



The Eagle Pipe Special Election Edition 2003

The Official Newsletter of
Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162
Detroit Area Council

FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings Brothers,
As Michigan's fall weather starts to set in, I sit here reflecting on this past year and all that has been accomplished. We have more service hours this year than any other. We have a huge number of arrowmen receiving the Arrowman Service Award this year. We had one of the largest Conclaves in the history of our lodge with over 250 members present, which is more than the entire membership of one of the other lodges in our section. A direct quote from that Lodge Chief: "Wow, you have more members at your conclave than is in my entire lodge". Everything that has happened this past year is not because of one person, but is because you all worked together to make it happen. Be proud of that. Now what is in this lodge's future? I will start by telling you this is an exciting time to be in the Great Migisi Opawgan Lodge. Over the next 5 months we have a Section Conclave to plan. You have probably heard us ask many times: "Guess where Section is this coming year?" Here's the answer one more time: "the

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Great D-A Scout Ranch". I would like to report that almost all of the Chairmanships are filled and we have Advisors for each Committee, but we still need individuals to help with executing the process and the plans. We have all sorts of different projects that will need to be accomplished prior to the Section weekend and areas that will need to be run and staffed at Section. If you would like to take part in a specific area of the planning and/or operations of Section Conclave let me know and I'll direct you to the correct committee.

Well, I've talked about the past, I've mentioned the future, now a few words about the present. Within the month we will have our Annual Meeting AKA our Lodge Dinner. As most of you know, we will have a nice dinner, we will present awards to members of our lodge who have gone above and beyond for the good of our brotherhood, and we will choose the officers who will lead this

lodge for the next year. Before you (the youth) make a choice I urge you to listen carefully to what each candidate has to say at the Lodge Dinner. Listen to what they want to do and how they are going to do it before you make a choice on whom you want to lead for the next year. Also take this into consideration, not only does the Lodge Chief stand and represent you within the lodge, but he represents you on the Council Executive Board and the Council Camping Committee. His availability and presence is important at these meetings because it shows that the lodge is truly one of the most important factors within our council.

So what I say to you is don't listen to what others within the lodge say about who is running. Listen to yourself. Ask yourself questions about what you want, what you would like to see and pick who you think is going to best represent you in this lodge and in the great Detroit Area Council. Remember every youth in this lodge has a voice and has the right to voice his opinion, so when we come together at the Annual Meeting voice your opinion.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Simon Andzelewski
Lodge Chief

FROM THE TREASURER

To my fellow brothers,
The past two years have been a great experience for me, just to meet the best that our council has, to work with them is an even better story. To a few bother that I have worked with and for I wish to say thank you for this great opportunity that you have provided me the past to year. To Joel Clement it has been a great

honor to work with you, I thank you for always encouraging me to keep in moving further and being able to push me to the next step. Everyone does speak highly of you because you are in this program for us the youth of the great organization. I wish you the best of luck with the new Lodge leadership. I know with your guidance they will rise to be the best leadership you have ever had, and you will take this lodge further and further in to the future.

To Harold Hanna you have picked this lodge up from the ground and dusted it off and made it you own personal project to make this lodge as great as it once used to be. With that I admire you for dedicating yourself to this lodge with all the service that you have offered. Even when you are not the lodge advisor you are still around to make the scouting experience a better one for each youth. I hope to come back in the future and be able to sit in the back with you and tell those "back in my time" stories with you.

To Mrs. Irene Church you were the first advisor I had when I moved into the Lodge positions and I thank you for the experience you have given me. Mr. Jim Cormier you are the one that had started me in the Order of the Arrow by making me the Chapter Unit Elections Chairman. To my current advisor Mr. Bruce Maxim I know your job is to make the Lodge Treasurer look good in front of the Lodge and you have sure done that well with me. With out you the lodge would not be what it is today, you have changed the whole Treasury of this lodge when it was a clutter to something that is easy to work with. I thank you all for being a

great influence on me from the Lodge point of view.

To Sam Stocker and George Blackmore you have started all the work to keep me in the Order of the Arrow. With out your friendship I don not know where I would be today in the scouting program. With your encouragement I have been able to move myself through the ranks to an Eagle Scout, become a part of Venturing, and hold a position on the Lodge Executive Board. To the other Scouters that I have met though-out my scouting experience I am sorry I have not mentioned you in this article but I only have so much space to work with, but it has been a great experience to work with you and to work for you. I wish to be able to comeback and reminisce on old memories.

