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Andrew Curtiss selected new lodge chief

Andrew Curtiss was inducted as our new Lodge Chief at the Cole Canoe Base Summer Ordeal. He was selected by the lodge leadership to complete the term of outgoing Lodge Chief Jason Smith, who was elected Section C2A Chief in early May. Andrew's replacement is Daniel Ghastin, who was also chosen by the lodge leadership for the Executive Vice Chief position. Please congratulate all three arrowmen on their new leadership endeavors.



Summer Conclave a huge success!

Wapaneu Chapter host report

The weekend of May 30th - June 1st, Migisi Opawgan held its annual summer ordeal in conjunction with the Cole Canoe Base Mix-Fix event. That weekend our 43 candidates not only slept out under the stars, but the rain, thunder, and even a bit of lightning. But while the storm may have dampened a few sleeping bags, it did little to change the enthusiasm of the candidates. Along with over 40 members who pre-registered for the ordeal and another dozen O-A members that came up just for Mix Fix or are part of CCB staff, the O-A put in almost 600 hours of service preparing CCB for this summer's camping season. Three members also took the opportunity to seal their membership and become Brotherhood members in our Order.

The members, new and old, had a wonderful time despite the soggy start to Saturday's projects, but the weather cooperated well on Saturday. There were even some members staying over on Sunday to complete a few extra projects and put in even more service hours.

Chapter Reports

Mahican

By: Adel Makki; Mahican Chapter Chief

Greetings Arrowmen of the Mahican Chapter, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of what's going on in our chapter lately. We have been doing electrons throughout the troop meetings and we have done over twelve elections and the number is increasing. If you are a troop that is interested in holding an election, please contact me at my e-mail, makki.adel@gmail.com or call me at 313-247-3755, and I will gladly be at service. Also the last conclave that we hosted in April, it was very successful and the new

arrowmen really enjoy it.

Mahican is working very hard with its members to become a quality chapter, and that can only be done when more members start to attend our meetings that take place on the third Thursday of each month, which is generally the night after Lodge meeting, at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn. Please make sure you tell your friends to start to come to the meeting so we can work together to strengthen the Chapter. Our last meeting before the summer is on June 19, 2008 at 7:30. We would be having pizza and ice cream and it would be nice to have all the arrowmen from our chapter there and present so we can share the brotherhood ties we have with one another. I hope to see you there.

Wapaneu

By: *Jake Eccleston; Wapaneu Chapter Chief*

Wapaneu chapter serves the Michigami and Lakeshore Districts. Wapaneu's main focus this year continues to be on unit elections. We continue to contact troops who have not held a unit election this year. Scoutmasters of Michigami or Lakeshore districts, if we have not conducted a unit election for your troop this year, please contact Jason Medina, Chapter Elections Chair, at (586) 772-9187 to schedule an election.

Ordeal members who have been in the Order of the Arrow for more than ten months are eligible to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow and become Brotherhood members. A Brotherhood ceremony will be conducted at the fall Ordeal on September 20th. In addition, Wapaneu is planning to conduct an in-town Brotherhood ceremony following the August Chapter meeting. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13th, at Spindler Park, in Eastpointe. More information will follow on the Migisi web site. Additional Brotherhood ceremonies can be arranged, by request.

Wapaneu Chapter meetings are better than ever! We strive to accomplish our Chapter goals and objectives while making the meetings informative and reasonably fun for all attendees. If you have not been to a Wapaneu Chapter meeting in a while, why not join us. You will not be disappointed. As always, we welcome your feedback regarding meetings so that we can continuously improve their quality.

Achowalogen

The Achowalogen Chapter is looking forward to hosting the Fall Ordeal on September 19-21, 2008. The chapter meets on the second Monday of the month. The agenda for the last chapter meeting included planning a fall Ordeal menu that everyone will enjoy. Strategies for increasing membership were also discussed. The chapter is hoping to have a large number of Motor City District Scouts go through the OA Ordeal this fall. Past members will also be contacted and ask to renew their commitment to the Achowalogen Chapter.

The Achowalogen Chapter is proud to announce that James Lloyd sealed his membership with Brotherhood Conversion during the Spring Ordeal. He now wears the Brotherhood sash and the red bordered commemorative pocket flap.

Lowanue Kuwe

No report provided. Lowanue Kuwe meets at St John's Methodist Church in Royal Oak on the fourth Thursday.

Wsigau

No report provided. Wsigau meets at xPedx in Livonia on the second Thursday.

Committee Reports

Brotherhood

By: *Josh Herman; Brotherhood Committee Chairman*

The Brotherhood: What is it?

