



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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CONGRATULATIONS ARROWMEN



We are the FIRST recipients of the Coup Stick from Section C-2! After screaming louder, singing louder, and being downright LOONY we walked away victorious, with the Coup Stick in our hands. At camp D-Bar-A in Metamora, the First Section Conclave was held. Our lodge had over 100 members in attendance who went to all sorts of different trainings and activities. Due to how active we were in the Section's events all throughout the year, our lodge earned its first ever Lodge Participation Award. Also, the members of Section C-2 elected our very own David Ware for the position of Section Chief, and Mitchell Pierpont for the position of Section Vice Chief. Congratulations to the two of you and also to Adam Cusick, our brother from Noquet



Lodge, on the position of Section Secretary. Now there is only one more thing to

do, to bring 150 People to Conclave 2014 and win the Coup Stick once again.

In the Brotherhood of Looniness,
Richard Momber
Past Chief

FALL INDUCTION WEEKENDS

Calling all ordeal members! Did you do your ordeal last fall? Have you been memorizing the obligation? Do you know the song? Well this Fall you have the opportunity to complete your brotherhood for the low price of only \$15! All other members will also work on gratifying service projects for our council camps. We have to weekends to complete your brotherhood they are:

- Fall Induction #1 @ Silver Trails Scout Reservation near Jeddo on August 16-18
- Fall Induction #2 @ Camp Rotary near Clare on September 13-15

Not only will we be doing awesome service but we will have great fellowship to boot. Our inductions are our lodge's bread and butter so make sure you join in the feast!

Register at <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterAndWoods/OA/Events/agaming2013summerinductions>

Yours in Brotherhood
Jake Straub

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!!

SPARTAN STADIUM is the PLACE TO BE on August 10th!

This is the annual "SEAT BACK" fundraiser, the lodge makes over \$10,000! The lodge will install football stadium seat backs at MSU's Spartan Stadium. Overnight camping is available on Friday Night, August 9th at Camp Kiwanis near Mason. (Please register on-line for this so we have a count for meals!)

The lodge meets at South Spartan Stadium off of Shaw Lane, at Gate C at 9 am on Saturday, August 10th. There is NO cost. Meals are provided at Camp Kiwanis & Spartan Stadium.

We can use ANY and ALL help! So, bring your scouting friends. **Bring your buddies! Bring your mom, sister, or brother!! Bring your girlfriend!!!** Bring a 9/16" wrench (electric or portable) to MSU!!! And remember, wear your MSU, plain, or BSA t-shirts. No other sporting / team shirts are allowed.

For more details, see the lodge website, <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterAndWoods/OA/Events/OAMSU>

or contact Rick Todd at:
rickt@agaming804.org or 517- 256-7276.

Yours in brotherhood
Paul Milligan

GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY with OA in the BAY!

The lodge's council-wide service project this year is titled DOW GIVES – OA in the BAY. This past spring, the lodge received a \$25,000 grant in partnership with DOW

GIVES – a non-profit, community service division of Dow Chemical. This money will be used to refurbish Carroll Park in Bay City! Get it – OA in Bay City . . . OA in the BAY!

All Scouts, Scouters, family and friends over the age of 14 are welcome regardless of OA or Scouting membership status. Join members of the lodge and the community as we partner with various groups to provide service. The dates are Monday, August 12 – through Thursday, 15 -- Come one day or every day. The work time is from 9 – 4 pm -- Come for part of the day or all day. There is NO COST! Lunch and a t-shirt are provided. Bring your brute strength, cheerful spirit, and work gloves as the OA is in the BAY! See the enclosed flyer for registration and contact information or on the web at <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterAndWoods/OA/Events/OABayCityBeautiful>

Got an “old” ORDEAL CANDIDATE?

For those Ordeal Candidates who missed going through their Ordeal experience last spring, they have another opportunity. Scouts and adult leaders elected but were unable to complete the Ordeal experience can attend one of two induction fall weekends. (See the “Fall Induction Weekend” 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.

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!!!

Lodge Calendar

August 10: MSU Seatback Fundraiser
August 12-15: DOW GIVES—OA in the Bay
August 16-18: Fall Induction #1 at Silver Trails
August 24: MSU Seatback Additional Install
September 13-15: Fall Induction #2 at Camp Rotary

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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 Fall Induction weekends.

There is a fun game on the computer you can take as a review: *Jump Start* found at: <http://www.jumpstart.oa-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.

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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