



Eagle Pipe – November 2001

The official newsletter of Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162

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FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

Well that's it. I'm done. Two years as Chief and I'm spent, but it was the experience of a lifetime. Very few people in the world can say they had the joyous experience that I did for two years. I am very proud to be from Migisi Opawgan and you should be too.

This organization is awesome. It instills values and morals that create superb citizens and give youth outstanding skills which produce stellar leaders. The youth involved in the Order of the Arrow are those who succeed in life. Never once have I heard of an Arrowman rob a bank, kidnap someone or bring a gun to school. We truly create the best youth leaders America has. This can be felt in your schools and your work.

This organization is rewarding. Not in sashes or patches or in plaques to hang on your wall. This organization has given me my best friends in the entire world and some unforgettable memories. I wouldn't trade my years in this Lodge for anything in the world.

So what am I trying to say? I'm trying to tell you to become active because you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. I know you have football and band and wrestling and National Honor Society but this is the organization to be in. Manage your time, work it out so that when you get home you do your homework so that you can go to the Chapter meeting

that night. Work it out so that you do the project that was given to you at the beginning of the semester in a timely fashion instead of skipping Section Conclave to do it all that weekend. Brothers, this organization is the best youth organization in the nation and I hope that all of you take advantage of it. Thanks for an awesome two years! Your Brother,
Sam Stocker

ANNUAL DINNER

by Sam Stocker

Come and schmooze with your favorite group of Brothers at the Annual Dinner. The Annual Dinner is where we present our Lodge awards, vote and install our Lodge officers for 2002. The cost is \$15 per person and anyone can come. Bring your parents, family, and girlfriends and join us for an awesome time as we celebrate our 50th Annual Meeting and Awards Convocation (Annual Dinner). It will be December 5, 2001 at the Sterling Banquet Center at 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. See your Chapter advisor for tickets before November 26, 2001

COMING EVENTS

December 5, Annual Dinner
February 8-10, 2002 Lincoln Pilgrimage
April 26-28 Spring Ordeal
May 3-5 Section Conclave
May 31 - June 2 CCB Service Weekend

CARROLL A. EDSON AWARD

by Ethan Rein, Unit Elections Chairman

An exciting development has occurred in the world of Unit Elections. At this year's Annual Dinner, the Chapter with the most elections done per number of units in the Chapter will be the first recipients of the Lodge's newest award, the Carroll A. Edson Unit Elections Award. The deadline for elections is the November Lodge Executive board meeting, so beat those bushes one last time. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Steve Donohue for getting the beautiful trophy donated.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

by Sam Stocker

Do you have any old Lodge pictures? Would you like to be remembered forever? Donate your photos to the historical committee for preservation in our scrapbook (circa 1955). If you want to keep your pictures you can let us borrow your negatives and we'll make our own. If you have any old pictures or other OA stuff please consider donating it. If you have questions or concerns please contact Gordon Draper or Sam Stocker. Thanks

FUNDRAISER

by Sam Stocker

The History Committee will also be donating \$1,000 to the Lodge Museum. How will we do this you might ask? Well, we are going to pass the hat at the Annual Dinner and then again at the Lincoln Pilgrimage to raise money. Yes all donations are tax deductible. What's in it for you if you donate?

Well, if we raise \$1,000 by the Lincoln Pilgrimage Sam Stocker, Ethan Rein, and other Lodge officials will shave their heads at Lincoln Pilgrimage! So we have to do it guys! And we can do it! Do you have

questions? Well, Joel Clement has answers at whosyourscouter@home.com

SECTION CONCLAVE 2002

by Sam Stocker

Our Lodge will be venturing to Camp Agawam the first weekend in May to participate in awesome training sessions, stellar activities, Native American Dance and Ceremonies Competitions and of course the Spirit Competition (which we will win this year). This fun filled annual event is known as the Section Conclave where you will spend a weekend with 7 other Lodges from Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio. The theme of this year's Conclave theme is the Wild Wild West (WWW). You will have a chance to meet you National Officers and hang out with the best Lodge in the Section, Migisi Opawgan. If you have any questions or would like to go, watch for the registration form in the *Eagle Pipe* or ask a Lodge officer or advisor. All Arrowmen are invited to participate.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2002

