



# The Eagle Pipe

## Spring Conclave a huge success, membership goals reached early

158, 125, 22, 1600. These are 4 key numbers that shows how Migisi Opawgan is growing. We had 158 candidates go through their Ordeal last month at D-A Scout Ranch, we had 125 members help with service projects, we had 22 members seal their membership in the OA by becoming Brotherhood members, and we totaled over 1600 service hours to our camp throughout the entire conclave weekend. This was a very big and busy event. Many people got worried when there was not enough room in the dining hall for everyone to eat.

As the weekend ended we heard many great comments including this one from a new member,

“The only reason I came up here was because my parents made me, but when we got here and started playing football, performing service projects, and then the amazing ceremony, I was impressed and ready to get involved.”

I think this new arrowman said it best; he had a great time and is ready for more. Come to events and get involved with your chapter and the lodge. There is always something to do in the OA.

I would like to take a moment and thank some of the many people who helped make the Conclave a success, including Matt Elias for his leadership with the service projects, David Genevich for his help with the Brotherhood process, Nick Fedoronko for his assistance with the Elangomats, the LLC for their support and advice, Mr. Elias for having advised me these past

months, Lowanue Kuwe for an excellent performance at Saturday’s cracker-barrel, and the professional staff of DAC for their continued support and dedication to this Lodge.

If I have missed anybody, I apologize. There were many great individuals who provided support for this year’s event, too many to name. I would not have been able to do it all without a good team. Migisi Opawgan is not just a lodge, but a team that continues to grow with the best Scouts from the Detroit Area Council. I think Henry Ford put it best when he said, “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

~Joe Kulwicki



Lodge Membership	Feb 11	Apr 28
<b>Council</b>	20	21
<b>Achowalogen</b>	13	21
<b>Lowanue Kuwe</b>	207	249
<b>Mahican</b>	262	352
<b>Wapaneu</b>	91	142
<b>Wsigau</b>	205	279
<b>TOTAL LODGE</b>	<b><u>798</u></b>	<b><u>1064</u></b>

Our lodge membership has already surpassed the year-end 2005 charter renewal number of 1,057. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we have 1,064 arrowmen on our roster and we still have summer and fall conclaves ahead of us. Clearly, the word is out every unit should have members in the BSA’s national honor society - the Order of the Arrow. Keep up the great work!

~Membership Committee

# Chapter News

## Achowalogen

What a wonderful Lodge I am proud to be a part of. Everybody is so helpful, and the new members are so eager. Without the help of every lodge member, Achowalogen would be dead in the water. We have come so far since I became Chief. From the hard times of my beginning, to right this very moment, where membership has grown by leaps and bounds. And a special thanks to our brothers who have stepped up to help us with the Summer Conclave, up at Cole Canoe Base.

Thank you also to the new members for your enthusiasm in the Order of the Arrow. We can't do this without you either. I appreciate you for joining us, and I promise you that you will not regret it. Fellow lodge members, please welcome the following people into our brethren:

Alicia Clyburn – T409,  
Quintin Kelly – T409,  
Christopher Taylor – T409,  
James Walkins – T409,  
Charles Perry – T409,  
James Lloyd – T647,  
Charles Martin III – T647,  
Lamar Howard – T647

Also, do not forget, new members, our monthly meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1776 W. Warren Ave. Detroit, MI 48208. Please make sure you are in attendance, as lodge events, chapter events, and other matters will be discussed.

Thank you, Everyone.  
~Leo Titus LeBron V  
Achowalogen Chapter Chief

## Lowanue Kuwe

The Spring Conclave was an amazing success. At a thrilling Ordeal ceremony on Saturday night, we had the added enhancements of thunder and lightening to bring special emphasis to the re-telling of the Legend. Thirty-four new members completed the Ordeal; an outstanding turn-out. These new members did a great job and we look forward to having them join us in our future activities. We only need eleven more new members to exceed our membership goal for 2006! Many thanks go to Dave Goetz, Joe Butler, and Mark Benvenuto for being our lead Elangomats.

