



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.*

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

Over the weekend of May 6 - 8, Kishahtek Lodge hosted the Section C-2 Conclave at Camp Munhake. As many of you know, our lodge hosted the Friday Night Cantina Party, received the Section Participation Award, and took home the coveted Coup Stick!

I want to thank everyone who came out to conclave to support the lodge. It was through your loud cheers and spirits that we were able to win the coup! Winning the coup stick made "getting pied in the face" on Sunday morning worth it. I encourage all of you to join us next year, when we show our great Agaming Maangogwan skill as we host the 2017 Conclave.



VIGIL HONOREES INDUCTED at NORTHWOODS!

During the June BIG CAMPOREE Weekend, eight Brotherhood members undertook a special ceremony at the end of which they became Vigil Honor Members! We welcome: David Clegg, Josh Jagielo, Jeff Manning, Cameron Suchocki, Brian Clegg, Pam Howd, Barb Pierpont, & Scott Pierpont. Congratulations to our 2016 Vigil Honor Class!

During the rest of the BIG CAMPOREE weekend, members partnered with scouts and scout troops to work on camp-wide tasks. The afternoon was filled with activities such as beading, screening, branding, and Activity Field Games. The evening was topped-off with a Luau, Campfire, and special Broken Arrow Ceremony.



WE WANT YOU!! EXTENDED ELANGOMAT NIMIT PROGRAM

Become an Elangomat! Help new Ordeal Candidates through the Ordeal process! Earn the Elangomat Nimit Award!

Elangomats, Lenni Lennape word for friend, leads the Ordeal Clan during a weekend induction. An Elangomat stays overnight with the clan; eats, works, and quietly reflects with the clan. In the end, the Elangomat leads the clan to the Ordeal Ceremony as they become new members.

Elangomats offer a personal example for the new Ordeal Candidates. The Elangomats "set the example" on how a candidate should act.

The extended program asks the Elangomat to keep in contact with the new Ordeal Members for the next 10 plus months – reminding them of the Brotherhood conversion process. The new program's memorabilia includes a pin (after being trained), a hat (during the induction weekend), and a special flap patch (when 50% conversion of the clan has been reached).

Would you consider being an Elangomat at this year's Fall Induction? For more information, contact Jacob Sovo @ sova.jacob@yahoo.com or (989) 255-5481.

BE THERE! BE AT MSU SEAT BACKS!!

The annual lodge fundraiser, MSU SEAT BACKS, takes place on Saturday, August 20th in East Lansing at Spartan Stadium. The day begins at 8:30 am and ends after completion -- somewhere between 4 – 5 pm. During the day, lodge members install stadium seat back for those fans who pre-ordered them. Many workers are needed!

For those wishing to arrive on Friday night or stay Saturday night, camping is available at Camp Kiwanis near Mason. Meals are provided, too, FREE OF CHARGE!!

In the past year, the lodge used much of these funds to recognize James West recipients, aid scouts via camperships, support the council's NYLT Program, promote OA high adventure and donate materials and supplies to MCC camping facilities.

Any and ALL people are welcome to help! Bring your scout troop, bring your girlfriend, bring your buddies, heck, bring your mom and sister, too! And remember, bring a 9/16' wrench!



ARROWMEN IN ACTION: FLINT WATER CRISIS

As you know, our Lodge is making a concentrated effort to support the community in Flint Michigan as they continue to struggle to get clean drinking water. Earlier this year, Arrowmen, working with the Michigan Crossroads Council, collected and distributed water in the neediest areas in the city. We continued our efforts by collecting bottled water at our Spring Induction at Camp Rotary in May. Our latest step is a donation of \$1,000 to Catholic Charities that will be used to purchase water filters, bottled water, and other urgent needs.

The Flint water crisis is a serious issue that continues to affect our community. You can support our efforts to help Flint by attending our Fall Induction at Camp Silver Trails in Jeddou Michigan September 9th through the 11th where we will once again be collecting bottled water for distribution.



WELCOME & "GET INVOLVED" ORDEAL & BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

At Camp Rotary's May Induction, over 85 new Ordeal Members were inducted into our Order. They successfully completed the Ordeal "without flinching" and will "seek to understand the four tests of the Order when they encounter them in new ways." Their work efforts and weather were awesome!

