

# The Eagle Pipe

The official Newsletter of Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162

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## Lodge Takes NOAC with Gusto

### The Fall Fellowship is Coming!



Former Lodge Chief Sam Stocker poses with Gabriel Church shortly after receiving the Distinguished Service Award, the Order of the Arrow's highest honor

The following is an account from Lowanue Kuwe Chapter Adviser, Mr. Jeff Gerald, regarding his first ever NOAC experience. For more about the NOAC, please check out the rest of this issue. With no further ado, *The Eagle Pipe* presents 'My first NOAC'

Well there I was...in Ames, Iowa...looking at more corn and more Arrowmen than I could ever imagine. And wow, I had a great time! The mornings were filled with great training sessions presented by some of the sharpest young men in America and their leaders. I learned a lot about Chapter management and how to effectively empower the youth to run the program. I also learned just how good our Lodge and our Chapters really are compared to so many others in the country. Everyone in this Lodge should be very proud of our heritage and excellent performance. This was evident in that Migisi was one of 20

recipients of the Spirit Award chosen from the 282 lodges that were represented at NOAC. You guys rock! In the afternoons I followed our Brothers around to see them participate in the fun activities and competitions. Three of our dancers competed in the Dance Events and were recognized for their achievements in this national competition. John Suarez received a White Ribbon, Dan Swan was awarded a Red Ribbon, and Kyle Gerald took home two Blue Ribbons. The Lowanue Kuwe dancers also participated in the big NOAC Pow Wow. The Mahican ceremony teams also distinguished themselves. Our Lodge Kickball team had six great innings in their opening game, but Chippewa 29 rallied in the last inning to win the game by one run. We fared better in Flag Football by first beating the Lodge from Los Angeles, before losing in overtime to the Arrowmen  
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The last weekend in October will bring the Fall Fellowship of Migisi Opawgan. This annual event is a great time to kick back with your brothers and enjoy beautiful D-bar-A Scout Ranch.

This Fall Fellowship promises to be an exciting one. A decision made later this month by the Lodge Executive Committee with decide to possibly move the lodge officer voting to the Fall Fellowship. If the voting time is not changed, the officer elections will be held at the Annual Dinner, as usual.

Voting or no voting, the Fall Fellowship will be a great time. Count on chances to compete with your chapter against other chapters, enjoy some card playing, and much more.

As the time draws near, more details will become available for the weekend. Keep posted on the lodge website for more information. Some of the ideas that have been thrown around include a Chili Cook-off, carnival style games, and a lodge wide talent show.

Wapanue Chapter is hosting this event. Contact Bobby Gillette with any questions you might have.

Remember: if you attended NOAC as part of the Migisi contingent, the Fellowship is free!

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# Chapter News and Headlines

Brothers,

It's been a great summer for the lodge, with Summer Camp Programs and the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Our summer camp program went well and I'd like to give a big thank you to the fine arrowmen who stepped up to the call of OA Camp Chief. It's a lot of work and it is very much appreciated. In the beginning of August thirty-nine of our arrowmen traveled to Ames, IA for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference, where we participated in training, competitions, and games. One bright spot of the trip was being one of only twenty lodges awarded the 2004 NOAC Spirit Award, which will be proudly displayed in the Thomas D. Trainor Museum at D-A.

Looking ahead to the next few months, as you probably know we will have lodge events at D-A in both September and October, the Fall Conclave and Fall Fellowship. Please make an effort to come to these events and support the lodge and our camps. If you completed your ordeal in 2003 or earlier and have not already sealed your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member of our Order you are strongly encouraged to fill out the form enclosed with this issue of the Eagle Pipe and seal your membership at either of these events.

As the year draws to an end it is time that we look towards the next year, are you interested in taking an active role in the leadership of this great lodge? If you are talk to your Chapter Chief or Adviser, or you can always talk to me anytime. One way that you can better prepare to promote Migisi Opawgan's goals is to attend the Lodge Leadership Development session scheduled on November 20th at the Dauch Scout Center, talk to George Blackmore, Matt Elias, or myself if you are interested.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Jamie White  
Lodge Chief



**Lowanue Kuwe** – serving Northridge and North Trails districts by Dan Swan, Chapter Chief

With another summer the belts of Lowanue Kuwe members it is time to think of the fall. A time of colored leaves, a new school year, a nip in the air, and the two greatest lodge events of the year. Swiftly approaching is the fall conclave and fall fellowship. The chapter is hosting the conclave this year and needs your help. We will need elangomats to be guides and friends to our incoming candidates, kitchen staff, and members to work on the projects that the candidates can not work on. A permission slip is enclosed in this newsletter, and yes even adults must send in the permission form along with a payment for the weekend. In October the annual fall fellowship will be held at D-Bar-A. A weekend of pure fun and a few surprises for all of our members.

With summer almost a memory, it is time to reflect on its happenings. The dance team performed weekly at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch on OA day. Some chapter members served on summer camp staffs both in our Council but also the Scenic Trails Council in northern Michigan. The biggest Order of the Arrow event of the summer was NOAC this year held at Iowa State University. Arrowmen enjoyed a brisk car ride to the conference and had the opportunity to do some sight seeing mostly corn. The Chapter chief's companion St Frank enjoyed the ride as well. The chapter members faired well in the many competitions we brought home 3 blue ribbons 1 red ribbon and 1 white ribbon in the dance competition. Two chapter members nearly won the Euchre tournament but were knocked out in the semi-finals. With great shows and great fellowship NOAC was a huge success. The chapter would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make it a success. Oh forgot to mention the patches but that is a whole article in it self.

