

## From the Chief

Hello Brothers,

Can you believe that summer is nearly over? Many may not yet be thinking of the school year that will be starting soon, nor of all the work that will have to be done once it starts. Instead many of us may be reminiscing of the places we went over the summer, whether it was a trip to the beach, a family vacation, a trip to Philmont or to our very own National Conference. Wherever you may have gone this summer, I urge you to share your memories with your family, friends and your fellow arrowman. Share what happened on that trip that made it so much fun and a trip you won't forget!!! Sharing your experience(s) with that other person might instill a desire in them to try something new that they had not thought of before.

This years NOAC was great!!! The University of Indiana is a place I'll never forget. Migisi had a total of 28 youth and 14 adults attend this year's conference. Our lodge showed more spirit and enthusiasm than any other lodge at the conference!!! Our contingent members brought home many new ideas and skills from the many classes and workshops that they attended. For some of our members a few small brainstorming sessions proved to be exceptionally enlightening, too. I am sure each of us can share a good story about our trip.....just ask one of us!!

At the National Council of Chiefs Meeting that was held at the conference, National outlined our new 2003-2007 Strategic Plan for the order,... pretty cool, huh? If any of you are interested in finding out more about the new Strategic Plan please don't hesitate to ask Joel, Dennis or myself about it. We would love to have an in depth conversation about it with you. The next NOAC is in 2004 and it will be held at the University of Iowa,... so look out Iowa in 2004.... Migisi is coming to "corn country" !!!!!!!!!!!!!

In closing, I have the following challenge for each of you. Since there isn't a NOAC or a National Jamboree for us to run off to next summer, give some serious thought to where you would like to go for a great adventure. Is it white water rafting down the Colorado, rock climbing in Yellowstone, or maybe even kayaking off the coast of Maine? Whatever your "great adventure" is, why not start planning it now?!?!?!? Get some of your buddies together and make a plan to do it! And maybe this time next year you will be telling us about it.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Simon Andzelewski  
Lodge Chief

# Eagle Pipe

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### Wapaneu Chapter

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed the nice warm summer. I know I sure have. I would like to say that Wapaneu had awesome attendance at NOAC. I hope everyone there had as much fun as I did. However, now that summer is drawing to a close, it means that it is time to get back in to the swing of things. Our first meeting will most likely be on Thursday, September 26. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the chapter again. Also, I would especially like to see all the newer, or less involved brothers at the next meeting. All of your input is needed. Who knows, maybe your idea is the one thing missing that prevents our chapter from being even better than what it is now. So come on out, and see what you're missing. For those of you who don't know, we meet at St. Athanasius Church, that's on 13 Mile, at Kelly. The meeting will start at 7, and go till about 8. It's important to be there, we will be going over important things such as ceremonies, and a chapter get-together. In the meantime, enjoy what is left of the summer.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Robert Gillette  
Chapter Chief, Wapaneu

### Do You Have Spirit?

If you think you've got spirit let us know. We are looking for all kinds of new cheers, songs, limericks, chants, and skits for our great lodge. If you can think of anything let the Lodge Spirit Committee know about it. We are going to make up a new Spirit Book this year and we want your input. We also would like to have a Spirit Chairman for every chapter that will lead that chapter in cheers at conclaves and other lodge events (expect to have to cheer to eat)! The chairmen will also assist the lodge with developing new cheers. Spirit is going to become a big part of this lodge and we are going to win the Section Coup!

Yours in Spirited  
Brotherhood,  
Zach Polifroni,  
Lodge Spirit Chairman  
Brad Alderman,  
Lodge Spirit Adviser

### A Summer of Many Great Things

According to Lord Robert Baden Powell, the most important place for Scouting to take place at camp with his patrol and his Scoutmaster. I'm sure many of us experienced this type of Scouting, either as a camper, an adult leader, or as a camp staffer working to provide excellent program for the scouts. And let us not forget about all the opportunities we have in scouts in the summer. We here in Detroit have the unique chance to participate and staff the nationally recognized Trail to Eagle Camp. Also, from Tail Crews

to National Conferences, we brothers in the Order of the Arrow have some awesome opportunities for many adventures. Whatever the role, let us all remember that this summer, we had a great time in scouting and hope that many more knot-filled summers await us

Ethan Rein

### Class A doesn't only refer to the Scout Uniform!

Class A is the best way to describe the youth from Migisi Opawgan Lodge at NOAC 2002. The youth of Migisi exemplify character, spirit, and honor. There were over 7,000 participants at NOAC 2002. Only forty-two was from Migisi. Migisi was heard and stood out at every show before, during, and after. I can honestly say that no other lodge had as much spirit than our lodge. Migisi was the sharpest dressed lodge NOAC. Once again, Class A for our youth was more than the uniform. The young men stood by each other to accomplish a week of tasks. Migisi proved that out of darkness could come the best of the best. Tuesday night at NOAC, a person could hear Migisi minutes before they came over the hill to the section gathering. It was truly an honor to be part of our lodge at NOAC 2002.

Joel Clement  
Lodge Adviser

## Jeff Rand, the Man, the Myth, the Legend.

Some of you may be up enough on the Lodge History to know there once was a Lodge Chief of this very Lodge named Jeff Rand. Many know Jeff Rand as one of the men who began the Great Mahican Chapter program of Winter Camp. Besides being a camping visionary, he was one of the Greatest Lodge Chiefs of all time, also serving as Section Secretary. After Jeff Rand's term as Lodge Chief, he grew up to be a Professional. "Professional what?" You ask. Well, Mr. Rand grew up to be a Professional Scouter. And since he began his career last Century, he has become the Scout Executive of the Rip Van Winkle Council in Upstate New York. Just a few short weeks ago, Mr. Rand was seen attending the NOAC with his Contingent, what a great guy.

