



# The Eagle Pipe

## MIGISI AT NOAC

A contingent of 107 Arrowmen can be difficult to manage, but the fifth-largest contingent at the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference didn't disappoint, being named the most spirited lodge at the conference. Migisi Opawgan received many honors during the week, including the Spirit Award and Honor Website. Only 14 websites received *honor* status, and [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org) continues to set the pace for lodge websites nationwide. Jason Smith, Jason Medina, Andrej Walilko, and Matt Elias competed in the ceremonies competition, and did a terrific job. Many of our Arrowmen ran in the 5k run, including Paul Clawson, Dave



*Above: A group of Migisi Opawgan Arrowmen get a visit by National Chief Sean Murray (front right).*

Oakley, and Lew Schlanbusch. Each night, four Arrowmen were selected at random each night to sit in the NOAC Skybox, home of the comfiest seats in the Breslin Center. Jake Tanner was selected and got to meet Jamie Reeder, 2006 NOAC Skybox Girl, in the NOAC Skybox for one of the shows. For the first time ever, Migisi Opawgan presented the "Most Educated Arrowman" award to the youth arrowman who participated in the most training cells. With a whopping ten classes throughout the week, David Genevich received Migisi Opawgan's newest award. Four dancers represented Migisi Opawgan during NOAC – Tyler Colman (Traditional), John Suarez (Grass), Mark Rosiek (Traditional), and Kyle Rosiek (Grass). In closing, the 2006 NOAC was a big success for Lodge 162. Lodge Chief Chris Szybisty commented that "each of our Arrowmen came to this conference and represented himself, this lodge, and this council in an honorable way. I owe each contingent member a great deal of gratitude. I also owe much of

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# Chapter News

## *Achowalogen*

Achowalogen Chapter meetings are held the same evening as the Motor City District Roundtable, which is the second Monday of each month at the Dauch Scout Center, 1776 West Warren, at 7:00 pm. Please come and help us grow the OA in the City of Detroit.

*~Leo LeBron IV*

## *Lowanue Kuwe*

The Lowanue Kuwe Indian Dance Team started off the summer by performing at the Trail to Eagle closing campfire. We were joined by our brothers from the Wsigau Chapter. Many thanks go to dancers Matt Toenniges, Mark and Kyle Rosiek. The drum was ably lead by George Wieske and his supporting staff of Wanda Meissner, Eric Behrmann, Jeff Gerald and Mike Wassenberg. Many thanks go to the members of the Lowanue Kuwe and Wsigau chapters for supporting this program.

In mid-summer, Tyler Coleman and John Suarez took their dance skills to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. There they competed with hundreds of other dancers from across the nation. Our guys did quite well and we're very proud of them. They were part of our

13 member contingent to this great national program.

We are going to start our Chapter meetings again on Thursday, August 24, at 7:30 PM. They are held at St. John's United Methodist Church on Rochester Road in Royal Oak. We also attended the August 13th service at St. John's to welcome the new Reverend.

The Fall Conclave is going to be a great event for us. We expect many new members to join, and we will need our current members there to help support them. We are also looking forward to having a lot of our eligible Ordeal members become Brotherhood members. Be sure to register in August to make planning easier for everyone.

Six of our chapter members became Brotherhood members at the ceremony conducted at the Trail to Eagle. Way to go!

We're looking forward to finishing 2006 in style. Look for the chapter's email newsletters, "Smoke Signals", for more details.

*~Tyler Coleman*

## *Mahican*

I am proud of the dedication and cheerful service Mahicans bring our great Lodge. Since we last reported, new members have joined our Or-

der, many have sealed their membership, numerous service projects have been completed, and many of our fold met for fun, fellowship, and training at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. After a brief hiatus from Chapter Meetings during which our Chapter Members, in the Spirit of Cheerful Service, attended and staffed training camps, lead high adventure treks, and inculcated the teachings of our Order in their home Troops at Summer Camp we Mahicans are ready to return to our regularly scheduled monthly gathering.

The Mahican Chapter meets every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn on the corner of Garrison and Mason in Dearborn. We plan upcoming events, have a bite to eat, play some Chapter games, and then those members who have attained the degree of Brotherhood welcome those who wish to seal their membership in our Order with an In Town Brotherhood Ceremony. We have an In-town brotherhood ceremony immediately following every chapter meeting. Every Arrowman from every chapter is welcome to our meeting and In-town Brotherhood.

