

# The Eagle Pipe

The official Newsletter of Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162

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## Welcome New Members



Some new members of the Lodge spent the day in arduous labor and are now proud brothers of the lodge.

A hearty congratulations goes out to all new members of the lodge, who were inducted at the Fall Conclave 2004. This great group of people represent boy scout troops from all over the Council, and along with the members present, performed hundreds of hours of service to D-bar-A Scout Ranch. The hard work done by these new members is a shining example of the future of this lodge. All of the new members should be proud of themselves; they have shown cheerful service before receiving the obligation. Welcome to the Migisi Opawgan lodge.

A big thank you goes out to the Luwanue Kuwe chapter for their tireless efforts in planning and conducting this extremely well oiled machine of an event. They have shown what strong planning and good execution can do for the lodge. The many projects completed at D-A include installing insulation, clearing brush, cleaning up the shop area, scouting the Pedro Trail, and everyone's favorite painting fences.

Another thank you goes out to the D-A ranger staff who aided the candidates along with the Elongomats to complete so many projects. Some may only see camp one weekend every couple of months but the rangers work hard every day to make sure that the camp is ready for new scouts to come and experience the outdoors. With good fellowship and service the Fall Conclave was a complete success.

Further, we congratulate Michael Meade, Paul Meinhart, Eric Rito, Jesse Stuart, Andrew Tomlinson, and Aaron Williams, who converted to sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming Brotherhood Members Saturday night of the Fall Conclave.

### Vehicle storage facility burns at Cole Canoe Base

by Jerry Freyberg, Director of Support Services

On Monday, September 13th the vehicle storage building at Cole Canoe Base caught fire and burned. The building and all contents were a total loss. Fortunately, nobody was injured. The fire resulted from rodents chewing through an electrical wire. Camp Ranger Dave Gray and Director of Camping Gus Chutorash assisted local fire departments in containing the blaze to the vehicle storage area.

The fire destroyed a tractor, a variety of program supplies and maintenance equipment plus damaged our dump truck and fire truck. We are working with our insurance company to establish loss and replacement costs. Most items will be covered by insurance, however, we do have significant deductibles and any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated (make donations to the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Cole Fire Fund). The camp remains open and plans are under way to ensure program delivery will not be interrupted. The important work of developing character in youth continues on.

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# Chapter News and Headlines

## From the Chief

Brothers,

As we come to the end of 2004, we can look back at some of our accomplishments over the past year. This year's leadership has accomplished many tasks that will better the future of our lodge, including: moving officer elections to the Fall Fellowship; beginning a process of reviewing, updating and improving our Rules & Procedures; and raising funds to match our National Service Grant to replace the docks at Lockwood Lake. It has been a good year with many successful activities, Lincoln Pilgrimage, Spring Conclave, NOAC, Fall Fellowship, and many others.

I am looking forward to an exciting future for Migisi Opawgan under the leadership of Dan Swan and his officers you will be able to maintain this pattern of growth and excellence. For this to happen next year's leaders will need your support, encouragement, and active participation. As a unified and excited lodge we can expect to become no less than the finest Lodge in the nation.

Over the next year, please remember that the future of Migisi depends on you.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Chief.

Jamie White  
Lodge Chief  
Migisi Opawgan



Dear Brothers,

On December 1st I will become your new lodge chief. In the next year I hope to lead our lodge to great success. We will serve our troops, districts, camps, and council like never before. We will go to the section conclave and raise high the coup stick. Together with hard work we will become the greatest lodge in not just the section, or region, but the country. With all of your help we can do great things. If you help and remain active you will not disappoint me, and I will do my best not to disappoint you. Let us all share the dream of good fellowship, hard work, and great times in this our honored order.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Daniel Swan  
Migisi Opawgan  
Lodge Chief Elect

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

The Luwanue Kuwe Chapter has had a great year. We have served with distinction our Troops and districts. Now that the end of the year is coming and there are only a couple of things left till the lodge annual dinner on December 1st. chapter officer elections will take place on November 18th at St. Johns Methodist church in Royal Oak. On December 10th the second annual lock in will take place at Page middle school in Madison Heights. For more information see enclosed flyer. If you would like to purchase an annual dinner ticket, contact chapter adviser, Jeff Gerald. Don't forget to turn in your 2005 lodge registration form. Let's start off the New Year with a bang and have the most people at the Lincoln pilgrimage.

