



The Eagle Pipe

BROTHERHOOD!

I'm writing to thank everyone for welcoming me in as the new Brotherhood Adviser. I have very big shoes to fill and I am certainly glad to have Mr. Bill Licht and our Executive Vice Chief David Genevich mentoring me. I'm honored to help support the youth Chairman, James Middle-ditch, with this important committee. I'm sure with James' fine leadership and organization we will have a stupendous year for brotherhood conversions.

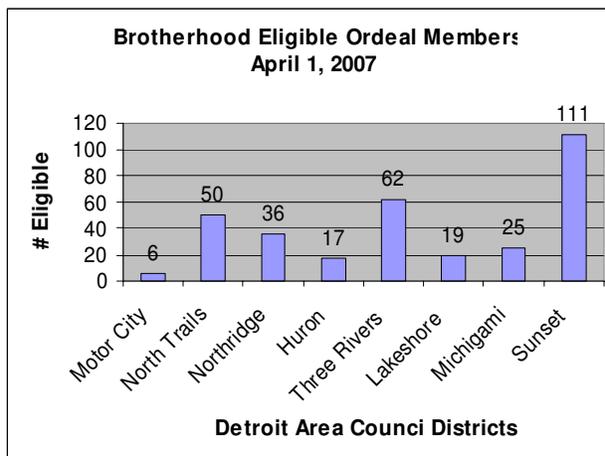
Currently, the lodge has 326 Ordeal members eligible for Brotherhood conversion. These members need to attend a conversion ceremony and seal their membership in the Order for us to achieve Quality Lodge this year. Being a Brotherhood member demonstrates their commitment to the OA principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. It also sets the example to their fellow Scouts and Scouters.

The following chart shows the Brotherhood conversion opportunities by District within the Detroit Area Council. We are asking leaders in these areas to help us achieve our conversion objective in 2007. We are here to help and will work with you individually to achieve our goals.

Arrowmen, please work with these Scoutmas-

Spring Conclave is here!

Spring Ordeal is the weekend of April 27-29 at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. Please plan on joining us for a weekend of getting the ranch ready for summer campers. We are expecting upwards of 300 participants based on previous years. Remember, there are only 250 cabin bunks available, so you may want to consider bringing a tent if arriving later than 7:30 pm. Pre-registration is appreciated to help with the event planning for food, projects and activities. The registration form is located in the Forms section of our website – www.migisi.org. Member fee is \$15 per person and due no later than Monday, April 23rd.



ters to help them schedule Brotherhood conversion ceremony participation.

If you are eligible or know someone who is: print out the two-page Brotherhood Candidate form; when you register and pay for an OA "at camp" event, attach page two of your Brotherhood Candidate form; in any case, get the first page of the Brotherhood form *signed by your Scoutmaster/Team Leader* (before you get to camp/in-town ceremony), and follow the other instructions. The Brotherhood Committee will be on-hand at camp to answer your questions. Simply talk to James or myself; or email us via Migisi Mail from our Brotherhood Committee page on www.migisi.org

Thank you again for a warm Migisi welcome and I look forward to congratulating you at your Brotherhood Conversion! ~Corey Curtiss

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Chapter Reports

Achowalogen

The Achowalogen Chapter will be hosting the Fall Fellowship this year. We are well into planning this huge event, but we have a lot of work to do. We are also planning some upcoming unit elections.

Our chapter meetings are held on every second Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at the council building in downtown Detroit. If you are interested, please attend. If you want to come, it would be appreciated, and encouraged. Thank you.

~Leo LeBron V

Lowanue Kuwe

This March, Lowanue Kuwe traveled to Palazzo di Bocce for our monthly meeting. Bocce, or “lawn bowling”, is played by two teams who attempt to out score each other by throwing their bocces closest to the “pallino”, or scoring ball. Chapter members had the opportunity to experience a unique, distinctly Italian sport, while furthering their bonds of brotherhood. Lowanue Kuwe looks forward to seeing all our fellow arrowmen at the Spring Conclave!

~Andrew Corwell

Mahican

Mahican chapter has achieved 100% unit contact in the last month by calling each scoutmaster in Huron and Three Rivers districts. We will be having a number of unit elections soon in order to meet our membership goal of 426 arrowmen. We will also be having an in-town brotherhood soon for five scouts from a local troop.

We will be closely observing Wsigau at the spring conclave in order to plan for fall conclave, which we will be hosting. I encourage all arrowmen to sign up for fall conclave, which promises to be an enjoyable experience for all.

Mahican's main focus in the past months has been developing our ceremonies and dance teams. Pawel Jarosz is new our Dance chairman. Corey Curtiss and Martin Church are our Ceremonies advisers. Bill Jarosz will be advising our dance team.