Six of our members have risen to Brotherhood membership status. Congratulations to Brian Meissner, Sr., Joe Butler, Lewis Schlanbusch, and Jacob Vertel who received their honors at the Spring Conclave, and Ed Goetz and Eric Manidok who received their Brotherhood at the Winter Conclave. We are running a little bit behind on Brotherhood conversions, as we need about thirty more to reach our goal. The next Lowanue Kuwe Brotherhood ceremony is scheduled for May 20 at D-A, after the Northridge Camporee campfire.

Another Brotherhood ceremony will be conducted at the Summer Conclave at Cole Canoe Base on Saturday, June 3. You can also check the [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) web site to get the details on the Brotherhood opportunities being offered in Grosse Pointe Park on May 8, and in Dearborn on May 18. Check our web site for more details on how to become a Brotherhood member.

Congratulations go out to our chapter members who have been honored with the District Award of

Merit for 2006: Bill Kondak and Hanson Lee.

We all had a great deal of fun at the Section C2A Conclave at Camp Holaka. Our May edition of the chapter e-newsletter, Smoke Signals, has all of the details.

Our next chapter meetings are scheduled for May 25 and June 29, 7:30 PM, at St. John's United Methodist Church on Rochester Road in Royal Oak. We will not have a meeting in July, but be sure to join us for the OA Night at Trail To Eagle Camp, at D-A, July 5, which also includes a Brotherhood Ceremony.

We have eight unit elections scheduled for May. Want an election in your troop? Go to the Migisi web page for information on how to get one scheduled.

Another fun promotion / service opportunity is to support our Cub Scout Day Camps, as follows:

~North Trails Discover Michigan, June 26-29, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, Beverly Park; Contact: Cathy Fresia [cathyfresia@comcast.net](mailto:cathyfresia@comcast.net)

~Northridge, June 19-22, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, Clawson Park; Contact: Nikki Jenkins [nikki\\_jenkins@comcast.net](mailto:nikki_jenkins@comcast.net)

Please offer them as much assistance as you can.

Yours in Cheerful Service,  
~Tyler Colman  
Lowanue Kuwe Chapter Chief

## Mahican

Our Chapter meets every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Dearborn on the corner of Garrison and Mason. The Mahican ceremonies team holds an in town Brotherhood ceremony immediately following every

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meeting. We welcome any eligible Ordeal member to come get your Brotherhood conversion. We always provide refreshments for all attendees.

Our chapter has been busy contacting units, holding unit elections, and sealing our members' membership with brotherhood conversions. We also welcome the over 50 new Ordeal members who joined our great Order during the Spring Conclave. Thank you to all of our members (previous and new) for providing stupendous service in the cheerful spirit of our Order at the Ordeal.

Mahican Chapter has also been actively providing service through Pack and Troop ceremonies, district events, working at the Michigan Child Identification Program with the Masons of Michigan, our Lodge One Day of Service, local school functions and numerous other projects. We want to continue to go above and beyond to help Migisi Opawgan hold our Quality Lodge status.

A number of community organizations provide refreshments for our meetings. We appreciate the generous donation of Lincoln Park- Ionic Lodge #539, Free and Accepted Masons for supplying our pizza for the February Pizza Party and doughnuts for our April meeting. Thank you to Park Place Catering Co. in Dearborn and Bill Goestch for kindly providing the cookies for our March meeting.

We in the Mahican Chapter are proud to serve our Lodge, council camps, and the community and wish our brethren throughout the Lodge a fun and safe summer filled with cheerful service. Additionally, we invite you to join us for our Chapter meetings every third Thursday at 7 p.