by Sam Stocker

The National Conference is held every two years at a major university. This year all of the Lodges in the nation will converge on the University of Indiana be sure you're there! We go to awesome training sessions and breath-taking shows. You can trade patches, hang out with your Brothers, and meet new people from all over the nation. It is a once in a lifetime experience. The conference will be held from July 27-August 1, 2002. Our Lodge will be going on a side trip after the conference that will add a few days to our adventure. If you're interested in attending please see the NOAC 2002 chairmen Ken Marriott or Sam Stocker. To go to National Conference it is

strongly suggested that you attended Section Conclave in May

OA SERVICE CREW

by Mike Ruzala, Service Chairman

The first ever OA Service Crew weekend was made a success thanks to the hard work of the Lowanue Kuwe Chapter. Seventeen hard-working Arrowmen showed up and put in a full day's work creating a new portion of the Pedro Trail.

They cut down trees, ripped out undergrowth, and raked out a new trail free from any obstacles. The group didn't feel it necessary to obtain a chainsaw or any other "modern tools" to aide them in their path of destruction and instead relied solely on their youthful energy. A group of these Arrowmen spent a large portion of their day sawing through several good-sized logs and tree limbs. Our Lodge Chief, Sam Stocker, and Lowanue Kuwe Chapter Chief, George Blackmore, took turns cutting through a log that was much larger than both of them combined. After a long toilsome period of working on it, the project abruptly ended in disbelief as our Herculean Lodge advisor, Joel Clement, simply picked up the log and moved it off the trail.

After a great lunch, the Chapter enjoyed some time on the rifle range thanks to the supervision of Mr. Al Mickler and Mr. Jim Cormier. The afternoon came to a close when the crew finished marking about a mile of trail with the new markers. This November the Wapanue Chapter will attempt to live up to the high standards that their Lowanue Kuwe brothers have set for this great new program. If you would like to spend a weekend building Chapter unity and giving cheerful service to D-A, then let your

Chapter Chief know so that he can sign your Chapter up for a month.

WHAT'S A NIMAT?

This article is brought to you by the letters "O" and "A" and the number 162.

Nimat means "brother", similar to the elangomat from your ordeal. Their job is to plan, develop, and carry out "THE HIKE" portion of the Journey to Brotherhood program.

Part of the planning, is to make sure all Brotherhood Candidates are ready for the next and final step of membership in the OA before they enter into the Brotherhood. Nimats meet with the candidates at each Lodge and Chapter function. They review the criteria of Ordeal membership. They can even meet at Chapter meetings to go over what is required to become a Brotherhood member.

If you are interested in being a Nimat contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser. They can get you the information about the next training session. There is no age requirement and any Brotherhood or Vigil member who is interested can apply. Best of all, there is no limit to number of Nimat's we can have at a Lodge or Chapter event.

Make the call and make a difference!

ACHOWALOGEN CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers

Over the past number of months Achowalogen Chapter has been planning our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for December 5th. We encourage all of you to attend and to bring your family and friends to this event. Tickets are available through your Chapter Advisor. See your advisor A.S.A.P. !!!

Hope to see everyone there !!!
 Yours in Brotherhood,
 Simon Andzelewski
 Achowalogen Chapter Chief

LOWANUE KUWE NEWS

Dear Brothers,

I just have to say what a great year this has been for our Chapter. However the year is not over. There are a few things I would just like to remind everyone about. Our Chapter meeting for November will be held on the 28th at St. John's United Methodist Church. As usual we will begin at 7:30 and end around 9pm. At this meeting we will be electing Chapter officers for the upcoming year, so if you want to get more involved in the Chapter this would be a great opportunity. We will also be building birdhouses for the Mark Twain Elementary School.

Since this will probably be the last time I will be writing as a Chapter Chief, I would just like to thank everyone who has helped me through my two years as Chapter Chief for the Lowanue Kuwe Chapter. I

couldn't have done it without the help and support of everyone.