I would also like to remind everyone that our lodge is still in need of chairmen for the History, Training, and Camping Promotions committees. There are already adult advisers for each committee; we need interested youth now.

Mahican meets on the third Thursday of the month, which is generally the night after Lodge Executive Committee meeting, at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn.

~Ethan Morlock

Wapanue

Wapanue Chapter is trying out a new Participation Points System in an effort to increase youth participation. Youth member will accumulate points for such things as attending chapter meetings, conclaves and fellowships, for helping with unit elections, for being part of the ceremony team, and for becoming Brotherhood members. These points can then be used to help pay for an end of the year special event. Youth members are especially encouraged to attend our monthly chapter meetings as some of these

meetings will be triple point nights. Chapter meetings take place at Kelly Middle School at 7:00PM, the second Tuesday each month.

Wapanue held our service weekend at D-A on the 14th of April. We are holding a Brotherhood ceremony at the Michigami Camporee on May 19th, also at D-A, and are planning an in-town brotherhood after our August chapter meeting. Since we can't meet at the school, the August chapter meeting will take place at 7:00 PM at Spindler Park in East-pointe where we will have our annual picnic for members and candidates.

Wapanue would also like to congratulate two of our Advisers, Mr. Bill Light and Mr. Mark Hodges on being awarded the Silver Beaver award.

~Wapanue Chapter

Wsigau

Wsigau chapter has been putting the final touches on the Spring Conclave. We have been very active in holding troop elections and to date we have 113 candidates. We have set the dates for our in-town brotherhood. The first one will be May 17th, the second will be June 14th at our summer picnic, and the third will be October 11th. Wsigau is the host for Lincoln Pilgrimage next winter and we have started working the patch for the event. We continue to work on our ceremonies. For Brothers who are going to the spring conclave, we will be cooking hamburgers for the first 60 that show up. Look forward to seeing you at the spring conclave.

~Wsigau Chapter



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For up-to-the-minute news, check out www.migisi.org — the official Migisi Opawgan website.

From the EVC

Last month Migisi Lodge participated in the DeCourcy camping promotions presentation with Lodges from all across the state of Michigan (Section C 2-A). This is a chance for Lodges to show how they promote camping within their council and share ideas. There is also an award given to the lodge deemed to have the best camping promotion in the year 2006. I would like to thank everyone who helped out and came to the DeCourcy presentation. A big thank you to Joe Kulwicki, Chris Szybisty, Jason Smith and Retz for all of the preparation. Our Camping Promotions Chairman Shaun Range represented Migisi Opawgan lodge as a judge for the event. Migisi had a great turnout with many members coming out to see the presentations. Now everyone MUST go to Section Conclave (May 4-6) to see the award presentation and help Migisi try to win the coup stick for the most spirited lodge in Section C2-A.

I would like to welcome Corey Curtiss to his new role as Brotherhood Adviser. Corey, the past Mahican chapter chief will be taking over for Mr. Licht and Mr. Light will continue as the adviser of the Extended Elangomat committee. Thank you Mr. Licht for the many years of service as the Brotherhood Adviser.

~David Genevich
Executive Vice-Chief

LP Success

More than 375 people attended February's Lincoln Pilgrimage at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. Final registrations indicate we had 293 guests that



Mr. Lincoln proves he can still have fun

included Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Scout leaders and parents. Ninety arrowmen attended to support the many events that day.

The pilgrimage kicked off with a ceremony at the Lincoln statue outside the Trainor Scout museum. Our lodge ceremonialists presented an overview of the event's history and Mr. Lincoln arrived for the reading of his Gettysburg address speech to the guests. During the day, Mr. Lincoln could be seen with Scouts and adults at many of the activities and having his picture taken with them. We now know Mr. Lincoln is pretty good at tug-a-wars and match splitting.

Special thanks go out to Wapaneu Chapter who planned and hosted the Winter Fellowship and Lincoln Pilgrimage event.



Mr. Lincoln gives the Gettysburg Address

Elangomat

Become an Elangomat! As an Elangomat you are charged to lead a clan and to be their friend and brother. If you have leadership skills and would like more information about becoming an Elangomat please join us at our next meeting on April 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. before the LEC meeting in Dearborn. We will meet in the classroom upstairs. If you are interested in obtaining more information about becoming an Elangomat but can't attend the meeting, we will have a brief, informational meeting before the Spring Conclave, on April 27, 2007. Once you become an Elangomat you will receive a cool yellow tee shirt. You can also earn the Extended Elangomat award by

having 75% of your clan present in the Order of the Arrow after the conclave. Hope to see you there.

~Nick Fedoronko
Elangomat Chairman

Get Involved!

The lodge leadership is currently looking for some outstanding youth arrowmen who would like to get involved at the lodge level. There are a few lodge leadership positions available that must be filled. These positions include Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Training Committee Chairman, Lodge Camping Promotions Committee Chairman and Lodge History Committee Chairman. These positions are all great ways to get involved in at the lodge level and can be a great entry level position if you are looking to get involved in the lodge ranks.