### **Ceremony Reminders!!!**

- Everyone Attends
- Be on time
- Be respectful
- Recognize Achievement
- Wear your sash!

m. (I wrote it twice for emphasis) We look forward to days enjoying fellowship with our brothers at the upcoming Section Conclave, Summer Ordeal, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
~Corey Curtiss  
Mahican Chapter Chief

### **Wapaneu**

Wapaneu is on a roll and we are not stopping. As we continue into the second quarter of the year, we will have already met the requirements for the Neynaber award for the membership and brotherhood portions. However, this is not enough for Wapaneu; we need to continue to work as a team with other chapters to help the lodge become a quality lodge once again. Our election teams have been hard at work as they have conducted more than 50% of our elections in the Michigami and Lakeshore Districts and even helping with elections in the Motor City District.

In only four months the elections held so far have generated an amazing 97 candidates (from a chapter of only 110 members)! Of these candidates, 25 completed their ordeals this spring and became members in the Order of the Arrow. At the Spring Conclave, we also had 10 Wapaneu members who sealed their membership: Matt Franzen, Matt Franzen III, Eric Hackenberger, Siddnarth Sharma, Chris Wotta, Robert Miller, Donn Bacon, Kyle Gill, Dan Musial, Robert Mirisciotti.

Normally, Wapaneu meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Kelly Middle School. The school is located on Kelly Road in Eastpointe, just south of 10 Mile Rd and west of I-94. However, the chapter officers have opted for a fun event in June, with food and beverages provided! Please check out the Migisi website ([www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org)) or the Wapaneu home page ([www.wapaneu.org](http://www.wapaneu.org)) for more information on the June event. On both of these websites, you can sign up to get news and information

emailed to you automatically. Please take advantage of this option to stay up to date with the latest Lodge and Chapter information.

Congratulations to our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members!!! Thank you to everyone who has helped Wapaneu Chapter succeed in the past and in the future.

WWW,

~Joe Kulwicki  
Wapaneu Chapter Chief

### **Wsigau**

The Wsigau Chapter has been extremely active within the recent months. As of now we are beginning plans for the fall conclave, which our chapter will be hosting. We are also beginning a new tradition within the chapter. We will be holding a chapter fun weekend on September 1-3 at the Local 735 UAW Hall on Michigan Ave. near Beck. On Saturday (September 2nd) we will be doing service for the local and later we will be hosting a dance with local Girl Scout units and Venture Crews. We will also be having a movie, and we will possibly invite the Mahican Chapter for either a baseball or kickball game. Ultimate Frisbee will also be played frequently.

Another in-town brotherhood will be held in mid-June at the Mt. Hope Church on Schoolcraft, in between Middlebelt and Merriman. We are inviting all Ordeal arrowmen who have been in the order for at least 10 months. We are also still working on chapter elections, in order to have the most Wsigau Chapter growth in many years.

Our Chapter Meetings are held on the second Thursday each month at Xpedx, 28401 Schoolcraft, Livonia (between Middlebelt & Inkster) at 7 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fun.

WWW,

~Mark Rosiek Jr.  
Wsigau Chapter Chief

## Preregistration and You...

We call it pre-registration, but that's not really true; it's just registration. Every time we hold a lodge event like an Ordeal or the Fall Fellowship, we have a payment deadline for the event. Many members of our Lodge just let that date pass them by without worrying about it – they just pay \$2.00 extra at the door.

The Spring Ordeal makes it clear that those days are over. The Council can no longer afford to keep ten or twelve cabins open just in case we need them. From now on, we need to make sure we register for all the events we plan to attend. It will help control the cost of the event and it will help us help our Council camp.

~Steve Donahue

## NOAC CLASSES

If you are one of the over 100 Migisi Opawgan members attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Michigan State University this year, congratulations! And if you haven't yet registered for classes, what are you waiting for? Classes are filling up fast, and if you don't start now the best ones will be full! In order for the lodge to receive the spirit award we must have at least 70% of our contingent to attend 3 hours worth of classes all three days.

