



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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Great Times Great Success in the Summer of 2013!

Brothers,
Let me be the first to congratulate all of you who made this summer a success!! Since May, we have attended Section Conclave, hosted three Induction Weekends, worked on Boy Scout Summer Camp Staff, conducted Unit Elections, attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree served on OA Jamboree / Service Corps Staff, installed over 10,000 Seat Backs, and partnered with DOW GIVES for OA in the Bay!

Yes, it's been a busy summer for ALL of us!!

At the Section Conclave, David Ware was elected Section Chief and Mitchell Pierpont was elected Vice Chief. On top of that, our lodge won the first section C-2 Coup stick for lodge spirit and also won the section participation award.

During our three induction weekends, Rotary, Holaka, and Silver Trails, we gave



Ordeal Class from Silver Trails Induction

service to three separate camps, inducted three groups of ordeal candidates, confirmed the membership of three groups of brotherhood candidates, and donated \$400.00 to each camp. Some stayed in the state and worked at boy scout camp. Some traveled to West

Virginia and attended the National Jamboree or served on OA Service Corps staff.

Over 100 arrowmen and their friends and family members worked at Spartan Stadium during the annual Seat Back fundraiser multiple weekends in August!

In August, a small but hearty group of Arrowmen partnered with DOW GIVES, a non-profit arm of Dow Chemical, to assist in the upgrading of a Bay City park. Other partners in this \$25,000 project included Habitat for Humanity and local parks and recreation.



Lodge Volunteers working along side Dow employees and Habitat for Humanity

And the list goes on . . .

Yes – it's been a SUCCESSFUL SUMMER for us all!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Sean Greania
VC of Communications

Come to the FEST – Lodge FEST!

Help us celebrate our first year as a lodge at this year's FUN EVENT – Lodge FEST! Usually called the Fall Fellowship, Lodge FEST takes place at Northwood's Scout Reservation near Lupton / West Branch the weekend of October 4 – 6.

During the weekend, Vigil's will be inducted, Brothers will learn new skills, Arrowmen will be "tested" at the Arrowman's Challenge, lodge youth leaders will be elected and ALL will have great time celebrating our first year!

Early-Bird cost for the weekend is \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for Vigil Members. (The additional Vigil fee comes with a rededication ceremony patch and a special breakfast.)

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LODGE ELECTIONS ARE FAST APPROACHING

At Agaming Maangogwan's first official Lodge FEST, we will hold lodge election for next year's officers. These positions include: Lodge Chief; Executive Vice-Chief; and the Vice-Chiefs of Program, Service, Administration, and Communications. Chapters we will also be conducting elections for chapter chief and chapter officers.

Anyone interested in running for a position should:

- Register for Lodge FEST via internet on Michiganscouting.com or by mail,
- Be a member in good standing with the Order of the Arrow (Pay Dues),
- Ask the current officers questions about their position,
- Talk to Tom Stoppa - Lodge Adviser and/or Rick Todd - Associate Adviser,
- Attend the pre-officers meeting at Lodge Fest, and
- Show up to Lodge FEST with your speech ready!

Our lodge is full of leadership positions. Help us to continue in all our splendor.

Witness our FIRST VIGIL Inductions!

On Friday night of Lodge FEST, our lodge will induct our first members into the Vigil Honor. Called-out at the lodge's Winter Banquet, this experience will add awe and reflection to these highly devoted Arrowmen.

ALL Vigil Members can attend the Friday night Pre-Vigil Ceremony. On Saturday, there is a special Vigil Rededication Ceremony and meal. To receive the "first-time only patch," Vigil members must be in attendance.

Join us at Northwoods Scout Reservation on Friday night – the first part of Lodge Fest -- as we take time to acknowledge the devotion of Cheerful Service members of our lodge have shown. Witness our first Vigil Inductions.

THE LOON-E-BIN IS ONLINE

Do you often wish you could have more exquisite lodge apparel like polo shirts, jackets, and baseball hats? Do you crave to have these with the lodge logo? Do you want to support our lodge?