Two important events are coming this December the lodge annual dinner where new lodge officers are installed. And we have a good time

with our fellow arrowmen. But if you want to just kick back for a night the second annual Chapter Lock-In is for you.

This month's chapter meeting will be on September 30 at St. Johns Methodist D Church on Rochester at 13 Mile in Royal Oak starting at 7:30 anyone is welcome to this meeting including parents. We will be planning for the future and having a good time. The Chapter leadership hopes to see you there and Keep checking [www.Migisi.org](http://www.Migisi.org) for more updates.

**Achowalogen** - serves Metro West and Phoenix districts

The Achowalogen Chapter is working hard to increase our chapter participation and membership. We would like to fill some of our vacant committee and adviser positions. Brothers that would like to become involved stop by a chapter meeting or contact any of the chapter officers or advisers. The only way we will grow is with your help.

The Achowalogen Chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month at Westminster Church of Detroit located on Hubbell at Outer Drive. We hope to see you there.

**Wsigau** – Serves Sunset District

Brothers in the Wsigau Chapter, note on your Calendar the date of the Chapter Meeting is Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 PM at Xpedx in Livonia. Did you know that our Chapter Chief attended Philmont Training Center this summer for National Junior Leader Instructor Camp and he followed up by helping staff the Pinecone Junior Leader Training Camp at D-A later in the summer. Way to go Chris! Also, at NOAC, Don Ray became a registered Trainer in the Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics program. He joins Harry Price, Eric Behrmann and Randy List as registered trainers in LNT in our District. They hope to spread this knowledge through training that will be offered to Chapter, District, Lodge and Council this year.

**Wapaneu** – Serving Lakeshore and Michigan Districts  
by Robert D. Gillette, Chapter Chief

There will be a Wapaneu Chapter on Wednesday September 8, at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are located at St. A's, which is located on 13 mile and Kelly, which is between Utica and Gratiot. We really need to have youth present at this meeting. We want to build our chapter up and get going strong for the upcoming O-A year. So please, make your best effort to be there. We need as many voices and opinions as we can get, if you find that you are having difficulty making meetings due to transportation problems, do not hesitate to call either myself at home, or my cell (586) 634-7506. You could also call our chapter adviser Bill Marriot.

The **Mahican** chapter serves the Three Rivers and Huron districts. For more information, contact Mahican Chapter Chief Ricky Naida or Mahican Chapter Adviser Mr. Jeff Lang.

### From the vice Chiefs

Brothers,

My name is George Blackmore and I will be filling the office of Executive Vice-Chief for the rest of the year. Due to prior commitments Geoff Booth was unable to serve out the rest of his term. I would like to thank Geoff for his service to the lodge this year as a lodge officer, and as a friend I wish him the best. The summer of 2004 was definitely not one to forget if you were a part of Migisi's NOAC contingent. Arrowmen for our lodge and others gathered at Iowa State University to train, compete in dance, ceremonies and athletics among other things. Our lodge was 1 out of 20 in the entire nation that won the coveted Spirit Award. Former Lodge and Chapter Chief Sam Stocker received the Order of the Arrow's Distinguished Service Award. Personally it was quite an honor to see someone from our own lodge, and a friend that I look up to, honored for years of service. Congratulations Sam! For those arrowmen who did not go to NOAC, you missed out on a week of being a part of over 7,000 arrowmen that are going to lead the OA and our lodge into the future. So remember, NOAC 2006 is at Michigan State University.

It'll be cheaper and closer. I encourage everyone to bring yourself and a friend from Migisi to promote the buddy system.

Looking ahead to the rest of the year our lodge still has a lot to accomplish. The Fall Conclave is approaching quickly. Hurry up and register, if you haven't already, to congratulate our newest members and to uphold our ideals of service.

I am proud to announce that Fall Fellowship '04 will be a weekend of complete fun and fellowship. The Wapaneu Chapter is hard at work to put together a great program.

The first annual Lodge Leadership Development Event will be held November 20th at the Dauch Scout Center. Every Arrowman interested in holding a Lodge or Chapter Office needs to attend. Our tentative agenda has the event beginning at 9:00am. There could possibly be a minimal cost. Check [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) for more updates.

I'd like to thank everyone that made this summer unforgettable for me. I encourage everyone who is even thinking about becoming more involved in the lodge to ask me or any Lodge Officer how you can help. Migisi Opawgan is only as good as you want it to be. So get active and have fun.

George T. Blackmore  
Executive Vice Chief

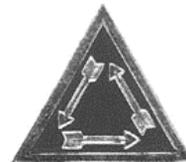
Brothers,

Between attending Trail to Eagle Camp, NOAC and even a few days at Cole Canoe Base, time has really flown this summer. A great many things have happened this summer. For starters the Lodge sealed six new brothers' membership at Trail to Eagle Camp. At NOAC, The Lodge was one of twenty lodges nationwide to receive the coveted Spirit Award. Also at, a few of our dancers were successful, along with our Ceremonies teams.

Also I encourage people to come to the Fall Fellowship, at which there will no longer be training. It will be a real Fellowship weekend. There will be some lodge wide competitions and chapter wide activities as well. I strongly encourage some of those arrowmen who normally would not attend the Fall

Fellowship to do so. I am really looking forward to a successful end of the year for Migisi. I will need your help to accomplish this goal.