There are also many different fun activities at NOAC, such as Ultimate Frisbee, dodge-ball, an air guitar contest, golf, basketball, and volleyball. If you are interested in being a captain for one of these events, Please contact me at meteu162@yahoo.com. With less than three months to go, I can already feel the excitement of NOAC on its way. Hope to see you there!

~Mark Rosiek Jr.  
NOAC Chairman

## Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner is being sponsored by the Achowalogen Chapter and will be held at the Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The Conference Center is located at 34911 Van Dyke Ave. in Sterling Heights, Michigan. The tickets have been printed, and include a map on the back. The social will be at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to this exciting and fun filled event are only \$15.00 each and can be obtained from your Chapter Advisors. Seating is limited to 250 people so don't wait to get your ticket. Hope to see you there.

~Leo LeBron

## Lodge helps Friends of Belle Isle

On a glorious Saturday, members of the lodge worked with other service groups on Belle Isle to get the island ready for spring and summer visitors. David Genevich was the youth leader in charge this day and provided guidance to all the other participants. Mulch piles at two pavilions were distributed around picnic tables, swing sets and jungle gym sets.

David's leadership attracted others on the isle that day including a number of ladies. Check out the photos! Lowanue Kuwe Chapter earned the \$100 Chapter credit for participation in the event. Congratulations.



## Wearing your sash

Our Scout Executive, Rick Williamson, recently announced the following rules for wearing an OA sash within our Council. The OA sash should be worn at all OA events and activities. Care should be given during work events as the sash is white.

It may also be worn when the majority of the audience is in complete field uniform. OA members should always wear the complete uniform, including pants or shorts, as they are representing the BSA's honor society and should set an example to others.

And, the sash may be worn on any other occasion as directed by the Scout Executive.

So please, care for your sash and for the OA, and wear it proudly whenever you wear your Class A uniform!

## In tents this fall

The LLC voted to make the Fall Ordeal our second tent-clave. We'll again be camping in tents at D-A this fall. There will still be arrangements available for those who can't sleep in tents, but the vast majority of the Lodge will be outside. This will help make more cabins available for units to rent in the fall.

## Lodge Meetings

"Lodge Executive Meetings" - this sounds intense and exclusive, but the LEC's are neither. They are lots of fun, informative, and open to all of our lodge members. Feel free to attend one to see how the youth officers of our lodge work with the chapter officers and lodge chairmen to make our organization function. The LEC's are held at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn, 22124 Garrison St., Dearborn, MI 48124. (They often feature home baked cookies!) Check our Migisi web site for the dates of upcoming LEC meetings.

## Chiefly Speaking...

One thousand fifty brothers. As of the Spring Conclave in 2006, Migisi Opawgan is poised for another record-setting year for membership. This level of yearly achievement could not be attained without the help of our leaders both on the front line and behind the scenes. Doing a wonderful job this year is Ethan Morlock, who spearheads Migisi's campaign towards record membership through his position as Lodge Membership Chairman. Working with Ethan is Jason Licht, who coordinates the chapter's unit contacts as Lodge Unit Services Chairman. Jason continually updates the chapters on their unit election progress and helps to develop strategies to improve our unit outreach. Supporting Ethan and Jason are the chapters, led by our fantastic team of Chapter Chiefs. Leo, Tyler, Corey, J.J., and Mark, your leadership is keeping the warmth of the fire of cheerfulness in the hearts of troops everywhere in the Detroit Area Council.

The youth could do a great job alone, but with the guidance of many qualified adults, success is achieved. Mr. Miles and Mrs. Irene Church directly work with Ethan as his Membership Committee Advisers, keeping the lodge and chapters informed as to current membership numbers and areas for improvement. Jason Licht also works with two advisers, Mr. John Teran and Mr. Mike Ankiel. Mr. Teran advises Jason on Unit Election matters and sees that all election reports are properly filed. Mr. Ankiel counsels Migisi's Troop Representative Program which ensures that the units have properly trained OA representation. Mr. Karl Isele, Mr. Jeff Gerald, Mr. Jeff Lang, Mr. Mark Elias, and Mr. Chuck Cheek do a great job advising the Chapters in their quest to bring Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, and Witahemui to the units in their districts.

