



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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WELCOME NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS

At the WILD, WET, and WONDERFUL Induction at Silver Trails Scout Reservation, almost



100 new Ordeal Members were inducted into our Order and Lodge. They successfully completed their Ordeal without flinching – even though they got wet and may have had to dry out when they returned home! Camp Ranger Jerry Deeg was grateful for the Order's assistance by providing over 900 hours of service towards the work projects. Welcome NEW MEMBERS!! And THANK YOU ALL for your attendance and work efforts!

WELL DONE NEW BROTHERHOODS!

During the Silver Trails Fall Induction, over 40 arrowmen sealed their membership in the Brotherhood. They grew in their understand-



ing 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. WELL DONE new BROTHERHOODS!



LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP is COMING OCTOBER 17 – 19!

The LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP is coming n October! It will be held at Northwoods Scout Reservation near Lupton (or West Branch) the weekend of October 17 – 19. Registration begins at 6:30 PM on Friday; the weekend concludes with the traditional "Passing of the Bonnet" and installation of new officers at approximately 10:00 AM on Sunday.

Friday night's activities include: Lodge and Chapter Games and Contests, OA History Review, and a Cracker-barrel Mixer.

On Saturday, LLD Training will be held and cover such topics as: Ceremonies, Chapter Meetings & Activities, Officer responsibilities and Goal Setting. In the afternoon, games and contest, feats of strength and endurance and LOON BALLING (come and find out what this is!!) are scheduled. After dinner, the lodge will conduct the annual elections for lodge officers, including: Chief, Executive, Program, Service, Administrative, and Communications Vice-

Chiefs.

The weekend fee is \$18 for all. 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!

The yearly dues can be paid at this time, too.

Tents, ground cloth, camping and personal gear is needed. Meals, activities, ceremonies, & fellowship are included in the fee.

Sorry, this is NON-work weekend!

Register on-line at the MCC / OA site: <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterandWoods/OA/>

LODGE ELECTIONS at FALL FELLOWSHIP in OCTOBER

At the LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP (October 17 – 19th at Northwoods) lodge officers elections will be held Saturday night for the 2014 – 2015 Centennial year. Available positions include: Lodge Chief, Executive, Program, Service, Administrative, and Communications Vice Chiefs. Positions begin immediately on Sunday morning and are for a period of one year – until the 2015 Fall Induction. If interested in a lodge position, please contact Mr. Tom Stoppa, lodge adviser (phone 989-354-8054 or email: stoppat@hotmail.com), for the specific duties and responsibilities. Job Descriptions can be found on-line, too at the lodge website @ <http://agaming804.org/> -- use the link, *the Lodge*; then go to the link, *the Rules*.

COME BACK to TAKE DOWN the SEATS!

The annual lodge fund raiser, MSU SEAT-BACKS, has scheduled the "TAKE BACK THE SEAT BACK" on Sunday, November 23rd. The task begins at 1 pm at MSU's Spartan Stadium.

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.

A meal will be provided.

Remember to wear your BSA, OA, MSU or PLAIN shirt or outerwear. NO other sporting team gear is allowed into the stadium as we show respect to our employer.

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

NOMINATE THOSE THAT ARE WORTHY

Award applications are now being accepted for the Vigil, Founders', and James E. West programs. To recommend a worthy arrowman, complete the nomination form. Forms can be downloaded from the Lodge Web site and found under the Resources link. Forms are due by October 17th at the Lodge Fall Fellowship. Selection Committees will meet at this time. Since all who are recommended may NOT receive the award, please DO NOT tell the individual.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to Lodge, Council, and Scouting. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen, who by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Council Scout Camp. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscientious endeavor. It comes as recognition of unselfish leadership in service.

Introduced in 1981, the **Founder's Award** was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given exceptional service over an extended period of time. The award, which is recognized nationally, is given on a restricted basis and is reserved for Arrowmen who demonstrate that he/she memorializes in his/her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. Maximum of four awards per year, depending upon lodge membership, Agaming Maangogwan should qualify for two awards

The James E. West Fellowship is a national recognition named in honor of the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts who exemplified Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation that, "...an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." Scouting today is the "lengthened

shadow" of more than three decades of Dr. James E. West's dedicated leadership. We, the members of Agaming Maangogwan lodge, annually honor one to four individuals who have personally touched the lives of many and in doing so have cast their own "lengthened shadow" in support of scouting. The lodge contributes \$1,000 per recipient to the council's endowment fund in honor of the arrowman.

Completed forms can be mailed to: Agaming Maangogwan, 5795 Otto Road, Charlotte, MI 48813

Forms can also be brought to the Lodge Fall Fellowship at Northwoods Scout Reservation.

BUY PATCHES and CONTINUE the DECADE SERIES!

Last winter, the lodge started the Centennial Decade Series. This patch set includes 10 consecutive patches celebrating one decade of the OA's history beginning with the year 1915.. Patches are designed to reflect the style of the time period. Some of the early Decade Patches (i.e. 1915 – 1945) have been released and sold. Others have not.

Come to the Lodge Fall Fellowship at Northwoods to check-out and purchase the new releases!

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERISTY to HOST the 2015 CENTENNIAL NOAC!

The CENTENNIAL NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC), celebrating the Order's 100th Year is set for Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan! This is in our own state and lodge!

The conference takes place from August 3 – 8th and includes: awesome shows, great activities and athletic games, important training seminars, and impressive ceremonies.

The cost for a lodge member is \$450.00 and includes: Housing and Meals; Conference Trainings, Programs, and Shows; and Lodge Memorabilia and Activities.

Those attending receive a special, one-time only, CENTENNIAL RED SASH with a WHITE ARROW.

Start early and establish your monthly payment plan through April 30, 2015. REQUIRED Minimum payments: \$100 by the first of each month: January – April; \$50 in May = \$450 total

If interested in attending, sign-up online. For questions, contact Mr. Tom Stoppa, Lodge Adviser at stoppat@hotmail.com or 989-354-8054.



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