Yours In Brotherhood,
 George Blackmore

WEB PAGE UPDATES

The Lodge Web Site, located at www.migisi.org, continues to grow and change. The latest change includes the ability for any member to add news for later publication. The news can be keyed to specific committees and the main page now shows Committee and Chapter headlines to let you know what's going on.

We've also revamped the migisi@yahoo.com mailing list and will soon tie that to our news system so

updates will automatically be sent to all subscribers. We're working on converting the pages to the new logo, but that might take a while.

The site also has updated forms, including correct pricing, for nearly every 2002 activity - only NOAC and the Section Conclave are missing and they should be added shortly.

Any other suggestions for improvement are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Everyone who paid their 2001 dues will be listed on the 2001 dues year. 2002 dues will be not be posted until Jan 1, 2002, so at this point, no one will see 2002 on the roster whether they've paid or not. If anyone had a problem with their name or address on this mailing please contact Mrs Church at 734-946-9435.

If you have an update in your e-mail address please send it to Mrs. Church at ichur@aol.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mike Rochowiak, Dickson Mann, and Virginia Mann on receiving the Silver Beaver Award for their hard work and dedication to Scouting.

2001 BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

ACHOWALOGEN: Total for year of 5
 April 28, 2001: Maximilian McFadden,
 Dietrich McGaffey, Donald McGaffey

July 2001: James A. Wiley II

Sept 2001: Brandon Montgomery

COUNCIL: Total for year of 2
 July 2001: David J. Gray

Oct 2001: John Jones

LOWANUE KUWE: Total for year of 10
 Feb 2001: Terry Freeman, Timothy Kocik,

Paul Tomaszycski

April 2001: Geoffrey Polan

July 2001: Mathew Riley, Matthew Mickler, Jeff Taylor, Donald Shorter, Martin Alther, Isaac Norton

MAHICAN: Total for year of 39

Feb 2001: Thomas Carney, Alex Nobel, Gregory Olk, Frank J. SobECKi

April 2001: James Blevins, John Blevins, Neil Egan, Sean Gray, Alex Leach, Gary Leach, Ryan Lindow, Thomas Pickering, Kyle Skinner, Michael Vilag, Jamie White

July 2001: Griffin V. Drutchas, Christopher Ehrewberg, Timothy LaPalm, Joseph Petrini, Patrick E. Reed, Philip J. Roscoe, Chris Vincent, Jason Youmans

Sept. 15, 2001: Ryan J. Brake, Kent D. Gartner. Mike Hodnicki, Bill Howarth, John Howarth, Robert G. Klabis, Jon Lang, Mark Lenz, Carl S. Martin, James M. Martino, Brandan A. McKay, Dennis Ross, Brian R. Skinner, Derek Tamsen, Chris Wilson, Ronald L. McKay

WAPANEU: Total for year of 19

February 2001: Mark R Hodges, Patrick Johnson, Daniel Manning, Vincent Pavigliaiti, Michael Ruzsala

April 2001: Joseph Kulwicki

July 2001: Darrel Adamowitz, Michael Baitinger, Kurt Czapp, Marshall L. Hebert, Matthew Johnson, James R. Loewen. James Paruch, Paul Riese, Anthony Riva, Joshua Taggart, Steven Ursaki

Sept 15, 2001: Steve Gillette,

Oct 27, 2001: William Licht

WSIGAU: Total for year of 17

Feb 2001: Cory Beedle, Carl Boynton, Chuck Cheek, Stephen Cheek, Brian Phillips

April 2001: Nicholas Detrych, Denver Laabs

July 2001: Michael Douglas, Justin D. Lebeck, Rahsaan Lewis, Thomas Little, Edward Little, Cory McKay, Chris Szybisty