As many of you may know, this year is my final term as your Lodge Treasurer. I have decided to move on to concentrate on my schoolwork at Kettering University, and also to work on the Venturing awards. I will not be gone for good; you will be able to see my face around at lodge event ever so often. Kettering University is in Flint, MI so I am not that far away from camp, and I will be moving back and forth from home to school every three month, because of the mandatory Co-op program. I may also come back as a chairman but not be able to show up to the each Lodge meeting. But I will send in my report if it is needed. The last thing that you will see me do in the Lodge for this year is help the next Lodge Executive board prepare for the C2A Section Conclave. Brad Krzesiak and I will be heading up the Security portion of the weekend. It

has been a great honor to work with the best men and woman that our council has to offer.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jason Rhiew
Lodge Treasurer

HELPING MAKE SECTION CONCLAVE AWESOME

By Ethan Rein
Brothers of Migisi! The Section Conclave 2003 will be held at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. For those of us who are unfamiliar with the organization of the Order of the Arrow past the Lodge, our Lodge, Migisi Opawgan, along with six other lodges around here makes up the Section C-2A. Every year, the Section holds a conference.

Next year, it will be at D-BAR-A. This means that our Lodge will be in charge of making sure all the events that are supposed to go down do so properly. To accomplish this task, we need lots of help.

There are many things that all of the youth in the Lodge can be in charge of or help out with. They are Registration, Lodge Relations, Security, Dining Hall, the "bus route", making sure areas are ready to be used, setting up equipment and health and safety. If you want to help, please contact Ethan Rein (ethanrein@yahoo.com) or George Blackmore (georgeb2450@yahoo.com) Thank you.

ANNUAL DINNER APPROACHES

By Ethan Rein
Brothers, mark your calendars! December fourth is the 51st annual Lodge Dinner and Awards

Convocation. It will be held at the Sterling Banquet Center, in beautiful Sterling Heights. There will be a terrific dinner, many awards given out and next year's officers elected. Tickets cost \$15, and can be purchased through your Chapter Adviser. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy all that has happened this year. Please take advantage of it

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 2001!

Congratulations, MIGISI Lodge 162, your membership totals have exceeded the 2001 count by 37 members. We have 798 members to date. At the end of 2001 we had 761. Our attendance for Fall Fellowship weekend and Vigil breakfast helped increase the figures and we also added 3 new brotherhood conversions. We had 39 Vigil members at the Vigil breakfast to greet the 10 new 2002 vigil honor members for a total of 49. Our fellowship weekend sign-in total reached 87. The 2003 renewals have been coming in and just a note to remind everyone to check their label on this newsletter to see if they have paid their 2003 dues. The roster will not show these changes until after Jan. 1st 2003.

YiB

Membership Committee Advisor

VIGIL HONOR 2002

Kyle Gerald, Rob Hartwig, Ethan Rein, Ken Marriott, Andy Whaley, Brad Alderman, Austin Ball, Dave Hunter, Jeff Lang, Al Mickler are the members of the Vigil Honor Class of 2002. They were inducted as Vigil

Honor members at D-A Scout Ranch on October 26, 2002.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Lodge 162 is composed of a unique group of dedicated scouts and scouters who have gone above and beyond this past year to perform more service to their camps and communities than ever before. With a full year of service weekends to keep everyone busy, it's not surprising that there was a ton of work accomplished up at the ranch. Yet another bridge was constructed on the Pedro trail, the red and blue loops of the trail were opened for business (adding a total of 4 additional miles to the original 6 mile yellow loop), grass was planted and areas are slowly being improved upon for the upcoming Section C2A Conclave, furniture was installed at the new museum, and ton of fun was had by all. The service weekends are a time when arrowmen from all over our lodge can really get to know one another, enjoy all that d-a has to offer, earn a lodge service flap, and best of all make new friends! These occur the first Saturday of every month and we would love to see as many of you as possible at the next one! This year a goal was set of four hours of service to be given by every member in each chapter, and not only did every chapter meet their goal but many are going to come very close to almost doubling them! This year the Cole Canoe Base service weekend was also a great success! Our members helped to spread woodshops, help build a latrine, and do a ton of other jobs that helped to get the camp ready for

summer! Our lodge can truly be happy for such a dedicated and enthusiastic group of members, who aren't afraid to get a little dirty by spending some of their valuable time at our camps. Making them all the better for the thousands of campers who visit them every year. So keep up the great job guys because our work is just now beginning, another time of testing is upon us!

