

The Eagle Pipe

March 2004

Lincoln Pilgrimage 2004

On February 14th, 42 arrowmen and 82 participants from the council took part in the Migisi Opawgan's 45th annual Lincoln Pilgrimage. Each year, the Lodge puts on this event to honor one of America's greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

history leading to the Gettysburg Address and then repeated President Lincoln's famous Address. Mr. Gordon W. Draper went on to give the scouts present a history of the event and tell them about the founder of the Pilgrimage George REA Thomas.

2003 Annual Dinner, a great time

The 51st Annual Lodge Banquet was held December 3rd at the Sterling Banquet Center in Sterling Heights. Wapaneu Chapter did a wonderful job securing the location and making sure the Lodge was ready to go when the day came to pass out prestigious awards and elected out new Lodge officers.

The evening began with the Obligation and an invocation by Bobby Gillette. Following the fabulous dinner, the program went on with annual reports, given by 2003 Lodge Chief Ethan Rein, Lodge staff

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Hosted by the Mahican Chapter, the Pilgrimage began with a great ceremony put on by Ryan Lang, Chris Szybisty, Sean Omaitis and Aaron Ankiel. The opening Indian ceremony was followed by a terrific presentation by a visiting Abraham Lincoln enthusiast, who spoke about the

The ceremony ended with a laying of a wreath at the base of the Lincoln Statue in front of the Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum by Lodge Chief Jamie White. The 2004 Lincoln Pilgrimage was the first of many to be

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Chapter News and Headlines

From the Chief

Dear Brothers,

So far this year has started out going really well, we have filled almost all of the Committee Chairman positions already. If you are interested in becoming involved on a Lodge level there are still a couple openings for active and energetic members just shoot me an email at jamie@migisi.org. We have some great activities planned for the coming year, Spring Ordeal, Section Conclave, Cole Ordeal, and NOAC just to name a few. Come on out and join us for any of these events, you'll have a great time of fellowship with your fellow brothers.

Another great opportunity to have some fun and help out camp is to come to one of our service days at D-A they are the first Saturday of every month, we meet at the museum parking lot at 9am. We spend the morning doing service projects around camp and then they feed us a great lunch, and we get back to more service work. Another upcoming service project is the One Day of Service, which is a Regional event in which every Lodge in the region hosts a service project outside of camp, and thousands of hours of service are put in to communities all over. Keep an eye on the Lodge website www.migisi.org, for more details.

I'm looking forward to a great year as your Chief, hope to see you soon!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jamie White
Lodge Chief
Migisi Opawgan



Lowanue Kuwe – serves Northridge and North Trails districts

By Dan Swan, Chapter Chief

A new era is upon the Lowanue Kuwe Chapter. For too long, the chapter has taken little or no interest in anything by the dance team. With the help of the chapter members, this will change. Chapter Chief Dan Swan is looking for all arrowmen in the Northridge and North Trails Districts to participate in an exciting program. Besides the normal Lodge events, the chapter is going to be holding several fun events throughout the year including Whirly Ball and a Lock-in in December.

The chapter is also looking for chairmen for several committees to make it the best in the Lodge. Most important is an elections chairman and an election team. Dan is also looking for people to help with the Troop representative program. Arrowmen interested in becoming Troop Reps or even the chairman should contact Dan and he will be glad to help them out. The following departments need help as well: camp promotions, awards, service, fundraising and brotherhood. The chapter is also contemplating sending a crew to the Northern Tier Canoe Base in the summer of 2005. Arrowmen interested in these opportunities should contact Dan at chapter meeting on the last Thursday of every the month at St. Johns Methodist Church on Rochester north of 13 Mile Road. As always, check www.migisi.org for further updates. Look under chapters and click Lowanue Kuwe.

The **Wapaneu** chapter serves the Michigan and Lakeshore districts. For more information, contact chapter chief Brad Krzesiak or chapter adviser Mr. Bill Marriot.

The **Wsigau** chapter serves the Sunset district. For more information, contact Wsigau Chapter Chief Chris Szysbisty or Wsigau Chapter Adviser Mr. Eric Behrmann.