Yours in WWW,  
Matt Elias  
Vice-Chief of Activities



### The Vigil Honor Committee

This spring, the Vigil Honor Committee held its annual meeting to select the recipients of the Vigil Honor, shown by the triangle on the shaft of the arrow on the Order of the Arrow sash. This high honor is reserved for those who demonstrate exceptional service to the lodge. The Vigil Honor committee will call out the recipients at the Fall Conclave. Don't miss this exciting event.

The annual Vigil Honor breakfast will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 am at the Wyckoff Lodge at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. This event is a chance for the Vigil Honor members of the lodge to congratulate the new recipients. All Vigil Honor members are encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$5 for any members attending the Fall Fellowship and \$10 for any members who come only for the breakfast.

### Tickets on sale for 53rd annual dinner meeting

In less than 90 days, we will be celebrating at our 53rd annual dinner meeting. Hosted by Wsigau Chapter, the dinner is scheduled for December 1 at the Warren Valley Banquet Center, 26116 W. Warren, in Dearborn Heights. All Chapter Advisers have tickets for sale and the cost is \$15 per person. The fellowship social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and then lodge elections (unless changed), inductions, and recognition.

The lodge asks adult arrowmen to help by sponsoring a youth member and buying them a ticket for this annual event. We want our youth members to keep coming back year after year, just like you do. Consider it cheerful service to your fellow youth arrowmen.

from Atlanta. John Suarez had a second place finish by pulling a car 10 yards in 7.6 seconds during the Iron Arrowman series of events. Gabriel Church also put in an enthusiastic effort in the Iron Arrowman competition.

In less strenuous activities we had several Euchre players do well in their tournament. Our cardsharps were Ricky Naida, Jason Maurice, Andrew Tomlinson and Mr. Mills. Mr. Rochowiak was on the fourth place team at the golf outing. Bobby Gillette was featured in the OA Band that played patriotic songs and a medley of Blues Brothers tunes. Baser's Baritones sounded great in the OA Brotherhood Chorus, who performed an amazing rendition of the OA Song in four-part harmony. Mr. Mills was featured in an interview and photo for the Conference Daily Newspaper. Ethan Rein was outstanding as a finalist in the Talent Show with his recitation of "The Cremation of Sam McGee." Ethan also teamed up with George Blackmore for the \$10,000 Arrowhead contest. Unfortunately, they were eliminated by some guys from MIT that were more successful in this weirdly managed game. Matt Elias had fun and did us proud in the MatchGame/Battlestars event. John Paul Siracki was on the Arrowman Press Corps and Ricky Naida carried our giant size Lodge Flap in the Founders Day Parade. Mr. Ray, Mr. Benvenuto, and Mr. Booth became certified trainers for the Leave No Trace program. Our celebrities on screen at the Big Shows each evening included Cliff Peterson, Bobby Gillette, John Suarez, and Sky Box seat winner Bryan Wolf. Migisi showcased the Trail to Eagle Camp at D-A during the Founders Day activities. The staffing for this included Mr. Retzbach, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Rochowiak, Mr. Baser, Alex Leach, Stan Baugh, Ryan Lang, Jamie White, Andrew Tomlinson, Matt Elias and George Blackmore.

Our Special Boy Sam received the Distinguished Service Award at a very nice presentation ceremony. Joining him for the trip to Iowa were Dennis Schlemmer and Mike Ruzsala. Mr. Lang, "H", Mr. Morosky and Mr. Retzbach, assisted by Mr. & Mrs.

Church, did a great job in keeping our contingent organized every day. The other Migisi representatives were Aaron Ankiel, Aaron Williams, Chris Corbin, Eric Brake, Steven Goetsch, Andrew Walilko, Chris Lindsay, Tom Stedman, and Jason Rhiew.

There were many, many more events, activities and sessions to see and do. Far too many to mention here. The next NOAC is in 2006 at Michigan State University so planning on checking them out. I plan on being there – you should, too.

*For more on the Lodge Spirit Award, see page 5, column 1.*

*For more on Sam Stocker's prestigious award, see page 6, column 1*

### **Lodge receives \$5,000 OA National grant check for Lockwood docks**

Late last year, the lodge leadership decided to apply for one of the Service Grants that are given each year to lodges who desire to sponsor big money projects at a council camp. After choosing D-bar-A as the camp to serve, Boy Scout Camp Director Dennis Schlemmer voiced his opinion that the swimming docks at Lockwood Lake needed replacing.

We found out in January that we were approved to get the Grant for \$5,000, the most possible. This meant the lodge needed to raise \$5,000 and we would get that same amount from the National Order of the Arrow committee. Through 65th Anniversary patch fund raising and 2004 NOAC patch sales fund raising, the Lodge raised an additional \$5,000 for the docks. In late August, the Lodge received a \$5,000 check from the National Order of the Arrow as their grant contribution.

The lodge service team is working with the professional staff of the Council to make the new docks happen. They are looking to purchase new docks to replace the old ones and move the old dock into the nearby swamp for observation.

Thanks go to Dennis Schlemmer, Achowalogen Chapter Adviser and D-A Boy Scout Camp Director, and Ethan Rein, Immediate Past Lodge Chief, who worked on the national grant application for the docks.

### **Lodge Officer Election may be held at Fall Fellowship**

A proposal was presented at the August Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting to move the election of lodge officers to the Fall Fellowship weekend. Following the Lodge Rules and Procedures, the recommendation was presented to the LEC for review at least 20 days prior to any vote. The vote on the proposal will occur at the September LEC on September 15th.