Yours in Service,
~Service Committee~

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The big news for us is a change in the hosting arrangements for www.migisi.org, our award-winning website. We are working to make the change as transparent to you as possible, but there may be a few days where you can't access the page. This is perfectly normal and is an Internet problem rather than a problem with our site or our hosting arrangements.

These arrangements have put us behind on a couple of our other projects, including our redesign, the new "ride board" suggested at the Fellowship and the dues online project. All of these should be completed by the end of November.

We've also included a new logo in our masthead. It was created by Joe Beach, an Air Force artist, at the request of past Lodge Chief Jay Bottorff. Please let us know how you like it.

WAPANEU CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers

This is the Chapter Chief from good ole' Wapaneu. I would first off like to thank all my officers who helped

make this a great year, thanks a lot guys. Next, Wapaneu will be having PR opportunities in the upcoming month. These chances are November 12, and November 14 at Michigami and Lakeshores' District Roundtables. If any members are interested feel free to contact me or my advisor Bill Marriot for further information. Also, our next chapter meeting is going to be the 3rd Thursday this month. That's the 21st of November. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00. At this meeting we will be having our chapter elections, and having others sorts of good fun, so come on down to St. A's on 13 mile road at Kelly. (For those of you who don't know, that's just west of Gratiot) So I hope to see you all there for our final gathering of the year, unless we decide its just not enough and plan something special. Hope to see you there!

Yours in Brotherhood
Robert Gillette

ACHOWALOGEN CHAPTER

Hey Migisi!

How are all of you doing? No doubt you all are doing great now that you've had an opportunity to relax and enjoy yourselves AND receive some Lodge training all the fellowship and an opportunity to reverence God together at the end of the weekend. We, the Achowalogen chapter, just want to thank you for all of your support and help. We could not have done it without you.

Currently we are steadily progressing in the development of our ordeal ceremony team. We hope you all are praying for us because we are standing in the need of it.

Yours in Scouting,
The Achowalogen

WSIGAU CHAPTER

The great Wsigau Chapter will be hosting an in-town Brotherhood conversion. There will be two informational meetings; one is at the November 14 Roundtable and one at the November Wsigau Chapter meeting. The chapter meeting will be held at Garden City Junior High School at 7:00 pm on November 21, 2002. The ceremony will be held after the chapter's November meeting. ON December 5th the Wsigau Chapter meeting/party will be held at Zap Zone on Ford Road in Canton. Our chapter has attended the Camp Rally for the Council. It was held at Bishop Foley High School on October 16. For the Good of the Arrow, our Chapter Chief Dave Platz and our Chapter Executive Vice-Chief Cory Beadle are doing their Eagle projects this month. At the November meeting our chapter we will be accepting nominations for officers. Please try to come to the meeting.

William Matson
Chapter Secretary

THE YEAR'S BEST EVENT IS COMING.

By Ethan Rein
Brothers of the Mahican Chapter, the annual tradition of Winter Camp approaches. It will be held from December twenty seventh through the thirty-first, so mark your calendars! We will be playing lots of games, having lots of crazy meals, and lots of great fellowship. The price is just \$36.36 for youth and

\$40.40 for adults. This year, you can look forward to Battle Chess, 4 Way Volleyball, and Cross Country Golf, to name a few. We will also do a super sweet service project. If you are interested in helping or just want some more information, contact Ethan Rein at 313-359-3394 or etharein@yahoo.com.

MAHICAN CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers.
Mahican Chapter will be hosting two in town Brotherhood Conversions this month. The first will be held at the Three Rivers District Roundtable on Thursday November 14 at 8:00. TR's RT is located at Cavary Lutheran Church in Lincoln Park. The second opportunity will be at our Chapter meeting on Thursday November 21, also at 8:00. Our Chapter meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn. In December, the Chapter meeting will be cancelled and instead we will be having a Chapter get-together/party. You can get all the details at the December Annual Dinner. Plans for Winter Camp are being refined and we are looking forward to another outstanding week of fellowship and mayhem. See Winter Camp article enclosed in this edition. I would like to thank all the officers and members of Mahican for another great year.