Sept 15, 2001: Jacob Bauder, Chris

Deykes

Oct 27, 2001: Matt Wine

2001 VIGIL HONOR RECIPIENTS

George Blackmore - Chapter Chief
Lowanue Kuwe

Dave Booth, Jr, Lodge Troop
Representative Chairman, member of
Mahican Chapter

Irene Church - Lodge Membership
Advisor, Member of Mahican Chapter

Steve Clark - Lodge Executive Vice Chief,
Mahican Chapter Chief for 2000

James Cormier - Lowanue Kuwe Chapter
Advisor

Robert Johnson - member of Lowanue
Kuwe Chapter

John C. Kates III - Member of
Achowalogen Chapter

Keith King - Web page - Member of
Mahican Chapter

Virginia Mann - Resale Advisor for Lodge,
Member of Mahican Chapter

Dave Platz - Chief Wsigau Chapter

Jason Rhiew - Lodge Treasurer 2001
member of Lowanue Kuwe Chapter

OFFICER CANDIDATES

What follows are letters from the various candidates of Lodge office. They are presented alphabetically. The Eagle Pipe has no endorsement for any candidate and the presence or absence of a letter from a candidate is based strictly on whether or not a letter was received. Except for correcting minor typographical errors and modifying the format to fit the newsletter, the candidate letters are unchanged.

Greetings Brothers !!!

My name is Simon Andzelewski and I am running for the office of Lodge Chief of our great Lodge. Most of you know me, but for those of you who don't here is a little background about me: I am an 18

year old High School Senior, and an Eagle Scout. For 3 years I served on staff at Cole Canoe Base from a basic staff member to an Assistant Area Director. I have attended National Camping School, The Order of the Arrow National Leadership Seminar (NLS), NOAC, and worked on the 2001 National Sea Scouting Staff at Jamboree. I have previously served as Vice Chief of Achowalogen Chapter and Unit Elections Chairman for the Lodge, and currently serve as Chapter Chief of Achowalogen Chapter.

I am running for the position of Lodge Chief because I believe that with my previous years of experience and the exceptional training I have received, I can successfully coach and guide our Lodge to accomplish new goals, to reach new heights, and to mold new visions of an even better future.

Yours in Brotherhood

Simon Andzelewski

Achowalogen Chapter Chief

(And hopefully your next Lodge Chief)

Dear Brothers,

My name is George Blackmore and I am running for the office of Vice-Chief of Activities this year. I went through my ordeal in 1997 at Cole Canoe Base. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 1094 and I am currently their Troop Guide. I received the Robert Rutherford Award last year and also led the Lowanue Kuwe Chapter to Honor Chapter status last year. I had the honor to be named a Vigil Honor member at the 2001 Fall Fellowship. This past year was just amazing and I expect nothing less or equal to years past in 2002. You are probably asking yourself, "How can 2002 be more amazing than 2001?" Well I have the answer. I will be at every Lodge meeting, Lodge event, Chapter

activity and whatever else it takes to make sure Lodge 162 will settle for nothing less than Honor Lodge, and the coveted Section Coupe Stick. I want to get around and see what other Chapters in our Lodge are doing in case there is a Chapter that needs an idea. I want to go to NOAC and show the entire nation that Migisi Opawgan IS the best Lodge. That is my plan for making 2002 the most amazing year in our Lodge's history.

But the only way my dreams will come true is if you make the effort to help this Lodge succeed. Be dedicated to your Chapter and Lodge. Be motivated enough to think of ideas that will help our Lodge. Be enthusiastic about what you do in the Lodge. And take your spirit to Section Conclave 2002. So come out to the Sterling Banquet Center on December 5th to show that you want your Lodge to succeed.

Yours In Brotherhood,

George Blackmore

Greetings Brothers,

My name is Robert Hartwig and I am running for Lodge Secretary. I have been with the OA for four years and have learned quite a lot about how the Chapter and Lodge function. For this reason, I feel that I will be able to serve well in my position. I do my best to attend Lodge events and stay active. Recently, I was the Master of Ceremonies at the Fall Fellowship weekend. This past year, I was the Extended Elongomat Chairman for the Lodge, and the Brotherhood and Extended Elongomat Chairman for my Chapter. As the Secretary, I will be responsible for overseeing both of these positions. I believe that I can handle this responsibility well.