The **Wapanue** chapter serves the Lakeshore and Michigami districts. For more information, contact Wapanue Chapter Chief Robert Gillette or Wapanue Chapter Adviser Mr. Bill Marriot.

**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. We meet the third Thursday of the month at Westminster Church of Detroit located on Hubbell at Outer Drive. Hope to see you there.

**Mahican** – serves Three Rivers and Huron districts

Mahican Chapter recently completed two in town Brotherhood conversions. One took place at our District Camp-O-Ree at Greenfield Village, and the other was at the Three Rivers District Roundtable. We had great success and earned 20 Brotherhood members. We would like to especially thank our awesome ceremony team for going the extra mile and allowing this opportunity. Mahican is still trying to get youth involved in a dance team as well. We appreciate the offer extended from Lowe-Kuwe to help any of our youth that are interested, learn to dance. We have also been very busy with our Four Winds Ceremony for Eagle Arrowman. This has kept our ceremony team on the move as they have done six ceremonies in as many months.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn. Check the web site for a map to this location.

**Wsigau** – serves the Sunset district

My Fellow Wsigau Brothers:

This shall be my final letter to you in the Eagle Pipe as your chapter chief. I have had the pleasure to be your chief for the past two years and I would not trade these experiences for the world. By the time you read this article, there will be a brand new board of officers for our

chapter. We need to support them by attending meetings and volunteering. I challenge each of you to attend at least one lodge event next year, especially those of you who will be eligible for their Brotherhood (10 months since your ordeal). We are also looking for people to serve as a representative to their troop. This position counts towards rank advancement. If you are interested, talk to your Scoutmaster or to me.

Wsigau is host for the Annual Dinner this year. It will be held at Warren Valley Country Club (Northwest corner of Warren Rd and Beech Daly Rd). The cost is \$10 for youth and \$15 for adults. For more information, please contact myself.

The past two years have gone by so fast. I would personally like to thank Mr. Ray and Mr. Behrmann, my two advisers for the two years, the past two chapter executive boards, and everyone who went through their ordeal or brotherhood these past two years. I am proud to say that because of our combined efforts, we have been able to keep Wsigau an honor chapter. Parting is such sweet sorrow.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Christopher C. Szybisty  
Wsigau Chapter Chief

## National Leadership Seminar Held in Toledo

Three of our arrowmen spent the weekend of Sept 24-26 at nearby Camp Miakonda for the NLS training conference with 44 other arrowmen participants – youth and adults. In addition, the event drew 13 arrowmen faculty members as well as a number of Miakonda support staff members.

Kicking off on Friday night at 8:00 pm, the NLS event started with an opening presentation from Central Region Chief Joe Sadewasser of Dubuque, IA followed by National OA Chief Jeff Hayward who kicked off the first session entitled “Mission Accomplishable.” We were introduced to 2003 National Vice-Chief, Rich Moore and Venturing President, Chris Kerzich. This session laid the foundation for the next day and a half by discussing “trust” and the “framework of leadership.” Cracker

barrel wrapped up Friday night with the adults turning out the lights around 11:30 pm. The youth, well they decided 2 am was probably a better time to turn lights out.

Saturday kicked off bright and early with a great breakfast followed by an 8 am session on “Attitude” and the commitment of leader. This was the first of nine more sessions on Saturday – two of which were held on Saturday night. After dinner, everyone assemble for the “Game of Life” and “OA Jeopardy.” The enthusiasm, both youth and adult participants, was remarkable. We learned a lot on Saturday about leadership and how to apply the lessons to our units, chapters, lodge, work, school and home and more – after all, leadership is a 24 hour job.

Sunday brought assembly and more training sessions which involved interactivity between the tables and lively discussions. By noon, we were through, packed and almost ready to go. Lunch was all that was between us and the highway home.