Mahicans turned out in

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force at the two recent events. With 15 members attending the Summer Conclave we joined our brothers in our highly honored Lodge and our Ordeal Candidates in cheerful service to Cole Canoe Base and then welcomed the Candidates into the Order. Mahicans comprised over a quarter of the contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Lansing. Four of five Mahican officers, most appointed Mahican staff members, as well as many new and experienced members got in on the training, patch trading, shows, and the all around good time. NOAC was a time to meet people from around the country as well as reintroduce yourself to members of your own Lodge. Our Lodge's contingent was fantastic and I was happy to be there with all of them.

The Mahicans invite you to join us for any of our Chapter events or meetings. It doesn't matter if you haven't come to a Mahican Chapter meeting for a while. Reintroduce yourself to your brothers in the Mahican Chapter and we'll all be better people for meeting you. Remember we meet every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn. Mahicans will happily greet you in number and spirit at our Mahican Picnic, the Fall Conclave, and the Fall Fellowship.

It is and has been my honor to serve my brothers in the Mahican Chapter and represent them in our most respectful

Lodge, I am always available to answer questions by email or telephone. Here's to Brotherhood and Fellowship in Cheerful Service!

*~Corey Curtiss*

### **Wapaneu**

"Easterly" Brothers, As we start the new Scouting year, we need to look back at all we have done. We have accomplished our chapter membership goal, brotherhood conversion goal, we have hosted a conclave, we have been represented at a section conclave, and we have been to Lansing and back for NOAC. However, we need to make sure all of our brothers are taking part in Order of the Arrow activities. We still have a few more unit elections to schedule and complete. If your unit has not held an election yet this year, please contact a chapter officer or adviser to schedule an election. Invite a fellow Arrowman, especially new Ordeal members, to the next chapter meeting (Sept 13, 2006 @ Kelly Middle School), invite him to the next lodge meeting (Sept 20) or attend the fall conclave (Sept 15-17) at D-A Scout Ranch. Remember to GET INVOLVED. As the year starts wrapping up, before we even realize, please take the time to rededicate yourself to the Order of the Arrow by participating in at least one event. I hope to see you there.

At NOAC, I was speaking with a new Arrowman from Connecticut. He wanted to get

involved with the Order of the Arrow in a leadership role, but his biggest concern was he was not Vigil Honor. PLEASE NOTE that many of the greatest Arrowmen in our chapter and lodge were **NOT** Vigil when they began to get involved, they were Ordeal and Brotherhood. I am inviting all new and old members to attend the September chapter meeting where you can learn about upcoming events and getting involved. Please contact me if you cannot make this meeting. I can be contacted at 586-202-6858 or at [jjeagle86@comcast.net](mailto:jjeagle86@comcast.net).

*~Joe Kulwicki*

### **Wsigau**

The great Wsigau Chapter is well underway in planning for the fall conclave. We intend for it to be one of the highlights of this year. We have reached our membership goal for this year and we are still in need of some new brotherhood members. If you have been an ordeal member for at least ten months make sure you contact the chapter advisor, Mr. Chuck Cheek, or myself. We will make sure that you are aware of our different conversions. With that, I'm signing out. You stay classy Migisi Opawgan!

*~Mark D. Rosiek Jr.*

## 55th Annual Dinner Tickets now on sale!

Tickets for the 2006 annual dinner meeting are now available for purchase. They are \$15 each and can be purchased from your Chapter Advisers - Messrs. Cheek, Elias, Gerald, and Lang - or Mr. Retzbach. The event is scheduled for December 6th at the Best Western Sterling Inn, Banquet and Conference Center in Sterling Heights. Remember, seating is limited to the first 250 tickets sold and we exceeded that number last year. Buy now!!

## Advisers Wanted

Please let us know if you are interested in working with arrowmen as a lodge, chapter or committee adviser. We have a number of positions where one or more advisers support our youth leadership at various levels. Mr. Retzbach is interested in hearing from you; so give him a call at 248-347-0064 or email him at [retz.777@earthlink.net](mailto:retz.777@earthlink.net).

## 11th Annual Great Lakes Trade-o-Ree

Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162, along with the Detroit Area Council, BSA and the Camp Staff Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Livonia Mall, is proud to sponsor the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit-Great Lakes Scout Trade-O-Ree and Memorabilia Show.