At the lodge level, there are three advisers who keep Migisi Opawgan on track - Mr. Joe Retzbach, Lodge Adviser; Mr. Dave Morosky, Lodge Staff Adviser and D-A Ranger; and Mr. Rick Williamson, Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire. I had the opportunity to sit down with all three to discuss our progress as a lodge at the Spring Conclave. I would like to thank all three for taking time out of their busy schedules to discuss our application for 2006 Quality Lodge. These gentlemen put in tireless hours making sure Migisi Opawgan stays a quality program for each of the 1,050 arrowmen and each are deserving of our thanks and praise. I am proud to report that again we are on track for a quality year.

While positive membership growth will not a problem in 2006, Brotherhood Conversions goals may be difficult to achieve. David Genevich and Mr. Bill Licht have done a great job this year coordinating and promoting brotherhood opportunities, but they need YOUR help. I encourage each arrowman to attend at least one brotherhood ceremony in 2006, whether it is at camp or in town. If you are an ordeal member who has been in the Order for at least ten months, contact your chapter chief to find the next opportunity to seal your membership in the OA. If you are a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor arrowman, please encourage your fellow Ordeal arrowmen to attend a brotherhood ceremony. Contact your chapter chief for more information.

At the Spring Conclave, your generous and giving spirit donated \$229.55 to the World Friendship Fund which will help to bring the spirit of scouting to less-fortunate scouts worldwide. I am so proud to be a member of this lodge who believes so deeply in the ideals of the Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow. I hope that you will continue to be so committed to these high ideals and express them to your everyday life.

As a lodge, we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go before we may be called "Quality Lodge." Let's continue our progress towards a quality year in 2006.

~Chris Szybisty  
Migisi Opawgan Lodge Chief

## Migisi.org

Migisi Opawgan Lodge will be entering its website, [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) in the NOAC website competition. We have achieved mixed results in previous judging at NOAC, so while we think we have a pretty good site, we definitely want to take this contest seriously. One way you can help is by taking a look at the NOAC website judging form at [event.oa-bsa.org/committees/website/2006websitecompetition.pdf](http://event.oa-bsa.org/committees/website/2006websitecompetition.pdf). Use the form as you visit our site and send your comments to [webmaster@migisi.org](mailto:webmaster@migisi.org). We're hoping that getting feedback from a lot of members will help to highlight problems and let us bring home top honors from this year's NOAC.

One of the "secret weapons" that the website is using to help with the NOAC competition is a podcast, nicknamed "The Eagle Speaks". You can listen to news and current events on our very own podcast. If you have an Ipod, you can subscribe on our homepage. Even if you don't have an Ipod, you can listen to it online or download the file to your mp3 player.

We're hoping to produce a new episode every 2 weeks and we're looking for help. If you'd like to be part of an upcoming podcast or you have some suggestions for The Eagle Speaks, send a note to [webmaster@migisi.org](mailto:webmaster@migisi.org).

~Steve Donahue

## Training News

Section Conclave was a success; we had more than 15 trainers from our lodge and 2 from the lodge north of us- Chippewa. We had courses focusing on How to be a Game Show Host, How to Pick Up Girls in Scout Uniforms, and a VIP Panel which addressed questions on the OA, youth training, Venturing, and any other Scouting questions. Everyone had a great time learning at this year's conclave.

In the words of former Scout Executive of Detroit Area Council, John Primrose, "How would you like to be on an airplane, in your seat, and the pilot come on the intercom and say, "Thanks for flying with us today; you'll be happy to know that 57 percent of our pilots are trained." I ask, "What would you do?" I would get off the plane ASAP.

