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Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge #381 – Gateway Area Council

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COVID-19 UPDATE FOR NI-SANAK-TANI LODGE MEMBERS

The Gateway Area Council and the Order of the Arrow continues to monitor the rapidly evolving situation regarding COVID-19, or commonly called the coronavirus. As always, the safety of all our scouts, volunteers, members, advisers, and council employees is the top priority. We will all be following the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local governments, and the National Boy Scout and Order of the Arrow Office. Local Scouting will do its part to minimize the spread of the coronavirus in our area. The Council has outlined an Action Plan as we move forward together facing this disease. Since it is recommended that our units and the lodge do NOT hold meetings, activities, or outings during statewide school closure, we are moving to continue our Scouting program through technology and virtual meetings. As meetings are put together, information will come out on how to log in to these meetings on your computer or phone and participate in the meeting from the safety of your homes or office. The Council will continue to update all of us on the evolving situation of COVID-19.

Calendar of Events

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July 5-11 Camp Decorah Summer Camp Week 2

July 19-25 Camp Decorah Summer Camp Week 3

Aug 14-16 Rendezvous & Induction Weekend at Camp Decorah

Sept 18-20 Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah

VIRTUAL UNIT ELECTIONS

The National OA office has approved that Lodges can hold virtual unit elections through July 1, 2020. Due to the cancellation of many induction events, candidates elected from February 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 will have 24 months from the date of their election to complete their ordeal. The following guidelines should be followed in order to conduct a virtual unit election:

- The Lodge and Council leadership must approve the unit conducting a virtual unit election.
- The unit leader must agree to hold the election.

- The Lodge Unit election team and the appropriate forms/videos must be able to be presented to unit members. (This assumes the use of some type on online meeting technology is being used)
- The unit leader should validate those eligible for the election.
- A means to confidentially collect votes for eligible members must be available and used. (NO OPEN VOTE COUNTING IS ALLOWED)
- Conduct the election in accordance with the Ordeal election process.
- Results of the election must be recorded and turned in so further communication with the candidates can occur at a later date regarding their Induction weekend.
- Lodge and Council leadership will work together to choose a Call Out ceremony date.

Units that decide to do a virtual meeting election — please contact Harvey Geary at (608) 792-4144 or hgearyjr@gmail.com or Lodge Chief Jaden Schindler at (608) 881-2716 or jadenschindler22@gmail.com.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LODGE CEREMONY TEAM

We are looking for members who want to be a part of the Ceremonies Teams of the Lodge. Having good and impressive ceremonies is essential to the continued success of the OA. An impressive Call-Out or Ordeal/Brotherhood ceremony can leave a lasting memory that can inspire that member to greater service in their unit or in the Lodge. Being a part of the Ordeal or Brotherhood ceremony teams is an important job. We are looking for new members who want to learn how to be a part of those ceremonies and create impressive memories for our future lodge members.

If you would like to learn how to become a member of the Ordeal or Brotherhood Ceremonies Team — please contact Lodge Chief Jaden Schindler at (608) 881-2716 or jadenschindler22@gmail.com or Ceremonies Adviser Alex Metry at (608) 769-6939 or alexandermetry@gmail.com.

MAY INDUCTION WEEKEND CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19, the Induction weekend planned for May 29-30 has been cancelled. The lodge is still currently planning to hold the Induction and Rendezvous weekend in August, with all needed modifications to comply with national and state regulations. See the information below for the August Induction weekend.

INDUCTION WEEKEND – AUGUST 14-16 AT CAMP DECORAH

The lodge is now planning to hold our first Induction Weekend of the year on August 14-16. This Induction weekend will allow a chance for our newly elected candidates and those from 2019 the opportunity to complete their membership into the OA and our Lodge. All eligible candidates will receive a letter with full details as to what is needed for that weekend. This will be also be a chance for all our members wishing to complete their Brotherhood membership the chance to do their talks on Saturday afternoon and then take their ceremony that night. Registration for the weekend is online or you can mail in the form that is on the last page of the Smoke Signal.



Parents and friends are invited to watch the ceremonies and then stay for a steak dinner to celebrate the Induction of our new members. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 per person.

ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO ALLOWED DURING THE CEREMONIES!!!
You are permitted to take pictures after the ceremony has ended.

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, is active, and is current in their dues to the Order of the Arrow.
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.

WEEKEND COSTS

Ordeal Candidates	\$50.00 youth or adult (includes steak dinner)
Members	\$15.00 for the weekend (includes steak dinner)
Brotherhood Candidate	\$20.00 youth or adult (includes steak dinner)
Guest	\$10.00 for steak dinner

INDUCTION WEEKEND (CONTINUED)

TIMES AND DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 PM	Registration of all members and candidates
8:00 PM	Spaghetti dinner for everyone
9:00 PM	Campfire and Pre-Ordeal begins
10:30 PM	Lodge members – Cracker barrel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Ordeal/Service projects begin
Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Activities and Service projects continue
3:00 PM	Brotherhood talks
4:00 PM	Activities and projects end (Candidates clean up and put on uniforms)
4:00 PM	BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY
4:30 PM	Parent/Guest meeting in dining hall
5:00 PM	ORDEAL CEREMONY
6:30 PM	Steak dinner (Distribution of books, patches, additional information)
8:00 PM	Fellowship and clean up

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Fellowship Activities – More details to be announced
Noon	Lunch
2:00 PM	Clean up – Homeward Bound!!

Visit gatewayscouting.org/OAInduction for more info and to register online!