The show will be held on Friday September 29th from 5pm to 11pm and Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm. The Livonia Mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile Road, on the north-west corner of Middlebelt and Seven Mile Roads.

Arrowmen will be needed on Thursday evening, September 28<sup>th</sup> to help set up exhibit tables and chairs. They are also needed during show times to help direct guests and man some of the registration tables and exhibits. Like last year, our lodge will be hosting an exhibit with 162 memorabilia and resale items. We will need additional arrowmen on-site Saturday afternoon starting at 3pm to wrap up the show.

Admission is FREE for this event and all are welcome to attend. If you are a Collector or Trader and wish to reserve a table, please contact Mr. Ed Basar at 248-669-9787 or e-mail: [detroittradeoree@twmi.rr.com](mailto:detroittradeoree@twmi.rr.com).

Tables are \$20.00 for the first one and \$16.00 each for others. More Information can also be found on the council web site at [dacsba.org](http://dacsba.org).

Hope to see you at the Trade-O-Ree!!

## The Eagle Speaks

In April we launched our very own podcast, The Eagle Speaks. Each episode features information on upcoming events in our Lodge. You can hear the latest episode by visiting our Lodge website at [www.migisi.org](http://www.migisi.org). Once you're there you can visit the archives and subscribe via iTunes or RSS.

We've release 4 episodes so far, but we're hoping to have a more regular schedule once everyone gets back from their summer activities. If you're interested in helping with the podcast, please contact Steve Donohue ([webmaster@migisi.org](mailto:webmaster@migisi.org)).

## Vigil Breakfast



The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to the lodge, council, and Scouting. It is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position. This past June, our Lodge Vigil Committee held its annual meeting to select the recipients for 2006. We would like to invite all lodge members, especially those that turned in nominations, to attend the Lodge Call Out ceremony which will take place during dinner September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the D-A Fall Conclave. At this Call Out the selected Arrowmen will be recognized and become candidates for Vigil Honor.

In order to complete their journey into Vigil membership, the candidates will need to attend the Lodge Vigil Induction weekend on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at D-A Scout Ranch. All Vigil members of the lodge are encouraged to attend and participate in this event, in particular, our traditional Vigil Honor Breakfast to be held Saturday Morning. Each Vigil Honor member will receive his breakfast invitation registration form in the mail. IT IS NOT ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. Please mail your special invitation to the Council office along with your check made payable to the DAC to reserve space at this special event. Some high-level details are available on the next page.



## Lodge Adviser's 5

This year is shaping up to be another banner year for Migisi Opawgan Lodge. Besides already achieving many of the Quality Lodge criteria for this year, your 2006 NOAC contingent returned home the first week of August with the conference "Spirit Award" and "Honor Website" recognition. Only twenty lodges nationally are recognized for fulfilling the "Spirit Award" criteria at NOAC and only fourteen lodge websites were chosen from 77 participating in the competition. These are truly great achievements for our lodge, the Council, and those who dedicated themselves to meet the challenge. I am very proud of you.

Looking to the rest of 2006, we have the Fall Conclave (Ordeal) coming in September followed by the Fall Fellowship in October with lodge officer elections at that event. Just beyond these is the mandatory Lodge Leadership Development training in November and then our annual lodge meeting banquet the first week of December. So, let's focus on these events to ensure success and really have some fun at the Fall Fellowship - as we should. Mahican Chapter is promising some really special events and competitions at the Fellowship.

Finally, let's focus on the Quality Lodge criteria - especially Brotherhood conversions. We need to convert at least 30% of the eligible Ordeal members and we are currently at 22%; so there is work to be done. I know you can do it and bring home the Quality Lodge recognition for this year.

Take care and congratulations again for an outstanding NOAC event!

~Joe Retzbach  
Lodge Adviser

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 20th at the Council Office.

Fee: \$10.00 for breakfast only participants, \$5.00 for Fall Fellowship registered participants

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2006

Place: Wyckoff Lodge, D-bar-A Scout Ranch

Time: Vigil Social begins at 8:30a.m. Breakfast starting approximately 9am.

Menu: *Great Food!!!!*

If you have any questions, they can be directed to the Lodge Vigil Chairman, Chris Syzbisty or Lodge Vigil Advisor, Mike Bien (734) 748-3813. We hope you come out to camp and support the Lodge's Vigil activities!