Ethan Rein

## Guide to Inductions Released

The long-awaited *Guide to Inductions* was released at NOAC 2002. This book is filled with information about the inductions process ranging from the unit election to Brotherhood conversion. The guide brings together every aspect of the induction process and provides a suggested structure for the Inductions committee. It can be downloaded free at the National Site, [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

## Vigil Honor Service Project Saturday



*Open to ALL Vigil Honor  
Members of the Order of the  
Arrow*

Saturday October 5, 2002

9:00AM - 2:00PM

D-BAR-A Scout Ranch

**We'll meet at the Tom  
Trainer Museum at 9AM**

Cost: **FREE** (Lunch  
included!!!)

The Vigil Honor Committee of the Migisi Opawgan Lodge is inviting Vigil Honor members to come to D-Bar-A and help us prepare for the Vigil Weekend in late October. We will be cleaning up fallen brush, sites, and trails. For those not interested in outside work we'll also be making smudge pot candles, decorations and other cool things.

Please come and join your Brothers for a Day of Service and Fellowship!

## NOAC Dancers

Congratulations to our 4 Indian Dancers at NOAC: Kyle Gerald, Keith Brown, and John Howarth on their first time dancing at NOAC; and Dickson Mann for finishing in the Top 20 of 100+ Grass Dancers. Good work, dancers. (Time to get ready for NOAC 2004 in Iowa)

## Attention Lodge Leaders!

Brother of the Great Migisi Opawgan Lodge! If there are any of you interested in Leadership and the training of it, you are in Luck. This September 27th through the 29th, the Central Region will be sponsoring a National Leadership Seminar. This is a weekend long course all about Leadership. And let me tell you from experience, it is a great time. The best thing is that is only 60 dollars, the cheapest course in the region, and if you complete the course, the Lodge will reimburse you some of the cost, what a deal. The second best thing is that it's at Camp Miakonda, and let me tell you this camp has the best cooks around, hands down. So go ahead and talk to your chapter adviser or Ethan Rein, if you want to go.

Ethan Rein

## Craft Sessions

Were you not yet an O-A member or did you have to attend the Lodge meeting during the last two Fall Fellowships and Lincoln Pilgrimages and, therefore, missed Mrs. Mann's Native American Craft sessions? Then don't miss Fall Fellowship 2002. We will re-teach Loom Beadwork, Lazy Stitch Beading and Fingerweaving on Saturday afternoon in either the Dining Hall lobby or Trout Lake Cabin (details and sign-up Friday at Cracker Barrel and Saturday Breakfast). Cost: \$1.00 for supplies.

## Reflections on attending my first NOAC. . . 41 years ago.

I can remember the 46th Anniversary conference of the Order of the Arrow (my first) which took place at the University of Indiana from August 21 - 24, 1961. Back then the conferences were not called NOAC's. I fondly remember the excitement of attending the conference with around 20 members of the Migisi Opawgan Lodge. We drove down to Indiana University as we will this year and since I had just turned 18, I was allowed to drive the adviser's (Jerry Coogan) vehicle. What a thrill to have the responsibility and respect of my fellow arrowmen. My Chapter 8 newsletter indicated that the conference cost was \$26.00! (Lodge Dues were \$1.50 and typical weekend conclaves and the 7-I section conferences were in the \$5 to \$7 range), Being on the beautiful Indiana University campus with the college kids (girls) going through Freshman orientation was just a minor distraction but the fellowship and fun of that first conference will be fondly remembered for ever. As I prepare to return to University of Indiana campus for this year's NOAC, I'm looking forward to walking the paths that 41 years ago crystallized my interest and commitment to this great Order of the Arrow. Our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Don Ray,

Vigil Member 1963

## NOAC Competition Results

Not all the results are in yet, but we do know a few things. We took a Merit Award in the Camping Promotion Visit Competition. We fielded teams in most sports, though we didn't win (we did have fun playing the game though). As mentioned elsewhere we had several entrants in the dance competition all of whom did fairly well given the depth of the field at this year's NOAC.



We also took a prize as a National Honor Website, finishing in a three-way tie for tenth place nationally and less than 5 points (out of 90) behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place site. Every member of our Lodge earned the Brotherhood Award, which was the name given to this year's Participation Award for NOAC.

## Website Changes

Now that the judging is over, the web committee is eagerly looking forward to seeing the actual review of the site so they can use it as part of their long-planned redesign of [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org). If you have suggestions, now's the time to make them heard by either sending an email to [webmaster@migisi.org](mailto:webmaster@migisi.org) or using the contact link on the site.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for Lodge members Ken Marriott, Robert Hartwig and Andy Whaley. All three have been called out for the Vigil already this year because of school commitments, any remaining Vigil candidates will be called out at the Fall Ordeal (one more reason to go!)

Andy has already completed his Vigil and Ken and Rob will be joining the rest of our Vigil Candidates at the ceremony in October.

## Calendar

**September 20-22** Fall Ordeal  
at D-A

**October 25-27** Fall  
Fellowship and  
Training at D-A

**December 4** Annual Dinner

**December 15** Next Eagle  
Pipe Deadline

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## Submissions

Our next issue comes out in December and the deadline will be December 15.

For breaking news and the latest updates, check out our website at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org)