Before you go asking what the Brotherhood is you should first be asking your self, has it been more than 10 months since your Ordeal? If so, its time to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow with a Brotherhood conversion. The Brotherhood is the second stage in the Order of the Arrow. It is a chance to learn more about the OA and to get a better understanding of the vows you made at your Ordeal. Come join the Brotherhood and meet new friends and help better your lodge. For those of you who are willing, active, and wondering what you can do to help your lodge, join the Brotherhood Committee. The only requirement to be on the committee is that you have to be a Brotherhood member. The Brotherhood Committee is in need of a couple more members. Please join the Brotherhood Committee, it is a lot of fun and does not require a lot of work. The next available Brotherhood conversion is at the Trail to Eagle Ice Cream Social on July 3rd at D-bar-A at 8 pm. Bring you conversion form and I will see you there. Also try the Fall Conclave (Ordeal) on September 19th – 21st 2008 located at D-A. Don't forget to **pre-register** for this event. You can find the forms at migisi.org/forms. If you have any questions about the Brotherhood or the committee contact Josh Herrmann at herrmann_jsh@yahoo.com or Corey Curtiss at cfcurtiss@yahoo.com.

Service Committee

By: *Shaun Range; Service Committee Chairman*

With summer fast approaching, we have had our second service event of the year, the Summer Conclave. It was a great success with Cole Canoe Base getting a makeover in many key areas. Also, I would to



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take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out in the Spring Conclave. We spent much of the time cleaning up the Pines. This helped ensure that the area looked the best for the May Woodbadge course. This was a huge project and we are extremely proud of all that was accomplished. As a lodge we completed over 17 hundred hours at this event. This has been a great start for the year and the Service Committee is sure that it will continue throughout the rest of the year and many more to come. Once again, thank you for all that you do and please remember to make in your calendars that Fall Conclave which is the final lodge service weekend of the year. Also, the approaching chapter service weekends are: Lowanue Kuwe with June 14th and Achowalogen with September 13th. If you would like to volunteer at these events all are welcome, please report to the Barn to check in.



Ceremony and Dance

By: Gabriel Church; Ceremony and Dance Chairman

Over the past few months our lodge has accomplished several things. At Section Conclave Migisi Opawgan earned honors in pre-ordeal and vigil and earned merit in brotherhood. My thanks go out to the ceremonialists that caused this accomplishment to happen. I also would like to thank the chapters for providing the ceremonialists that allowed the Spring Conclave to happen. Finally I would like to thank the dance team for a few things. Firstly I would like to thank them for the excellent job they did at the Council Rendez-vous. Secondly I would like to thank the dance team for there performance for Trailblazers – a program sponsored by the Detroit Area Council. Finally I would like to thank the dance team for there 20 performances at Blue & Gold Dinners, District Roundtables and other events.



Lowanue Kuwe dancers at Rendez-vous

Training

By: Don Ray; Training Committee Adviser

Brothers – (Youth and Adults) You have a rare opportunity to attend OA’s “Woodbadge like”, premier training course, the OA National Leadership Seminar, this fall at nearby Camp Miakonda in Toledo, OH. On the weekend of October 17-19, 2008, OA youth (15 yrs and above) and Adults are invited to participate in a national training event to become more effective leaders in Scouting and in the OA in particular. All existing and aspiring Chapter and Lodge leaders should take this course. Cost for the weekend is \$140.00 (possible partial scholarships may be available) and youth can possibly attend with our lodge adult’s attending for transportation. So what is your excuse? I thought so, you have none! Look at the Lodge web site to download the application and for more information from the Central Region.

Officer’s Corner

The New Chief

By: Andrew Curtiss; Lodge Chief

Dear Arrowmen:

I am humbled to be writing to you as the new Lodge Chief of Migisi Opawgan #162. I am proud to hail Jason Smith as the newly elected Section Chief of Section C-2A and will do my best to seamlessly fill the vacancy left by a such a mighty Migisi Lodge Chief. I have cheerfully dedicated many hours to what is arguably the best performing Lodge and best group of people in the Order of the Arrow. I will have some incredible predecessors to follow as we continue to faithfully adhere to the traditions and obligations of our Order and provide an excellent program to our members. I believe that if we as a Lodge, a group of distinguished service-minded Arrowmen, come together as a team and a family we can accomplish more than any previous year and leave a legacy for the fine young leaders to continue to improve on all we accomplish.

Leaders like Daniel Ghastin of Wsigau Chapter, who was named Executive Vice-Chief, and Nick Popp of Wapaneu our D-A Summer Camp Chief, continue to breathe new life into our Lodge with fresh enthusiasm and insight. Leaders like Vice Chief of Activities James Montour of Mahican, Secretary David Fry of Wsigau, recently named Cole Canoe Base Summer Camp Chief, and Treasurer Pawel Jarosz of Mahican will help set the tone of teamwork and service the next few months with their continued hard work and dedication as Lodge Officers.