2003 LODGE OFFICER ELECTION

Come to the Migisi Opawgan Lodge Annual Meeting/Dinner on December 4, 2002 and make a difference by voting for the future of the lodge.

Any Arrowman twenty years of age or younger can vote. So make a statement for the future and attend the lodge dinner.

At the moment, the candidates are:

Chief:

Ethan Rein, Simon Andzelewski

Executive Vice-Chief:

Dave Platz, Zach Polifroni

Vice Chief of Activities

Bobby Gillette, Craig Summers

Secretary

Michael Zanic

Treasurer

Lucas Tilley, Dave Booth, Jr.

CANDIDATE LETTER:
CRAIG SUMMERS

Dear Brothers,

My name is Craig Summers and I am running for the office of Vice-Chief of Activities this year. I went through my Ordeal in 1999 at D-A. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 1721 and I am currently their Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. I am currently the Mahican Chapter Vice-Chief of Activities and the Camping Promotion chairman for the greatest Lodge, Lodge 162. This past year was just amazing and I expect nothing less than years past in 2003. You are probably asking yourself "How can 2003 be more amazing than 2002?" Well, I have the answer. I plan to 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, also I hope to see every member of Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162 at the Section Conclave at D-A when we when the coveted Section Coup Stick. I want to get around and see what other Chapters in our Lodge are doing in

case there is a Chapter than needs an idea. That is my plan for making 2003 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 enthusiastic about what you do in the Lodge. And take your spirit to Section Conclave 2003. So come out to the Sterling Banquet Center on December 4th to show that you want your Lodge to succeed.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Craig Summers
Brotherhood member

CANDIDATE LETTER:
ETHAN REIN

Greetings, my brothers in the Order. My name is Ethan Rein, and I am a candidate for Lodge Chief. In case you didn't know, we will be electing next year's lodge officers at the Annual Dinner, December Fourth. You may know me as the Executive Vice Chief or from my three year staff position at D-Bar-A. In addition, I am an Eagle Scout, I received the Venturing Silver Award this year, and I have been to the National Leadership Seminar and Order of the Arrow Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch. We have had a lot of good times this year, and I hope to have many more throughout next year. In addition, we can also do outstanding service to the community and our beautiful council camps, D-Bar-A and Cole Canoe Base.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ethan Rein
Executive Vice-Chief

**CANDIDATE LETTER:
ROBERT GILLETTE**

Greetings Brothers for those of you who don't know me, I am Robert Gillette, and I am running for the lodge position of Vice Chief of Activities for the great Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162. So you're probably wondering what makes me qualify for the position. Here's what I'm going to do, I am going to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a part of Scouting since Tiger Cubs, where I was in Pack 1423. I then continued into Boy Scouts, with Troop 1969, and that is where I currently am. I have served as 2 terms of Patrol Leader, 1 term as troop scribe, and 1 term as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout rank. In the summer of 1999, I was elected into the Order of the Arrow. I did my Ordeal in the fall of the same year. At my very first Chapter meeting, I

was elected as Chapter Treasurer, and served actively for one year at that position. The next year, I was elected to Executive Vice-Chief, again, for one year. This past year, I have served with pride as Chapter Chief of the great Wapaneu Chapter. Over the years I have gained several leadership qualities, and I now wish to share them with the lodge. Other activities I participate in include Bowling, Drama club, Tennis, National Honor Society and band. I have also worked for 2 years at D-A Scout Ranch. I hope now you know a little bit about me, and will consider me when you are voting at this year's Annual Meeting on December 4th. And if you still wish to know a little bit more about me, feel free to contact me via e-mail me at Superbob86@yahoo.com

Yours in Brotherhood
Robert Gillette

ANNUAL DINNER 2002

Sterling Inn -- Sterling Banquet & Conference Center
34911 Van Dyke – Sterling Heights, MI

Located at the SW Corner on Van Dyke (M53) at 15 Mile Rd.

From South: Take I75 North to I696 East – follow I696 East to the Van Dyke (M53) exit. Go North on Van Dyke about 4 miles.

FROM NORTH: Take I75 South to the East 14 Mile Road exit. Follow 14 Mile Road East to Van Dyke. Go North on Van Dyke about a mile.

