



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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REMEMBERING the CENTENNIAL NOAC!



The sites and sounds of NOAC 2015! This national conference was one for the history books! With over 80 arrowmen participants from our lodge and another 70 arrowmen serving on staff, we joined almost 15,000 scouts to celebrate the Order's 100th Birthday at Michigan State University! What a great conference!

Some members of the lodge started early, really early, and began to assist with the conference set-up weeks prior to August 3rd. But, by Sunday, August 2nd, the lodge contingent had arrived in East Lansing, the staff had prepared the Centennial event . . . all was ready!



From Monday, August 3rd – Saturday, August 8th, arrowmen participated in workshops, Native American dancing and ceremonies at Munn, Scoutcraft skill adventures at the HUB, athletic competitions on the fields and courts, wide-games (remember SPARK?) all over the campus, patch trading at Jenison, and evening shows at the Breslin event center.

A few highlights of the week include: Picture Scavenger Hunt around the state capitol, the Signature training sessions – the Secret to Ruling the World, Travis Fletcher winning an award on the OA Warrior Obstacle Course, the lodge history display earning a recognition, patch trading, the HUB, SPARKING with arrowmen from across the nation, the AWESOME work ethic and efforts shown by our own Service Lodge, the JDRF presentation, and the closing show.

This national conference was one for the history books! Visit the lodge website for more "sites and sounds" from NOAC 2015!

JDRF – A WALK AND A \$10,000 DONATION!

Our lodge, Agaming Maangogwan, met our Centennial Service project goal of \$10,000 and contributed this amount towards the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)!

Throughout the past months, the service project was promoted to fellow scouters at our lodge's events, troops and other groups throughout the council, and during summer camp at Camp Rotary in Clare, Michigan.

Every year JDRF institutes a series of walks at different locations around the country to raise awareness for the cause. Agaming Maangogwan sent a delegation to the East Lansing walk on August 2nd to share news of our donation to the group. By the time of the walk, the lodge had raised \$10,340. The JDRF representatives were ecstatic when they heard about our project!

On Friday, August 8th, the lodge gathered during "Centennial Day" at NOAC to present a check to Kate Durak, the Executive Director of the Metro Detroit chapter of JDRF. Mrs. Durak regaled the scouts with descriptions of how the money would be used immediately for new research to stop the disease and to assist those who were suffering. A few of the lodge's own scouts who have Type One Diabetes gave the foundation the check.

Our lodge, Agaming Maangogwan, the Honor Society of the Water and Woods Field Service Council, continued the Order's ideals of Cheerful Service with the completion of the JDRF Community Service Project!



LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP is COMING OCTOBER 16 – 18!

The LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP is coming in October! It will be held at Northwoods Scout Reservation near Lupton (or West Branch) the weekend of October 16 – 18. 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, NOAC Re-Cap, 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. A special CENTURION luncheon is planned at noon to recognize our lodge's individuals who helped shape our 1st 100 years. 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.

The weekend fee is \$30, but \$20 (early bird price) IF you register on-line by October 8th. 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.

LODGE ELECTIONS at FALL FELLOWSHIP in OCTOBER

At the LODGE FALL FELLOWSHIP (October 16 – 18th at Northwoods) lodge officers elections will be held Saturday night for the 2015 – 2016 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 2016 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 SEATBACKS, has scheduled the "TAKE BACK THE SEAT BACK" on Sunday, November 29th. The task begins at 9 am 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.

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 employee.

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.

Criterion about each award include:

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 conscious 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. Umer 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.

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

Leaving a Legacy for 100 years as our "Hometown Heroes!"

For nearly 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Therefore, our organization's centennial provides a unique opportunity to commemorate those among us who are exemplars of the "high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow." The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their local lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the OA that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow committee. Accordingly, this recognition highlights lodge development over the last century and the many individuals, both youth and adult, who were instrumental to this success. These honorees serve as exemplars of leadership, modeling to others a commitment to cheerful service as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.

Agaming Maangogwan Lodge proudly announces the Centurion Award recipients:

Harry "Jack" Beamish	Pete Cangemi
Bev Chapman	Barry Jensen
Brad Koch	Jack Lavis
Spencer Long	Daniel Purtil

These recipients and/or their designees will be honored at the Lodge Fall Fellowship at Northwoods on October 17th.

WELCOME NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS!

At the September Fall Induction at Silver Trails, almost 100 new Ordeal Members were inducted into our Order and Lodge. They successfully completed their Ordeal without flinching! Camp Ranger Jerry Deeg was grateful for the Order's assistance by providing almost 1,000 hours of service towards the work projects. Welcome NEW MEMBERS!! And THANK YOU ALL for your attendance and work efforts!

CONGRATULATIONS NEW BROTHERHOODS!

During the Fall Induction, 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 purposes. By Saturday night, these members had a greater upstanding of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. WELL DONE new BROTHERHOODS!