## Fall Fellowship

Register now for 2006 Fall Fellowship (October 27-29 at D-A)! This year the Mahican Chapter has planned a number fun filled activities including: OA Jeopardy, backwards baseball, Name that Tune, Frisbee golf, tug of war, inter-

chapter Lodgeball, a photo scavenger hunt, a marble roller coaster race, Saturday Night Movie and much, much more. You'll also be able to participate in four Regalia Workshops that will help you start making the full Indian costume you've always dreamed about. In addition, you'll have a chance to shape the future of our Lodge by voting for our 2007 Lodge Officers. Youth also have a chance at great giveaways for their participation. Everyone loves free stuff, fun, and fellowship so register now for the 2006 Fall Fellowship! (Those who register early will have a better chance at FREE STUFF!) Contact Corey Curtiss for further information.



Left: Some members, including Chris Syzbisty, enjoy a game of volleyball at the 2005 Fall Fellowship.

## Training

On November 18 the Training Committee will be providing this years Lodge Leadership Development (LLD). We are excited about some of the new courses being offered for those involved with ceremonies, leadership positions, and for those who just want to get involved more. In order for us to continue to be a strong and growing lodge we need all members to participate in this year LLD (Not to mention it is a requirement to be a Quality Lodge). Also, make sure you take the LLD survey on [migisi.org](http://migisi.org) so that we can customize the LLD to you. Be sure to register now. Cost is only \$5 which provides you with lunch and a special training flap.

Check out the new National Order of the Arrow "OA Training Central" at [www.training.ou-boa.org](http://www.training.ou-boa.org). This site provides an excellent resource to those wanting to provide training to your chapter or lodge. OA Training Central also contains all the content that was presented at NOAC during the training cells. You can download the PowerPoint presentations, handouts, and all other materials that were given out or discussed at NOAC.

Don't forget that the Central Region will be hosting a National Leadership Seminar (NLS). NLS is a weekend training offered at the region level. NLS explores the "skills and attributes of leadership". "The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and National Youth Leadership Training Programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a

contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community." Be sure to take part in the upcoming NLS. The next 2 NLS offered in the Central Region will be:

~November 17-19, 2006  
Heartland Center, Parkville, MO  
~February 23-25, 2007  
Geneva Center, Rochester, IN

Please contact Joe Kulwicki for more information on any of these training opportunities. He can be contacted at 586-202-6868 or at [jj eagle86@comcast.net](mailto:jj eagle86@comcast.net)

## National Honor Website

Migisi Opawgan was one of seventy-seven Lodges in the nation to compete in the website competition at this year's NOAC. We were evaluated on 27 criteria covering content, design, useability, pizazz, and technical criteria. On a 100 point scale, [migisi.org](http://migisi.org) scored 97.4, making us one of the fourteen Lodges to be declared Honor Sites for 2006.

Thanks are due to many arrowmen who have helped to make our Lodge website what it is today. Whether you've submitted content, helped with a podcast, pointed out an error, or suggested an improvement, you can be proud to be part of our award-winning web team.

Not content with a less than perfect score, we've identified four areas for improvement before the next contest in 2009:

1. Improve our color scheme either by ditching the yellow for a better color or making a more drastic change

2. Verify that titles are unique, make changes in the photo gallery titles

3. Add more graphic cues to the site, particularly news and calendar.

4. Work to ensure that event descriptions exist on the calendar when there are no links to the events pages.

As of this writing, we've already completed most of item 2 and have changed the yellow to a softer shade. If you have any comments or concerns, please drop a note to [webmaster@migisi.org](mailto:webmaster@migisi.org)

## Brotherhood

All Ordeal members who had their ordeal in September 2005 or earlier are encouraged to seal their membership this fall. Several Brotherhood conversions will be taking place, including the Fall Conclave (September 21) and Fall Fellowship (October 20).

Anyone who has been a member of the lodge for at least 10 months and would like to become a Brotherhood member may attend a Brotherhood Conversion at any time, at any place. Many teams choose to have in-town Brotherhood ceremonies, to make the process even easier on you! The event very simple and rewarding. If you are not able to attend one of the D-A conversions, please contact David

Genevich, and he will help you find a ceremony in your area.



## **Mt Kilimanjaro, Counties Conquered**

An article appeared in the last issue of the *Eagle Pipe* telling of two proposed trips, one to climb the highest point in Africa and one to finish visiting all of the counties in the USA. Both goals were successfully completed.