It proved to be more than we imagined as speakers wrapped up, diplomas were awarded, and we learned more about the OA high adventure programs for 2005. National OA Director, Clyde Mayer, and Central Region Chairman, R.D. Dunkin, each offered encouragement on leadership and the skills we learned that weekend. Joe Sadewasser, the Central Region hosting Chief and National Chief, Jeff Hayward encouraged everyone to go home and use the skills leader at the weekend to improve their lodges. It was a great event – and, hopefully more Migisi Opawgan arrowmen will consider participating in future NLS sessions – especially if they are as close by as Camp Miakonda.



The 2004 Vigil Honor Class.  
See the next page for a letter  
from the vigil honor chairman.

## New Officers Elected at Fall Fellowship

For the first of what is sure to be many years, the lodge officer elections were held at D-bar-A Scout Ranch following dinner at the Fall Fellowship. This change was made as a result of a change to the Lodge Rules made by the Lodge Executive Committee.

Lodge Chief Jamie White will end his term at the Annual Dinner with the installation of Daniel T. Swan, the current Lowanue Kuwe Chapter Chief. Dan has been a very vocal lodge leader in the past year and looks foreword to leading the lodge in the coming year.

Executive Vice Chief George Blackmore will be replaced by Chris Szybisty at the Annual Dinner. Chris, a member of the 2004 Vigil Honor Class, has been the Chief of the Wsigau Chapter for the last 2 years. Chris has big plans for the Lodge and is sure to bring plenty of experience to the lodge leadership committee.

Vice Chief of Activities Matt Elias will be replaced by lodge newcomer Mark Rosiek, Jr. Mark is a former member of Manitous, Order of the Arrow lodge of the Great Sauk Trail Council, where he served as both a lodge and chapter secretary.

At the Annual Dinner, Ryan Lang will be installed as Lodge Secretary. The same night, Ryan finishes his term as Lodge Treasurer. Ryan is a member of the Mahican Chapter Ceremony team.

Jason Smith will take the place of Ryan Lang as Lodge Treasurer. Jason has been treasurer of the Wapanue Chapter for the last 3 years, and is sure to bring his experience and enthusiasm for camping promotions to the lodge leadership committee in the coming year.

Another exciting development at the Fall Fellowship was the announcement by Lodge Staff Adviser Dave Morosky that our current lodge adviser Joe Retzbach has been asked and agreed to stay on board for another year.

Any arrowman interested serving as a chairman or adviser to any of the lodge committees should look up one of the new officers and find out how to get involved. The communications committee looks foreword to a great year 2005.

## The Vigil Honor Committee

My brothers in the Wimachtendink,

I would like to tell all of you that as Vigil Chairmen of our lodge I would like to say that this weekend was truly an astounding time of my life. Brothers Bill, Alex, Jeff, Joe, John, and Chris all completed their vigil faithfully and now stand with the obligation as committed leaders to our order. I am personally honored to take part in the process that allowed these amazing individuals into the Vigil Honor. All of them; are fine examples of what our order stands for. With your blessing and sincere wishes and support, congratulate these six individuals for their commitment to our purpose. And personally, to them, I would like to say that it brightens my heart to have the privilege to actively take part in the process of your recognition and tell publicly that you are all friends that I consider some of the best individuals, downright right heroes in my life, and that smiles still come across my face in remembrance of the events this weekend. Again, these are six amazing individuals

Vigil Chairman  
Fellow Brother  
Kyle W Gerald

### Calling New Members!

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 4 fellowship.

## More for New Members

Not only are all new members encouraged to earn the First Year Arrowman award, but they are also encouraged to look up [www.jumpstart.oa-bsa.org](http://www.jumpstart.oa-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.

### Wsigau arrowmen gather at Sunset's Fall Camporee

Sunset District's fall camporee was held at the Kensington Metro Park the weekend of October 8-10. A key element of their program was a special OA gathering on Saturday night orchestrated by Wsigau Chapter Chief Chris Szybisty and Chapter Adviser, Eric Behrmann.

When Sunset District distributed their fall camporee planning books, the Wsigau Chapter was part of the agenda. While providing cheerful service throughout the weekend at Kensington, they hosted an OA gathering after the camporee campfire.