The lodge particularly needs to fill our recently vacated Treasurer position. The responsibilities include collecting fees at events; approving disbursements and Chapter funds; reporting on the Lodge's financial standing at Lodge Executive Committee meetings; and helping prepare the Lodge budget. This is a great entry level lodge leadership position enabling you to become more familiar with lodge and chapter operations. Treasurer Adviser, Mr. Bruce Maxim, supports this position and provides guidance for a great learning experience. Don't be shy - we're here to help.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Jason Smith, Lodge Chief, for more details and get involved with a great team of youth leaders.

Jason Smith
Lodge Chief

Ceremony Reminders!!!

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

Adviser's Five

Three big events are coming up during a five week period – Spring Ordeal at D-bar-A on April 27-29; Section Conclave on May 4-6; and, Summer Ordeal at Cole Canoe Base. While two of these events are service focused to get our camps ready for the summer, Section Conclave is a fun and fun event for five OA lodges in southeast Michigan. It is my hope our arrowmen will show the other lodges how great we are in the spirit competitions with creative cheers, songs, and skits. As the Comerica Park score board says – “Make Some Noise.” Let’s have some fun. See you at Section!!

~Joe Retzbach

D-Bar-A News

Trout Lake Cabin Refresh

Trout Lake cabin is a D-bar-A Scout Ranch centerpiece and very popular with Scout units. The lodge is supporting the remodeling of the cabin’s bathrooms, which includes new plastic walls for the showers and ceilings; new toilet stall walls; counter top and faucet upgrades; tiled walls; and, painting of floors and block walls above the tile. The entire floor of the cabin is scheduled for painting too. During the Spring Ordeal, additional interior and exterior work will be completed with the help of our arrowmen. We hope everyone agrees this is worthwhile project.

Camp Driving Regulations

Driving in camp needs your special attention; especially with young campers and other guests on site during our events. Camping is an outdoor sport! Boy Scout camps are meant to be “walking camps” according to our Council leadership. When you drive, obey the 15 mph speed limit at all times. The back of trucks, trailers, and the outside of vehicles are not to be used for transport of Scouts or any personnel. Parking is in designated areas and vehicles are NOT to be driven beyond parking areas for any reason.

ONLY authorized vehicles may park in the dining hall parking lot. If you have a disability, please see our OA Health and

Safety Officer (Mrs. Teran) at event check-in for a dashboard pass. New barricades are located at the dining hall entrance driveway to ensure proper traffic movement at that location. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Lockwood Lake Site Adoption

Lodge youth members attending the March Lodge Executive Committee meeting unanimously voted to adopt the new campsite being developed on Lockwood Lake near Johnstone Cabin. Lodge arrowmen have already spent many hours helping clear the site last December in preparation for final clearing work this spring. The site has a beautiful view of the Lake with easy access to other D-bar-A facilities and will surely prove popular, especially with large troops. The name of the site will be determined at a future date.

William T. Hornaday Award

D-Bar-A Scout Ranch will now offer the William T. Hornaday award as part of its regular curriculum during summer camp. The Hornaday award is a natural conservation award with many strict requirements. Scouts can expect to work an extra four to five hours a day on their projects.

Scouts should be at least First Class rank and hold a few of the merit badges required for this award. Participants will be able to earn two of the merit badges required for the Hornaday Badge while at camp.

Vigil Honor

The Vigil Honor committee would like to thank each arrowman who submitted a nomination form for consideration by the Vigil Honor Selection Committee. Nomination forms will be accepted through April 29, 2007. Please be sure to turn in any nominations promptly! The Selection Committee will be meeting 2 pm on Sunday, June 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn. Chapters will be represented by Tyler Colman (Lowanue Kuwe), Chris Corbin (Mahican), Joseph Kulwicki (Wapaneu), Kyle Middle-ditch (Wsigau), and David Genevich (Lodge). The Migisi Opawgan Vigil Ceremonies Team will have a call-out ceremony at dinner of the Fall Conclave to announce the 2007 recipients of the Vigil Honor. A breakfast will be held in their honor at the 2007 Fall Fellowship. For more information, please contact Vigil Chair Chris Szybisty (litoo35@aol.com).

Training

The Training Committee is in desperate need of one or two youth leaders to fill the chairman’s position. The only requirements are enthusiasm and willingness to learn!

To apply, contact the adviser, Mr. Joe Kulwicki (jjeagle86@comcast.net.)

Section Conclave

It's time for the 2007 Section Conclave where southeast Michigan's five Section C2A lodges gather for a fun weekend at Camp Teetonkah near Jackson, MI.

