



# 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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Lodge Fest 2013

### OUR CHIEF'S LAST WORD

Hello Brothers! What a remarkable year it has been for our Lodge. I would like to take some time to look at where we were not too long ago, where we are now, and where we can soon be. About one year ago, we came together for our first Lodge event. The event was put on by all the leaders that helped us transition into Agaming Maangogwan, and it was there where we elected new leaders to take us through our first year. Soon after was a large, successful Lodge Leadership Development where leaders began taking their poten-

same time, we inducted new Ordeals and performed Brotherhood conversions. And if that wasn't enough, we were doing it in a way that, despite being somewhat new to us all, was successful. During the summer, we did not rest. The Lodge prepared for events that have now passed, and events still to come. One of those events that passed was OA in the Bay, where members of our Lodge worked hand-in-hand with other organizations and company to improve a park in Bay City. Not only did we provide a great service to a local community, but we had an fantastic oppor-

day Celebration! One of the highlights of Lodge Fest is the opportunity it provides you to get involved. Not only will new officers be elected, but we will begin working on appointing new chairmen and filling all the committee positions. I recommend that you all take an interest in filling some role at the Lodge or Chapter level. With you filling those roles, I believe we can continue to take great strides in advancing who we are. We have already come so far in a year, but there is still much to do. As I and many of our Lodge leadership age out, we look forward to seeing in what direction you take the Lodge. With your support, we can continue to elect new members, provide service to our camps and communities, and host events full of fun. With that, I thank you and offer a challenge. I thank you for all that you've already done, and I challenge you to do more. We are here to help you on your journey as an Arrowmen, and we can't wait to see what you do next. We've done a lot of great things, go to Lodge Fest, become involved, and help us be awesome.

Yours in Brotherhood,

**Kevin Schoenknecht**

**2013 Lodge Chief**

### LODGE AND CHAPTER ELECTIONS ARE TONIGHT!

Tonight, we are going to be having our second lodge election for the next years lodge officers. These offices include Lodge Chief, Executive Vice-Chief, and the Vice-Chiefs of Program, Service, Administration, and Communications. For the chapters we will also be offering the elections for chapter chief and chapter officers. For anyone who is interested in running for a position make sure you

- Be a member in good standing with the Order of the Arrow (Pay dues)
- Ask the current officers questions about the position,. They are here to help you
- Have your speech ready
- Meet with our Lodge Advisor Mr. Tom Stoppa during lunch at the Potential Officer Meeting

Let us continue in all of our splendor by filling our youth leadership positions with the most qualified!



Agaming Maangogwan's 2013-2014 Lodge Officers

tial to the next level. As the temperatures and snow fell, we had our winter event. Along with additional trainings, the Lodge offered a weekend filled with events ranging from indoor games to door prizes to tubing at a local ski hill. The capstone affair was, of course, the banquet that Saturday evening, where the Lodge called out the 2013 Vigil Class, as well as presented Founder's and James E. West Awards. When spring began to bloom, it was time to show Section C2 the spirit of our new Lodge. It was there that we became the first lodge to win the Coup Stick. All I can say is, WE GOT THE COUP! WE GOT THE COUP! It was also there that our first Lodge Chief, David Ware, went on to become Section Chief with our very own Mitch Pierpont becoming Section Vice-Chief. Not long after, the first inductions of 2013 started up. We were able to donate a great deal to two camps in both service and materials for projects. At the

tunity to show the strength of Scouting to those around us. We have also wrapped up two more inductions that occurred late in the summer. Like the inductions of the spring time, they led to many work projects being accomplished, an even bigger number of Ordeals becoming Brotherhood members, and even bigger number of new Ordeals joining our Order. It was also during this time we continued to work on improving our events so they could be their best for you. Wow. That's a lot. But there's still more to come. We will soon be offering our services at the Water and Woods Council Camporee. It is there that we will show the Scouting community how united and strong our Lodge is, as well as offer some awesome activities to everybody in attendance. And now, we all are gathered together here at Northwoods Reservation for our Lodge Fest! Please Join your brothers this weekend in the Vigil Inductions, Lodge Elections, the Arrowman Challenge, and our Birth-

## LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) is a training offered by lodges across the nation that is intended to train the leaders of that lodge in leadership, principles of the Oa, the runnings of the lodge, and some position specific training to help them be the best they can be. This training is available to all members of the lodge, regardless of their leadership position or lack thereof because as we have learned in life, 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 involving trainings, fun games, and brotherhood. Make plans now to attend. THANK YOU!!



## 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!

## Lodge Calendar

- October 12: Section C-2 Meeting
- October 18-20: Council Camporee in Midland
- November 9: Lodge Leadership Development at Flint Scout Office
- December 1: MSU Seatback Tear-down at E. Lansing

## Lodge Leadership

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## We're one year old . . . And look what we've done!

- ◆ Held our first annual Banquet at Camp Rotary
- ◆ Won the Section C2 Spirit Award at D-A
- ◆ Conducted unit elections in scout troops in over 20 counties
- ◆ Served at the Council Annual Recognition dinner in March in downtown Flint
- ◆ Inducted over 150 new Ordeal Candidates
- ◆ Completed service projects at Camp Holaka, Silver Trails, and Rotary totaling over 3,200 work hours
- ◆ Earned the Section C2 Participation Award at the 1<sup>st</sup> state-wide conclave
- ◆ Donated over \$6,000 to the Water and Woods Council
- ◆ Sealed the membership of over 75 Brotherhood members
- ◆ Participated at the National Jamboree on OA Service Corps
- ◆ Had our very own David Ware and Mitch Pierpont elected to section office
- ◆ Installed over 10,000 seatback at Spartan Stadium
- ◆ Received \$25,000 from DOW GIVES
- ◆ Collaborated with Dow, Habitat for Humanity, and Bay City area service groups in refurbishing Carroll Park
- ◆ Recognized over 15 members with the Vigil Honor
- ◆ Served on Boy Scout Summer Camp Staff at Cole Canoe Base, D-A, and Camp Rotary
- ◆ Donated \$2,000 to the MCC Camping Programs at Northwoods, Silver Trails, Holaka, and Rotary
- ◆ Celebrated our first birthday on August 4, 2013 – LODGE 804!
- ◆ Unified into one lodge – Agaming Maangogwan!!



2013 Vigil Class (2 missing)



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