The only qualifier for entry, as documented in the program materials, was the wearing of your OA sash. Some arrowmen even drove home on Saturday to get their sash when they heard about the event – while others weren't so lucky and could only dream about the gathering.

Over 25 arrowmen gathered Saturday night for blueberry-cherry and blueberry apple cobbler cooked over the hot coals of the campfire along with a special shipment of ice cream that arrived from out of nowhere. There was lots of good youth and adult conversation on the OA and where Wsigau and the lodge is headed in 2005. Plans are already underway for another OA gathering at the Wsigau Winter Camporee at D-A in 2005. Great job Wsigau!

## Lodge Operating Committees

A lodge of over 800 members cannot operate with just 5 youth officers at its helm. To do the day and day out business of the lodge, not including the jobs of the chapter, the lodge operating committees were created. Throughout this issue, *The Eagle Pipe* will attempt to edplain the purpose and duties and obligations of these committees:

### *Awards Committee*

This committee takes the time to give recognition to those arrowman who are respectfully deserving of it. Their job starts with gathering nomination forms and doesn't end until the recipients receive their respective awards.

### *Brotherhood Committee*

The Brotherhood Committee works to encourage members to seal their membership and to ensure that they are presented with ample opportunities to do so. They also work closely our Lodge's Extended Elangomat Committee.

### *Camping Promotions Committee*

The committee is always looking for and researching new and exciting locations for Arrowmen and troops within the Lodge to go camping. They also have the task of compiling the lodge's *Where to go Camping* booklet as a camping resource for Scouts and Scouters within the council.

### *Ceremonies and Dance Committee*

This committee provides the Lodge's ceremony teams with information and layouts of different ceremonies. The committee also provides resources in various Ceremony related categories that can help ensure the best of ceremonies!! They also work with, and are responsible for, our Lodge's Dance team.

### *Communications Committee*

The Communications Committee is responsible for preparing the Lodge Newsletter and for updating and maintaining the Lodge web site.

If any of these jobs pique your interest, contact your chapter chief or a lodge officer. If not keep reading, there are more committees.

## **Help! – We need you to pre-register for Lodge Events**

Have you ever planned a large party at your house or perhaps helped someone else with a huge graduation or birthday party? It takes a lot of planning work and knowing directionally how many guests are coming to the event. You know, an OA event is exactly the same – and, we are really being challenged when members and candidates fail to pre-register.

We want to ensure everyone has an outstanding time at every event. So, following each one, the lodge leadership de-briefs to determine what went well and what needs improvement. In examining this year's event's a number of the opportunities for improvement seem to be directly related to inaccurate participant numbers. Think about it. We (you) need accurate numbers for food, cabins, tools, support, sashes, flaps, books, projects, ceremonies and more. Without them, all good planning and preparation fails.

To put this in perspective, let's examine some metric details from our Fall Ordeal event in September already shared with your lodge and chapter leadership core.

**By Tuesday (three days prior to Fall Conclave), 107 pre-registrations (or RSVP's) were received at Council.**

**On Friday night of the Fall Conclave, 171 people showed up to participate! That amounts to 64 more people (39 members and 25 candidates) who showed up "unannounced!"**

**Now, let's take a look at the participants - 74 were candidates and 66% of them or 49 were pre-registered. The rest, 97, were members and only 60% or 58 were pre-registered.**

Yes, that's right – 64 people showed up unannounced with forms and money in hand. Yet, I bet they all expected outstanding service, four meals, two cracker barrels, housing and no failures. It's just not possible. How would you feel if this happened at that special party you were planning at your house?

Migisi Opawgan arrowmen, please start now and communicate event pre-registration helps everyone so we can properly prepare and plan for ours and their needs. Encourage pre-registration for all events and meet the published deadlines.

## **Annual meeting and dinner banquet quickly approaching**

December 1st is quickly approaching. Have you bought your dinner ticket yet? Better yet, have you bought a second one for one of your youth members?

