



Eagle Pipe – February - 2002

The official newsletter of Migisi Opaogan Lodge 162
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FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Brothers,

What an extraordinary year we have ahead of us! This year there are additional opportunities beyond our usual schedule that you will be able to participate in.

First we will have a third (3rd) Conclave this year!!! You are reading correctly! A 3rd Conclave is being planned at Cole Canoe Base. Since this event is still in the planning stage, details will be available in the next Eagle Pipe.

The second additional opportunity is our national conference (NOAC), which is being held at the University of Indiana this year. If you're interested in getting a little "crazy" with a few thousand Arrowmen from around the country, than NOAC is the place for you this summer. Reservations are already being taken, so act quickly!! If you have not attended NOAC before, just ask a fellow Arrowman who has, and I'm sure you will be convinced that this is an event you won't want to miss.

Another event that I don't think anyone will want to miss this year is the Section Conclave. Our wonderful Staff Advisor, Dave Morosky has arranged for us to take two (2) donkeys to Conclave. Yes, 2 donkeys!!! So join in the fun with Arrowmen from our Lodge and others in our section for a great weekend. Let's WIN that Coup Stick for our Lodge this

year!!!!

The above activities along with our usual schedule should make for quite an extraordinary year! Whether we are working on a service project, seeing a show at NOAC, attending a workshop, a training session, a monthly meeting, etc. let's have FUN doing it!! Get involved!! Let's share the work and let's share the fun!! With more participants we can achieve more, we can have more fun and we can earn Quality Lodge, the George R. DeCourcy Memorial Award, etc. with ease. We do have "extraordinary" individuals in our Lodge, who are capable of "extraordinary" things, who all make our Lodge great and extraordinary!!

One last note, I would like to extend the invitation again to all the members of our great Lodge to feel free to voice your questions, comments, ideas and/or concerns to me. I look forward to seeing more of you at our meetings and activities.

Your Brother,
Simon Andzelewski
Lodge Chief

IMPORTANT DATES

February 24	NOAC Meeting
March 22	Eagle Pipe Deadline
April 18-20	Tradoree
April 26-28	Spring Ordeal
May 3-5	Section Conference
May 31-June 2	Cole Ordeal

OFFICER REPORTS

Brothers,

As the spring approaches we look forward to many events. The Trade-O-Ree will be held on April 18 - 20. Help out and make some money to help with the super sweet National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Section Conclave is coming up as well. We will be running the Saturday Night show. It is a rededication ceremony. If you are interested in participating (as a performer or as part of the crew), please contact Simon Andzelewski. We are looking for a Camping Promotions chairman. If you are interested in the job, please contact me.

Ethan A. Rein
Lodge Executive Vice Chief

Dear Brothers,

Our Lincoln Pilgrimage was a great success thanks to Wapaneu Chapter. The games were well prepared and well played and the afternoon activities were well thought out.

During the event, we had several people pay their dues, but we still need about 300 members to pay their dues. Following that, we'll need to recruit 100-200 new members. Now with all these new members we should have a good showing at the Section Conclave on May 3-5 at Camp Agawam. This is an exciting event to learn from other lodges, to meet brothers in scouting, and to have a great time being together.

Following section our next major event we should have a large turnout at is the National Order of the Arrow Conference which is July 27 - August 3. Just imagine a national conference just around the corner. Since the cost may discourage you I am happy to inform you that the lodge is offering 5 camperships of \$100

each. Applications are available online and must be turned in by March 15.

Mrs. Mann, our wonderful resale adviser is asking for an assistant to help with the sale of patches and other O-A necessities. Also in open positions we still have five chairmanships open: Vigil, Camping Promotions, Membership, Recognition and Historian. If you're interested in the job or know someone who is qualified and willing please make sure the Executive Board members know.

Yours in Scouting
Jason Rhiew
Lodge Treasurer.

ACHOWALOGEN CHAPTER

The Achowalogen Chapter has some big plans in the works. For starters, the Achowalogen Chapter helped clear a portion of the Pedro Trail at D Bar A Scout Ranch. We plan on doing some serious recruiting for our chapter by shooting for two unit elections a month. Additionally, we are planning on bringing back a substantial amount of our old members from last year and a few years before.

Lately, our chapter has been discussing amongst each other about the production of an Ordeal Ceremony Team. If any of you have any suggestions or training tips please let us know and advise us. Along with the service projects that we plan on participating in with the lodge such as the progression of the new Pedro Trail, we also plan on doing more projects within our community.

Well, there's our update. You'll be hearing from us again!