The advantages of moving the elections to the Fall Fellowship appear to be:

1. Allows for five events where officer nominations can be proposed: August LEC; September LEC and Conclave; October LEC and Fall Fellowship.
2. Provides additional rationale for participation at the Fall Fellowship weekend.
3. Provides a period of time between the election and installation so officer training can occur in November.
4. Allows the newly elected chief and officers to appoint next term committee chairs and get the transition started.
5. Allows the new officers to work side-by-side with the out-going officers at the November Lodge Leadership Committee (LLC) and Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings.
6. Enables the newly elected chief and officers to develop a vision of the lodge's program for the coming year.
7. Facilitates better preparation by officers and committee chairmen to kick off the new lodge year on January 1st.
8. Allows the new chief to present his acceptance speech at the dinner as well as his and the LLC's vision for the coming year.
9. Changes the annual meeting format to be a dinner; officer induction ceremony; and awards / recognition celebration.
10. Enables more youth to attend annual meeting dinner because of the shorter length.

Your opinion is important, so please let your Chapter Chief and lodge officers know your thoughts on the proposal. The results of the voting will be reported in the next newsletter and on [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) as soon as they are tabulated.

*For more on the duties of lodge officers, see page 5, column 2.*

## Migisi Opawgan receives prestigious NOAC Lodge Spirit Award

Migisi Opawgan is the proud recipient of NOAC's 2004 "Spirit Award" – one of only twenty presented at this year's conference at Iowa State University. Our neighboring lodge in the Great Sauk Trail Council, Manitous Lodge, is also a recipient; so two of five lodges in Section C-2A earned this prestigious award.

Presented by the NOAC Special Events Committee on Founder's Day, each of our 39 NOAC participants had a role in the Lodge receiving this elegant acrylic flame award containing an etched 2004 NOAC logo. The award challenged lodge contingents in the area of NOAC planning, participation, teamwork, and spirit. Some of the criteria included participation in a ceremonial or Native American team event, a team sports competition, a Very Important Arrowman (VIA) luncheon, and any of a number of other team competitions or opportunities.

As detailed on the NOAC website, lodges are logistically challenged to gain validation of their single lodge scorecard at the various venues. Weighted criteria for final scoring of the top 20 lodges includes meeting or exceeding the lodge's assigned NOAC quota based upon total 2003 charter year membership, the quality of the lodge display or booth in the OA Museum or Founder's Day Fair, and total percentage of Arrowmen in the contingent who earn the NOAC individual participation award.

Detroit Area Council Scout Executive, John Primrose, expressed it best with his message on receiving the award. "Congratulations to the OA Lodge members. We are very proud of our members and your accomplishment." We are proud and the 2004 "Spirit Award" will soon be on display at the Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum at D-A Scout Ranch. Check it out!



This Lodge Spirit Award now resides in the Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum at D-A

## Lodge Offices are fun to hold

With all the talk of changing the date and location of the elections for lodge offices, The staff of *The Eagle Pipe* brings to you a summarized version of Lodge Operating Procedure OFF-1, which states the duties of each lodge office. The Lodge Operating Procedures can be found at [www.migisi.org/rules](http://www.migisi.org/rules)

The **Lodge Chief** coordinates work of all officers of the Lodge and makes certain that assignments are accomplished. He serves as ex officio member of all Lodge committees, specifically the Extended Elangomat, Troop Representative and Vigil Honor committees. He presides over Lodge Leadership, Executive Board Meetings and all other lodge functions as well special meetings of the lodge as he deems necessary with approval of the Lodge Adviser. He appoints all standing and ad hoc committee chairmen and summer camp chiefs. He sets goals for his term and works to carry them out with the approval of the Executive Board. He initiates the preparation of the Lodge Calendar, writes for *The Eagle Pipe*, and attends lodge, section and national events. He is a member of the Council Executive Board and the Council Camping Committee. He plans the New Officer Training and Planning Seminar held at the end of his term. He is responsible for the mailing of *The Eagle*.

The **Executive Vice Chief** assumes the role of Lodge Chief in the absence

of the Chief. He serves as an ex officio member of the following committees: Camp Promotion. He attends all Lodge functions. He is also to do other duties assigned to him by the Chief.

The **Vice Chief of Activities** coordinates between the lodge and chapter for Ordeals and activities. He serves as ex officio member of the following committees: Ceremonies and Dance, Awards, Service and Spirit. He also attends Lodge Functions and performs duties assigned to him by the Chief.

The **Lodge Secretary** is responsible for the production of the lodge newsletter at least every three months. He serves as ex officio member of the following committees: Communications, Membership, Unit Elections, and Brotherhood. He maintains a roster of officers and chairmen. He writes official lodge correspondence, and for the monthly council newsletter. He keeps and records minutes at all Lodge meetings which includes the number present from each chapter and passes all records on to his successor. He also attends all Lodge functions and performs other duties assigned to him by the lodge chief.

The **Lodge Treasurer** collects all fees at events and deposits all funds with the council office or camp ranger. He distributes allotments and chapter funds. He collects and issues Receipt Books. He reports on the lodge's financial standing at Executive Board Meetings. He helps prepare the lodge budget. He attends all Lodge events and performs other duties assigned to him by the Lodge Chief.

The corner stone of lodge operation is the **Chapter Chief**. The chapter chief runs monthly chapter meetings, organizes elections held in troops, promotes lodge events, organizes one or two annual lodge event a year and does it all with a big smile on his face. The chapter chief is assisted by several other important chapter leaders. Each chapter has one or two vice chiefs, who complete duties assigned to them by the chief as well as assume the leadership role in the chief absence, a secretary, who keeps records of meetings and a treasurer, who keeps records of the chapter funds.

