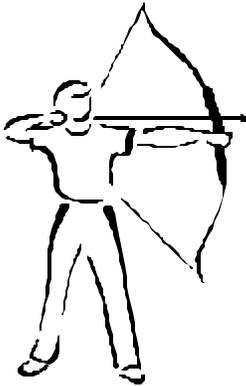


THE EAGLE PIPE

OFFICER REPORTS

Dear Brothers,
As another wonderful Michigan Spring has just begun, I know many of us are looking farther ahead to the warmer days of summer and all it has to offer. But as I said spring has just begun and that means there is Spring Conclave and Section Conclave just ahead. When summer finally does come we have NOAC to attend and the Service Weekend/Summer Conclave at Cole Canoe Base.



There are still open spots for youth who would like to attend NOAC so if you're interested, contact your Chapter Advisor soon!!! I highly recommend you consider going. This year's theme is "Test yourself and so Discover". Remember life is short, live it to it's fullest and take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way.
Yours in Brotherhood,
-Simon Andzelewski
Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,
There are exciting events coming up, like the Trade-o-ree, which is April 18 -20th. This is a chance for the lodge to be active in the community, and specifically the Livonia Area since it will be held at the Livonia Mall. On Thursday, April 18 we need some strong Scouts to help us set up tables, Friday the 19th we will have booths open from 5PM-11PM, and on Saturday we will be there all day from 8AM-4PM. Remember this will count for rank advancement and also for those brothers going to NOAC reduce some of the money you will have to pay.

The weekend following the Trade-o-ree is Spring Conclave, April 26-28. This is an opportunity to welcome new brothers into the Order, to meet friends, and to remember old times, or create new ones, so let's all go out and have a good time and greet our new brothers.

After the Spring Conclave is C2A Section Conclave at Camp Agawam. This is a fun filled weekend where we meet brothers from across southern Michigan and northern Ohio. We also have a little training in the morning, but after that it is all games and competitions. This

weekend is packed full of fun and games.

Then we will jump to May 31-June 2 where we will have our Cole Canoe Base Service Weekend. This year we have started something we have done in the past, which is turning the weekend into an Ordeal, so bring up your candidates and we will have a great time. Then jumping to July 27-August 3 we have our National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). This is just a larger version of Section, is only a week long, and is a lot more fun. We need more youth to come on out, sign up soon because the spots are filling up.

If any brothers that are going to a summer camp or any scout camp this summer and need some extra funding come get a campership form. Fill one out and you might receive one of the five, one hundred-dollar camperships.

Also for all Chapter Advisors and Chiefs please use a payment voucher or consolidated statement for transaction of funds. Thank you.

Your brother,
-Jason Rhiew
Lodge Treasurer

CHAPTER REPORTS

WSIGAU Chapter

Thanks go out to the following arrowmen in our chapter for their support during the Campmaster weekends: Dave Platz, Cory Beadle, Jake Bauder, Bryan Hookana, Mike Grabowski and the following adults: John Morgan, Lou Brotchner, Carl Boynton, Eric Behrmann, Joel Bauder and Don Ray. D-bar-A runs more smoothly when you have been on duty. Be sure to be at the April 18th Chapter Mtg. We will be orienting our Candidates for the Spring Conclave and completing final plans and assigning duties. This will be the best ever Spring Conclave.

Make plans to be at the section conclave on May 3-5. Send your registration in now!
-Dave Platz
Wsigau Chapter Chief

MAHICAN CHAPTER

Dear Mahican Members: A few things you should know. One, we are in charge of the Fall Ordeal this year so a strong showing at the Spring Ordeal is very important. Also, we still need almost 100 members to pay their dues for our chapter to qualify as an Honor chapter. Please encourage your fellow troop members to get their dues paid.

Also, our next Chapter Meeting has been MOVED. It will be held Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 pm. The location

is also changed and it will be at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn (not at the school and not at Branford as we previously hoped). All members and candidates are invited to attend this meeting.

The reason we've moved is so we can go to the Trade-O-Ree setup day on Thursday April 18 at the Livonia Mall.

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-Steve Clark
Chapter Member

ACHOWALOGEN Chapter

Dear Fellow Arrowmen, How are you faring? Our Chapter is well on its way to prosperity! We expecting our membership numbers to grow significantly and intend to attend the Order of the Arrow University (OAU) to help us to attain our goal of having a superior Ceremony and Dance Team.

Additionally, we are planning to help put the finishing touches on the new Pedro Trail on April 6, 2002. We are also considering numerous other service projects. Lastly, our chapter is looking into the Religious rewards of scouting and we would like to encourage the rest of you to do the same.

We're gaining momentum and we are on our way.
Yours in Scouting,
-Rik Mazyck
Achawalogen Chapter Chief

WHAT IS "BROTHERHOOD" TO LODGE 162?

Brotherhood membership has been called several things. Like, "sealing your membership", "the 2nd rank of the OA", and "converting".

Although you are sealing your membership in the OA, you are really setting the example. Heavy Huh! Well it isn't. Fact is that, most Ordeal members rarely take the challenge their own unit elected them to do. By becoming a Brotherhood member you will not only set the stage for other members in your unit to do the same but you will also be more likely to be involved in scouting longer. The Order of the Arrow is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and gives even the older scout, over 18, a chance to vote on matters of the lodge or chapter as a youth member.