On top of all that, don't you wish you could customize all of it to say your name or position in the lodge and year? Well, the cries have been answered in the form of the Agaming Maangogwan Lodge Loon E-bin. The Loon E-bin is your one stop-shopping destination to get all the best clothing and merchandise from your favorite lodge. And, you are able to customize your apparel to your liking.

All you have to do to order from the E-bin it simply go to this website: <http://www.shopugli.com/804>

From there follow the directions to buy the items you want. Wear them everywhere -- to school, camp, section events, lodge gatherings -- anywhere! Oh, and promote our lodge in-doing-so! Any question contact Nick Crosser, Rick Todd, (see Below) or Kirk Sheren at (517) 281-8032.

Lodge Calendar

- October 4-6: Lodge Fest at Northwoods Reservation
- October 11-12: Section C-2 Meeting at Camp Rotary
- October 18-20: Council Camporee in Midland Fairgrounds
- November 9: Lodge Leadership Development At Flint Scout Office
- December 1: Seatback Removal at MSU East Lansing

Lodge Leadership

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Join the ARROWMAN'S CHALLENGE

Have you heard about the Arrowman's challenge?!?! Well you're in luck because I'm about to tell you about it. The Arrowman's challenge is a series of events and activities at this years Lodge Fest, October 4-6 at Northwoods Scout Reservation. Activities and events include looney t-shirt silk screening, Loon Ladders, bean bag loon toss, the loon auction, and a few surprise events that even I don't know about yet. Everyone in attendance will receive a loon token that is redeemable for great Loon prizes. So at Lodge Fest you will be able to challenge yourself, your friends, and all other arrowmen in the Arrowman's Challenge brought to you by the Loontacular Vice Chief of Program, Jake Straub. LOON!

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is a training offered by lodges across the nation that is intended to train leader of the lodge in leadership, principles of the OA, the running of the lodge, and specific position responsibilities. The day-long event is help Arrowmen be the best they can be.



This training is available to all members of the lodge – those elected to a position or not, those youth and adult. Everybody is a leader in one way or another. Agaming Maangogwan will be offering this training on November 9th at the Flint Scout Office. Everyone should come and learn more about leadership, the lodge, and the importance of their position in the lodge. Grab your OA friends and bring them along to for a day that is promised to be full of involved trainings, fun, and games. The cost is \$5.00 and include a breakfast snack, lunch, and a training manual.



A Ranger's Review

What a difference a year makes! I was a bit apprehensive a few years ago when all the merger talks started. As a Brotherhood member and Staff Advisor for the former lodge in the Blue Water area, I was the biggest skeptic when the merging or amalgamation started. I attended a few meetings, held some meetings right here at Silver Trails, and watched as this process began to evolve. I kept telling myself this is never going to work. Wow what a difference a year makes! My first Agaming Maangogwan induction weekend simply put, summed up in 1 word? Amazing! In my 20-something years in Scouting, this was by far one of my best. I had a lot of fun; I enjoyed the ceremonies, the food, the fellowship, patch trading, and ice cream social. The most enjoyable thing of all, though, was the youth leadership in my lodge showing me the Scouting spirit and how Scouting lives on and continues to thrive. Cheerful service: I remember well from my years in Boy Scouts. This too brought on a whole new meaning for me this past weekend. People I have never met from all over the state working together for one cause: Scouting. That in itself is very powerful. The projects here at Camp were plentiful. To give you a recap: clearing over a mile of overgrown roadway, rediscovering two gates, painting as well as repairing several picnic tables, building a new front gate, cleaning buildings, washing windows, painting buildings and so much more I could talk for hours. I want to thank all of those that came out to Silver Trails this past weekend - It was to me, absolutely amazing. Thank you again!
 Yours in Brotherhood & Cheerful Service,
 Jerry Deeg
 Camp Ranger Silver Trails

Have you heard?

Our Lodge, Agaming Maangogwan 804, has made it into the latest issue of the National Bulletin. In the Summer 2013 Edition, the bulletin features our lodge on page 7. Go to the link: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/bulletin/nb-q2-13.pdf> and check it out!

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