

The Eagle Pipe



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Curtiss and Smith receive Oatley Arrowman of the Year Award



Corey Curtiss and Jason Smith are the 2008 recipients of the lodge's highest award for service - the Harold Oatley Arrowman of the Year Award. The presentations were done at the lodge annual dinner meeting on December 3rd. Jason, former Migisi Opawgan

Lodge Chief, is now Section C2A Chief. Mr. Curtiss is the lodge Brotherhood Committee Adviser. Also, recognized at the meeting were David Genevich and Mr. Retzbach who received the national OA Founder's Award. Please congratulate these fine arrowmen.

Chapter Reports

Wapaneu Chapter

By: Jake Eccleston, 2008 Wapaneu Chapter Chief

Wapaneu Chapter serves the Michigami and Lakeshore districts. Our main focus this past year has been unit elections and we continued to contact troops who have not held a unit election. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the elections in 2008.

Scoutmasters of Michigami or Lakeshore districts, if for some reason you have not scheduled a 2009 unit election for your troop, please contact Jason Medina, Chapter Elections Chairman at (586) 772-9187.

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. In 2009, Brotherhood ceremonies will be conducted at the Winter Fellowship, spring Ordeal, summer Ordeal, fall Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, and also during in-town ceremonies. 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 fun for all. 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 the quality.

January 2009

The Wapaneu ceremony team is working to be the best! While we have taken on several new members, there are still open roles. If you are interested in performing with the team, please call Matt Elias, Ceremonies Chair Adviser.

Wapaneu Chapter meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Kelly Middle school starting at 7:30 PM. The school is at 24701 Kelly Road, just south of 10 mile in Eastpointe, MI. If you have agenda items to add, please contact me. Members of Migisi Opawgan Lodge are always welcome to attend our meetings as well as Michigami and Lakeshore District Scoutmasters.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for helping plan our two lodge events, a Brotherhood ceremony at the Michigami District Camporee, an in-town Brotherhood ceremony, and anything related to Wapaneu. You were a great help! But, my time is up and I hope you will give as much help and support that you gave to me to our new chapter chief, D. C. Wheaton. If you have questions, please contact me, Jacob Eccleston, at (586) 939-6055/jacob.eccleston@comcast.net

Mahican Chapter

By: Tim Leong; Mahican Chapter Chief

Mahican would like to extend our gratitude for the success we can only attribute to our 2008 chapter officers and welcome our newly elected officers. Good luck to Josh Hermann, Dougald McEachern, and Jacob Bartos. We wish you all a great 2009.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask for everyone's help in promoting the 2009 Lincoln Pilgrimage by encouraging folks to attend this awesome event. You can download member and unit registration forms at www.migisi.org. Please utilize upcoming Roundtables to promote this event. The unit guest participant cost for this even is \$6.00 and includes a lunch and an event patch. We are planning some awesome events for all to participate in and we want this to meet or exceed the success from last year. Thank you in advance for your assistance to make this event a happening one.

Our annual Winter Camp is just around the corner and the planning committee has been hard at work to make it another awesome experience to all that attend. For some truly amazing information regarding Winter Camp, go to www.wintercamp.com.

Mahican is working very hard with its members to once again become a quality chapter in 2009 and this can only be done when more and more members attend

our meetings. They take place on the third Thursday of each month, generally the night after the Lodge LEC meeting, at First United Methodist Church in Dearborn. Please be sure to tell your friends to start coming to the meeting so we can work together and strengthen this Chapter.

It has been a truly enjoyable and successful 2008 for Mahican and the Lodge as well and we would like to thank everyone for all the good times and fellowship we shared. See you all at the Pilgrimage.

Lowanue Kuwe

By: Michael Peterson, Lowanue Kuwe Chapter Chief

What it's like to be an Order of the Arrow Member in my Troop?

To be an Order of the Arrow member in my troop is an honor. The reason it's an honor is because our troop has not had an Order of the Arrow election in the last few years. Andrew Larkin and I are the first new scouts in Order of the Arrow in two to five years and I also have the honor of being the Chapter Chief for Lowanue Kuwe.