This fun weekend only costs \$20 if

you register before April 21st or \$25 for registrations received April 21-30. New members from the Spring Ordeal only pay \$20. A Class 1 medical form is required and is downloadable from the Forms section of our website.

OA Service

This month the Service Committee has seen some big changes. Chris Corbin has decided to resign as the committee chair to pursue the state executive committee for the BPA, and I, Shaun Range, have taken his place. The committee is now deep in preparations with the service projects for the upcoming Conclave, and is also involved in filling the committee with members from different chapters. We are getting ready for what we hope will be the best conclave yet, and hopefully there will be a lot of great service projects for us to do at D-bar-A.

The Service Committee would like the especially thank Mr. Karl Isle for volunteering to help us out at the upcoming conclave with fixing the many broken summer camp cots.

On Saturday, August 11, the Lodge is tentatively planning to undertake a One-Day of Service project helping the **Detroit Habitat for Humanity** with their major clean up the 2007 construction job sites.

Brothers, this cannot be a casual participation project as we need *firm* commitment to this undertaking for it

to be a success. Soon, we will announce how to sign up for this special community service event. In the meantime, each participant needs to be aware of some special participation requirements. The project is limited by the Habitat organization to people 16 years old and older. Those under 18 must have an adult supervising them, with no more than four youth per adult. This will be an all-day activity, starting at 9 AM and ending around 4 PM.

This project is worthy of our principles - Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. If you choose to participate, we expect you to fulfill the commitment as Habitat for Humanity will fill remaining open positions based on our commitments. Please consider signing up for this great and worthwhile project. Please contact Andrew Curtiss with any questions on this event. ~Shaun Range
Service Committee Chairman

T782 helps park

The Maybury State Park "Living Farm" near Northville, MI was operated by the DNR for nearly 25 years when a February, 2003 fire destroyed the barn and nearly 50 animals. The community rallied to raise funds and work was soon underway to rebuild the barn. Troop 782 of Livonia recently made a special contribution to the farm's live stock. "Maybury State Park Farm has always been a part of family activities when they (T-782) are there," according to Mr. Lee Bremer, ASM and Brotherhood member. Scoutmaster, and Vigil Honor member, Ken Bourgon contacted a person about purchasing an animal for the farm and the rest is history. The troop's OA members did a pop can drive that raised over \$300 to buy a pig. Lee notes "this has been a great way for us to help the community." Congratulations to all the members of Troop 782 for your cheerful service supporting the "Living Farm" at Maybury State Park.

From the VCA

We are right in the middle of all of our Spring and Summer fun. By now we all had a great time providing service to the camps and welcoming in new members at Spring Conclave the last weekend in April. Thanks to our ceremonies committee, as I'm sure they put on a really cool Brotherhood ceremony. We also had (or are just about to have) a blast at Nickel-OA-deon Section Conclave (if you get this and there's still time to register; what are you waiting for? Go to Migisi.org/forms right now!)

Now it's time to get ready for Summer Ordeal up at Cole Canoe Base on June 1-3 (the first weekend in June). Member registration is FREE! So sign up today! Remember it's at TENT EVENT at our wonderful wooded camp of the north! While you're at it ,get your registrations in for Fall Conclave (another awesome "Tent-clave"!) at D-A Scout Ranch on September 14-16.

This is a great time too to become an Elangomat for Ordeal and be a friend and guide to our new candidates. Keep an eye out for the stellar Elangomat training offered by the Nick Fedoronko and his Elangomat committee. Also, I want to welcome Arrowman Shaun Range, our new Service Committee chairman. I know he'll put a lot of work in and do a great job. Thanks to the exiting Service Chair Chris Corbin for his service.

~Andrew Curtiss
Vice Chief of Activities



The "Living Farm" at Maybury

Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
April 27-29, 2007	Spring Conclave (Ordeal)	D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
May 4-6, 2007	Section Conclave	Camp Teetonkah, Jackson
May 23, 2007	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist, Dearborn
June 1-3, 2007	Cole Service Weekend and Ordeal	Cole Canoe Base, Alger
June 20, 2007	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist, Dearborn
July 3, 2007	Trail to Eagle Ice Cream Social	D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora
August 15, 2007	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	First United Methodist, Dearborn
September 14-16, 2007	Fall Conclave (Ordeal)	D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora

Youth Protection Training Adults and youth members over 18 years old are required to take the on-line Youth Protection Training course. Recently updated, it reflects new information on identifying and preventing child abuse, plus the guidelines on two-deep leadership. Remember, youth protection guidelines apply to the OA program just as it does to the traditional Boy Scout program. Simply go to the www.migisi.org website and click on Resources in the navigation panel. You can then find Youth Protection Training under the General column. When you get your certificate, please make a copy and affix it to your next event OA registration form; we will log you as having completed the training.



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