



# THE LOON'S CALL

*To work at the things you love, or for those you love;  
is to turn duty into privilege and to turn work into play.*

AGAMING MAANGOGWAN LODGE 804



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### INDUCTION WEEKENDS – What's in a NAME??

Maybe you called it a CONCLAVE? Maybe you said you were going to an OR-DEAL. You might have even attended a spring FELLOWSHIP! Well, with the new lodge, comes a new name, but the SAME EVENT.

Whether you called it a CONCLAVE, OR-DEAL, or FELLOWSHIP, the lodge now has INDUCTION WEEKENDS to induct the new Ordeal Candidates? Get it? Inducting candidates equals an INDUCTION WEEKEND?

During the weekend, Ordeal members who meet the Brotherhood requirements can "seal" their membership by becoming Brotherhood, too. Yes, this is really a "Brotherhood Conversion," but "conversion weekend" is just too confusing!

Same program -- Ordeal Inductions and Brotherhood Conversions – a NEW NAME.

### TWO CHOICES for this year's SPRING INDUCTIONS

Join your fellow brothers at one of this year's Spring Inductions. Because the membership and the responsibility of our lodge have grown, we now offer TWO OPTIONS at TWO SITES on TWO DIFFERENT DATES! Arrowmen can choose from:

- Spring Induction #1 @ Camp Rotary near Clare on May 17 –19<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Induction #2 @ Camp Holaka near Lapeer on June 7 – 9<sup>th</sup>

Both sites provide the same experience for those undertaking their Ordeal and converting to Brotherhood. And by the way, the cost is same -- \$15.00 for a member! Hope to see you at ONE of our two weekends! Or, if you wish, attend BOTH! Arrowmen are ALWAYS welcome to SERVE!

### CONVERT to BROTHERHOOD STATUS! It's ALREADY PAID!!

The lodge now offers a "pre-paid Brotherhood" plan. Once you pay for and complete your Ordeal, there is NO LONGER a higher cost for Brotherhood Conversion. The cost is already "pre-paid" in the Ordeal fee. Cost for this spring's Induction Weekend is \$15.00 whether you are an Ordeal member, a Brotherhood Candidate date, a Brotherhood member or a Vigil member. Complete your BROTHERHOOD! Why not? It's already PAID!!

### Got an "old" ORDEAL CANDIDATE?

For those Ordeal Candidates who missed going through their Ordeal experience last year, they have another opportunity. Scouts and adult leaders elected in 2012 but were unable to complete the Ordeal experience can attend one of two induction weekends. (See the "Two Choices" article.) The cost for Ordeal Candidates this year is \$45.00 and includes a "pre-paid" plan to complete the Brotherhood in 2014. Please let any Ordeal candidates know of this opportunity.

Tell him about the Induction Weekends!



### DUES are NOW DUE!

The Order of the Arrow lodge is now accepting 2013 dues online. As a reminder, the OA lodge flap you wear on your uniform indicates you are a "current" dues paying member of our Honor Society. We would appreciate you paying your \$10.00 dues today to ensure receipt of our mailing and newsletters with details on lodge, chapter, section and national events. If you prefer, a paper dues form (to be mailed in) can be downloaded from the dues site, too. The link to the site is: <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterAndWoods/OA/Events/agamingduesmarch> THANK YOU!!!



## WE WANT YOU . . . FOR BROTHERHOOD!

Thinking about completing your Brotherhood (at the very same time as other non-Ordeal Candidates)? Here's what you have to do:

- Learn the signs of Ordeal Membership: Obligation; Song; Admonition; and Handclasp,
- Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal – its symbols and customs,
- Continue to serve your unit for a period of at least 10 months after your Ordeal,
- Plan for service in your lodge: Retain your registration and keep your dues paid,
- Write a letter explaining how you will continue your service in the future, and bring the letter with you to the Induction Weekend

Register for one of the Spring Induction weekends.

There is a fun game on the computer you can take as a review: *Jump Start* found at: <http://www.jumpstart.aa-bsa.org/> Remember it is your *obligation* to convert to Brotherhood. The weekend experience continues with a service project and ends with a Brotherhood Hike and Ceremony.

## OPTIONS ABOUND for UNIT ELECTIONS THIS YEAR!!

Still need a Boy Scout troop election? Here's what you can do:

- Contact your district / chapter OA leadership
- Hold one at a Water and Woods Camporee on May 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> or May 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Ask for one at Camp Rotary this summer, or

Contact Rick Todd (989-256-7276) and / or Tom Stoppa (989-354-8054)

## Lodge Calendar

May 3-5: Section Conclave at D-Bar-A  
 May 17-19: Spring Induction #1 at Camp Rotary  
 June 7-9: Spring Induction #2 at Camp Holaka  
 August 16-18: Fall Induction #1 at Silver Trails

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## BE TRAINED at NYLT!

NYLT, National Youth Leadership Training, combines the best of modern leadership ideas with the Scouting program. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead and lead well! Through games and adventures, participants work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The Water and Woods Field Service Council offers two courses this year:

- Northwoods Scout Reservation, June 16-22
- Camp Holaka, June 23-29

Be a trained youth leader with NYLT! For details, check out: <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterAndWoods/Events/2013NYLT>



## GOT FLAPS??

The new Agaming Maangogwan flap patch has been for sale at OA events since last August. If you haven't updated your uniform and switch the flap patch with the new lodge, please do so right away! We want you as a member and promoting our newly formed lodge – Agaming Maangogwan – Loon Feather on the Shore!



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