Currently in my troop, I'm looked up to without being in the Order of the Arrow because I'm the senior patrol leader. Another thing is I'm the one who asked my leader to have an election so I could get in. So that's how Andrew and I got into the Order of the Arrow. Hopefully we are going to have an OA troop election because as the SPL in my troop I will be requesting an election every year.

It is a great to be in Order of the Arrow. I hope after a few years we will have a lot more scouts that are active with the chapter. This is one of the best honors a Scout can get, next to Eagle. So I'm proud of belonging to the Order of the Arrow and being Chapter Chief. I have already learned so much.

For details on when Lowanue Kuwe Chapter meets, please contact Chapter Adviser Hanson Lee at (248) 952-5413 or hanson323@aol.com for the 2009 meeting schedule, location and time.

Achowalogen Chapter

No report provided. Achowalogen Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Dauch Scout Center on West Warren in Detroit at 7:00 pm - the same evening as the Motor City Roundtable meeting. Contact Chapter Adviser Sandra LeBron at (313) 330-7447.



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

Wsigau Chapter

By Mr. Chuck Lang, Chapter Adviser

Wsigau just finished electing its new offers for 2009. Congratulations to Kyle Rosiek, David Fry, Josh Howell, David Norin, and Chris Graczyk for being elected.

Our Christmas party was at Grand Prix of America go carting on Warren road in Westland in December.

Wsigau Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday at Expedex (28401 Schoolcraft, Livonia) at 7:15 pm. Hope to see you there!

Committee Reports

Training

By: David Hoefling, Training Chairman

We had a big turnout for the LLD on Nov 15. The day started out with a game that we had to match sections of pictures with other OA brother's pictures. The first picture reassembled won!! Next, we learned what it meant to be a good leader by seeing pictures of current world leaders in many different areas from sports to government. We discussed how and why they are strong leaders. For lunch, Coney dogs and chips were served. We closed the day out with a gigantic paper airplane contest. The day was a great success. Our lodge and chapter officers now have the leadership tools to lead this lodge. I can't wait for next year!!



Arrowmen at leadership development

Service

By: Ethan Morlock; Service Committee Chairman

2008 has been a great year for Migisi. As far as quantitative measurements go, we've exceeded all expectations by completing over 18,000 service hours as a lodge. What's really important, however, is not the number, but the impact of our hours. Just a quick glance at some of the service reports I've received this year indicates that Migisi is a driving force behind district,

council, and even national events. We provide campmasters at D-bar-A every weekend; bring the O-A to Cub Scout packs; and, we serve on staff for Wood Badge and NYLT. We do work at the Michigan State Fairgrounds and provide CITs and other volunteers to help our summer camps run smoothly. In short, Migisi is an essential part of the Council. In the upcoming year, I challenge every Arrowman to increase his commitment and participation. Who knows what we can achieve next year?

Ceremonies and Dance

By: Gabriel Church, Ceremonies and Dance Chairman
Brothers, The end of 2008 is approaching, and soon our new elected officers will take their positions in January. In the meantime, I would like to thank everyone who had some hand in this past year's ceremonies. Whether you had a hand in the set up of the ceremonies, were a principle in a ceremony, participated in a ceremony, or helped with ceremonies in any other way, I thank you. I would also like to thank the Lowanue Kuwe dance team for devoting their time to dance for various groups. Finally, I would like to thank my advisers, Jeff Gerald and Paul Kupser for advising me in my different responsibilities. If it wasn't for the assistance from all of these people, not a single ceremony would happen.

Brotherhood

By Joshua Herman, Brotherhood Chairman

The Brotherhood: Is it for me?

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 or Vigil Honor member. It is a lot of fun and does not require a lot of hard work. If you have any questions about the Brotherhood or the committee contact me, Josh Herrmann at herrmann_jsh@yahoo.com or Adviser Corey Curtiss at cfcurtiss@yahoo.com.

Vigil Honor

By Chris Szybisty, Vigil Honor Chairman

Migisi Opawgan celebrated the induction of nine new Vigil Honor members Saturday, October 25, 2008 during the annual Vigil Honor breakfast held at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. Receiving the Vigil Honor were Ethan

Morlock, Pawel Jarosz, Joseph Roberts, William Gagnon, Perry Leong, and Michael D. Fox of Mahican Chapter and David Genevich and Hanson Lee of Lowanue Kuwe Chapter. The Vigil Honor committee thanks those who helped prepare the induction, especially those arrowmen who served as sponsors. Be sure to congratulate these arrowmen on their accomplishment.



