



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 CENTENNIAL OFFICERS!!

At the lodge's Fall Fellowship held at North-



woods Scout Reservation this past October, the 2014 -2015 officers were elected. Serving as our youth leaders during the Order's Centennial Year are: Nathan Snow - Lodge Chief; David Clegg - Executive Vice Chief; Matthew Painter - Program Vice Chief; Zack Smith - Service Vice Chief; Joel Holland - Administrative Vice Chief; and Paul Hassen - Communications Vice Chief. Congratulations to them and to the chapter officers who will lead us in the coming year! Congratulations one and all!

BE an IRON ARROWMAN in 2015!



At the December Lodge Officer Summit, the following events were approved to be included in the 2015 Iron Arrowmen Award. To qualify, dues paid Arrowmen must register and actively attend four (4) of the five (5) main lodge events for a minimum of 24 hours AND one (1) MSU Seat Back set-up OR take down to be eligible for the 2015 Award. Recipients

receive a special "iron border color" lodge flap with the ability to purchase two more of these flaps. Recognition and distribution occurs at next year's Lodge Fall Fellowship & Fest at Northwoods. The five (5) main lodge events include: 1) Lodge Winter Fellowship / Banquet, 2) Spring Service and Induction, 3) Summer Service and Rededication, 4) Fall Service and Induction, and 5) Lodge Fall Fellowship and Fest. Remember at least ONE (1) MSU Seat Back day is required, too!

LODGE WINTER FELLOWSHIP & BANQUET are COMING JANUARY 23rd - 25th

The LODGE WINTER FELLOWSHIP and ANNUAL BANQUET is set for the weekend of January 23rd - 25th at Camp Rotary near Clare. Registration begins at 6:30 PM on Friday and opens on Friday with Lodge Centennial Games at 8 pm. On Saturday, the morning is filled with opportunities to learn about the lodge's Centennial Year plans, prep for upcoming Unit Elections, and participation in competitions. In the afternoon, arrowmen have the choice to go sledding at Snow Snake (with an additional cost of \$10), silkscreen shirts, make native crafts, patch trade, ice fish (don't forget to bring your pole!) and/or hike and snow shoe. Or, choose to stay inside and patch trade, too!

On Saturday night, the annual Agaming Maangogwan Winter Banquet will be held. The 2014 year will be reviewed, the 2015 year will be pre-viewed and the Lodge Centennial Vigil Class and Founders' Award recipients will be announced. Sunday concludes with a Scouts Own Service and Cool Door Prizes. You MUST be present on Sunday morning to WIN!

The EARLY BIRD weekend fee is \$30 if you register before Saturday, January 16th. The cost afterwards is the regular fee of \$40.00 until the cut-off date of TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th! For those attending the BANQUET ONLY, the EARLY BIRD FEE is \$20.00; the regular Banquet fee is \$30.00.

The first 200 on-line REGISTERED arrowmen receive a special CENTENNIAL TOKEN at the

WINTER BANQUET. So SAVE MONEY . . . REGISTER EARLY . . . and earn your CENTENNIAL TOKEN!

Sleeping is inside in warm cabins with bunks, flush toilets, and showers. But, plan to dress warm for some of the outdoor activities! And remember your uniform for Friday Night and the Saturday night Banquet!

Be a part of the Centennial Year! Go to the Centennial Winter Fellowship and Banquet!

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

THANK YOU SEAT BACK WORKERS!!

Thanks to those who braved the drizzle and cold and helped at the Annual Seat Back Take Down at Spartan Stadium on Sunday, November 23rd. Your Cheerful Service was showing . . . even in the mist of irksome tasks, rain, and weighty seatbacks! Plan NOW to attend the next Seat Back day in August of 2015!!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

DUES are DUE!!

The 2015 Lodge Dues of \$10.00 a person are NOW DUE! Arrowmen may pay by using the website at: <http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterandWoods/OA/> For those who did not pay during the last year, we ask you to pay the \$12.00 fee -- \$2.00 for reactivation of your membership and \$10.00 for your 2015 dues.