## Where to go camping 2004: Choose Your Own

### Adventure

In lieu of the usual Where to go Camping column, *The Eagle Pipe* staff bring you, the reader, an exciting chance to get involved in shaping the next issue. As the title of this column indicates, we challenge you to 'Choose your own adventure.'

We ask you to take camping trips in the next month. Take your troop, take your family or take your dog, and hit the trails. Go someplace new, go someplace old, go to a Council camp, or go to a state park.

After you go camping, be sure to take some notes, and even some pictures. Then, if you had a good time and want others to experience the same thing, write up an article and send it to [submissions@migisi.org](mailto:submissions@migisi.org).



## Sam Stocker Honored at NOAC

At NOAC 2004, lodge member Sam Stocker received the highest honor given by the national Order of the Arrow Committee, the Distinguished Service Award. Sam joins the ranks of only George Mozealous, Henry Vassell, Al Christoph and Richard Marshall, the four other members of Migisi Opawgan who have been given this honor since its creation in 1939.

Sam has served the lodge as a chapter chief Lowanue Kuwe, lodge committee chairman, and Lodge Chief. He has worked on staff at D-bar-A Scout Ranch for the past 7 years. He served the section and national level as a Section Vice chief and Chief, as an NLS staffer, program vice chief for Philbreak, and NOAC 2002 Staff. All this not to mention Sam's term as National President of Venturing. Sam's jobs, which are indeed quite impressive, pale in comparison to the number of people Sam has inspired and held lead to much success in scouting and in life.

## Get Migisi Opawgan News Electronically

Want to stay in touch with real-time news updates for our lodge? Sign up for Migisi Yahoo Group and any news updates posted to our website will automatically be sent to your email address.

[migisi@yahoogroups.com](mailto:migisi@yahoogroups.com) is a mailing list that allows us to contact members of our Lodge with important information. Most of the time, the information sent is news items posted to the website, but occasionally we send out special notices on meetings and events – like location or event time changes.

We protect members from getting spam through this messaging tool by having a moderator review all messages and requiring approval of the Lodge Communications Adviser before any delivery occurs to our members. We even limit the number of messages that can be sent to everyone each day to ensure the system is not abused. Finally, our mailing list is 'private' so outsiders cannot have access to it for unauthorized uses.

Sign up today and give it a try. Visit our Home Page on [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) and scroll down until you see "Current News." Enter your email address and press the "Subscribe" button to become a more knowledgeable person on Migisi Opawgan news. If you later wish to 'Unsubscribe,' our moderator can help you.

## Lodge activity at Summer Camp

This summer, at both D-bar-A Scout Ranch and Cole Canoe Base, the Order of the Arrow was well represented by many arrowmen on staff. At each camp, there was a Camp Chief, who conducts elections, collects dues, and organizes a weekly brotherhood ceremony.

*The Eagle Pipe* takes this space to say congratulations to all of those brothers who sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow at the height of the camping season, summer camp. We look forward to more Brotherhood conversions this fall.

## Calling New Members!

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](http://www.migisi.org).

Upon fulfillment of the requirements, a copy of a completed form must be filed with the Recognitions Committee and recipients of the award will receive a certificate at the following annual dinner and a breakfast with the lodge leadership committee at the following winter fellowship.



Not only are all new members encouraged to earn the First Year Arrowman award, but they are also encouraged to look up [www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org). This interactive website is designed for new arrowmen who seek to learn about the meanings of their Ordeal and what they can do as members of the Order of the Arrow. It is password protected, but the site contains information about where to find the proper password.

If you are a new member of the lodge and have not received a *New Member Handbook*, contact your chapter chief. This book introduces the lodge structure for new members so that some of your questions can be answered in writing before you ask them. Do not let opportunities for new arrowmen pass.

## Elangomat training planned this month

Extended Elangomat chairman Chris Corbin recently announced that Elangomat training will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Garrison Street in Dearborn on Wednesday, September 15th. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the one hour training session will precede the monthly Lodge Executive Committee meeting to help those wanting to attend both events. A map is available in the [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) calendar for September 15th.

It is especially important that everyone planning to be an Elangomat at the Fall Conclave attend this informative session. Our goal is to ensure a smooth reception of the candidates and professionally help them through their ordeal weekend. Each Elangomat plays a critical role for us to be successful. Please remember, Elangomats are the first impression many candidates have with the Lodge. If we do an excellent job, perhaps one day they too will want to be an Elangomat based on your good example.

Questions: Please contact your chapter chief.

For more on training, see page 11, column 2



The prestigious Extended Elangomat Award

## OA Publications Changes

New editions of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, *Guide for Officers and Advisers (GOA)*, and *Field Operations Guide (FOG)* are now available. The new *Handbook* and *GOA* can be ordered through National Supply Division. The new *FOG* is available for download at the Order of the Arrow website [www.aa-bsa.org](http://www.aa-bsa.org). Besides fixing typos, updating the Tables of

Contents and the Index in all three publications, and adding the new chiefs and NOAC references, there are several important changes in the new editions.

The "American Indian Customs and Traditions" section of the *Handbook* has been updated along with all the references in the "American Indian Bibliography." New protected

species and flag policies have been included in the *FOG* and duplicated in the *GOA*. The "Face paint policy" in the *Guide* has been updated to match the policy in the *FOG*.

Changes have been made to the Brotherhood requirements in the *Handbook* and *GOA* to clarify that the only obligation of a new Ordeal member is ten months of service to his unit. Taking on the Brotherhood obligation includes an additional pledge of future service to the lodge and the work of the Order.