Achowalogen - serves Metro West and Phoenix districts

Great things are happening in the City of Detroit. Chapter officer elections were held at our January chapter meeting and the 2004 officers are: Chapter Chief, Leo LeBron; Chapter Vice Chief, Christopher Young; and Chapter Secretary, John Paul Siracki. Along with the officer of Chapter Treasurer, a few Chapter Chairmanships are also open. If any youth member of the Achowalogen would like to serve in a position for the coming year, please contact Leo.

The March Chapter meeting will be a very busy one. We will be finalizing plans for the Spring Conclave that our chapter is hosting at D-A Scout Ranch. We will also be discussing upcoming opportunities that you can take part in such as the C-2A Section Conclave and NOAC. More information can be found at the chapter web page at www.migisi.org. Chapter meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month at Westminster Church of Detroit (on the NW corner of Hubbell and Outer Drive). We are working to meet our membership and Brotherhood conversion goals for 2004. To meet our membership goal we need 15 more Brothers to pay their registration. If you have already paid your registration, please pass the enclosed form along to a Brother that has not. We also will need to have 4 Brotherhood conversions this year. These are very attainable goals and with the help of our chapter members we will surpass both of them. Let's make this year the best ever for the Achowalogen Chapter!

Mahican– serves the Three Rivers and Huron Districts

By Ricky Naida, Chapter Chief

The great Mahican Chapter is ready for an awesome year. After kicking 2004 off with Lincoln Pilgrimage, we can't wait to induct new members at the spring ordeal. We're working on some awesome chapter events such as an overnigher at Stoopids LAN Gaming Hub and a June picnic. The ceremony team is currently working on some sweet new outfits for our upcoming ceremonies. Right now we are also working on contacting all of the units in the Three Rivers and Huron districts concerning elections and troop reps.

The chapter extends a thank you to everyone that helped make the Lincoln Pilgrimage awesome, especially Chris Szysbisty for helping with our ceremonies. See you all at NOAC.

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located in front of the Museum. The statue was moved from its gazebo down the road last spring.

After the ceremony, the scouts in attendance were invited to stay to have fun with the Lodge members. Mr. Greg Kolasa, who was present in a full Civil War Soldier's uniform to help with the ceremony, taught willing scouts about what it was like to be a union soldier in the Civil War. Games were also hosted for the scouts, including Milk Crate Stacking, branding, penny hunt, Kim's game, and Count the Lincoln, which was held in the Museum.

After the Pilgrimage was over, Lodge members enjoyed the Winter Fellowship for the remainder of the weekend. Lodge members played card games, traded patches, and chapters were able to participate in the duct tape and cardboard sled race, initiated by the Lowanue Kuwe Chapter. In that contest, held on the hill behind the Wykoff Lodge, Wapanew won for quality and Lowanue Kuwe went the furthest distance.

A special congratulations goes to Mrs. Linda Booth and Mr. Mike Ankiel, who sealed their membership in the Lodge by becoming Brotherhood members.

New Members Only!

A new award was created late last year for new inductees of Migisi Opawgan. The First Year Arrowman award highlights many opportunities available to new members of the Lodge and rewards them for active membership. To earn the award, members must go to at least three chapter meetings, two Lodge events, one of which is a Lodge Leadership Development Course, participate in a chapter committee and service project, become a brotherhood member and attend an Ordeal ceremony, other than your own. Forms for this award are available on www.migisi.org

Wilderness Voyage: a great opportunity

by Sam Stocker

I was 16 years old and miles from home in the borderland between the United States and Canada. I was placed in a group with other arrowmen from all over the country for 14 days of adventure and cheerful service. We all arrived as strangers, the only thing we had in common at first glance were the uniforms that we were all wearing. After a week of work on portages trails, sleeping, eating, canoeing, and of course, silly teenage goofing off (e.g. cliff jumping, rump bumping, a 4 mile portage, and the pizza stop in the middle of the woods) we grew and could truly see the ties of brotherhood that bring us all together. For me, it was an incredible experience with some unforgettable memories and friends that will last a lifetime. If you are eligible to go to Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage, definitely take advantage of it! you will come back ready to serve the Lodge, your chapter, your school, community and all that jazz! my advice: Do it!

