



## **LETTER FROM VICE CHIEF – PIERCE NELSON**



Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Pierce Nelson, your Vice Chief of Finance. I am a member of Troop 15 and last year served as Chapter Chief for the Seven Rivers District. Baseball is my main passion.

This year I will be going to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University and encourage all of you to consider being a part of our contingent to be a part of 10,000 Arrowmen from all over the world. In my role as Vice Chief of Finance, I want to learn more about the ways to help grow our Lodge Budget. There are projects we want to do at camp and for the Lodge that we hope our fundraising events will help pay for. Also want to get communication out to our members to renew their dues in the Lodge and to help with the Induction of our new members to make it fun to be a part of the Lodge and come back and participate more. I hope to see you at our Lodge events soon.

Yours in Service,  
Pierce

## **LETTER FROM VICE CHIEF – KYLE BURMESCH**



Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

I am Kyle Burmesch, your new Vice Chief of Communications for the 2019/20 year. I am excited to have this opportunity for cheerful service to our Lodge. I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 102 in Osseo, and I am a Life Scout. For my Eagle Project, I am working on the Portage Trails at Sawmill County Park in Washburn County. I am a freshman at Osseo-Fairchild High School, and I run track, cross-country and participate in the annual musical productions. My greatest passions include running, acting, and math.

I am new to the Order of the Arrow and am happy to have the opportunities like this to do service for my Troop, my community, and my Lodge. I am both excited and prepared to learn these new dimensions of service and leadership, and I thank you for this opportunity. One of my goals is to learn the most important ways of improving our communication of events and activities to all our members, families, units, and candidates to our Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Kyle

## **LETTER FROM VICE CHIEF – ZACH HALVERSON**



Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Zachery Halverson, your Vice Chief of Administration. I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 68 in Onalaska. I enjoy playing tennis and am currently a sophomore in school. This summer I will be serving on the staff for NYLT at Camp Decorah.

This is my second year of being an officer for the Lodge. We are still one of the smallest Lodges, but working with my other officers, I hope we can work to improve our call out ceremonies, unit elections, ceremonies and increase the number of members coming to our events. Other goals include increasing our membership and working with everyone in hosting a great Section Conclave this September at Camp Decorah. I want to be a part of the Order of the Arrow and Scouting through high school and beyond.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Zach

## **LETTER FROM VICE CHIEF – NOAH HRONIS**



Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Noah Hronis and I am your Vice Chief of Program. I am in Troop 68 in Onalaska, WI. I have been in Scouting since I was in second grade. I was hoping to be doing something fun, meet new people, make friends, do exciting activities, and then I got recruited into the Order of the Arrow. I really thought I could help make a difference through Scouting and the OA. Turns out I was right on all my thoughts.

As an officer working with Program, I want to help create activities that will be fun for all members and make you want to come back to other OA events. This year we are working to help units with elections and camp promotions. Also, we are working on our Call Out ceremonies, events at summer camp, Induction weekends, and communications. We hope to have people go to NOAC this year and need a lot of members to come and help make the Section Conclave at Camp Decorah one of the best ever. I hope I can see and meet as many of you as possible at our Lodge and Council events.

Yours in Service,  
Noah

## **NI-SANAK-TANI WING DING & WINTER BANQUET**

22 members of the lodge came out to camp on Friday night for our Wing Ding event which featured supper, making of 300 sack lunches for the Merit Badge Day, games, activities, fun and fellowship. Saturday morning after breakfast, they joined over 200 scouts who participated in the council's Merit Badge Day, which was held at Western Technical College. The event was a great success.

55 Scouters then came out to Camp Decorah for the Winter Banquet which was held in Dahl Hall. The evening started with a fabulous meal prepared by Mr. Arlyn Frauenkron and members of Troop 53. The program began with remarks from our Scout Executive – Mr. Joe Carlson. Lodge Chief Jaden Schindler then introduced the special guests of the evening – the Bear Clan Dancers and Singers from the Wisconsin Dells area. Mr. Rick Cleveland introduced his father, wife, and daughter before entering into an evening that told the history of the Ho-Chunk nation before and now in the present, stories, meanings of all the songs and dances, traditional drumming, singing, and dances. Dressed in all hand-made regalia, the four family members treated us to an evening of history and traditional dances which included inviting all the ladies to participate in one dance and then everyone being invited to dance a pow wow style dance.