High adventure activities have increased over the past decade. The national OA Trail Crew and Northern Tier adventure are the cheapest activities that any Arrowman can attend. Note these events are geared for the youth members of each lodge. You don't have to trade in your troop numbers to be an active member in the lodge. You can simply attend 4 lodge events a year and help promote the OA in your unit or you can join a committee of your choice, based on

your interests. The opportunities are endless. Brotherhood is NOT the 2nd rank in the OA. It is the only earned membership position you can actively achieve in the OA. Since your election into the Ordeal, your troop members elected you into membership. This is an honor bestowed onto you by your unit. For adults, they have an even greater obligation. Adults were selected by the youth of the lodge. Each Adult is judged on his or her ability to help promote and serve the OA. The Vigil is also an honor. You must have a minimum of 2 years as a Brotherhood member, perform outstanding service to the lodge, and/or scouting. Only 1 out of every 50 can be selected. It is the highest honor a lodge can give to any of its members.

Looking for Youth to Go To NOAC!

Are you a youth??? If the answer is yes, than we are looking for you!!! Our National Conference is coming this summer and we want you to go. It will be a GREAT time with a few thousand other Arrowmen from around the country. The deadline to sign up is approaching fast... it is the 14th of March. Applications are available on this web page. Click Forms at the top of the screen. Hope to see your application soon!!!
Simon Andzelewski
Lodge Chief



SERVICE

COMMITTEE: March Service Report

The first week in March brought with it the usual Service Weekend, which brought 10 arrowmen together from 3 different chapters. Saturday morning brought along a few inches of snow making the roads extra slippery. These dedicated

Arrowmen made the trip up to camp and gathered with their smiling faces at our new museum. Slowly we all made our way towards the back of the camp to finish the clearing of the new blue loop.

The journey back brought with it the excitement of my vehicle becoming stuck in a ditch by Trout Lake. I don't know if the great spirits of D-A just don't like me or what's happenin, but I seem to get stuck every time I go up there! It all ended on a good note though with the service crew uniting to push me around and back down the hill. We finally made it back to the worksite where we proceeded to clear out everything along the new

trail that could be seen or felt under the snow. Many thanks to Mr. Ron Oldani who brought his chainsaw with him and worked the whole day cutting through the large logs on the trail...I know u might be asking why we used a saw, but the answer is Joel unfortunately couldn't make the weekend! The crew worked hard all day, staying an extra hour to totally complete the 2.4 mile loop.

Next month the Wapaneu chapter will wrap us up before summer! We hope everyone is as excited as we are for the Spring Conclave and all the service work that will be done that weekend! See you all there!

Yours in Service,
-Mike Ruzala
Service Committee



ODDS AND ENDS

Strange but true facts about Mahican Chapter

Our lodge number is 162, and Mahican currently has 161 members.

Mahican Chapter runs its own Winter Camp that is the coolest camp in the world!

Somebody in Utah bought a Winter Camp patch on Ebay for \$8.16, plus shipping

Winter Camp participants who fulfill the requirements can get a special patch for free.

This patch is extra cool because no adult has ever touched one.

Mahican chapter has the smallest Chapter Chief in the Lodge.

Mahican's Chapter Chief earned Eagle when he was only 13.

Mahican Chapter houses both of the pillars of the Lodge.

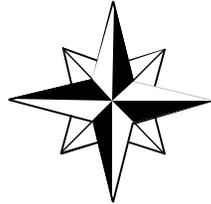
Jon Semetko was the Mahican Olympian of the Year at Winter Camp.

-Editors note

For any young ladies who might come across this Jon is also a gentle intellectual individual with dark hair who enjoys long walks on the beach, poetry, and, of course, Battlebots.

Section Information Revealed!

At long last, the pricing and other information for the Section Conclave has been set. The cost will be \$32.00 if you pay before April 15 and \$37.00 if you pay by April 24. If you haven't paid by then you'll have to wait for next year because there are **NO WALK INS!** The Form is available on Lodge 162 web page. Two other things to note: If you are a dancer or ceremonialist interested in competing at Section, you need to talk to George Blackmore by April 15th so he knows you're coming. If you'd like to order some Conclave swag, there's a Form on the Section site.



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For The GOOD OF THE ARROW

Chris Wilson of Troop 1723 received his 2nd Bronze Palm. Chris is the current Mahican Chapter Chief. Other O/A members of Mahican chapter who have received more than 1 palm are Geoff Booth who has received his 2nd Gold Palm, Geoff is the Past Lodge Vice Chief of Activities (1999-2000 & 2000-2001). Dave Booth Jr. who has received his 3rd Bronze Palm and is the Past Mahican Chapter Chief of Activities (2000-2001).

Congratulations to Sam Stocker and Steve Donohue who have recently been named chairman and adviser of the Central Region Web Page at central.oa-bsa.org. They've been working on a new site for the region since January and it went live in mid-March. Check it out and let them know what you think.

Sam Stocker is the co-chairman and Andy Whaley is the de facto publisher of the now revitalized Central Region Compass. They're nearly through with their first issue and are already making plans for the next one. It should be available on the Region site in the next week or so. Contributions are always welcome!