There was a statement in the *GOA* that implied there was a Brotherhood calling-out ceremony. There is to be no such ceremony; this statement has been removed. The "Sample Letter Announcing Brotherhood Eligibility" in the *Guide* has been significantly modified.

A cross-reference to the "Vigil Honor" section of the *Handbook* has been added to the *GOA* "Choosing Vigil Honor Candidates." A more complete explanation of the meaning and selection criteria for Vigil membership is provided in the *Handbook*.

The references to an Order of the Arrow area organization and the role of an area coordinator have been removed from all three publications. Each region chairman is now free to appoint whatever region personnel he needs to carry out his mission.

The due date for National Service Grant applications has been changed to October 31. A leadership development committee has been added in the *GOA* as a lodge operating committee. The "Scouts with disabilities" section has been replaced by a new "Scouts with special needs" section along with a new "Appendix - Guidelines for Assisting Scouts with Special Needs." A description of the Lifetime

Achievement Award has also been added to the *Guide*.

The first and second paragraphs of the *GOA* "Unit Elections Procedures" have been revised. The changes encourage lodges to complete all unit elections prior to their troops/teams going to summer camp. This insures that the maximum number of troop/team members can be present to vote in the election. A statement has also been added that election team members must be trained and in proper uniform during an election.

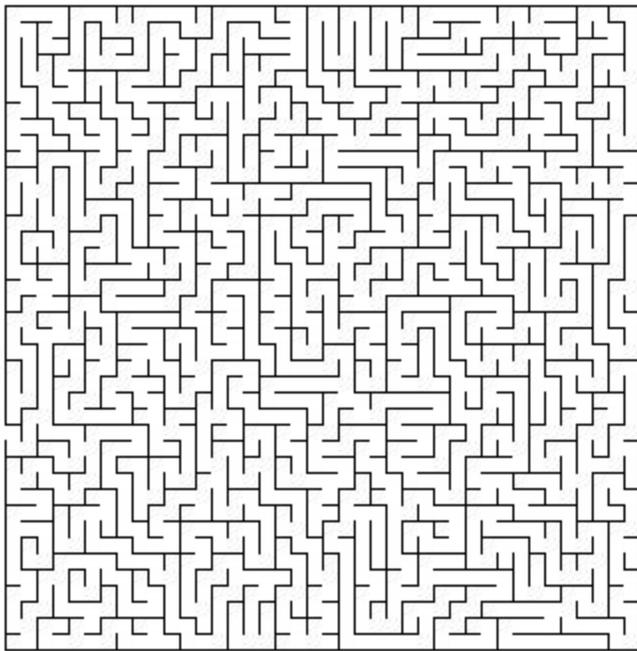
## Fun things to do this fall

As we all know fall in Michigan is awesome! The leaves change colors, pumpkins are ripe for the picking and we all head back to school! The fall also offers so cool opportunities to do some cheap and fun things with friends and family.

1. Cider Mill. Whether it's the taste of cider or the feel of a bag of warm donuts it's a must for the fall. In the Detroit Area it's easy to find a Mill where you can buy apple cider and donuts and also spend a day hiking in the rustic peripheries of our metropolitan area
2. Haunted Houses. A popular attraction for folks 16 and up that always seems to get the adrenaline pumping!
3. Football Games and Tailgates. Whether high school, college or pro, a football game is an awesome time. Some games you can even go to for free and receive complimentary gifts or even food.
4. Pumpkin picking and carving. Going to buy a pumpkin can also be a fun event if you do it at a farmer's market and carving the pumpkin is a traditional favorite!
5. Hiking. Maybe not so much fun for us Scouts and Scouters, but you'll be amazed how excited your friends will be to take a day off and go walk around the woods. And if you bring your friends you're always bound to have a good time.



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## The Path to Brotherhood

by Ethan Rein

Help Andy Arrowman follow the path to Brotherhood, now that he has become a member at the Summer Conclave

## Summer School

by Sam Stocker

Dearest Brothers,  
While most of you were were camping out West, canoeing beautiful lush rivers, or scaling tall mountains, or doing other outdoor Scouty things, I was trapped in 421 Hill Hall in Ypsilanti Michigan desperately doing my best to graduate on time. I spent my summer on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, a large commuter school, so as you can guess there wasn't a soul on campus during the summer. I didn't have a roommate or TV, so I found myself reading and studying a lot... two very scary things. This all came about because in my first years at Eastern I didn't know what I wanted to do so I took a myriad of classes like yoga and swimming, which, although fun, really won't get you anywhere...except for maybe swimming. So my advice is to keep on Scouting but also utilize your personal management skills so you won't have to go to summer school...it's not as cool as it may seem.

## Don't forget to log your service at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Just a friendly reminder, if you are doing service work individually or as a group, we now two log books available for recording your service hours. One three-ring binder is located in the Martin Building and the other three-ring binder is in the main shop.

Please take the time to record your hours so we can log them for service hour credit toward the Honor Lodge objective.

## Answers to Last issue's puzzle:

The puzzle last issue had scrambled versions of all the chapters' names English translation. A special letter in each of the chapter names spelled out a secret term relating to lodge history.