For more information about the OA Wilderness Voyage, go the National Order of the Arrow Website, www.aa-bsa.org

Spend the Summer at Camp

Migisi Opawgan is very fortunate to serve a council with two fully operational summer camps. Whether you want to work with cub scouts, boy scouts, canoes, ecology, conservation, old fashioned scout skills, or horses, Detroit Area Council Camps have the job for you. Summer camp positions are filling fast at D-bar-A Scout Ranch and Cole Canoe Base. To apply, download an application from www.dacbsa.org or call the Dick and Sandy Dauch Scout center at 313-897-1965.

Area 2 Training Conference to be held in March

The 13 lodges of Area 2, including the whole state of Michigan and part of Ohio, will be gathering at Camp Rotary for a training conference the last weekend in March. This is sure to be a great chance to make some new friends, learn about running an effective Lodge from some of the best trainers around, and spend time at beautiful Camp Rotary.

This event, called the Area Leadership Training Conference (ALTC) will be one of the most unique of its kind ever, as the only one the state of Michigan has seen in nearly 30 years. Don't let this opportunity pass by. Registration forms are available at www.migisi.org. If the March 8th deadline passes you by, talk to Lodge Chief Jamie White to ensure a spot for the weekend. The cost is \$24.

Need an OA unit election? Here's how

Attention Unit Leaders! Spring Ordeals at D-Bar-A (April 23-25) and Cole Canoe Base (June 4-6) are rapidly approaching. Each Boy Scout unit needs to schedule an Order of the Arrow election in advance of these event dates to allow your elected candidates an opportunity to participate in the Ordeal weekend.

To help, we've prepared a flyer outlining the steps and Chapter Adviser contacts for each District in the Council. Check it out and if there are any questions on the process and scheduling, we are there to help.

Let's make sure each unit gives their Scouts the opportunity to elect those who they believe are the best-of-the-best and exemplify the qualities of the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America.



2004: The Year for Camping Promotion

by Jason Smith

“Camping is what we do Best,” is the new slogan of the Camping Promotions Committee. The slogan that explains what we are all about this year, camping, and the promotion of what we do best.

This year is planned to be an exciting and successful year for us. As the Camping Promotions Chairman, I plan to make this a year like none other. Our main goal for this year is to begin Camping Promotions visits to all the units in the Detroit Area Council. Along side that the Camping Promotions Committee is going to be work very diligently on getting a top notch program together and be huge competition for the George R. DeCourcy Memorial Award, our sections camping program award. In addition, the Camping Promotions Committee is going to be working on updating, adding info and campgrounds, and making the “Where to go camping” book the best.

So far this year our committee has been doing its research and preparing to make this year all that it can be. We have will soon be working on receiving unit contacts to organize and set up dates for the Camping Promotions visits. Also, we have been looking at our “Where to go camping” book to see where it needs improvement and how to improve it. If you have any ideas please do not hesitate to give them. Along with all of this, we are getting ready to put together and present our camping program at the meeting of the Council of Chiefs in March for the DeCourcy award.

The George R. DeCourcy award if you have been wondering is the sections camping program award. This award is presented every year at the section C-2A Conclave in March. This award is brought about as a means of developing greater interest and support in the local council camping program. The

award is named in memory of George R. DeCourcy for his interests and devotion toward developing and improving council camping and in recognition of his intense dedication, talent, and humor. This is a very prestigious award and has not been won by Migisi Opawgan since 1992.

By the end of the year, the Camping Promotions Committee hopes to have visited over 50% of all the units in the Detroit Area Council. However, this cannot be done alone. The Camping Promotions Committee needs the assistance of any willing scout with much camping knowledge and experience. These arrowmen will be trained and perform Camping Promotions visits in their chapters. We will need approximately three per district. If any are interested please see the Camping Promotions Chairman, Jason Smith of the Wapaneu Chapter. You can contact him via e-mail or telephone, and he will give you more information.

Lodge Rules Amended!

Migisi Opawgan is governed by a set of rules that lay out our structure and explain what we do as a Lodge. We also have a group of procedures that explain exactly how we do what we do. In February, the Lodge Executive Committee, which consists of the lodge officers, chapter chiefs and vice chiefs and lodge operating committee chairmen, voted to amend the rules.

The executive committee added the Extended Elangomat and Troop Representative committees as lodge operating committees. Also, the ‘Eagle Pipe’ committee was changed to ‘Communications’ and the ‘Ceremonial’ committee was changed to the ‘Ceremonies and Dance.’ To get your own personal copy of the Lodge Rules and Procedures, check out www.migisi.org/rules. Any interested arrowman is welcome to attend the meetings of the executive committee. The executive committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn at 7.30. For more on the meetings, check www.migisi.org.