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You too can lead our Lodge in the months to come by mentoring Scouts from Detroit to help them earn First Class July 7-11 at D-A Scout Ranch (free food, lodging, and good feelings!). You can personally welcome new members into our Order by attending Elangomat training, serving as an Elangomat at Fall Conclave, and following up with your assigned clan to help them experience the adventure and fellowship of the OA upon joining; plus enabling them to seal their membership with a Brotherhood conversion after ten months of cheerful service. You can serve on the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) 2009 contingent committee and help plan a fantastic experience and excellent Lodge performance when we attend NOAC at Indiana University August 2-6 2009 (sign up today!). You can improve your leadership skills by registering for National Leadership Seminar at Camp Miakonda in Toledo for probably the shortest distance and most inexpensive NLS you'll see in a long time. Join the ceremonies team to play a key part in the induction of new members. You can also help you Chapters and Lodge by helping hold unit elections, camping promotions presentations as soon as possible.

There is so much for you to take advantage of if you just reach for it. It is YOU who makes this Lodge great. If only you will support and partake in Lodge and National programs. I challenge you to step up to the plate and be a team player in the months to come, you'll never regret it. Thank you all for your support and dedication. I look forward to sharing stories of my travels to Shasta Trinity National Forest and ArrowCorps5 this summer in our next issue and at our upcoming events. Visit migisi.org for an updated calendar. Have a fun and safe summer!

Executive Vice Chief

By: Daniel Ghastin; Executive Vice Chief

I am excited to report to announce that I have been appointed to the position of Executive Vice Chief. I am honored to know that every one in the lodge thinks so highly of me. I would especially like to thank the LLC for thinking that I am good for this new job. I have not forgot about my old position of Training chairman though. I would like to have a new chairman before the fall so that the LLD can be done easily. If you are interested in this important position, please contact Mr. Don Ray at djray@comcast.net or myself at djghastin@yahoo.com a.s.a.p.! I would also like to encourage every one on the LEC to go to the next NLS in Toledo. It is not ever going to get cheaper and camper-ships from the lodge and the section are available. This leads me to my next point. As chair of the 2009 Section Conclave, which we are hosting, I want to ask all Migisi Opawgan members to plan on attending. We need you for the success of the event. There is also no service and

it is at good ole D-bar-A. I look forward to working and leading with all of you.

Vice Chief of Activities

By: James Montour; Vice Chief of Activities

Hey Everybody!! For those of you who don't know me, I am James Montour and I am the Vice-Chief of Activities for this awesome Lodge. And I would just like to remind you all of the events that are happening over the next few months.

First off, the Fall Conclave (Ordeal)... This will be happening September 19th-21st, at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, The Price will be \$15 for early registration (must register before September 15th), and \$20 for late registration. This is a Tent Event. And you are sure to have a Great time, come on you get a chance to meet new people, eat Kevin Fox's awesome food, and have LOTS of Fun. And it is also another Perfect Opportunity to Seal your Membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood Member*. So fill out those forms, and send them in so you can get that Discount! Trust Me... You will NOT be Disappointed.

Secondly, the Fall Fellowship... Which of course will be held at the D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, And this will happen October 24th-26th, The Price will be \$5 if paid before October 20th, \$15 after October 20th, And members who were Inducted at the 2008 Fall Conclave (Ordeal) get to go absolutely FREE! At this Event you will be participating in a lot of Fun Activities, and once again being able to get that key time to get to know your Fellow Lodge Members! And just like the Fall Conclave, it is another Great Opportunity to Seal you Membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member*. I hope to see you there!

I would like to Congratulate Jason Smith on becoming the Section Chief, Andrew Curtiss on becoming our new Lodge Chief and Daniel Ghastin on becoming the new Executive Vice-Chief.

Please make sure that you write your Driver's License number on the Checks!

Brotherhood requirements: Your OA Lodge dues MUST be paid, it must be 10 Months since your Induction into the Order, you must have the Approval of your Scoutmaster/Leader, you must completely fill out the Brotherhood Candidate Form, and lastly you need to attend a Brotherhood conversion ceremony.

Thank you everybody for making this a Great year so far!

Come to NOAC!!

By: Mark Bien; NOAC Adviser

Come join thousands of other arrowmen at the second largest Scouting event in the country! NOAC is the National Order of the Arrow Conference and in 2009 it will be at Indiana University.

You can secure a spot in the Migisi Opawgan contingent right now! Just complete the 2009 NOAC Registration form which can be found on the lodge website, , and send it in with your deposit of \$75.00 before October 31, 2008. Note: Adults 21 and older are NOT guaranteed a position due to the national youth-to-adult ratio policy.

