had put in 500 hours of service to Camps and community. To add to this our chapter was half the population of Arrowmen at the Pilgrimage and had four Brotherhood conversions. Part of our plan for this year is to become strong with 250 members by the end of the year. We also plan to get Honor Chapter and have 50% Brotherhood conversions.

Keep up the good work Mahicans.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Andy Whaley
Mahican Chief

LOWANUE KUWE

Dear Brothers,
I'd like to say thanks to everyone that showed up and helped out at the Lincoln Pilgrimage. The weekend went great. If you have not heard, our meetings have been changed to the last Wednesday of every month. They are at the same church and the meetings start at 7:30. At our March meeting we will be planning for the upcoming Spring Conclave. We will be painting totems for the candidates, working on ceremonies, and finding Elangomats. Every thing else has been going well with our chapter. Our election teams are out doing elections, we are at roundtables, and we have fun. It's a start I guess. Hope to see everyone at the Spring Conclave.

Yours in Brotherhood,
George Blackmore
Lowanue Kuwe Chief

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ARROW

Congratulations to Jeremy Doan on receiving the highest rank in Sea Scouting: the Quartermaster Award.

Congratulations to Vincent "Pav" Paviglianiti on his achievement of Eagle Scout Rank!

Congratulations to Kyle Gerald on become class president of the class of 2003 for Lamphere High School in Madison Heights.

Congratulations to John Rahrig on his achievement of Eagle Scout Rank!

Congratulations to Communications Adviser Steve Donohue on his upcoming (March 24) marriage.

BROKEN ARROW

By Sam Stocker

Rusty Hynes, a long-time Scouter and Arrowman, passed away in January. Rusty was a Vigil member of Migisi Opawgan Lodge and received the Harold Oatley Service Award in 1996 in recognition for his years of unselfish service to our Lodge and Council. He also received the Silver Beaver and the George Meanly Award from the Nation Relationships Division of the BSA for his years of service in his local union. Rusty was a husband, father, grandfather, and a great friend and teacher. We'll miss him deeply and in his memory we will dedicate the new Lodge museum

CALENDAR

April 27-29 Lodge Conclave at D-A
May 4-6 C-2A Section Conclave at Camp Munhacker in Hell, Mi
June 1-3 Cole Service Weekend at Cole Canoe Base
August 1 Deadline for next Eagle Pipe
September 14-16 Lodge Conclave at D-A
October 19-21 Fall Fellowship/Training at D-A

2001 LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage was a great time for the 212 participants, including 95 Arrowmen, who attended. Hosted by Lowanue Kuwe chapter, the Pilgrimage was held at D-A Scout Ranch on February 10th. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Arrowmen experienced a Rededication Ceremony, games, fun, and fellowship. As a Lodge, we had more members in attendance than we've had in recent years. We also dry-walled the new Scout Museum at D-A and had Indian Affairs training on beadwork. Thanks to all those who made this weekend a great one!

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSIONS

Congratulations to all those who received their Brotherhood at the Lincoln Pilgrimage. Lowanue Kuwe had Terry Freeman, Tim Kocik, and Paul Tomaszyci. Mahican had Thomas Carney, Alex Noble, Greg Olk and Frank J. Sobecki. Wapanue had Mark Hodges, Patrick Johnston, Daniel Manning, Vincent "Pav" Paviglianiti, and Mike Ruzala. Wsigau had Cory Beadle, Carl Boyntor, Chuck Cheek, Steve Cheek, and Brian Phillips. Looks like everybody's off to another Neynabor award.

EAGLE SCOUT = CUB SCOUT?

By Andy Whaley

Hey Arrowmen, at the Lincoln Pilgrimage I saw two Eagle Scouts wearing Wolf hats. I didn't know what that meant at first, so I asked one of them "Why?" He told me they'd forgotten their hats. I didn't believe him, I thought he just wanted to be a Cub Scout again.

While they were in the Trading post, they remembered they did not have stocking hats and it was COLD. So they both bought Cub Scout hats. They said it was because there were no more Boy Scout hats. Once again I did not believe them.

They wore those hats all day and to the next. I still think they wanted to fit into the hundred or so Cub Scouts there for fun. By the way, Both Eagle Scouts were from Three-Rivers District and Mahican Chapter.

CABIN MIX-UP?

by Andy Whaley

How Many Cabins did our Lodge need for the Lincoln Pilgrimage? Two.

How many did we have? One.

Chapter Chief Andy Whaley walked into Trout Lake Cabin at D-A and asked Lodge Adviser Joel Clement if the Mahican Chapter was in Draper Cabin. Mr. Clement said "No". The Chief was very surprised knowing 30 people from his chapter were coming. So 60 people were crammed into a cabin only made to hold 50.

It was cramped. When Arrowmen showed up at ten o'clock on Friday and didn't have a bed, they were surprised. Obviously there was a mix-up on the Cabin situation. All the Arrowmen at the Pilgrimage knew each other better after being cramped in a cabin with them. It was fun though. Not to mention the Mahican Chapter Chief brought Hot Chocolate for the cabin.