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adviser Dave Morosky, and Mr. Jerry Freyberg, representing Supreme Chief of the Fire, Mr. John Primrose. Following the speeches, the night progressed as the youth of the Lodge elected the following new officers for 2004: Jamie White, Lodge Chief; Geoff Booth, Executive Vice Chief; Matt Elias, Vice Chief of Activities; Andrej Walilko, Lodge Secretary; and Ryan Lang, Lodge Treasurer. Mr. Joe Retzbach was also installed as the new Lodge Adviser. Many Awards were also given out at the Annual Dinner, including the Arrowman Service Award, the Russell Neynaber Honor Award, the Extended Elangomat Award, and the Robert Rutherford Service Award, the Founder’s Award and the Harold Oatley Service Award. Ethan Rein and Mr. Steve Donohue received the Founder’s Award. Jason Rhiew and Mr. Jeff Lang received the Harold Oatley Service Award. After three years at the Sterling banquet center, look for the 2004 banquet to be on the other side of the Council, where the Wsigau Chapter will be hosing it.

OA + Troop Leadership Position = Troop Representative

In an effort to keep troop informed about the upcoming events of the Lodge, the national Order of the Arrow Committee and the national Boy Scout Committee have created a position any arrowman under the age of 18 scout can hold in his troop. This position is the Order of the Arrow Representative, or ‘troop rep’ as we call it. The troop rep attends chapter meetings and Lodge events. He reports to his troop about the activities of the Lodge and encourages any members of his troop who are arrowmen to participate. To become a troop rep, scouts must be trained. There is a great online training course available on www.migisi.org. The best part of the online training is that the first 25 who do it get free position patches

The Vigil Honor

The Vigil Honor, a mark of high honor, is given to members of our Lodge who willingly serve the Lodge and council. Each year, a committee consisting of one member from each chapter, the lodge chief, or his designee, and the Lodge Vigil Honor Chairman meet to select the recipients of the Vigil Honor. This committee needs help. Any arrowman may nominate any eligible arrowman for the Vigil Honor. To be eligible, Lodge members must be registered and have been a brotherhood member for 2 years. The nominations must be turned in by Sunday of the Spring Conclave. Forms are available on www.migisi.org. Please, do not let worthy brothers go unrecognized.

Membership Committee

The membership committee wishes to thank all the members that have sent in their dues for 2004. There are still some that have to renew and hopefully they will send in their dues soon. Look for your membership cards in the *The Eagle Pipe*. Please be sure to check with the migisi.org web page and see if all your membership info is correct. There is a little lag time in the time you make a correction in your data and we send an updated roster back to the webmaster to put on the web page. It does not happen automatically, we have to do it manually. Irene and Miles Church are the Lodge membership advisers.

Another year of Quality

Due to lots of hard work by the members of Lodge 162, we were able to receive 'Quality Lodge' Status for the fifth year in a row.

The requirements for the Quality Lodge status are much like the requirements for the Russell Neynaber award. Lodges must grow in membership, have 30% of their members become Brotherhood members, do service, have a newsletter, and many more things.

Every member of the Lodge should be proud of our accomplishments.

Ceremonies and Dance

By Jay Whitmer, Ceremony and Dance Adviser

At the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, the Lodge's ceremonies teams were on the right track for a great year. A great brotherhood ceremony was held for two new brotherhood members, thanks to Mahican chapter team and Chris Szybisty of Wsigau chapter.

The Mahican chapter will host the brotherhood ceremony at Spring conclave in April.

Any teams or individuals looking to participate in section ceremonies or dance whether to compete or judge need to contact Mr. Jay Whitmer, so that you can prepare and register teams at section conclave with him. Each team from the Lodge needs to have a judge from the Lodge to represent them. If you are a team in need of a judge, or are an adult looking to help with judging, get with Jay and he will set things up. The committee can work to build up teams of individuals to represent the Lodge. Ceremonies teams competing at Section conclave do not need to be exclusively from one chapter. Competitions are traditionally pre-ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies. The committee would like as many teams competing as possible. There is a yahoo newsgroup established for the ceremonies and dance committee. If you are interested in this communications tool, you may join at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Migisi_indian_affairs or go to the Lodge Website, then to the ceremonies committee section and click on the link.