Yours in Scouting,
Rik Mazyck
Achowalogen Chapter Chief

LOWANUE KUWE

The Lowanue Kuwe Chapter's dance team is looking for dancers. They meet every Thursday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be a special event on February 27. More to come.

Steve Nicolo
Lowanue Kuwe Vice Chief

MAHICAN CHAPTER

The Mahican Chapter has been pretty busy. In December, we had Winter Camp. The theme was Vikings and we razed a village. The village was made of cardboard, not real. We also had a 162 Dish Banquet to celebrate 25 years of Winter Camp by our chapter.

At the Lincoln Pilgrimage we had 4 members earn their Brotherhood: Stan Baush, Stan Baush Jr., Mark Fanning, and Larry Wilson. At the Spring Conclave we hope to get even more Brotherhood conversions done and to induct a bunch of new members.

We have several chapter events coming up: there will be chapter meetings on February and March 21st, both at Wayne County Community College. On March 2nd, we'll be at D-A for a service weekend from about 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. On March 3, we'll be holding a Ceremonies team meeting at the VFW Hall on Bemis road in Belleville. We'll be working on our new outfits.

Chris Wilson
Mahican Chapter Chief

WAPANEU CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the winter holidays. As for Wapaneu, we are adjusting to the new faces in our chapter. We are also looking forward to a great year with all our new officers. I know they will do our lodge and chapter proud.

We're reflecting on the past Pilgrimage. Which I was told went well. Although I was unable to attend, everything went well. We are also working to better the chapter, all chapter meetings are encouraged to attend the meetings. Meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30. The meetings are held at St. A's on 13 mile & Kelly. I hope to see many more faces at the upcoming meetings. Until then, we are, as always, still having fun.

Yours in Brotherhood
Robert Gillette
Wapaneu Chapter Chief

WSIGAU

Members, dues are due! Get the form from the Lodge web site or at a chapter meeting and send it in to the council office. Dues are only \$10.00.

February meeting will address plans for special Brotherhood conversion opportunities and also to form committees for the Spring Conclave (which we are hosting).

The March meeting will complete assignments and duties for the Spring Conclave.

Be there at Chapter Meetings for the good of the Arrow.

Dave Platz
Wsigau Chapter Chief.

UNIT SERVICES

Greetings Brothers,

This is Jason Smith, your Unit Services chairman. If you don't know about the Unit Services Committee, let me tell you a little bit about it. The Unit Services Committee keeps the Scoutreach, Arrowmen Sharing Knowledge (ASK) and OA Troop Representative programs going. All three of those are programs that have been with Migisi Opawgan for about a year. I am going to take these programs farther than before!

I am also thinking of ways to improve all three programs. I am very open to any and all suggestions to help make these wonderful programs better. You can either contact me Jason Smith, or my adviser, Mr. Kates. My email is dlsjps@yahoo.com. I am also going to start looking for vice-chairmen to expand the committee. This is going to be a great year for the Unit Services committee.

Jason Smith
Unit Services Committee Chairman

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

I am looking for young scouts who are interested in being part of a "Spirit Committee". I'm looking for Scouts with song and cheer ideas and crazy things to do at Section. For more information, contact me at 734-699-1545 or buffzach1@aol.com. You can also contact my adviser, Brad Alderman, at 734-673-6820 or alderman@globaldel.net so that Migisi Opawgan, lodge 162, will get the coup in 2002.

Zach Polifroni
Spirit Committee

ATTENTION LODGE 162 MEMBERS

With all the address, telephone, zip codes and email address changes in Lodge 162, the membership committee needs to be notified as soon as possible. Please send an email or send snail mail to ichur@aol.com with the new info or corrections as soon as possible so the database is as current as the Membership committee can make it. This will help to get the Eagle Pipe and membership cards to you on time and to the right address. For those who have not yet paid their 2002 dues please get them in so we can again be Quality Lodge. Please watch for your membership card in the envelope with this Eagle Pipe, be careful not to throw it in the trash accidentally.

Yours in Scouting
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TRAINING

Hi my name is Brad Krzesiak and I'm the new training chairman and my adviser is Steve Clark. I would like to tell you of some upcoming events. Section Ceremony Training is coming up soon. and if you are interested, you need to contact Joel Clement soon. Also Thursday April 18, there is O-A Representative training during the Trade-O-Ree. March 1st is the first OA University mbook mail out. The forms to order the book are in this Eagle Pipe and on the Lodge web site, www.migisi.org. "How to be an Adviser" training will be held before the March Executive meeting and will begin at 6:30pm. All these are open to any member and if you have any questions, please contact me at 586-771-2484 or Steve at 734-523-8117.