Tickets are \$15 per person for this year's event – the same as last year. The meeting and banquet is being held at the Warren Valley Banquet Center, 26116 West Warren, in Dearborn Heights, MI. Centrally located in the Council, we hope everyone will find time in their schedule to come celebrate the accomplishments of our lodge, chapters and special arrowmen.

The event will be shorter than last year primarily because Lodge office election are being moved to the October 29-31 Fall Fellowship event at D-A. This move enables the new officers to prepare for 2005, select Committee Chairs, and formulates a plan for the next 12 months, which is delivered to the guests that evening. Lodge and Chapter officer as well as adviser inductions for 2005 are also done.

So, unit leaders – step up to the plate and support this exciting celebration by coming yourself, but better yet – sponsor a youth member from your unit. How about your OA troop rep?

## **More Committees**

### *Extended Elangomat Committee*

The Extended Elangomat Committee is responsible for training and mobilizing the lodge's Elangomats during and after Ordeals. The Extended Elangomat committee is also responsible for encouraging elangomats to earn the prestigious Extended Elangomat Award.

### *History Committee*

The Historian maintains the Lodge history.

### *Membership Committee*

The membership committee keeps track of our lodge's members and all of the important information about them.

That's not all, there are more on the next page.

## **Fall Fellowship, a great time**

About a hundred lodge members took the trip up to D-bar-A Scout Ranch for Halloween Weekend, October 29-31, for the annual Fall Fellowship. This weekend is a time to kick back and relax for the handworkers of Lodge 162.

The event began on Friday evening with improvisational skits performed in the Wyckoff Lodge, followed by crackerbarrell.

Breakfast Saturday morning was held at Trout Lake Cabin. It was followed by a Kickball Tournament, inspired by the same game held at the NOAC. Continuing with the games was a dodge ball tournament held in Trout Lake after lunch.

A fine dinner of lasagna was held in Wyckoff Lodge. The lodge officer elections were held in conjunction with dinner. Congratulations to Edward Clark, Jonathon Clark, and Jason Wagner who made the convension to Brotherhood after dinner. Much fellowship was had the Fall Fellowship.

## **The Lincoln Pilgrimage is sure to be great**

Each year, the lodge sponsors an event held at D-bar-A that is open to the membership of the entire council.

This event is held the closest weekend to Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, and is the Lincoln Pilgrimage. It take place February 11-13 2005, and is sure to be a great time.

D-bar-A is home to one of the only Boy Scout owned bronze statues of Abraham Lincoln. It is located next to the Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum at D-bar-A.

The Lincoln Pilgrimage began as a troop outing organized by former lodge historian George REA Thomas, a Lincoln enthusiast if there ever was one, and to whom the statue is now dedicated. Lodge Historian Committee Adviser Mr. Gordon W. Draper will surely read a speech about Mr. Thomas at this upcoming Pilgrimage. Past Pilgrimages have featured Lincoln impersonators, Civil War re-enactors, milk crate stacking, and much more. The Pilgrimage only takes place on Saturday morning, beginning after breakfast and goes through lunch. The rest of the weekend is the Lodge Winter Fellowship. It's never too early to sign up for this event.

## OA Operations Update Notice: Lodge Numbers

The National Order of the Arrow office just released Operations Update #04-9 in September. It addresses a new position on lodge and council numbers adopted December, 2003 by the national Order of the Arrow committee.

The committee unanimously decided to discontinue using lodge numbers for national reporting and registration purposes. The reasons for this change were to eliminate confusion with council numbers, reinforce that a lodge is an integral part of the council it serves, and embrace the uniform council numbering system used throughout Scouting.

Lodge numbers are not being taken away; they are just not going to be used nationally to report and register OA lodges. Instead lodges will be identified by lodge name, and council number. For example:

Migisi Opawgan Lodge, Detroit Area Council #262, BSA

In the Order's beginning there was a historical significance to lodge numbers. They were sequentially assigned as new lodges were formed. Since 1915, lodge mergers have occurred many times. In recent years, merging lodges have been given the option of picking a new number anywhere a number was vacant in the sequence. Some lodges chose one of their existing numbers, others chose a number to match their council number, and still others chose the lowest or highest number available.