The Lincoln pilgrimage ceremony team in action

Lodge Resale expands Hours & Availability

If you attended the February Winter Fellowship & Lincoln Pilgrimage event the weekend of February 14th, you discovered our OA resale tables were open from 10 am in the morning until 9 pm Saturday night. Why? So our Lodge members and guests could take advantage of purchasing OA items at times convenient to them. Items such as handbooks, lodge flaps, sashes, lodge belt buckles, neckerchiefs, bolos, neckerchief slides, t-shirts and more are available.

You can even order a lodge name tag for \$6.00 with the classy red arrowhead on it or place an order for a personalized red lodge jacket for \$35. We will have jackets available to try on so you get the correct size when ordering at future Lodge events.

Starting in February, a limited inventory will be available for purchase at our Lodge Executive meetings. With some advance notices, Chapters can pick-up sashes and other materials at these meetings if an in-town ceremony is going to be performed. We are also examining mail orders for persons wanting to place an order at an event because they do not have sufficient cash or checks with them.

Check out the customized Migisi Opawgan belt buckles at our next event. They are only \$12 each and a number were sold at the Lincoln Pilgrimage event. Don't be left out as the inventory is moving quickly.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. & Mrs. Booth for their stellar efforts at the winter fellowship.

Where to go camping 2004: Ortonville State Recreation area

This new addition to *The Eagle Pipe* is designed to help the camper. Each edition of *The Eagle Pipe* this year will feature an exciting campground chosen by Jason Smith, Camping Promotions Chairman and a vivid camper.

Ortonville State Recreation Area is located in Ortonville off of M-15, and southwest of Lapeer. Approximately one hour away from the Dauch Scout Center, and just 26 minutes from D-bar-A Scout Ranch, it is easy and convenient for everyone.

This State Recreational Campground has much to offer. There are 25 rustic campsites, facilities include vault toilets, swimming beach, boating, fishing, and a playground. There are also bike, hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country ski trails. This 5,300-acre area with many small lakes offers opportunities for every outdoor enthusiast. There is also a shooting range. To check the hours please call the park. The campground is open mid-April through November. The daily fee is \$6 and \$10 for horse campgrounds. To contact Ortonville Recreation Area, call them at (248) 627-3828. With all this fun and exciting stuff to do with a low fee, I cannot wait to get my troop out there, and I hope you get yours out there as well.

If you have a campground you would like to see featured, or would like to comment on your experience and the campground featured in this edition of [Where to go camping 2004](#), please contact Jason Smith, Camping Promotions Chairman, at dlsjps@yahoo.com. Look in the next *The Eagle Pipe* for another new and exciting campground.

NOAC will be awesome

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will take place this year from July 30 to Aug 7. It will be a great time for those who participate. The first NOAC meeting was held on February 22 and the assignments for the conference were made. The Lodge will be competing in sports, publications, web site, and camp promotions. Each member of the contingent will also have an opportunity to go to some of the best training classes offered in the country. On the way home, the Lodge will be stopping at Six Flags for a day of fun in the park. The Next NOAC meeting will be March 14th at Rice Memorial Church in Redford. Any Arrowmen going on the trip must be there, in full class A uniform, of course.

Migisi Opawgan Receives the National Service Grant

Some say service is what Migisi Opawgan does best. This year will be our big chance to put our money where our mouths are. Every year, the National OA committee gives out service grants to lodges who petition for them. The lodges must raise money equal to the amount that is given to them. Migisi Opawgan received \$5,000 to build a new set of docks at Lockwood Lake at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. This project will require a lot of fundraising and a lot of work. The lodge officers and their advisers are investigating some fundraiser ideas right now and the service committee will begin working on the service grant project starting in March.

The Lodge Service Committee hosts service days at D-A the first Saturday of every month, with a few exceptions. These weekends are open to anyone, but are hosted by chapters. For information about getting involved in these service days, talk to Lodge Service Chairman George Blackmore or your chapter chief. There will also be a lot of service work to do at the upcoming Spring Conclave.