The annual Vigil Honor breakfast was well attended as in past years. Many prominent arrowmen were present to congratulate the newest Vigil Honor members, including Supreme Chief of the Fire G. Richard Williams, Lodge Staff Adviser Dave Morosky, Lodge Adviser Joseph Retzbach, Director of Financial Services Jerry Freyberg, Director of Camping Gus Chutorash, D-bar-A Camp Director Joseph J. Kulwicki, Section Chief Jason P. Smith, and Immediate Past Section Adviser Robert Sturza. The celebration at Wyckoff Lodge continued well into the morning.

The Vigil Honor committee thanks Kevin Fox, Bob Johnson, Eric Behrmann, Bill Fedoronko, and the entire Vigil Breakfast Kitchen Staff for their service to make the breakfast memorable for the newest Vigil Honor members.

The 2009 Vigil Honor committee is led by Chairman Pawel Jarosz and Adviser Bill Licht. Submission of 2009 Vigil Honor nominations has already begun; all interested arrowmen are encouraged to submit a nomination for an eligible Arrowman. Eligibility requirements are found in the OA Handbook and forms may be downloaded from www.migisi.org/forms. Please send all questions regarding Vigil Honor to Chairman Jarosz, Adviser Licht, or your chapter adviser.

Elangomat

By Andy Scheffer, Elangomat Committee Chairman

As 2008 comes to a close, the Elangomat Committee wishes to thank all those who put in service at the Ordeals this year. Your efforts certainly made a difference

in our lodge. Come 2009 we hope to have more training opportunities for prospective Elangomats and to make the Ordeals for our candidates the best possible. In the mean time enjoy the holiday season, and see you next year.

2009 First Saturday Service Day

By Lodge Service Committee, Ethan Morlock, Chairman

During 2009, we will continue our first Saturday of the month service day at D-bar-A Scout Ranch. Below is the host schedule as confirmed at the November LEC meeting. Please update your calendars and host chapters please plan on promoting the day you are host. We have lots to work on with the new disc golf course and Lockwood Lake fire bowl.

Feb 7 - Wsigau	Sep 5 - Achowalogen
Mar 7 - Wapaneu	Nov 7 - Wapaneu
Apr 4 - Lowanue Kuwe	Dec tbd - Mahican

NEW "Where to Go Camping" CD

By Camp Promotion Committee, Monty St. Peter, Chair

Our lodge just delivered 1,000 "Where to Go Camping" CD's to the Council. The CD promotes our two premier camps – Cole Canoe Base and D-bar-A Scout Ranch and there are two great presentations on the camps that you can show at your next troop meeting. We also included a show on our annual February Lincoln Pilgrimage event. Additional copies of the CD can be obtained from the Council Camping Department at 313-897-1965 or form a Chapter Adviser.



Letter from the Lodge Chief

Andrew Curtiss, 2009 Lodge Chief

My Brothers,

As 2008 comes to a close, I want to thank you for all of the hard work you put in to making Migisi Opawgan a Quality Lodge once again. Whether you are an officer, adviser, committee chairman, or new (or renewed) member giving service to our camps and community, your contribution to our success this year has been greatly appreciated.

I am writing this just before Thanksgiving so its fitting that I have a lot to be thankful for. I would like to especially thank my hard working officers and committee chairmen for leading the way this year. You are above average in the number of evenings and weekends you put into meetings, events, and service for this lodge. Thank you for this stellar dedication. Also, to our hard-working adults who put a lot of time into making everything we do possible, most especially our Lodge Ad-

viser, Joe Retzbach and his associates. I want send a special thanks all those on my personal staff who keep me on target and my family who supports me.

Now that I've given thanks, it is time to talk about giving back. As Arrowmen and Scouts, it is especially important for us to lead the way in helping those who are in need or less fortunate than us this winter. We need to set the example and help at a soup kitchen, participate in a clothing drive, or donate our time to a food packaging center. Don't just do it alone though, Arrowmen are servant leaders. Get your troops, crews, packs, and families involved in the giving spirit. We can set down the video games and holiday shopping for a little while to make someone's day with service and a smile.