Jeff Rand, former Lodge Chief and now scouting professional, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. He reports that the trip was incredible. Not only did he reach the summit of the 19,364 (5,900 meters) mountain, but he marveled at the wildlife during a great safari, visited a tribal village, and saw the Oluvai Gorge. The temperature was never above 85°, a bit different from what the delegates at NOAC were experiencing.

Former Lodge Adviser, Gordon W. Draper (GWD), squeezed in his county trip in between Trail to Eagle Camp and NOAC. He had only four more counties to visit to complete his goal of visiting all 3,141 counties in the USA. He flew to Las Vegas, where the temperature was 110°, rented a car and headed off to visit the two counties he needed in Nevada and one of the two in California. GWD was joined by Jeff at the annual meeting of the Extra Miler Club, composed of people who want to visit all the counties. The meeting was adjourned and several of the members, including Jeff, accompanied Gordon as he stepped into Riverside County of California which was his last. Draper thus became the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the 500+ members of the club to finish. Jeff was the 17<sup>th</sup> member to accomplish this goal..

In addition to the counties, GWD visited eight new National Park Service Units and revisited one of his favorites, Yosemite. The Nixon and Reagan Presidential Libraries were also seen. The helicopter in which Nixon took his last trip from the White House is on display at his Library. At Reagan's, there is a huge room which contains the 747 that he used as Air Force One. Draper has visited a home or grave site of all but three of the 43 presidents.

## **Founders Day**

We all know by now that the hard working members of Migisi Opawgan earned the prestigious NOAC Spirit Award at NOAC 2006. One of those requirements for that award was to plan and operate a Founders Day booth for the Founder's Day fair. Many lodges had booths featuring things from wooden nickels and swashbuckling contests to free samples of alligator tails and rocky mountain oysters (I'll let you figure that one out). Our great lodge passed out Detroit-made Better-made Chips and Faygo soda pop. In addition, our lodge highlighted our unique council camps, provided visitors with Michigan maps and travel safety tips, as well as contemporary Migisi Opawgan pens and posters of Abe Lincoln commemorating his 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our booth was a run away success and we even received a Booth All Stars certificate for our efforts.

We would not have been able to plan, gather the materials, or run our booth without the dedication and efforts of many fine Ar-

rowmen. The incredibly hard-working Founder's Day committee was composed of Ryan Lang, John Suarez, Bill Jarosz, Mike Bien, Don Ray, and Gordon Draper. There were also numerous Arrowmen who volunteered part of their day to see that the booth was manned with able bodies. They included Alex Leach, Ryan Lang, Chris Corbin, John Suarez, Ryan Baugh, Matt Elias, Josh Ruddy, Andrej Walilko, Jason Medina, Aaron Williams, Freddie Kirby, Jake Tanner, Troy Kerchen, Zack Stockwell, Jonathan Forsgren, Nikkil Vadhavkar, Elliot Njus, Bill Waterstreet, John Kurlovich, Kory Munro, Brian Wolf, Jason Licht, Kyle Rosiak, Ryan Munro, Bob LeBrell, Donn Bacon, Brad Hamilton, Will Gagnon, Chris Dziewit, Jacob Neumann, Matt Franzen, Sid Sharma, Dan Smith, Robert Wallet, Jason Licht, Dave Genevich, Ethan Hutton, Andrew Curtiss, Michael Moffat, Daniel Inson, Sean Delaney, Joe Juszak, Kyle Middleditch, James Middleditch, Matthew Krozal, Bryan Leong, Tim Leong, Jakob Plischke, Paul Clawson, Chris Clawson, David Fry, Gabe Church, Aaron Ankiel, Ethan Morlock, Stephen Mixer, Bryan Rooke, and Dougald MacEachern. There were a number of other Advisers that helped transport materials and man the booth as well including: Don Fullerton, Jeff Lang, Drin Bacon, Chuck Cheek, Robert Krozal, Fran Kearney, Harold Hanna, Mark Elias, Jerry Freyberg, and Joe Retzbach.

Thank you to everyone who made Founder's Day a stupendous success. Our high achievement is a direct result of your dedication and hard work.

# *Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
February 9-11, 2007	Winter Fellowship	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
February 10, 2007	Lincoln Pilgrimage	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
April 27-29-,2007	Spring Conclave Ordeal	D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
May 4-6, 2007	Section C2A Conclave	Location TBD
June 1-3, 2007	Summer Conclave Ordeal	Cole Canoe Base, Alger



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