Lodge Supports 9th Annual Great Lake Trade-O-Ree Show May 14-15

The 9th Annual Detroit Great Lakes Trade-O-Ree Memorabilia Show is scheduled for Friday, May 14th from 5-11 pm and Saturday, May 15th from 8-4 pm at the Livonia Mall, Livonia, MI.

Conveniently located at the intersection of Middlebelt and 7 Mile Roads in Livonia, the Trade-O-Ree once again promises to bring together traders and collectors from across the country and the metropolitan area for another spectacular great event. Admission is 'free' and Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162 is one of the event sponsors.

We need all Lodge members to promote the Trade-O-Ree at Chapter, troop, crew, pack and District Roundtable meetings. Our Lodge financially benefits from the participation you get for this event.

We will need Lodge members to help with set-up on Thursday evening, May 13th, some staffing during the event, and help with tear-down on Saturday evening. More details will follow as we get closer to the Trade-O-Ree date, but remember - your cheerful service at this event benefits everyone in our Lodge and our guests at the event.

See you at the 9th Annual Detroit Great Lakes Trade-O-Ree & Memorabilia Show.

New to the Lodge?

*Check out **Jumpstart**
for new arrowmen at
[www.jumpstart.oa-
bsa.org/](http://www.jumpstart.oa-
bsa.org/)*

Adviser's 5

Brothers of Migisi Opawgan, Prior to becoming Lodge Adviser for Migisi Opawgan, I met with several Council professionals at the new Dauch Scout Center downtown. Our Supreme Chief of Fire and Scout Executive, Mr. Primrose, told me how proud he is of your accomplishments in recent years - E. Urner Goodman awards; leader recognitions locally and nationally; thousands of hours of service to the Council camps and local communities; participation in Section, Region, and National events like NOAC; Quality Lodge and more.

Clearly, what you do and how you do it can have an impact on our Council and everyone within it - Scouts, Scouters and professionals. In 2004, we need to continue the momentum you have already started. We need positive growth in our membership and Brotherhood conversions in all Chapters, and at the Council too. We need to explore ways to grow our membership in areas needing a boost through programs such as "Scoutreach" and Arrowmen Sharing Knowledge (ASK). We must represent our Council professionally and provide an opportunity for leadership development to anyone wanting it. We also need to understand individual wants and desires and ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience as a member of the Order of the Arrow by following the BSA safety guidelines for events and youth protection. But most importantly, we need to have fun!

While recently attending a Scout activity, I noticed an arrowman with his Ordeal sash. I asked him if he would like to help with the OA presentation. He shyly responded that he was not really familiar with the Order and what it does. I was not surprised, but looked upon this as a message indicating if one person is in this position, then surely there are

others.

As you get to know me, you will find I have this fondness for marketing - selling the product - making the sale. We have a product to sell - brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. Package it all together and you have the special individuals who call themselves the arrowmen of the Order of the Arrow. So brothers, in 2004 I am calling upon each of you to represent the Order well; communicate who we are and what we do; tell everyone why it is fun to be an arrowman; and how the Order supports troops and individuals within them. If you advertise, promote, and proudly rise to this goal, Migisi Opawgan Lodge will continue to grow and glow in the future.

Joe Retzbach
Lodge Adviser

migisi.org: more information than seems possible

The Lodge Website, www.migisi.org is definitely one of the best lodge websites around the country. From this one website, almost any question you may have can be answered. If that question cannot be answered, then there a way to contact someone who can answer it. From online troop representative training to an up to date calendar to forms for everything, migisi.org has it all. Be sure to add news to the website whenever it is appropriate to do so.

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These are the guys that carry out most of the day to day business of the Lodge. To find out more about the committees and to contact them, check out www.migisi.org

Lodge Chief Word Search

By Dennis Schlemmer

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BIEN	BOTTORFF	BRUCE
BRYANT	CAMBRIDGE	CHRISTL
CLEMENTS	COLE	CRUDEN
DAVIS	DITMAR	DONLEY
FRATIS	GARDY	GONZALES
HARMON	HORN	JAYNES
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KOMIVES	KUJAN	LAMBERT
LARKIN	LYON	MALKIEWICZ
MALLON	MARKS	MOORE
NEYNABER	NOYES	O' BRIEN
O' GRADY	PARTRIDGE	PATE
PEJUAN	RAND	REIN
REZANKA	ROACH	RUTHERFORD
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About the Word Search

This word search features the last names of Migisi Opawgan's chiefs, past and present. For more Lodge history, check out www.migisi.org/history.