I look forward to working with everyone this coming year. I hope you get involved and support our many committees and events. We need to work together this year to make 2009 the best year Migisi has ever seen!

Executive Vice Chief

Daniel Ghaslin, 2009 Executive Vice Chief

Dear Migisi,

I am very excited to be serving as your Executive Vice Chief in 2009. I have really enjoyed myself since I was nominated for the position in May with the promotion of Jason Smith to Section Chief. Earlier this November, we also had an astounding Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) event. The day went quickly and was extremely educational and I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the "There Can't Be Only One" a session for committee chairmen. If you did not attend the LLD, you truly missed out on a good time. We even got to make huge paper planes and throw them in the lobby of the Council building. Our annual meeting dinner was especially exciting with the presentation of the Founder's and Oatley Arrowman of the Year Awards. We are ready for a strong start in 2009; so get involved with your friends and come to NOAC with us. I simply can't wait!

Lodge Adviser's Five

Mr. Joe Retzbach, Lodge Adviser

The lodge is to be congratulated on finishing another great year. We ended 2008 with positive membership growth of 2.6% with 40 less new members joining the lodge than in 2007. This means more members continued their membership; which is fantastic! We also achieved our Brotherhood conversion objective at 33.9% and provided more than 18,000 hours of service to our camps and community this year. Our lodge, your lodge, really is a "Quality Lodge."

Looking ahead to 2009, we've already started two huge projects at D-bar-A: the new Lockwood Lake fire

bowl and an 18 hole disc golf course. The projects are moving ahead nicely; but we will need everyone's help especially on First Saturday weekends in February, March, and April. We are also moving our Summer Ordeal to D-bar-A's Jack Lord Camp in June to help get ready for another great summer season; and, everyone is really pumped about.

Don't forget, we have four exciting events in 2009. We host the Section C2A Conclave in early May; we have a contingent going to NOAC at Indiana University in August; and, we celebrate our 70th lodge anniversary with a celebration at the December annual meeting dinner. We are also working at the NCAA Final Four basketball event at Ford Field on April 3rd. A flyer is enclosed with the newsletter with details. 2009 is shaping up to be fun year as we take our camps to the next level of program and service. By the way, our camps now have limited camp sites available for the 2009 summer camp season due to everyone being a Camp Advocate. Way to go arrowmen!!!

Special Reminder for Selected Adults

The BSA has been doing criminal background checks on all new volunteers since April 2003. Some volunteers have been continuously registered in the BSA program before April 2003, and may not have had this check done. If you received a letter from Chief Scout Executive, Bob Mazzuca, in early June 2008 on this topic, we hope you took the time to authorize a background check. If you did not, your membership will expire and you will not be registered in the BSA.

Given BSA membership is a requirement for Order of the Arrow membership; we hope you handled the details as outlined in Mr. Mazzuca's letter so you can continue to be a member of our lodge after January 1, 2009. Our lodge will be doing a first quarter audit of 2009 members to ensure compliance. If you have any questions on this, please contact the National BSA Office at 972-580-2000.

Lincoln Pilgrimage – Lincoln's 200th

Just a friendly reminder the 2009 Lincoln Pilgrimage will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of President Lincoln's birthday (February 12, 1809). Last year, over 300 guests showed up for this Saturday event; which is also part of our Winter Fellowship weekend for Order of the Arrow members. Be sure to promote the Saturday event to Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops and come on up to the Fellowship weekend. Be sure to register early as cabin space is limited.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



PARTNERS FOR THE 2009 FINAL 4 SERVICE EVENT!!
BE A PART OF MARCH MADNESS
FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2009
FORD FIELD, DETROIT MI

- Scouts of the Detroit Area Council will place souvenir cushions on the 60,000 seats at Ford Field for the NCAA Men's Final 4 Basketball Tournament.
- Select members of the Migisi Opawgan Lodge will provide leadership to teams of Scouts who will be placing the souvenir cushions on the seats.
- Scouts must arrive at Ford Field at 5:00pm on Friday, April 3, 2009. Scouts will enjoy some pizza and pop while watching the All Star Game and getting ready to do their good turn for the day!
- All participating Scouts and volunteers will receive a souvenir seat cushion.
- Online registration opens on Monday, January 5, 2009 at www.dacbsa.org. Participating Scouts must be at least 13 years of age or older. Space is limited, sign up early!!
- Preferred registration is by Boy Scout troop. However, Order of the Arrow members may sign up on the Migisi Opawgan team.