Councils that merge adopt one of their existing council numbers rather than obtaining a new council number. The council numbering system is universally used throughout Scouting.

Having one number for a council and another number for a lodge has generated confusion. This is especially true in the national office, for OA event registration, and all reporting functions. Elsewhere in Scouting, reporting is done by councils and registration for all national activities and events is done by council contingents.

The Order of the Arrow is a Boy Scout program. Just like other programs of the Boy Scouts of America, it is delivered through the auspices of the local council. The lodge is not a separate entity unto itself. It is an integral part of the council operation and exists only because the council exists. The Order's vision as Scouting's national honor society is for every lodge to be an integral part of the council it serves.

For the sake of tradition, the lodge insignia still bears the number '162' and can continue to do so.

## NOAC Memories

Dear Brothers,

What an extraordinary National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) which was hosted at Iowa State University this summer. It was my first time going to NOAC, and it was a great experience that I will never forget. NOAC has so many different aspects that it is impossible not to have fun through the week that you are there. Activities that I was personally involved in were training sessions, Arrowmen Press Corps, kickball tournament, and strongest man competition, and patch trading. The events that I went around to see and do during my time at NOAC was the outdoor adventure place (TOAP), Religious Services, O-A Museum, Trading Post, Founders' Day, Indian events, and other Events, Displays, Exhibits and much more. My involvement in the Arrowmen Press Corps gave me the unique chance to get a closer look of everything that goes on behind the scenes and what makes NOAC so great every two years. Also being in the Arrowman Press Corps gave me exclusive time behind the scenes of the Conference Shows, Daily press packets of activities and special interests, special seating at the shows, exclusive time with special guests and important figures at the conference during Meet the Man sessions. I had the great opportunity to speak with all four Region Chiefs, Vice Region Chiefs. At the NOAC Expo I talked with the Olympian of the day. Mr. Tom Hill, a Bronze Medal recipient in the 110m hurdles at Munich, West Germany in the year 1972. Mr. Hill is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. He is now living in Ames, Iowa and works at Iowa State University.

On Sunday August 1, 2004 our very own Sam Stocker received The OA Distinguished Service Award at the NOAC Show. Also our very own Mr. Ken Mills was interviewed for Sunday's NOAC Today The Official Newspaper of NOAC 2004 When asked on what he plans to accomplish this year at NOAC he responded, "not a darn thing!"

On our way back home from NOAC we enjoyed a magnificent day at Six Flags Great America amusement park in Gurnee, Illinois where each and every one of us had a great time. Each and every one of us rode the rides that were there and also went to all the side attractions and shops that were there too. The great lodge of Migisi Opawgan received the Lodge Spirit Award at NOAC for excellence in planning, participation and teamwork. Way to go Migisi Opawgan.

I had such a great time at NOAC this year that I can't wait to do it again in 2006 at Michigan State University. I encourage all Arrowmen to go to NOAC. So you all can experience how great it really is. All Arrowmen that go to NOAC will participate in a weeklong trip of training, fellowship, and unique opportunities, and a lot of great fun. I am very thankful to all of the people that let me go to NOAC this summer and I hope to see all of you there in 2006.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
John Paul Siracki  
Achawalogen chapter

Members of the Lodge contingent with DSA recipient and former Migisi Opawgan Lodge Chief Sam Stocker.



# The Eagle Pipe Puzzle

This issue's puzzle is a logic puzzle. For this puzzle, we are assuming that these people grew up and were Arrowmen from where they grew up in history, and we are imposing the current chapter system.

Identify the order of these lodge chiefs: Mike Bein, Orrie Donely, Jeff Rand, Lee Gardy, and Sam Stocker, starting with the furthest back in time, and also identify their home chapters. Assume that Achowalogen is central, Mahican is south of the city, Wsigau is west of the city, Lowanue Kuwe is north of the city and Wapaneu is east of the city. Assume further that the directions of south cannot be relatively compared to east and west and vice versa.

Of this list, Sam Stocker is the most recent Lodge Chief.

The only lodge chief from Wsigau is the first alphabetically by last name.