The Russell Neynaber Honor Award

The Russell Neynaber Honor Award, which honors chapters who have a successful, productive program, has undergone a change. Beginning this year, chapters must host a service project, either at one of our Council Camps or in their communities. These projects will be a great way for arrowmen to get involved in some meaningful projects. Forms for the Russell Neynaber Honor Award are available at www.migisi.org

Neynaber Goals for 2004: Membership

In this section of the Eagle Pipe, one requirement for the Chapter Russell Neynaber Honor Award will be reported. At the time of printing, the Lodge's chapters have the following number of registered members. The number in parenthesis is the goal for the year.

Achowalogen	10 (32)
Lowanue Kuwe	80 (232)
Mahican	116 (292)
Wapaneu	31 (131)
Wsigau	55 (217)



Keep up the great work, chap

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Arrowman Profile: David Platz

This section of *The Eagle Pipe* features one arrowman who has made a great accomplishment, served the Lodge in an important manner, or has a story worth telling.

My name is David Platz and I am a past chapter chief of the Great Wsigau Chapter. I just wanted to share a few things before I embark on the biggest challenge of my life. I've been involved in Scouting since Tiger Cubs. I just earned the rank of Eagle recently; throughout my scouting career I have experienced many things, some good and some bad, but mostly good. What I want to share with you is to not take what you learn and experience in scouting and in you life for granted. No matter what anyone says to you will use what you learn in the future. I recently spent on week in northern Michigan with two of my good friends. We were blindfolded and dropped out in the middle of the woods in an unfamiliar area and all we had was a rifle, compass, matches, three meals ready to eat, two pairs of socks, pants, and a jacket. That was it! My other two friends are just two guys that like the outdoors; they were never in Scouts or anything. We were out in the middle of nowhere and we had to find our way back to the local town. On our first night everything was going as planned and we went to bed at about ten o'clock. The next morning we woke up at around five o'clock and we packed up camp and we started on our way to find the town. It didn't hit me as to how much the Boy Scouts had taught me until that day. It started when we got out our compasses so we could start heading towards the town, and I was the only one out of the group that knew how to use the compass. Throughout the day we would be doing a number of different things and with every thing that we did I saw that it was because of scouting that I had such knowledge of the outdoors and the way things worked. I'm going to cut the story short there because if I told you the whole story it would take up to three pages to put it in *The Eagle Pipe*. I won't be around for a few years because I have enlisted in The United States Marine Corps, and I think that scouting will benefit me in the military as well. So for now I am leaving you with this.

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March 14	NOAC Contingent Meeting	Rice Memorial Church, Redford
March 26-28, 2004	Area Leadership Training Conference	Camp Rotary, Claire, MI
Apr 23-25, 2004	Spring Ordeal	D-A Scout Ranch
Apr 30-May 02, 2004	Section Conclave	Camp Miakonda, Toledo
Jun 04-06, 2004	Cole Canoe Base Service Weekend & Ordeal	Cole Canoe Base
Jul 30-Aug 07, 2004	National Conference (NOAC)	Ames, IA
Sep 17-19, 2004	Fall Ordeal	D-A Scout Ranch
Oct 29-31, 2004	Fall Fellowship	D-A Scout Ranch
Oct 30, 2004	Vigil Honor Breakfast	D-A Scout Ranch
Dec 01, 2004	Annual Dinner	tbd
February 11-13, 2005	Winter Fellowship	D-A Scout Ranch
February 12, 2005	Lincoln Pilgrimage	D-A Scout Ranch
April 22-24, 2005	Spring Conclave	D-A Scout Ranch
Apr 29-May 1, 2005	Section Conclave	tbd
June 3-5, 2005	Cole Canoe Base Service Weekend & Ordeal	Cole Canoe Base
July 25-August 3, 2005	National Scout Jamboree	Fort AP Hill, VA
September 16-18, 2005	Fall Conclave	D-A Scout Ranch
October 28-30, 2005	Fall Fellowship	D-A Scout Ranch
October 29, 2005	Vigil Honor Breakfast	D-A Scout Ranch
December 7, 2005	Annual Dinner	tbd

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