



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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December 2017

THE CHIEF SPEAKS!

Hello Lodge Members!

Thank you to everyone who voted for me in the lodge elections. I am very excited and am looking forward to a fun and memorable year!

Don't forget to sign up for NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) 2018!!!

This is an awesome national experience for all lodge members. The lodge has set money aside to assist with the registration fee. Feel free to contact me to help you answer NOAC questions. Hurry and sign up today!

I look forward to meeting you at the January Winter Fellowship and Banquet at Rotary!

In Brotherhood,
Michael Pierpont

CONGRATULATIONS NEW LODGE OFFICERS



At the October Fall Fellowship held at Camp Rotary, the 2018 lodge officers were elected. Serving as our youth leaders for the next year are: Michael P. - Lodge Chief; Liam B. - Executive Vice Chief; Aiden B. - Program Vice Chief; Gavin B. - Service Vice Chief; Tyler B. - Administrative Vice Chief; and Jonathon R. - Communications Vice Chief.

Congratulations to them and to the chapter officers who will lead us in the coming year!



The Fellowship of the Ring at WINTER FELLOWSHIP

Come and be the *Lord of the Lodge* at the annual *Winter Fellowship of the Ring* Weekend and Banquet. This annual event is slated for Camp Rotary the weekend of January 26th - 28th. The theme for the weekend is *Lord of the Lodge - Fellowship of the Ring* and focuses on the Lord of the Ring series.

Registration begins at 6:30 pm on Friday. Activities begin at 8:30 pm. On Saturday, the morning is filled with opportunities to learn about Unit Visitations, the Extended Elangomat Program, and Lodge Ceremonies. In the afternoon, arrowmen have the choice to go sledding at Snow Snake (bring an additional \$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 is held featuring: the 2017 Year in Review as well as the 2018 Vigil Class and Founders' Award recipients. Sunday concludes with a Scouts Own Service and Cool Door prizes. You MUST be present on Sunday to win.

IT'LL BE A GREAT TIME AT NOAC 2018!

The next NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC) is hosted by Indiana University in Bloomington. This national event is in our own Central Region and close - less than 5 hours away from Lansing.

The conference begins on Monday July 30th and runs through Saturday August 4th. Our lodge will leave on Sunday, July 29th from the Flint / Lansing area. The cost for a lodge member is \$600.00 - a reduction of \$100 because of lodge financial support!



The week-long conference fee includes: Housing and Meals, Athletic Competitions, Conference Trainings, Programs and Shows, Native American Adventures, and Lodge Activities.

Those attending receive the special lodge memorabilia items of NOAC hat, t-shirt and triple patch set. Start early and establish your payment plan through May of 2018. REQUIRED Minimum payments: \$100 are due on the 1st of each month.

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

BE an IRON ARROWMAN in 2018

Are you an IRON man? Are you an IRON ARROWMAN? The lodge's Iron Arrowman Award begins again for the 2018 year. To earn the award, a member must be dues paid, attend 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.



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! Start the New Year off with a great resolution and become an Iron Arrowman in 2018!

NEW FEATURES in the '18 PATCH SUBSCRIPTION

The 2018 Patch Subscription is in progress! Plans for the NEW subscription series include the following:

Triple Set / National OA Conference, Section Conclave Themed Flap, two Summer Camp Commemoratives, Chapter Event patches, etc. Patch Subscription orders are limited to the first 75 arrowmen on a first-come, first serve basis during the Lodge's January Winter Fellowship at Camp Rotary. For questions, please call Kirk Sheren at 517-321-6230.



BE TRAINED at NLS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR is for YOU!

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.



LODGE OFFICERS TALK

Executive Vice Chief

Greeting Chapter leaders! I hope you can have a successful year in your chapter's meetings, events, and other gatherings. I would like to invite you all to Email, Text, or talk with me in person on tips and strategies for your chapter meetings. You can also ask me on ideas or anything you need to help plan your chapter events. My contact information is: 989-289-4674 or Lmbadgerow@gmail.com. Let's have a great year together! ~ Liam

Administrative Vice Chief

I am looking forward to this year in the OA as the lodges Admin Vice Chief. I'm new to the OA and this is my first position in the lodge. Don't forget to come to the Winter Fellowship at Camp Rotary! Looking forward to a great year! Thank you. ~ Tyler

Communications Vice Chief

Hello Agaming Maangogwan Lodge! My name is Jonathan and I am your new Vice Chief of Communications! I am from Boy Scout Troop 304 in Saginaw, Michigan, and I just recently acquired my rank of Eagle Scout. I hope to have a great year as Agaming Maangogwan Lodge Communications Vice Chief! See you at Rotary in January! ~ Jonathon

NISING OJIBWAY CHAPTER NEWS

Hello. My name is Alex and I would like to tell you a bit about myself. I live in Tuscola County where I go to Boy Scout Troop 201 as a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). I have recently become an Eagle Scout in 2016. I have been through many leadership training such as going to NYLT and Auburn, Michigan to learn more about leadership skills. I was a Den Chief for 3 years for Cub Scout Pack 201. I am now the chief of the Nising Ojibway Chapter. My hopes are to build the membership of the Chapter, get service projects done while having fun along the way. I hope you all enjoy having me as a Chapter Chief.



The activity we have planned is going to Extreme Indoor Kart Racing in Clio, MI. We are planning on doing that on December 27, 2017 at 6:00pm. This activity is only open to chapter members. The cost of the activity is \$15.00 with a racing head sock or \$17.00 without a racing head sock for youth members and \$25.00 with a racing head sock and \$27.00 with a racing head sock. If you are youth member and planning on going please email the chapter at nisingojibway@gmail.com by December 20, 2017.