Orrie Donely, who was chief before Jeff Rand, lives east of Mike Bien and was chief before him

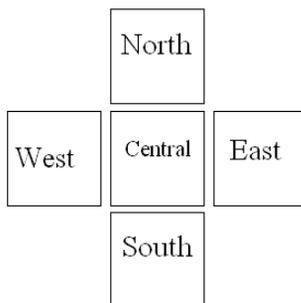
The second and third chiefs are from the same chapter.

The first lodge chief is not from Wapaneu.

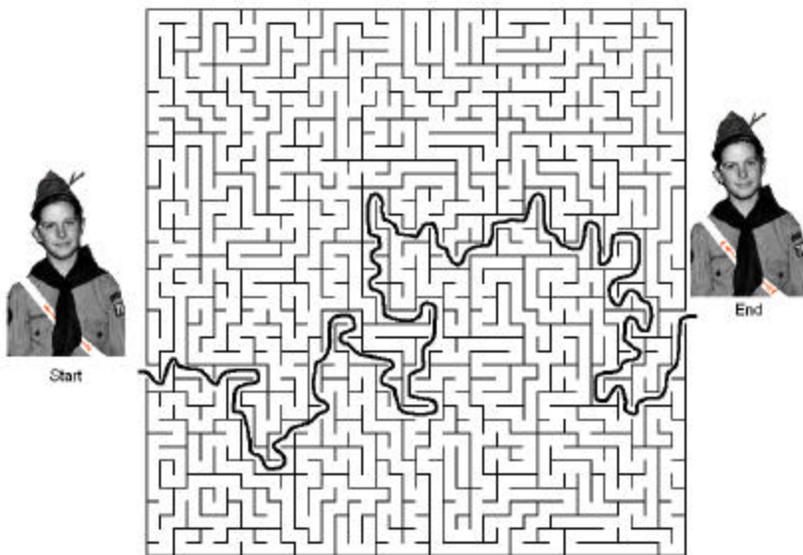
There is a district between Sam Stocker and Jeff Rand

Lee Gardy is in the middle in terms of time, but not in the middle in terms of Geography

Sam lives north of Orrie Donely



## Answer to Last issue's puzzle:



## Committees, continued

### Service Committee

This committee coordinates service projects in our Lodge, including the Day of Service. They were closely with the Rangers to help get the right tasks done at Lodge weekends.

### Spirit Committee

The Spirit Committee looks for new and exciting ways for our Lodge to demonstrate its Spirit at Lodge Events. From songs, to cheers, to chants these guys are the ones that get our lodge fired up and ready for the fun to begin.

### Training Committee

The training committee is responsible for training the lodge's officers and advisors so that they have the knowledge that they need to perform their duties. The committee sets up training classes and other opportunities throughout the year.

### Troop Representative Committee

This committee supports the Troop Representative program in our Lodge.

### Unit Elections Committee

This committee has the job of going out to the troops and performing elections into the order of the arrow. They try to get every troop to have an election every year and report to the lodge on the number of candidates elected.

### Unit Services Committee

This committee administers our Arrowmen Sharing Knowledge (ASK), ScoutReach, and Troop Representative programs.

### Vigil Honor Committee

The vigil committee has the job of running all programs and activities that involve those select arrowman who are vigil members within the lodge.

There are committees for every thing the lodge does. Interested? Talk to a chapter chief or lodge officer to find out how to get involved. Also, you chapter has committees. Each chapter has a different structure. Talk to your chapter chief to learn about these committees, which are at the heart of Migisi Opawgan.

## Adviser's 5

What a spectacular year for Migisi Opawgan lodge! Every arrowman has so much about which to be proud.

Our lodge grew 6% in 2004 to 870 members and over 100 arrowmen sealed their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. For 2004, there is a distinct possibility all of our chapters will achieve Honor Chapter recognition and that's really special.

On another front, through dedicated hard work by some special arrowmen, the lodge was awarded a \$5,000 National Order of the Arrow grant in 2004 for new docks at D-A's Lockwood Lake. And, even more special, the lodge rose to the occasion and matched that amount bringing the total contribution for the docks to \$10,000. Awesome!