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Summer Ordeal moves to D-A

D-bar-A had an absolutely great 2008 summer camp season. In fact, they ended summer camp being are 86.1% full for 2009 and are now considering an additional week of Boy Scout summer camp due to high interest.

To help ensure another successful year, we are putting lodge manpower and resources in place to help advance Jack Lord Camp facilities and programs to levels already in existence at Cole Canoe Base. We are fortunate to have Council Camping Director, Gus Chutorash, and Council Scout Executive, Rick Williamson, supporting this endeavor.

Summer Ordeal normally takes place at Cole Canoe Base the first weekend in June; but for 2009 we are moving it to June 19-21 at Jack Lord Camp. So, mark your calendar now and see you there. We hope to return to Cole Canoe Base in the future once our mission at D-bar-A is complete.

Coming soon to D-bar-A

If you know what this is, you are going to have a great time at D-bar-A starting mid-2009. It's one of our major OA lodge projects and it's over 4,000 feet long! Catch the D-bar-A spirit and become a camp "ADVOCATE!"



New Lockwood Lake Fire Bowl

Yes, another OA project underway at D-bar-A is a new campfire bowl on Lockwood Lake at Jack Lord Camp. Just west of the water front area in the "cove," the new fire bowl is already beginning to take shape.

It will enhance our summer campfire programs and allow the Order of the Arrow to



have spectacular shows too. Troops and teams are always welcome to join OA members on this project; which will be completed before summer camp 2009.

2009 NOAC Fund Raiser Flaps Available!

National Order of the Arrow Conference fund raiser flaps are now out and ready for purchase at any Migisi Opawgan Lodge event while supplies last. Two different sets are available - a standard black border set is \$10.00 each and the special edition orange Mylar border set is \$30.00 each. Only 100 of these special edition sets were made. All proceeds help the arrowmen of Migisi Opawgan Lodge go to NOAC in 2009! Get your sets quick, they are going fast! If you are registered for NOAC, see Mike Bien, Lodge NOAC Adviser, for your special deal on the orange Mylar sets.



Lodge acquires equipment trailer

Mr. John MacDonald of Martin Control Services of Farmington Hills donated a beautiful used 14 ft. trailer to the lodge. John wanted to give something back to Scouting as a "Thank You" for his time as a Scout years ago. The trailer, complete with work benches and lighting, will be updated and used as a work site trailer with project tools

stored in side. The lodge appreciates Mr. MacDonald's generous donation to the lodge. Pictured here are Staff Adviser, Dave Morosky and Eric Behrmann, Executive Vice-Chief Adviser. Eric worked closely with Mr. MacDonald on the donation



Questions about the Eagle Pipe? Submissions? Interested in serving on the committee? Email the chairman, Matt Seychel, at: mattseychel@yahoo.com; or the adviser, Joe Kelly, at: joe.kelly@unisys.com.

Migisi Opawgan Lodge - 2009 Calendar

February 13-15, 2009	Winter Fellowship Weekend	D-bar-A Scout Ranch
February 14, 2009	Lincoln Pilgrimage	D-bar-A Scout Ranch
April 3, 2009	NCAA Final Four Event	Ford Field, Detroit
April 24-26, 2009	Spring Ordeal	D-bar-A Scout Ranch
May 1-3, 2009	Section C2A Conclave	D-bar-A Scout Ranch
June 19-21, 2009	Summer Ordeal	D-bar-A Scout Ranch
August 1-5, 2009	National Order of the Arrow Conference	Indiana University

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

ATTITUDE CHECK!!!
Boy am I enthusiastic, H.A.P.P.Y.
I love my lodge.

But are you MOTIVATED?

Motivated, motivated, down right motivated.
You check us out, You check us out.
We are the BEST - 1-6-2!



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