Likewise, over 30 arrowmen sealed their membership in the Brotherhood. They grew in their understanding of our Order's signs and symbols, maintained active status, supported camp service projects, and undertook the Brotherhood Hike to reach a deeper understanding of the Order and our four purposes. By late Saturday night, these members had a greater upstanding of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service!

Zach Richardson, lodge Executive Vice Chief, challenges all new Ordeal & Brotherhood members. He states "To those of you who just went through your Ordeal or who sealed your Brotherhood membership, congratulations! It's been a great spring. We won the Coup at Conclave & did a great deal of cheerful service at Camp Rotary. I hear some of you asking, what else you can do? You can always get involved with your Chapter. Chapters are the local level of our lodge, and do things like Troop OA elections, Crossover or Call Out ceremonies, and a whole lot more. A lot of Chapters do fun events like Laser Tag or Bowling or Magic Tournaments, too. If you're not sure which Chapter you're in, go to our website and you can see which towns/counties are in which Chapter. Even if your Chapter has just had boring old meetings about elections and round tables, YOU can be the one to change that. Talk to your Chapter Chief about other kinds of events you can do -- whether it's a weekend of camping, some community service, or even a Super Smash Bros tournament! They'll be more than happy to help you plan your event. And, with your help, they can make it happen. So when you're moping around between Lodge events, don't forget to check in with your Chapter Chief about upcoming Chapter events you can do! Get involved."

Welcome NEW Ordeal and Brotherhood MEMBERS. THANK YOU everyone!



OA PROVISIONAL SUMMER CAMP TROOP

Go to camp with the OA! Go to camp for another week in 2016! Just -- go to camp!

Our lodge is sponsoring a week-long troop at D-A the week of July 3 -- 9. If you cannot attend with your own troop OR if you want to attend another week of Boy Scout Camp, the OA Provisional Summer Camp troop is for you! Other lodges in the state are offering similar opportunities at the other three MCC Resident Summer Camps. For more information, check out the summer camp site at:

<http://www.michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/boy-scout-camp/>

JOIN A CEREMONIES TEAM!!

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to get involved? Do you enjoy giving service to the lodge? Did you just join the Order and are looking for your niche? If you have any experience with drama and shows or none at all, then look no further! Join the lodge ceremonies team! Positions are available ranging from prepping the ceremony site, tending fires and helping with sashes, to full speaking parts! The opportunities are almost endless! (Some positions available only to youth).

If you are interested in being a part of an amazing group of people that are at the forefront of congratulating new members and those that continue to advance in their commitment to the Order, please contact the ceremonies adviser, Nate Massung, at email: mandojedi@hotmail.com or phone number: 989-751-2906.

Get involved. Join the Ceremonies Team! Positions are NOW available.



LODGE TEXTING PLAN GROWS IN MEMBERSHIP!

Our Agaming Maangogwan Lodge has created a mass texting blast. If you want to join our lodge text group, please text @agami to 81010 We will be sending out regular texts reminders especially prior to events. To date, over 90 members have joined!

The FALL INDUCTION & SERVICE WEEKEND IS COMING!

SEPTEMBER 9 - 11TH at SILVER TRAILS!

The FALL Induction is just around the corner! It will be held at Silver Trails Scout Reservation near Jeddo the weekend of September 9 - 11. Registration begins at 6:30 PM on Friday; the weekend concludes at approximately 10:00 AM on Sunday. We will be performing service projects, including maintenance tasks and camp jobs.

The weekend fee is \$30 for members or \$48 for Ordeal Candidates. (New Ordeals are paying a ONE-TIME induction fee to cover the costs of the Ordeal AND the Brotherhood -- the total program of the induction process.) If you haven't paid your \$10 dues for 2016 yet, then you will have to pay them as well.

However, IF you pay at least ONE WEEK in advance, the \$30 member fee is reduced to \$20. Sign-up and pay EALRY!! And, if you are an Ordeal member who is eligible to complete his Brotherhood, there is NO ADDITIONAL FEE!! You are encouraged to join us and take advantage of this opportunity!

Tents, tarps / ground cloth, camping and personal gear are needed. Meals, ceremonies, work projects, activities, and fellowship are included in the fee.