Last August, a special contingent of 39 arrowmen attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Iowa State University. This distinguished group came together to be a family destined to fame. Through hard work, team spirit, and a tenacious attitude, they brought home the coveted National Order of the Arrow Conference "Spirit Award" - one of only twenty presented at this national event. A finer group of individuals would be hard to find and each member of this lodge should be proud of how they represented the Detroit Area Council. I could not be prouder.

In 2004, we also dedicated countless hours of service to our camps and other programs. In May, we worked with the City of Detroit on its annual neighborhood clean-up program, and in the fall we helped at the Scouting for Food collection centers. Throughout the year dedicated arrowmen supported the weekend Campmaster program at D-A as well as service the first Saturday of each month. The lodge supported the 2004 "Trail to Eagle" week-long event as well as the Annual Council Trade-O-Ree weekend. Individually, chapter members participated in District camporees; Council camping promotions; Broken Arrow ceremonies; dance and ceremony presentations; unit elections; Roundtable promotions and community service. We definitely dedicated ourselves to "cheerful service" in 2004.

Our new 2005 officers, elected at October's Fall Fellowship gathering, are already working with the 2004 officers and committee chairs on next years lodge vision, goals and objectives. It's shaping up to be another great year in Migisi Opawgan lodge, so please get to know your new lodge and chapter officers and SUPPORT THEM - they need your help and encouragement.

Remember, the keys to our success are clearly documented in the Honor Lodge requirement criteria. If we focus on the fundamentals, we will grow and grow. It is my hope 2005 will be a year where we: 1) Focus on improving the awareness of the Order of the Arrow with Boy Scout and Cub Scout units – basically, Marketing 101; 2) Promote unit elections and the Troop Rep leadership position; 3) Promote the Detroit Area Council camps and national OA high-adventure programs; 4) Step out of the box and participate in more "community based" service projects; and, 5) Deliver a focused, quality program. It's "Program, Program, Program in 2005."

I've got the spirit. How about you?

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Joe Retzbach  
Lodge Adviser

## News from the Ceremonies and Dance Committee

Congrats on another great year for ceremonies. We had pre-ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies teams compete at Section C-2A Conclave and NOAC. We had individuals dance and do quite well at both section and NOAC in Contemporary Traditional and Old Style categories, with information brought back on Grass and Southern Fancy Dance styles.

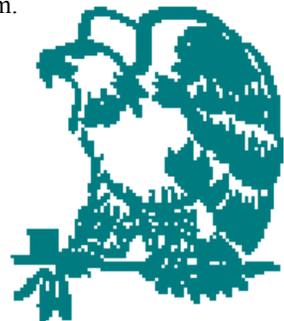
All lodge events had ceremonies ready for candidates. Now let's try to improve next year. Every ceremonies team can find some area to improve their skills. Every dancer can strive to get a little bit better for the next C-2A Conclave or NOAC. And of course, there is always room for more brothers to get involved. Just contact your chapter chief if you are interested.

There are also opportunities with the lodge committee itself. There is always room for youth and adults in areas such as ceremonies training, and other positions that may become available, so speak up and get involved!

### *The Eagle Pipe staff*

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Writers for this issue include Ethan Rein, Joe Retzbach, Jamie White, Dan Swan, Jay Whitmer, Jeff Lang, Chris Szybisty, John Paukl Siracki, and Kyle Gerald. In the coming months, a new communications committee will emerge for the 2005 year. Now is as good a time as any to volunteer to hop on board this team.



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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>

### Neynaber Goals for 2004

In order to earn the Russell Neynaber Quality Award, each chapter must fulfill several requirements, both mandatory and optional. Throughout the Year, *The Eagle Pipe* has sought to keep everyone up to date on the status of the Chapters quest for the Neynaber Award. This month, however, *The Eagle Pipe* encourages everyone to go to the Annual Dinner to find out how the chapters finished the year.

Also, don't miss the presentations of the Robert Rutherford Service Awards, the Founder's Award, and the Harold Oatley Service Award at the Annual Dinner. It's sure to be a great time.