1. TREPNSORHIENN  
*Northern Pines, or Lowanue Kuwe*
  2. ENSUTS  
*Sunset, or Wsigau*
  3. TSERELAY  
*Easterly, or Wapaneu*
  4. RGONTS  
*Strong, or Mahican*
  5. WERDRARKOH  
*Hard Worker, or Achowalogen*
- And the special term was the original name of the Lodge Newsletter: *Tally-Ho*

For more on Lodge History, check out [www.migisi.org/history](http://www.migisi.org/history)

## A New Award for 2005

At NOAC 2004, the National Council of Chiefs announced a brand new award for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007. This award is called the 'Leadership through Service' Award. Earning it is pretty simple, but a lot of work. Any Arrowman can earn it by completing 8 hours of service to a council camp, like a Service Day or coming out for the Spring, Fall or Summer Conclaves, and then completing 6 hours of community service, like at the One Day of Service or any other community service project.

The award itself will be a red arrowhead suspended from a handsome blue ribbon. This ribbon will hang from the right pocket, in the temporary patch position. Earning it once will get you the ribbon. The next two years will get recipients a device for each year to wear on the ribbon.

By creating this award, the Order of the Arrow seeks to reward Service done by arrowmen.

*The Eagle Pipe* staff hopes to wow the national committee by representing a lodge which earns a phenomenal number of these awards in the coming years.

# Extended Arrowman Profile: Jeff Rand

This section of *The Eagle Pipe* is reserved for an Arrowman who has accomplished a great feat or done service worth telling. This month's Arrowman is Jeff Rand. The story is by Gordon W. Draper. The Arrowman Profile usually appears on the last page, but this edition was too extensive for that spot.

Former Migisi Opawgan Lodge Chief Jeff Rand finished an amazing goal last summer. He entered his last county in the United States, having visited all 3,141 of them.

It all started when Jeff was 16 and former lodge adviser, Gordon W. Draper, happened to mention to him that he had been in all 83 counties in Michigan and was keeping track of what counties he had visited in all the other 49 states with the goal of perhaps visiting them all.

Jeff thought this sounded like a fun thing to do and took up the challenge. He combined this goal with that of climbing to the top of the high point of all of the 50 states. He climbed the tallest peak in the USA, Mt. McKinley, on June 20, 1991 after a three-week climb. It took three more years and repeated trips to Montana before he was able to reach the summit of Granite Peak, his 50th state highpoint. Jeff was the 34th person known to accomplish that feat.

It is said that any time three or more Americas have the same interest, they form a club, write bylaws, and elect officers. There is an organization called the High Pointers, which consists of people interested in reaching the summit in each state.

On a weekend trip in West Virginia with a bunch of OA people, Gordon (or GWD) suddenly shouted "Whee" as they had just entered a county he had never visited. This piqued Jeff's interest enough so that he reconstructed all of the trips he had taken up to that point. Luckily he has always been a meticulous record keeper. By the time he was 12 he had taken over the mapping of the vacations for his family.

When Jeff had finished his highpoint quest in 1994, he had visited over 2,000 counties. He then started to focus on completing his county list. And yes, there is an organization for this too. It is called the Extra Miler Club. The motto of this group is,

"The Shortest distance between two points is no fun."

His first big trip on this goal was a ten-day journey to Texas in 1999. He drove 5,000 miles and visited 162 counties (that number is just a coincidence). There was an unfortunate miscommunication between Jeff and Gordon on this. Jeff mentioned that he was thinking of doing this trip to Gordon and gave a reply that he wasn't "looking forward to that trip." Jeff took it as though Gordon wasn't interested. What was meant was Gordon wanted to do it but wasn't that thrilled with the prospect. As a result, Gordon still has 121 of the 254 counties in Texas to visit. There is the possibility of another former lodge chief, Roger Horn, who has gone on several of these trips, helping out. Roger has just gotten his pilot's license and a new plane. They might have a trip hopping from county to county by air. Roger used his plane to drop off clues for a game during Winter Camp XXVII, held in 2003.

Jeff took several trips collecting counties. One of the biggest hurdles was Alaska. Gordon did join Jeff on this adventure. In 2 1/2 weeks they visited all 27 boroughs and census areas (they don't have areas called counties) which involved 33 takeoffs and landings, several ferry trips and much driving of rental cars.

This last August, Jeff took off on a trip with the goal of finishing his county quest.

The trip was again with Gordon in his '89 wagon. They put on 9,200 miles in 2 1/2 weeks with no problems except for two flat tires. Accompanying them were Roger and Ebony, Gordon's dog. In spite of this grueling schedule, much road construction and several forest fires, which necessitated numerous detours, Jeff finished his goal. He had left, quite by chance, Mason



Jeff Rand enjoys camping, mountain climbing and county counting.

county in Michigan as the last county. He entered it in grand style aboard the SS Badger, the auto ferry across Lake Michigan. Thus he finished his goal in the state in which he started.

Jeff is a professional scouter and has been serving as the Scout Executive and CEO of Rip Van Winkle Council in New York. He was recently promoted to BSA National Headquarters in Texas where he helps councils with budget and computer problems.

## *Editor's Note:*

Whilst being actively involved as a Professional Scouter, Jeff has been a corner stone of the Mahican Chapter's annual Winter Camp. This four day event is held from December 27<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeff, along with five other visionaries from the Downriver Chapter, which became part of the Mahican Chapter in 1990, began this program in 1977.

The planning for winter camp XXVIII, which will be held this year, has begun. For more information on Winter Camp, talk to Mahican Chapter Chief Ricky Naida, or check out [www.wintercamp.com](http://www.wintercamp.com)



## Adviser's 5

It's hard to believe, but in less than 90 days the lodge will celebrate its accomplishments and those of our arrowmen at the 2005 annual dinner in December. Between now and the dinner, the lodge has a number of events planned including Fall Conclave in September; Fall Fellowship and Vigil Honor breakfast in October; supporting the Council's Operation Can-Do collection points in November; and, an in-town Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training day at the Dauch Scout Center in November. Additionally, a number of folks signed up for the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) at Camp Miakonda in Toledo this month.