I feel that anyone running for a Lodge office should know and be able to work well with those whom he will be leading with. I know all of this year's candidates and can get along well with them. I think that this year has put forth a good group of people running for office. I wish each and every one of them good luck and fair competition.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Robert Hartwig

Hello Brothers,

My name is Brad Krzesiak. I am running for the position of Lodge Executive Vice-Chief. I would like to take this opportunity to give you a few reasons why I think that I can do the best job for you as Lodge Executive Vice-Chief, as well as letting you know something about me. I am a sophomore at Warren Woods Tower High School. I have been in Boy Scouts since the fourth grade, and been active ever since. I have been involved with the OA since Sept, 98 and am a Brotherhood Member. I have served as the Chapter Chief of Wapaneu Chapter for the past year, and seen that the Chapter remained an Honor Chapter for its third straight year. I recently obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, and attended the OA National Leadership Seminar last year, and rarely miss a Lodge function or event.

I also serve on Wapaneu's Ceremonial Team. I strongly believe the Extended Elongomat program is an important program to pursue, since it does help promote conversion to brotherhood, which in turn helps the Lodge achieve it's Honor Lodge Status. This year we seem to have come a long way, but I would like to see more youth involvement in the administration of the Lodge. I feel the

youth of the Lodge have the ability to effectively make their own decisions, and I'd like to see more youth participation at this level.

I feel that with your support, we can continue to make Migisi Opawgan Lodge a Lodge you can be proud of.
Yours in Brotherhood,
Bradley R. Krzesiak
Wapaneu Chapter Chief

Brothers,

My name is Ethan Rein, and at this year's Annual Dinner, I will be running for the position of executive vice Chief. This is a job that requires someone who can devote time to the position. If you choose to elect me, I will put the Lodge first. I am willing to put lots of time and energy into having a great year. We will have a terrific time serving our camps, troops and communities, always with a smile. I am very excited to work with the ASK program, and all the other new exciting programs that were started up this year, like the Order of the Arrow University. I am sure that 2002 will be a fun filled year no matter who is elected. I hope you choose to me help make it the best it can be.

-WWW-
Ethan Rein

Hello Brothers,

My name is Jason Smith and I am running for Lodge Treasurer for 2002. I just recently became a member in September. I would like to become a very active member in the Migisi Opawgan Lodge and I am very interested in the OA. I am thirteen years old and am a Star Scout. I am the quartermaster for my troop, 399, and am the Wapaneu Chapter Treasurer for 2002. One of the big reasons I want

this job is to become more active in the OA and encourage myself to stay active. I would also like to get to know people and I figure by becoming your treasurer I can could do that. I believe that I would be able to do a lot as treasurer. Like I could make forms easier to access, and many other things as I move along. Remember this is your Lodge! So if you want a successful treasurer that will not leave your Lodge down you have to make the right vote. Brothers thank you for your support and I'll see you at the Annual Dinner.

Thank You,
Jason Smith

Dear Brothers of the Lodge,

I am Andy Whaley. I am an Eagle Scout and brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. I have been nominated for the office of Lodge Chief for the great Lodge 162.

I feel I am very qualified. I am the outgoing Mahican Chapter Chief. I have attended two Section Council of Chiefs Meetings. This is where all the other Lodge Chiefs and officers of the section go. I have been very active in the Order. I organized a successful Fall Fellowship. I have been behind Sam and seeing what he is doing.

I feel I will represent the Lodge effectively. I have many connections around the council and around the communities. The past is not as important as the future. I plan on extreme communication. An Eagle every month, phone calls to all my officers and chairmen. Possibly a phone chain. Phone chains have always worked in troops, why not in the Order.

We have one problem in our Lodge, we

have around 100 new members every year, but our membership numbers don't increase by that much. We need to retain our members. One way to do that is more interChapter fellowship and interChapter games. We need to be one Lodge not five Chapters.

Although I am going away to school next fall, I do plan on being the Lodge Chief all the way through the year.

Thank You

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andy Whaley