Cost for NOAC 2009 is \$450.00 per person and includes the 6-day event, meals, housing, patch set, t-shirt, and more! The fee may be adjusted depending on the success of the NOAC fund raising program.

Get on board now for this exciting event! If you have any questions, please contact youth Contingent leader Andrew Curtiss, or NOAC Contingent Adviser, Mike Bien though www.migisi.org

Former Chiefs Assume New Roles

By: Gordon W. Draper; History Committee Adviser

Jeff Rand, who was chief from 1977-78, is a scouting professional and until now has been stationed at National Headquarters in Texas. He worked with local councils to do such things as help them run their trading posts more efficiently. Now he has been promoted to Assistant Financial Director of the Western Region, which is headquartered in Tempe, Arizona. His new home is about 1/3 of an acre and the house is a bit smaller than the one he had in Texas. However, he has beautiful mountain views and a nice backyard with a pool. He has no grass to mow, but has palm and citrus trees, in addition to palo verde trees. There is a 20,000 acre Indian Reservation about 200 feet from his home, which is largely undeveloped. He has found his new town, Fountain Hills, to be like resort living. There is great biking and views everywhere.

Roger Horn, chief from 1978-79, has been named as Training Chairman of the Three Fires District of the Great Sauk Trail Council. He hopes to take Wood Badge himself this coming summer.

Adviser's Five

By: Joe Retzbach; Lodge Adviser

This year, I have seen and heard countless positives about our lodge, its leadership, and our members. I've heard it from youth leaders at other lodges messaging our leaders that we do the right things in Migisi; it's,

our lodge stepping up to help Chickagami Lodge at Section Conclave with training and Manitou Lodge with the Saturday night opening show. It's our arrowmen going to Missouri and California to work with the national forest service on ArrowCorps5; and, others going to Philmont to help restore trails. It's arrowmen providing dance and musical entertainment at the 2008 Rendezvous; and members professionally representing the lodge at NLATS and NLS training events. Its nearly 90 people driving to Cole Canoe Base to help set up summer camp even with \$4 gasoline; and, it's the BSA Area Director proudly sporting a Migisi Opawgan key tag on his key ring. It's great to be associated with a lodge where we align our direction with our BSA Council and then move forward together – looking for opportunities while staying focused on what's important. This lodge is what the OA is all about – Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service – and, each of you play an important role in its success. As you've already heard from leaders, get involved; have fun; and, enjoy the Order of the Arrow and especially with Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162!

Other News Briefs

Thomas A. Trainor Museum

Interested in Scouting and Council history? The museum is looking for adult volunteers. For more information contact Harold Hanna at (313)592 4700.

99 new members at Spring Ordeal

Our membership increased to 1,209 members following Spring Ordeal and 99 new members joining us. Welcome!!

Summer Camp Chiefs selected

Congratulations to Nick Popp for his appointment at D-bar-A Ranch and David Fry for his appointment at Cole Canoe Base. See them for OA needs or if your unit needs an election at camp.

TTE Ice Cream Social on July 3rd

The lodge sponsored Trail to Eagle ice cream social is Thursday night, July 3rd at 9 pm. Brotherhood ceremony is at 8 pm.

State Fair Service Project Sept 6th

The lodge community service project is Saturday, Sept. 6th at the Michigan State Fair Grounds – 9-3 pm. Lunch is provided. All chapters should be represented. Questions: Contact James Montour, VCA

June is membership audit month!!

The lodge is doing a membership audit with Council this month. Your BSA registration must be current to be a member of the lodge. If in doubt, double check with the the Council. Non-registered members will be sent a letter later this month regarding the problem.

Migisi Opawgan — Lodge Calendar

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| July 3, 2008 | Trail to Eagle Ice Cream Social 9 pm | D-bar-A Scout Ranch |
| July 3, 2008 | Brotherhood ceremony at TTE 8 pm | D-bar-A Scout Ranch |
| September 6, 2008 | Lodge Community Service 9-3 pm | Michigan State Fair Grounds |
| September 19-21, 2008 | Fall Conclave (Ordeal) | D-bar-A Scout Ranch |
| October 17-19, 2008 | National Leadership Seminar | Camp Miakonda, Toledo, OH |
| October 24-26, 2008 | Fall Fellowship | D-bar-A Scout Ranch |
| October 25, 2008 | Vigil Honor Breakfast | D-bar-A Scout Ranch |
| November 15, 2008 | Lodge Leadership Development | Dauch Scout Center, Detroit |
| December 3, 2008 | Lodge Annual Dinner Meeting | Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights |

For the most current event information, see our lodge calendar at www.migisi.org

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