

Officers

Looking Forward to a Terrific Year

Members of Migisi Opawgan, as your newly elected Lodge Chief, I am looking forward to a great year filled with new ideas and lots of fun. This year, we will make every idea any youth has get discussed, and, hopefully, put into action. Scoutreach and Training will be areas to look out for, as well as all the other lodge activities.

Another high point of this year will be May 2nd-4th. It is the best multi-lodge function of the year, Section Conclave 2003, and it will be held at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, the great camp we all know and love. The cost will be 34 dollars. That sounds like a lot, but, believe me, Section Conclaves are some of the most memorable events in The Order of the Arrow. The more people our lodge has, the more fun it will be, I promise. There are also some great opportunities to help out and be in charge of some very important operations. Each chapter will have a special area to run. If you are interested in helping out, contact your Chapter Chief and he will be eager to have your involvement.

If you are interested in getting involved and helping run the Lodge, send an email to ethanrein@yahoo.com or call Ethan Rein at 313-359-3394.

In brotherhood,

Ethan A. Rein

Your 2003 Lodge Chief.

Greetings Brothers

Well it's already time for the O-A year to start again, which means that there are a few activities coming up. One of which is the Lincoln Pilgrimage, it's a great opportunity to go out and have some fun running games for Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts. It's also a chance to pay respect to our nation's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. Wsigau is working hard to make sure we have a great weekend. Also, there are several other opportunities for arrowmen to go out and have lots of fun. Including Philbreak - 18-25 year olds.

There are 3 sessions - March 2-8, 9-15, 16-22. They will take about 72 people, so if anybody is interested get apps in early. Get them online at www.oa-bsa.org. If anyone is interested, contact Dennis Schlemmer. A last fast approaching event is Section Dance training weekend. March 28-30. Talk to Joel if interested, this great opportunity is open to everyone. SO go out and learn a few things about Native American dancing. It is at Silver Trails Camp.

Bobby Gillette

Vice-Chief of Activities

Dear Brothers,

Welcome to the year 2003. I'd like to congratulate everyone that was installed into office at the Annual Dinner, good luck guys. 2003 is going to be a great year. I'm very proud of our Lodge's arrowmen; this summer three Lodge officer's will be participating on our council's camping Staff programs at D-A Scout Ranch. Ethan Rein will be working at Scoutcraft as the Area Director, I will be working as the Assistant Director, and Zach Polifroni will be an instructor. Just goes to show you once again that "great leaders get involved."

Together lets make this year the best it's ever been.
Yours in Scouting
Geoff Booth
Lodge Secretary

Happy New Year to all my OA Brothers. Hope your year is off to a good start. Well I'm off to a good start for 2003, starting my 2nd semester at Schoolcraft College and starting my first full month as your Lodge Treasurer. Mr. Maxim and I have begun working on our 2003 Budget, so this brings a reminder to everyone. All MONIES turn into us (OA) or to the Council office MUST be accompanied by a completed consolidation report form. Also, if you are requesting payment, your request must be accompanied by copies of your receipts. If you wish to Email me you can do so by sending it to: DaveBoothJr@comcast.net. I would ask that each Chapter Treasure email me so we can get to know each other better and if I can be of service to you as you begin your term as Treasurer, Please let me know.
Yours in Brotherhood.
David Booth, Jr.
Lodge Treasurer

Chapters

Brothers,
Welcome to a new year. Our Dance Team is active and doing well. If you are interested in becoming involved but don't dance, administrative, technical and creative positions are available. Adults welcome, contact Mr. Gene Villani at (248)399-5834.
Our February event is a night of Walley Ball. This is open to anyone in the Lodge. We will let everyone know the details as soon as possible. Contact Mr. Jim Cormier at (258)879-0233 to reserve your spot. If you have the night of February 27 open, come join us.
Lowanue Kuwe
Chapter Secretary.

Greetings brothers! For those of you who went to the great Winter Camp XXVI you know how great a time we had, everyone else - wish you had been there!
We are getting ready for the best Spring Conclave this lodge has ever known it's gonna be great hope to see you all there!
Everyone who wants to know what's going on in the chapter needs to sign up for the Mahican Announcements group on yahoo, go to the chapter section of the Lodge Website (www.migisi.org) and look for the yahoo groups sign up button. I plan to be using this whenever I have announcement to get to the chapter so be sure to sign up! Also if your troop doesn't have an OA Troop Representative please talk to your Scoutmaster and GET ONE!! I am going to use the Troop Reps to communicate with the chapter also.
If you are interested in being a chairman for the chapter please email (greatbks@truevine.net) or call me (313) 724-8772. We need a lot of Committee Chairmen spots to be filled.

I hope that all of you are planning to be at the Section Conclave from May 2-4, our lodge is hosting it and we hope to have a great turnout.

Lets have great turnouts from Mahican Chapter at all Lodge functions this year, Lincoln Pilgrimage, Spring Conclave, Section Conclave, Cole Canoe Base Conclave, Fall Conclave, Fall Fellowship, and the Annual Dinner. This is going to be the best year ever for THE GREAT MAHICAN Chapter.