The rest of the evening include recognition of our Ordeal and Brotherhood members for 2019, a presentation by Mr. Tim Sagstetter – our Assoc. Advisor for Section C-1B, highlights from 2019, financial report, a look ahead into 2020, reports on helping our units with upcoming unit elections and camp promotions, door prizes, an invitation for members to be a part of our contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in August at Michigan State University and being a part of the Section Conclave that is being held at Camp Decorah in September, and lots of fun and fellowship. A great night for the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge, the Gateway Area Council, and Scouting!!



2020 LAKOTA WORKSHOP AND POW WOW REGISTRATION

“SPONSORED BY MASCOUTIN SOCIETY”

April 24, 25, 26, 2020

Camp Crown - 11651 304th Ave. – Trevor, WI 53179

Hau Kola (Hello Friend),

The Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland is sponsoring a workshop designed to teach both basic and intermediate craft skills used in Native American outfit construction and dance. These workshops will provide participants the fundamentals needed to make OA outfit parts and participate in the dancing at Pow-Wows. We will also offer an Indian Lore Merit Badge class where Scouts will have the opportunity to complete the entire badge.

Workshops will feature such seminars as: chokers, dream catchers, heddle loom beading, lazy stitch, leather bags, bustle construction, floral beadwork, rosettes, roach construction, hand ornaments, shawl construction, outfit construction, dance, and etiquette as it pertains to dance, drum, and arena.

Registration fee will be \$50 per person if paid by April 8th and \$60 per person will be due after that date. This fee covers the costs of meals, tent camping, and craft supplies. Additional craft supplies will be available for purchase. You will need to furnish your own camping gear, and personal items. We also require proof of permission slips, tour permits, and medical information on youth in case of an emergency. These are standards required by BSA. Leaders will please keep this information with them.

In addition to the Saturday workshops we will feature a Saturday evening Intertribal Pow-Wow and dance competition. Competition is for both boys and girls in outfit - ages 10 thru 20 years of age. A special dance will take place so our younger dancers in outfit can show their stuff. We require that all who wish to compete in dance competition also complete 6 classes of their choice.

Fun and fellowship are important ingredients for a great weekend. Please remember that we are all volunteers and if you have a spare moment and wish to lend a hand it will be greatly appreciated by the committee. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me at the numbers below. We look forward to your participation at our event. *Please feel free to pass this information out at your Council – Round Table – Friends – other organizations interested in Native American culture.* Thanks.

Doksa (Later), Linda Hayford, Workshop Coordinator  
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TROOP/CREW # \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE \$50/\$60 PER PERSON – CHECKS PAYABLE TO: “MASCOUTIN SOCIETY of CHICAGOLAND, INC.” RETURN TO: LINDA HAYFORD 380 FREDERICK LANE HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60169-3544

Info on our New Website: [mascoutin.org](http://mascoutin.org) and “Like us on Facebook” Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland

## **2020 NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE**



The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is a week-long event that brings together over 10,000 of delegates from OA Lodges around the world together for training and activities. Events include training for programs, leadership, and American Indian Culture.

There are competitions, athletic events, ceremonies, cooking, American Indian dances, exhibits, OA historical museum, outdoor activities, swimming, camping displays, Goodman games, adventure, fun, fellowship and a whole lot of patch trading. There are opportunities to talk to National leaders, perform service projects and meet Arrowmen from around the world.

The evening shows are major productions help in the Michigan State arena and will include shows featuring Native American culture, awards, a theme show, guest speakers and lots of entertainment!!

### **WHERE IS NOAC 2020?**

Michigan State University. We will stay in the residence halls on campus and eat in the school cafeterias. Michigan State has some of the best food of all the universities in the Midwest. Activities take place in campus buildings or in outdoor areas of Michigan State.

### **WHAT IS THE COST AND POSSIBLE ITINERARY???**

Cost will be \$750 which will include NOAC registration, travel, meals, special activities to and from MSU and lodging.

There is a \$100 deposit needed with your registration. You can make your payment online or send it to Gateway Area Council, 2600 Quarry Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601.

### **WHAT ARE WE PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE ITINERARY?? (subject to change in 2020)**

Leaving La Crosse on Saturday, August 1, 2020

Possible trip to EAA museum in Oshkosh

Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame and Stadium tour

Possible Packer practice session (if available)

Crossing Mackinac Bridge and overnight in Michigan

**NOAC.....**

Sunday - August 2

Breakfast and tours in Mt Pleasant or East Lansing.  
Special dinner for our contingent and overnight

Monday - August 3

Check in and begin our NOAC experience.