For those elected and completing your Ordeal this past year, your 2014 dues were included in the Induction Fee. However, YOU MUST PAY the regular \$10.00 dues fee for 2015.

Arrowmen, please remember the OA lodge flap you wear on your uniform indicates you are a "current" dues paying member of our Honor Society. The biggest reason to pay dues is to remain an active member. As an active member, you will have the opportunity to become a Brotherhood or Vigil Honor member, attend events, help with official service projects, run for youth positions and seek leadership roles & opportunities in the lodge.

Our Lodge also supports many other activities

that are part of our purpose of providing cheerful service to others. Your dues are used to support chapter programs, continue communications, maintain ceremonial outfits, pay for youth leadership trainings, help with camp improvements, and support other programs.

NEW in 2015 ... Gold Plan members MUST pay your dues. The \$10 incentive still applies but counts towards the activity fees, not the 2015 Dues.

THANK YOU in advance for supporting your OA lodge and council!

BE TRAINED at the FEBRUARY NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR - NLS

Are you a lodge or chapter officer or chairmen? Are you thinking about running for an office in the future? Do you want to help you're your Boy Scout troop and receive national-level training? The, the National Leadership Seminar is for YOU!!

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, NLS provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques and how these skills can be applied in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The next available National Leadership Summit is scheduled for February 27 – March 1 at the Procter Conference Center near London, Ohio (approximately 4 hours from Flint, MI). To register, contact to Mr. Rick Todd and be ready to:

- Pay the initial \$50 non-refundable fee (The lodge picks up the other \$125.00 fee.)
- Complete the Section Scholarship form (within 30 days of attendance)
- Complete the NLS commitment (i.e. about 3 months following the event)
- Receive \$25.00 back if the section and commitment forms are completed.

Please note, the total cost for attending this NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT if all of the above items are met is \$25.00 ... a GREAT DEAL!

Learn more about NLS at <http://central.oe-bsa.org/program/nls/>

Rick Todd can be reached at: 517- 256-7276

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Lodge Winter Fellowship & Banquet: Camp Rotary near Clare, MI	January 23 – 25 th @
C-2 Section Conclave: @ Camp Gerber near Twin Lakes, MI	May 1 – 3 rd
Spring Service & Induction Weekend: Camp Rotary near Clare, MI	May 15 – 17 th @
Summer Service & Rededication Weekend: woods near West Branch, MI	June 5 – 7 th @ North-

Lodge Leadership 2015

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Fall Service and Induction Weekend:
Silver Trails near Jeddo, MI

September 18 – 20th @

Lodge Fall Fellowship & Fest:
18th @ Northwoods near West Branch, MI

October 16 –

LODGE CENTURIES OF SERVICE HISTORY BOOK

Do you have a memory or a picture of an OA event? Did you recently come into the Order and can you tell your story of your Ordeal or Chapter or Brotherhood conversion? Can you write about a local legend, a service project, a good Scouter, a fellowship or conclave of years past? What do you know or remember about your time as a youth in the OA?

In the hopes of maintaining our camping histories and “preserving the traditions of the Order of the Arrow”, the lodge is undertaking a Centennial History book. With the cooperation of the four legacy lodges and the national committee of the Order of the Arrow, Agaming Maangogwan 804 hopes to produce a lodge history including any and all OA activities in the current 27 counties of the Water and Woods Council for the past 99 years.

Can you help? Do you have a favorite story? Photo? Patch? Newsletter? What memory can you share?

More information to follow in regards to the history collection process.



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. Plus, national has approved an anniversary event patch to be worn in the traditional Jamboree location on the boy scout uniform. IF a payment of \$225 is received by Friday, January 16th, contingent members can receive their promotional patch at the Winter Fellowship at Camp Rotary (January 23 – 25).

REQUIRED Minimum payments are as follows: \$150 / December 30, 2014; \$100 additional payments at the end of each month – January through March.

Waiting list registration is now be accepted with a \$100 deposit. See the link at:

<http://www.michiganscouting.org/WaterandWoods/OA/>

For questions, contact Mr. Tom Stoppa, Lodge Adviser at stoppat@hotmail.com or 989-354-8054.

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