ATTENTION ARROWMEN

By Sam Stocker

How would you like to be an Elangomat? Elangomats are among the most important people in our Lodge. They have a lot of influence on new members. Elangomats also qualify for the new Extended Elangomat Award. If you'd like to be an Elangomat, pay \$8.00 & be at Trout Lake Cabin by 6:30 pm on the Friday of the Conclave.

Questions? Rob Hartwig has answers at (313) 291-7486.

WOODBADGE OPPORTUNITIES

By Bruce Maxim

If you are 18 years old or older and have completed basic training as a Cub, Boy Scout, or Venturing leader the you are eligible to attend the new Wood Badge course offered in September 2001. Wood Badge training is intended to expand your leadership skills and your knowledge of the whole range of scouting programs.

I attended Wood Badge in 1995 and found it to be one of the most memorable Scouting experiences I have ever had. I enjoyed meeting Scouters from all over the council and working with them to build a successful patrol.

This year's course is led by Al Hellar. Mr. Hellar was my Wood Badge Scoutmaster in 1995. Al has assembled an extraordinary group of trainers for the council's first offering of the new 2001 Wood Badge course. The new course is designed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders. The program laid out for this year's course contains lots of worthwhile and fun activities.

If you are eligible to attend this year's course (or know someone who is eligible), please contact Bruce Maxim (248-349-7763) and he will mail you an application form. The course runs on two 3-day weekends (9/7 to 9/9 and 9/21 to 9/23).

LODGE ADVISER TRAINING SEMINAR

The purpose of the Lodge Adviser Training Seminar is to provide participants with specific skills, resources, and experiences that will educate, empower, and inspire Arrowmen to become effective advisers and to successfully facilitate the operations of the lodge.

Invitations are sent by the Philmont Training Center at the recommendation of

your Scout Executive. If you are interested in coming, please contact your Scout Executive for approval and an application.

The Philmont Training Center runs daily activities for spouses and family members. The training will be August 13-18, 2001 at the Philmont Training Center. Accommodations are 2-person tents with beds, mattresses and an eat-in dining hall.

NORTHERN TIER WILDERNESS VOYAGE AND PHILMONT TREK

Northern Tier OA Voyage is a program that lasts for fourteen days and is in the land of French Voyagers. The first week participants work side-by-side with the US Forest Service in an effort so save portage trails from erosion and other ailments. The next week, you and your crew of Arrowmen from all over the nation complete your own voyage.

Philmont has a similar program in the beautiful state of New Mexico. Both programs are open to all members. The only requirements are that you must be a dues paid member of the Order at least 16 but not yet 21 years old. The cost is a bargain at \$100 and applications can be obtained from Sam Stocker at any Lodge event.

NEED A JOB?

By Sam Stocker

How does standing on a beach all summer sound? Or climbing 50 yards in the air every day? Detroit Area Council has some of the best camps in the land and you can be a part of them. You can get paid for going to summer camp! Camp Staff members influence the lives of hundred of Scouts every summer and the opportunity is waiting for you! For more information, call the Council office at (313) 897-1965.

MIGISI OPAWGAN LODGE FLAP: A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT!

Wearing a Migisi Opawgan Lodge flap is a privilege. It is open only to those who are current members of our Lodge. Current members are those who have paid the current years dues to the lodge. Individuals, whether adult or youth, Ordeal or Vigil, who have not paid their dues are not members of the Lodge and shouldn't wear the flap regardless of tenure or prior service.

The Boy Scouts of America doesn't allow anyone to wear the official uniform without being a member and our Lodge is the same way. We don't want anyone wearing the flap, our Lodge symbol, if they aren't registered members of our Lodge. Ask those people who are wearing our flap to set the example and become registered members of Migisi Opawgan Lodge by paying their dues.

Joel Clement
Lodge Adviser

NOAC 2002

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a gathering of brothers from all over the nation. NOAC will take place July 27 - August 1, 2002 at the University of Indiana. We'll attend awesome shows and training cells. We'll also participate in sports and play against other lodges in soccer, basketball, volleyball, swimming, and OA Jeopardy. The trip includes all meals, housing and a trip to an amusement park for a day. The cost will be about \$475.00, so start saving now! We'd like to bring 50 youth and 25 adults and it's never too early to sign up. If you have questions or would like to reserve a spot, call Joel Clement at (734) 782-0509.

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Migisi Opawgan Training Committee had our annual Lodge Leadership Development Course on January 20th at First United Methodist Church of Dearborn. We had fifty-one participants experience this enriching opportunity.

If your chapter did not bring all your officers, chairmen, advisers, and members who wanted to be trained, we'll be providing another opportunity for training at the Fall Fellowship/Training weekend on October 27th. Thanks to all the trainers and support staff who put so much time and effort into accomplishing this task!

GEORGE R. DECOURCY CAMPING PROMOTION AWARD COMPETITION

Dave Booth, Geoff Booth, Steve Clark, and Zach Polifroni delivered a great presentation at the Section competition on March 3rd in Toledo. Competition among the seven lodges was fierce and our guys did a great job showing their feelings about Detroit Area Council camps that day.

Andy Whaley was selected to represent Migisi on the judging panel for the competition. All five youth did a fantastic job representing not only our Lodge but also our Council.

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