



# 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 NEW LODGE OFFICERS!



At the October Fall Fellowship held at Northwoods Scout Reservation, the 2015 – 2016 lodge officers were elected. Serving as our youth leaders are:

David Clegg - Lodge Chief;

Zack Richardson – Executive Vice Chief;

Adam Pelletier – Program Vice Chief;

Zack Smith – Service Vice Chief;

Jacob Sova – Administrative Vice Chief; and

Josh Jagielo – Communications Vice Chief.

Congratulations to them and to the chapter officers who will lead us in the coming year – our NEXT CENTURY OF SERVICE!

### LODGE WINTER FELLOWSHIP & BANQUET are COMING JANUARY 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>!

The LODGE WINTER FELLOWSHIP and ANNUAL BANQUET is set for the weekend of January 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> at Camp Rotary near Clare. Registration begins at 6:30 pm on Friday and opens with Lodge Winter Games at 8:30 pm. On Saturday, the morning is filled with opportunities to learn about Unit Elections, Unit of Excellence Award, Ceremonies and participation in competitions. In the afternoon, arrowmen have the choice to go sledding at Snow Snake (with an additional cost of \$13), make native crafts, patch trade, ice fish (don't forget to bring your pole!) and/or hike and snow shoe.

On Saturday night, the annual Agaming Maangogwan Winter Banquet will be held. The 2015 Centennial year will be reviewed, the 2016 year will be pre-viewed and the Lodge 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 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost afterwards is the regular fee of \$35.00 until the cut-off date of TUESDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>! For those attending the BANQUET ONLY, the EARLY BIRD FEE is \$20.00; the regular Banquet fee is \$25.00.

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



### BE an IRON ARROWMAN in 2016!

Are you an IRON man? Are you an IRON ARROWMAN? The lodge's Iron Arrowman Award begins anew in 2016. To earn the award, a member must be dues paid, attend four (4) of the five (5) main lodge events for a minimum of 24 hours AND attend one (1) MSU Seat Back set-up OR take down. 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 & 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. And remember, at least ONE (1) MSU Seat Back day is required, too!

### DUES are DUE!!

The 2016 Lodge Dues of \$10.00 a person are NOW DUE! Arrowmen may pay by using the website at:

<http://michiganscouting.org/agamingmaangogwan-lodge-water-and-woods-field-service-council/>

**For those who did not pay during the last year, we ask you to pay the \$15.00 fee -- \$5.00 for reactivation of your membership and \$10.00 for your 2016 dues.**

For those elected and completing your Ordeal this past year, your 2015 dues were included in the Induction Fee. However, YOU MUST PAY the regular \$10.00 dues fee for 2016.

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.

REMEMBER: Gold Plan members MUST pay your dues. The \$10 incentive still applies but counts towards the activity fees, not the 2016 Dues.

THANK YOU in advance for supporting your OA lodge!

## 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 your Boy Scout troop and receive national-level training? If so, 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 Chiefs and their advisers, NLS provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques and how these skills can be applied to the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The next available National Leadership Summit is scheduled for February 19 - 21 at the Geneva Conference Center near Rochester, Indiana (approximately 4 hours from Flint, MI). To register, contact to Mr. Tom Stoppa (989-657-4427) and be ready to:

- Pay the initial \$50 non-refundable fee (The lodge picks up the other \$130.00 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.aa-bsa.org/region-programs/training/>

## 2016 LODGE PATCH SUBSCRIPTION

The 2016 Patch Subscription is in progress! Plans for the NEW subscription series include Chapter Chevrons – lower pocket patches to fit with the lodge flap patch. This is the traditional space for any temporary scout patch.

At the Fall Fellowship, chapters were asked to create and submit designs for their “chapter chevron patch.” All nine chapters will be included in this series. Chapters who do NOT submit a design by December 1st will have a “simple” chapter chevron patch created for them.

Other potential patches in the 2016 subscription include: Section Conclave theme patch and a traditional lodge flap patch.

Orders forms will be mailed in late December / early January. Orders will be taken at the Winter Fellowship and Banquet. On-line orders will open after the Winter Banquet.

For questions, please contact Jacob Sova at [sova.jacob@yahoo.com](mailto:sova.jacob@yahoo.com) or 989-255-5481 OR Kirk Sheren at 517-321-6230.

## The FORCE is AWAKEN at the SECTION CONCLAVE!

Join hundreds of Arrowmen from around the state at this year's Section C2 Conclave. This yearly event brings Arrowmen from Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flint, Port Huron and MORE to Camp Munhacke near Chelsea, Michigan.

Come to compete, play, share ideas, train, view shows, and

join in FELLOWSHIP. Remember, one lodge will walk away with the coveted COUP STICK! AND AGAMING MAANGOGWAN . . . this IS our YEAR!!

The Conclave theme, *The Section Strikes Back*, proves to add a spark to the planned activities and events. So prep your Star Wars outfits, find your light saber, make your R2D2 droid and come ready to compete!

The C2 Conclave takes place the weekend of May 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>. The EARLY BIRD cost for the event is \$35.00 and covers meals, activities, an event patch, training materials, insurance, and administrative costs PLUS a flap AND a lodge / conclave theme t-shirt.

Register NOW -- COST INCREASES to the regular price in March!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lodge Winter Fellowship & Banquet: January 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ Camp Rotary near Clare, MI
- Unit Elections February – April
- C-2 Section Conclave: May 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ Camp Munhacke near Chelsea, MI
- Spring Service & Induction Weekend: May 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
@ Camp Rotary near Clare, MI
- Summer Service & Rededication Weekend: June 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>  
@ Northwoods near West Branch, MI



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