So please, take training. If you are under 18, take the new National Youth Leadership Training. If you are over 18 take New Leader Essentials, SM/ASM Leader Specifics, and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills; the final step is Wood Badge, the premiere adult training experience.

Or, just come to the next Lodge Leadership Development Training on

November 16, 2006. LLD is a event for all Arrowman interested in learning about the OA and a mandatory event for all Arrowman who hold a leadership position within there chapter, lodge, or committee. Throughout the day, from 8:30 a.m. until about 4 p.m., you will attend training sessions that will focus on leadership, the OA, and other classes to choose from. These additional classes range from ceremonies, dance, fundraising, increasing OA presence within districts activities, and much, much, more. See you there.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want to be on staff- please email me at [jj eagle86@comcast.net](mailto:jj eagle86@comcast.net)

~Joe Kulwicki

## *Vigil News*



2006 is shaping up to be a great year for Migisi Opawgan and the Vigil Honor Committee.

Thank you all very much for turning in a total of nearly fifty nominations. The committee received nominations for many qualified arrowmen from all five chapters. The Vigil Honor Committee will meet next at the First

United Methodist Church of Dearborn, June 11, 2006, at 4 p.m. This meeting is open to all arrowmen who are Vigil Honor or not eligible to receive the Vigil Honor in 2006.

Come and discuss the candidates for the Vigil Honor and help the committee make an informed decision on this year's Vigil Honor candidates. The committee's selection will be announced with a public call out ceremony at the Fall Conclave. For more Vigil Honor information, please visit our lodge website, [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org).

~Chris Szybisty

## *Brotherhood*

If you had your ordeal on or before the spring conclave in 2005, then you are eligible to become a brotherhood member (if you aren't one already). Once an ordeal member has been in the lodge for 10 months, they are able to make the next step to get cool bars on their sash. There are several opportunities to make this simple, yet very important advancement in the Order. Some dates include May 20<sup>th</sup> at D-A (at Venturing Day / Northridge Camporee), June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cole Canoe Base (Summer Conclave), September 16<sup>th</sup> at D-A (Fall Conclave) and October

## Adviser's Five

The year is off to a great start thanks to the efforts of our youth leadership, especially some recent newcomers to the lodge leadership. While there are many who deserve thanks, I want to especially thank Nick Fedoronko, our new Elangomat Chairman, and David Genevich, our new Brotherhood Chairman. Accepting responsibility for these two committees, each did an outstanding job leading up to and including the Spring Conclave event.

I am also especially pleased to see new OA members from Detroit Troops 409 and 647 attending the Spring Conclave. We need to help the City units grow in the OA. Congratulations to the new youth and adult members from these units; and, please let us help you.

Now, for the rest of the year, we need to focus on the Quality Lodge criteria; especially Brotherhood conversions. I am asking each arrowman who's been an Ordeal member for at least ten (10) months to seal his membership in the OA this year - become a Brotherhood member.

If you are an adult Ordeal member eligible for conversion, I need you to set the example for our youth members - convert to Brotherhood and proudly wear the Migisi Opawgan lodge red bordered lodge flap and Brotherhood sash. Remember adults, it starts at the top with you and the example you set to our youth.

Thanks to everyone for your dedication in making Migisi Opawgan Lodge a place where everyone is welcomed.

~Joe Retzbach

28<sup>th</sup> at D-A (Fall Fellowship).

But, if you don't have the time to make it all the out to D-A or Cole, there are also several in-town conversions going on. The Mahican chapter is hosting several ceremonies for ANYONE in the Lodge, at 7pm at all of their chapter meetings. These include May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions on the requirements or process, please send an e-mail and I will get back to you. If you want to become a Brotherhood member, we can make it happen.

~David Genevich

## Mt. Kilimanjaro

Two former past Migisi Opawgan Lodge Chiefs and D-A staff members, are going to the top of Africa.