While we have a number of events that need tending in the next 90 days, we really need to begin looking to next year and developing plans for a successful 2005. So, what is success and how is it measured? For our Lodge, success is quite simple - it's achieving "Honor Lodge" recognition. Achieving "Honor Lodge" it is based upon 18 nationally defined criteria - ten of which are mandatory, while also achieving four of the remaining eight optional ones. Migisi Opawgan has achieved "Honor Lodge" each of the last six years - and, hopefully 2004 will also be an Honor Lodge year.

Foremost in the success of any lodge is quality leadership and the need for strong leaders at all levels - the lodge, its chapters and its committees. Quality leaders set the tone and heartbeat of an organization through their example; their enthusiasm; their ability to plan and delegate; and, most importantly - lead with confidence.

This month the floor opens for 2005 lodge officer nominations and will close the evening of the election. It is my expectation, and hopefully that of every Arrowman, that each candidate fully understands the responsibilities of any position for which they accept a nomination - and that includes "active" participation and a desire to serve.

For youth members, your task is very important and it sets the stage for success in the coming year. Your task is to elect the "best of the best" - the

right person. That person should be someone who will do their very best for you and your fellow Migisi Opawgan arrowmen. Remember, this is *not* a popularity contest. So, please vote for those individuals who you believe care the most about our lodge and will take us to the next level of success.

Speaking of success let me segue to another topic... I especially want to thank the 39 members of our NOAC contingent for an exceptionally fun nine days in July and August. We met new friends; ate at historic ice cream parlors; saw our arrowmen sit in the prestigious "Sky Box" at an arena show; danced and sang at evening events; attended quality training sessions; participated in ceremony and dance competitions; showed off "Trail to Eagle;" rejoiced at the air conditioned dorms; stayed up until 1-2 am each night discussing history; flew Superman - Ultimate Flight and rode the Raging Bull; dove over Splash Water Falls; and, learned the true meaning of "reneege" in Euchre. But I am especially proud of how our contingent rose to the occasion and took home one of only twenty 2005 NOAC Spirit Awards. Wow - what a great job! Thanks for letting me share your memories - I had a wonderful time at NOAC. I hope we can triple the size of our contingent at the 2006 NOAC at Michigan State University. Let's do it! See you at the Fall Conclave at D-Bar-A.

Joe Retzbach  
Lodge Adviser

## Training News

Although the year is winding down, there are a few key training events that lodge members should consider. First, and most important, any youth lodge members running or even considering running for a lodge or chapter office need to attend the upcoming Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) program. Based on information collected from recent surveys and on new material presented at this year's NOAC session, the LLD course will be tailored to meet the needs of the Arrowmen in Migisi Opawgan. LLD will be held at the Dauch Scout Center on Saturday, November 20th. Times and costs are yet to be finalized, but expect

this to be an all-day event. More information will be available through the website and at the next Lodge Executive Leadership meeting. All current and newly elected lodge and chapter officers are expected to attend this event.

Speaking of the Lodge Executive Leadership meeting, this month, Sept 15th, Elangomat training will be offered at 6:30 PM, just prior to the Executive meeting, at First United Methodist church in Dearborn. All Arrowmen interested in being an Elangomat for the upcoming fall or future conclaves should attend. Also, while time is short, there may still be space available at the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) being held the end of September (24th - 26th) at Camp Miakonda, just outside of Toledo. The cost (\$70 for youth; \$80 for adults) and the location (this is the closest session in 2004 and maybe 2005) make this a training opportunity not to be missed. More information and forms are available on the lodge website, under the Committees / Training page.

Finally, there was some buzz about O-A University earlier in the year. Rest assured, this program did not die again. However, given the renewed emphasis on LLD, this program has been placed on the back burner to simmer just a little longer. Once the remaining details of OAU have been worked out, information will be provided here, in the Eagle Pipe, and on the Training Committee page of the lodge.

## *The Eagle Pipe staff*

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## **Neynaber Goals for 2004: Membership and Brotherhood**

In order to earn the Russell Neynaber Quality Award, each chapter must fulfill several requirements, both mandatory and optional. This section of *The Eagle Pipe* has expanded since last issue to include both membership totals for each chapter and their amount of brotherhood conversions. Talk to your chapter chief at the next chapter meeting for more information on the Russell Neynaber Quality Award.

	<u>Membership</u>		<u>Brotherhood</u>	
	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal
Achowalogen	23	32	2	4
Lowanue Kuwe	163	232	8	50
Mahican	246	292	14	40
Wapaneu	88	131	5	18
Wsigau	150	217	9	45

*Note: This figures do not account for the lodge's summer camp activity*

Total Lodge Membership: 694

Total Brotherhood Conversions: 40

**Keep up the great work, chapters!**



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September 17-19, 2004	Fall Conclave	D-A Scout Ranch
October 29-31, 2004	Fall Fellowship	D-A Scout Ranch
October 30, 2004	Vigil Honor Breakfast	D-A Scout Ranch
December 1, 2004	Annual Dinner	Warren Valley Country Club
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	Summer Conclave	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
<b>First Saturday of each Month, (excluding June, July and August)</b>	<b>Service Day</b>	<b>D-bar-A Scout Ranch</b>

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