Saturday - August 8

Leave Michigan State and head to Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum  
Arrive Muskegon and tour submarine/Coast Guard ship, stay overnight

Sunday - August 9

Take ferry from Muskegon to Milwaukee  
Brewers - Cubs game at Miller Park??? Home to La Crosse!!

This is going to be a great experience for all our members, but you need to get registered ASAP. Visit the online registration site or send your registration to the Gateway Area Council with a \$100.00 deposit.

Online registration link is: [gatewayscouting.org/NOAC2020](http://gatewayscouting.org/NOAC2020)

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CHANCE TO BE A PART OF OUR CONTINGENT GOING TO NOAC—2020 at MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY!!!**

**NOAC 2020 REMOTE DELEGATE PROGRAM**

National has created a new program for any Arrowmen who cannot attend this year's NOAC but want the experience from their homes!! The NOAC Remote Delegate Program was created for just this purpose. When you sign up---you will be able to enjoy everything that an on-site delegate would get to enjoy, plus more!! The cost to be in this program is \$80. This fee includes the Conference Memorabilia packet and all the program elements.

Unique NOAC delegate pack complete with a special remote conference patch  
Live broadcasts throughout each day of the conference. (Morning, Lunch, Pre Show)  
Live streaming of conference activities throughout the afternoon  
Live streaming of NOAC evening arena shows  
A virtual tour of the NOAC museum  
Viewership into various Training sessions  
Various Meet and Greet sessions with national Leadership  
Viewing athletic competitions and recreational activities  
Inside scoops, interviews, Regional group challenges and a chance at prizes and awards

REGISTRATION: [registration.oa-bsa.org](http://registration.oa-bsa.org)

All for \$80

## **SECTION CONCLAVE**

Section Conclave will be held this fall at Camp Decorah on September 18-20, 2020. Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge will be co-hosting the Conclave along with Blue Ox Lodge from Rochester. Planning started in January at the Council of Chiefs in the Kalahari. A Hawaiian theme was selected, the C-1B Beach Bash. Youth also brainstormed ideas for trainings and activities. Further planning will happen at the April Council of Chiefs at Camp Decorah. Conclave will be a great event that we will need all of our members to mark on their calendars. We will need everyone to help in some way in order to show the Section the greatness of Camp Decorah and the Spirit of the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge!!

We hope to see you at Camp Decorah in April for the Council of Chiefs!



Lodge Officers at the January Council of Chiefs

## **MAY 29 & 30 INDUCTION WEEKEND AT CAMP DECORAH**

This will be our first Induction weekend for 2020. We will invite any candidate who was elected in 2019 and did not have a chance to attend one of the Induction weekends, and any newly elected and called out people who can attend this weekend. Every candidate will receive a letter inviting and informing them of what is needed to complete their membership into the Order of the Arrow on May 29 and 30.

We will be holding BROTHERHOOD talks on Saturday in the afternoon and will hold their ceremony for any members completing their Brotherhood membership at 4:00 PM.

The cost is \$10 per person for any parents or guests wishing to see the Ordeal ceremony and eat Steak Dinner with us Saturday night. There will be a short meeting for all guests at 4:30 PM in Dahl Hall before the ceremony. Guests are allowed to come and watch the Ordeal ceremony on Saturday night. **ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO RECORDING DURING THE CEREMONY!!!** You are allowed to take pictures after the ceremony has concluded. We need a reservation for Saturday supper by Wednesday, May 27!!

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

|          |  |
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| 7:30 PM  | Check-in at Dahl Hall for all members and candidates |
| 8:00 PM  | Spaghetti dinner served for everyone                 |
| 9:30 PM  | Pre-Ordeal Ceremony begins                           |
| 10:30 PM | Lodge members cracker-barrel in Dahl Hall            |

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast for members in Dahl Hall                        |
| 9:00 AM | Ordeal/Service projects for camp begin                    |
| NOON    | Lunch   |
| 1:00 PM | Service projects continue                                 |
| 3:00 PM | Brotherhood Talks   |
| 4:00 PM | Projects end for the day                                  |
|         | Candidates clean up and put on uniforms                   |
| 4:00 PM | <b>BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY</b>                               |
| 4:30 PM | Parent/guest meeting in Dahl hall                         |
| 5:00 PM | <b>ORDEAL CEREMONY</b>                                    |
| 6:15 PM | Steak dinner for everyone in Dahl Hall                    |
|         | Distribution of books, patches and additional information |
| 8:00 PM | Fellowship and clean up---Homeward bound!!                |

**BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS**

1. Scout has been an Ordeal member at least 6 months since their induction in the OA.
2. Has maintained registration in the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Has maintained registration and current dues in the Order of the Arrow.
4. Has memorized the Obligation, OA official song, Admonition, Arrow hand clasp and the sign of the Order.
5. Write a letter or take in an oral Brotherhood talk to test your understanding of the Ordeal and to show why you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood.
6. If you write a letter — explain what you think the Obligation means. Describe how you are fulfilling the obligation in your troop or crew in your daily life and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service to scouting and the Lodge. Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the lodge and Scouting.

**LODGE DUES & GOLDEN TICKET**

Your Lodge dues run by the calendar year. That means it is time for all of us to renew our dues in the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge for 2020. **Dues are \$15.00.** Please take the time to fill out the registration sheet on the last page of the Smoke Signal or go online and register at [gatewayscouting.org/OADues](http://gatewayscouting.org/OADues). It is important that all our members renew their dues, so we can update our list of lodge members. This ensures you can receive all our Lodge notices and newsletters. A discounted Golden Ticket can also still be purchased for \$70. This covers all remaining events and a unique patch! Find more information on the registration page or website above.



## 2019-2020 Officers & Advisors

|                            |                   |              |                            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
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### STAY CONNECTED

Ni -Sanak-Tani Lodge is doing all we can to keep you connected. We have Facebook and Instagram pages. You can find both by searching for NST381 or by going to [facebook.com/nst381](https://facebook.com/nst381) or [instagram.com/nst.381](https://instagram.com/nst.381). Want to get electronic notices from the lodge for all events and viewing the latest Smoke Signal online?? Sign up to get email notices from the lodge at: [remind.com/join/nstm](https://remind.com/join/nstm) or get SMS text messages by texting '@nstm' to 81010. (Message and data rates from your carrier might apply)



**Ni-Sanak-Tani-Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Troop/Crew \_\_\_\_\_

|  | Qty:  | Cost:         | Total |
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| <b>Dues:</b> (Please include list of names being paid for) |       |               |       |
| Youth (under 21 on Jan 1 of that year)                     | _____ | @\$15= _____  | ***DY |
| Adult  | _____ | @ \$15= _____ | ***DA |
| Crew 381 B.S.A. Registration (if not registered elsewhere) | _____ | @\$36= _____  | ***DR |

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|--|-------|---------------|-------|
| <b>GOLDEN TICKET</b>   | _____ | @\$70 = _____ | ***GT |
| Includes Patch, Ordeals, Fall Rendezvous, and Section Conclave<br><i>Transportation Not Included</i> |       |               |       |

**NST Yearly Events - Sign Up Early!** A \$5 late fee will be charged 14 days prior to the event

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|---|-------|-------------|-------|
| April COC at Camp Decorah (April 17-19, 2020) | _____ | @\$15 _____ | **COC |
|---|-------|-------------|-------|

**ORDEALS** (Check which weekend attending)

**June Induction** (May 29-30, 2020) \_\_\_\_\_

**Rendezvous & Induction Weekend** (Aug 14-16, 2020) \_\_\_\_\_

Elangomat \_\_\_\_\_ FREE \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*O

New Candidates (Youth & Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ @\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*O

Current Arrowmen

Weekend \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*O

Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*O

Steak Dinner (guests) \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*O

**June: After Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> \$5 Late fee** \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**August: After Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> \$5 Late fee** \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**NOAC, Michigan State** (Aug 1 - 9, 2020)

Contingent Member \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ @\$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*NC

NOAC Total Fee \_\_\_\_\_ @\$750 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*NC

Section C-1B Conclave (September 18-20, 2020) \_\_\_\_\_ @\$40 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*SC

**After Friday, Sep 4 \$5 Late fee** \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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— Ordeal Ceremony, Order of the Arrow

**Upcoming Events:**

April COC - Apr 17-19

May Induction - May 29-30

NOAC - Aug 1-9

Section Conclave - Sep 18-20

**For More Lodge News and Information Go To:**

Ni-Sanak-Tani: [ni-sanak-tani.org](http://ni-sanak-tani.org)

NST Facebook: [facebook.com/nst381](https://facebook.com/nst381)

NST Instagram: [instagram.com/nst.381](https://instagram.com/nst.381)

Section C-1B: [sectionc1b.org](http://sectionc1b.org)

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