Be sure to remember that Mahican Chapter meetings are the third Thursday of every month at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn at 7:30 PM, we need to have more people at these meetings because they are where the decisions of our chapter are made.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jamie White
Mahican Chapter Chief

Happy New Year Gentlemen!

It's time to begin this great year with a blast of action. As many of you know, the Movers and Shakers of Section C2A, Lodge 162, will be heading up the Section conclave and the Achowalogen chapter has been allowed the opportunity to serve our section in the Inter-faith services Advised By Joel Clement, Dennis Schlemmer, and Sam Stocker. If you have any suggestions, recommendations, questions, comments, concerns, etc. let me know by E-mailing me at RHMazyck@Comcast.net .

Yours in Scouting,
Rik Mazyck
Achowalogen Chief

Committees

Vigil Chairman

So you know an outstanding Arrowman who has been a Brotherhood member for at least two years? Man, why not nominate them for Vigil? Forms can be found online at our stellar website migisi.org. Forms are due at that Spring Conclave. If you have any questions, be sure to email me at samstocker@migisi.org

Sam Stocker
Vigil Committee Chairman

OAU... It's for you.

Order of the Arrow University is off and running. By attending special training classes held monthly you can earn a beautiful certificate and a limited edition Lodge flap. Classes range from Outdoor Education to OA Administration.

To join OAU, simply send \$10 and the application included in this edition of the Eagle Pipe. For more information check out the Training Committee page on the lodge website.

Historian

I have the Lodge Yearbook which Sam Stocker has had custody of for the last three years. Sam has done an excellent job updating it. My plan for this year is to be able to

preserve the pages of the book by laminating them. For the long term, we hope to create a CD version. The new home for the yearbook will be the Tom Trainor Scout Museum at D-A. If anyone has any photos they'd like to share with the lodge we'd love to preserve our history.

Jason Rhiew
Lodge Historian

Camp Promotions

Looking forward to 2003, I see Camping Promotion at an all-time high.. This year some of my goals include winning the DeCoursey Award in our Section, completing a brand new Camp Promotions guide, increasing the number of Scouts that attend an in-council camp and last, but not least, 100% of all troops in DAC attending a long-term camping experience.

The goals are all achievable this year. I need your help to make these goals a reality. If you've been to any awesome camps, Boy Scout related or not, let me know and I'll collect as much info and make the Migisi Opawgan Where to Go Camping book totally awesome.

George Blackmore
Camping Promotions Chairman

Scoutreach!

Scoutreach has arrived in Detroit and it's here to stay! Led by ken Marriott, this program focuses on enriching the Scouting Program in rural and urban areas. Any arrowman who wishes to make a difference in the units of our Council should contact Ken Marriott at scoutreach@migisi.org

Events

Annual Dinner a Success

On December 4th, 2002, the Lowanue Kuwe Chapter hosted Lodge 162's fifty first annual dinner and awards convocation. A great time was had by all. The fellowship was fun and the food was great. The youth of the Lodge elected the Lodge Officers for 2003. They are: Ethan Rein - Chief, Zach Polifroni - Executive Vice Chief, Robert Gillette - Vice Chief of Activities, Geoff Booth - Secretary, and David Booth, jr. - Treasurer. Many awards were given out as well, including the Arrowman Service Award, our Lodge service flaps, the Robert Rutherford Award, the Russell Neynaber Award, and The extended Elangomat Award. The Harold Oatley Service Award was presented to Bruce Maxim and Ethan Rein. The Founders' award was presented to Joel Clement and Mike Ruszala.

Philbreak

What are you doing for spring break? Want to really make a difference? Come on down to Philmont for the adventure of a lifetime! The cost is only \$50, but the memories will last forever.

Last summer rampant forest fires burned the North Country of the Philmont Scout Ranch. The OA and the Philmont Staff Association have created a program for college students who are at least 18 but not yet 26 years old. All members of the BSA (male or female) may attend. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact our Lodge Chief, Ethan Rein
Sam Stocker
Philbreak Program Vice-Chief

Trade-O-Ree

When: Friday, June 6 12:00 noon - 11:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Livonia Mall (North Entrance)

What: An opportunity to buy/sell/trade patches and memorabilia. A great place to finish your collection or start a new one.

For the Good

The year as a Vice-Chief

By Ethan Rein

My dear brothers, this has been a year like no other for me. As Executive Vice Chief, I've gotten to have lots of fun being a leader of this great lodge. From the Lincoln Pilgrimage to Section Conclave to Summer Camp to Fall Fellowship, I've had a blast. Thanks for all the good times. If any of youth Arrowmen out there want to have fun and be involved on the Lodge Leadership, I encourage you to.

Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum

Brothers,

The Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum at D-A Scout Ranch is open and operating each week. The museum hours are 8:30 am - 11:30 am and 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. It is up to the discretion of the weekly volunteer to add more hours. Spread the word at your Chapter meetings, Roundtables and Troop meetings.

We have started our inventory and cataloging of all the patches, neckerchiefs, slides, mugs and much more. We are estimating this will take six months and we hope to have all our duplicate items ready to sell or trade at the Detroit Trade-O-Ree which will be held June 6,7 at Livonia Mall.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Harold Hanna