Last summer, Dan Witt climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro. At 19,364 feet (5,900 meters), it is the highest point of Africa. He and his Russian business partner reached this high point. Dan and his partner run the International Tax and Investment Center, which helps countries set up tax and economic systems, especially those countries which were formally under communist rule and have no background with a free enterprise system. While Dan is on the road a great deal, his home is in Washington D.C., where he lives with his

wife, Barbara, and their twin children, Teddy and Allie. His office is a few blocks from the White House.

This summer Jeff Rand is going to tackle this same peak. Actually there are two peaks on the mountain. Jeff has already climbed to the top of the highpoints of all of the fifty states, which, of course, includes McKinley in Alaska (20,320 feet or 6,194 meters). Some are not so challenging. The high point of Delaware is in the middle of a road that you can drive over. About a third of the points require some mountaineering skills. Jeff now resides near Dallas, Texas, where he works at Boy Scout National Headquarters helping local councils run their trading posts more efficiently.

On his way to Kenya, Jeff is taking a detour to California to visit the Extra Miler Club Annual Meeting. This is the organization of people who want to visit all of the 3,141 counties in the United States. Their motto is, "The shortest distance between two points is no fun." Jeff accomplished that goal in 2004. One of the highlights of the meeting will hopefully be former Lodge Adviser and current Co-Adviser to the Historian, Gordon Draper, entering his last county which happens to be just a few miles from the meeting site. He currently has four more to go, two in Nevada and two in California.

~Gordon W. Draper

## Section Conclave

Over the weekend of May 5-7th, Migisi Opawgan showed how much spirit we had. Your lodge had 63 members registered for the Conclave, and when it came to the spirit competition, your lodge prevailed. We won the Wishixin, which is the hard-to-pronounce section service award. The lodge had a great time making fun of the Section officers and listening to the skits of the other lodges. There was more camaraderie and fellowship this past weekend than I have seen in a long time.

We also had one of our own Opawgians, Joe Kulwicki, elected to the position of Section secretary. When you see Joe, give him a big pat on the back; section positions aren't earned easily. Well, all I can say is that the only way to get the true fun and enjoyment out of Section Conclave is to go to it. If you ask anyone in any lodge, they could tell you for hours how much fun this conclave was. I, for one, am very proud of our lodge for their spirit, compassion and fellowship.

When you say you're from Migisi Opawgan, make sure that you belt it out loud and proud.

~Chris Corbin



ABOVE: New Section C2A officers surround Joe Kulwicki, new secretary

BELOW: We won the wishixin!



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## From the Editor

Hello all, and thank you for reading this latest edition of Migisi Opawgan's newsletter, The Eagle Pipe! I couldn't have completed this without help from my outstanding adviser, Mark Rosiek Sr., our awesome Lodge Adviser, Joe Retzbach, and, of course, everyone who submitted articles for this edition of the Eagle Pipe. We had so many submissions, we had to add another two pages to the paper! It's great to see so much enthusiasm for this circular, and would love to have even more excellent articles for the next mailing. You can send submissions to me from the lodge website, migisi.org, or mail them to me directly at aj\_604@yahoo.com. Thank you!

~Andrej Walilko

# *Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
June 2-4, 2006	Service Weekend and Summer Conclave	Cole Canoe Base, Alger
June 21, 2006	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist, Dearborn
July 5, 2006	Trail to Eagle Ice Cream Social & Brotherhood Conversion	D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
July 29-August 3, 2006	NOAC	Michigan State University, East Lansing
September 15-17, 2006	Fall Conclave	D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
October 27-29, 2006	Fall Fellowship	D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
November 18, 2006	Lodge Leadership Development Course	Dauch Scout Center, Detroit
December 6, 2006	Annual Meeting & Dinner Banquet	Sterling Banquet and Conference Center, Sterling Heights



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