NOAC UPDATE

NOAC is sneaking up on us like stink on a monkey and, by golly, we'll be ready for it. But for us to be ready, we need more. "More what?" you might ask... well, more of YOU! That's right, you, you, and your friend next to you. waiting to be next to read this outstanding article.

"Nut why would I want to go?" Well my brother, July 27 begins the saga that will turn your life around. These eight days of bliss at that University of Indiana will have an impression on you as bold as the Philmont brand on my wallet, clear and present. The people you meet will change your life.

"Well Sam and Ken, I'm not that popular and I really don't know anyone who's going." Who cares?! With over 7000 arrowmen from all walks of the great USA heading there, you're bound to meet someone that you'll like and hang out with. That's what it's all about, meeting people and sharing your life so you can meet others who enjoy Scouting as much as you do.

Our Advice to you, get your deposit (\$50.00) together, obtain a registration form from Sam Stocker, Ken Marriott or the Lodge web site asap and send it to Detroit Area Council asapa (that's as soon as possible again). The total overall price is \$420.00 so after you register, it's only \$370 more. Isn't that amazing? Act now and seal your ties in our Order through fellowship once and for all.

Your dearest, truest, most sincere brothers,
The NOAC Committee

NOAC Q & A

The NOAC Committee answers some questions.

\$420 for NOAC! You must be out of your mind to think I'm gonna cough up that much moola for a silly campout!

Concerned Arrowmen.

Dear Brother,
have no fear! If you said \$420 was an ape load of money you'd be right. So why would you even dream of paying for it all? We're not. If you want to go to NOAC and the price is a bit much, come and work with us at the Trade-O-Ree and earn some money for NOAC. That's right, you can work with friends and get paid.

That sounds to good to be true. I hang out with my friends, do a little work and they give me money for NOAC?
Concerned Arrowmen

Dear Troubled Arrowman,
Eureka! You just had an epiphany! If you show up on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm at the Livonia Mall, which is located on the NW corner of Middlebelt Road and 7 Mile road in Livonia, Michigan, you can help set up some of the tables, run some of the booths, do a little clean up after and still be home in time for the Gilmore Girls. And, with all that fun, you can watch Gilmore Girls with some peace, knowing that you've cut the price of NOAC down, all for the price of a few hours work and fellowship. So, we'll see you there, Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 at the Livonia Mall. Be there or be .

Noac Committee
PS: That's a square!

CRAFT SESSIONS

If you have participated in one of our craft sessions and have taken home a loom or hoop that you no longer plan to use, please bring it to the Spring Conclave so we can reuse it.

Thank you,
Mrs. Mann

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The first Eagle Pipe of 2002 is a little late, but it's out. It's also the first Eagle Pipe in this decade (century, millennium, you get the picture) to have an article by every single chapter. Thanks to all the chapter officers for their hard work in getting them turned in.

The deadline for the next Eagle Pipe is March 22. It would be a big help for the editor and his adviser if articles could be emailed (eaglepipe@migisi.org), brought on a disk, beamed on a pda, typed or at least printed legibly (you know who you are).

On the non-Eagle Pipe front we've made some improvements to the Web site and are working on more. Among the things we've done since the last newsletter is move to a different host, change the committee pages and update all the officers and committee chairmen, correct many minor errors on various pages, and created a form manager to show you all the forms and when they were updated.

We created and populated the Migisi list from the emails provided by the Membership committee and have begun sending news and updates to members when the site is updated or news is added.

For 2002, we're considering a fairly major reconstruction of the site, so if you have any ideas, now's your chance. Send them

to webmaster@migisi.org

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Service performed by Arrowmen from our lodge throughout 2001 was inspiring to say the least. Numerous man-hours of service were performed towards our council camps, on our One Day of Service, and within our local communities that would have otherwise been left undone. This year as a lodge we will once again unite to go even further than we did last year.

The Mahican chapter started this year off like always with an entire day devoted to service at their annual Winter Camp. Whether it was putting in new insulation, clearing a path of destruction for a new loop in the Pedro Trail, or painting one of the hallways of our new museum, a good time was definitely had by everyone involved.

The service crew weekends of last year will continue on into this year focusing on the implementation of various loops in the Pedro trail. In the end creating a trail that is in excess of 10 miles long. The spring ordeal of 2002 will also be an excellent opportunity for our lodge to have an impact on the our camps as they prepare for their summer seasons.

Mike Ruzala
Service Chairman

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