LODGE DUES

Your Lodge dues run by the calendar year. If you have not already, this means it is time to renew your dues in the lodge for 2020. **Dues are \$15.** Please take the time to fill out the registration sheet on the last page of this Smoke Signal or go online and register at gatewayscouting.org/OADues. It is important that all members renew their dues to ensure our records are accurate and up to date and that you receive all Lodge notices and newsletters, etc.

NOAC 2020 UPDATE



NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE
NOAC 2020
 AUGUST 3-8 | MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

It is with deep sadness we inform you that the 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference has been cancelled out of concern for the safety of all attending Arrowmen, as well as the Michigan State

University and East Lansing communities. Contingent members and staff will receive a full refund of all conference fees paid to-date to the national Order of the Arrow office, including the non-refundable deposit.

SUMMER CAMP NEWS – OA SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Greetings from Camp Decorah!! I'm Kelly Wilde and it's my privilege to, once again, serve as Camp Director. The Order of the Arrow has always been a strong part of camp and this year will be no exception.

AJ Adams is our Summer Lodge Chief and will be responsible for all OA ceremonies, elections, and promotions. If your troop or individual Scouts are members of the Order of the Arrow, we encourage them to participate in ceremonies and activities while at camp. Any interested scouts can coordinate with AJ at the Monday Night Social.

Here's how the OA Camp week unfolds:

Monday – OA Ice Cream Social

Tuesday – Brotherhood Talks/Unit Elections (if needed)

Wednesday – Brotherhood Ceremony/followed by Cobbler in Hagerman Hall

Thursday – OA Day/Cheerful Service – Please wear your sash.

Friday – OA Call-Out Ceremony



Friday family dinner is OA Sash Night, please wear your sash for dinner. The Order of the Arrow will conduct a "call-out" ceremony at the closing Campfire. All newly elected OA candidates will be "called-out", and candidates who have recently been called-out may be recognized at the ceremony. Looking forward to a great summer of Cheerful Service and a return to Camp Decorah tradition!

SECTION CONCLAVE

The Section C-1B 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 has begun and a Hawaiian theme has been chosen. We anticipate 250 Arrowmen from 5 lodges will come together for a weekend of training, activities, events, fun, fellowship, section officer elections,



games, the C-1B Beach Bash, and great Scouting memories. We need everyone to mark your calendars to help and be a part of this great OA event showing our pride in Camp Decorah and the spirit of the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge!

STAY CONNECTED

The Lodge is doing all we can to keep you connected! With the recent developments related to COVID-19, we are increasingly using online means to communicate as a lodge. Each month, we are having our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting virtually through Zoom video conferencing. Even though we can't meet in-person, we still are dedicated to planning great events for you! Interested or want to get involved? Our next LEC meeting is on April 28 at 6 pm. Email Kevin Corkin at kevin.corkin@scouting.org to be included in the next meeting. We hope to see you there!



Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge also has social media accounts, including Facebook and Instagram pages, to keep you in the know! You can find both by searching for NST381 or by going to facebook.com/nst381 or instagram.com/nst.381. We also keep our website updated with information on all upcoming events at gatewayscouting.org/OA.

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 or get SMS text messages by texting '@nstm' to 81010. (Message and data rates from your carrier might apply)



WELCOME TO OUR NEW LODGE STAFF ADVISER – KEVIN CORKIN



The Ni-Sank-Tani Lodge would like to welcome our new Staff Adviser to the Gateway Area Council. Kevin grew up in Scouting and is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and spent 10 summers on staff at three Bay-Lakes Council camps. Kevin has served as a District Executive, Senior District Executive, and District Director in the Bay-Lakes Council. He is serving as the Development & Community Engagement Director for the council. Please welcome Kevin and Jessica Corkin to the Gateway Area Council and the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge!

NATIONAL JAMBOREE – JULY 21-30, 2021 AT THE SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE IN WEST VIRGINIA



The Gateway Area Council will be sending a contingent of youth BSA Scouts to the 2021 National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. We will be joining 40,000 Scouts from across the United States and other countries for two weeks of Scouting experiences you will never forget. You will have the chance to ride the longest zip line in North America, visit the second largest BMX bike center in the world, climb the walls at Boulder Cove, kayak, scuba, visit the waterfront, bows and barrels area, canopy tour, merit badge midway, whitewater rafting, educational displays, midways, patch trading, and more activities than you can imagine!

Scouts must be at least 12 years old and have the rank of First Class at the time of the Jamboree.

Only 36 spots for male Scouts BSA members are available. We will be working with neighboring council to do a shared contingent of female Scouts BSA members.

To hold your spot, please make a \$100 deposit and complete the online form located here: gatewayscouting.org/NationalJamboDeposit



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OA TROOP REPS AND ADVISERS

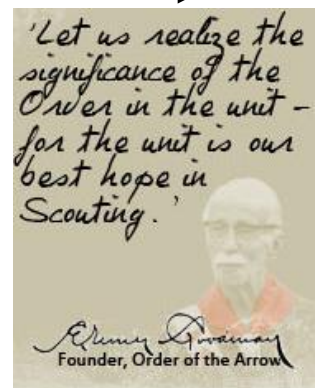
All Troops with Arrowmen should have a youth OA Troop Representative.



The OA Troop Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster Designee) is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created. Its purpose is to create the role for an adult to guide the youth TR and be a 'voice of the Order' at the adult level in the troop structure.

If you don't know who your OA Troop Rep is, chances are your troop may not have one.

Ask your Scoutmaster and have him submit the form detailing your contact information. The ELECTION/Troop REP form is even available online, to make it easier and less painful. By submitting the form, we'll get you a Troop Rep/Adviser patch, FOR FREE... limit 1 per troop per year.



Plus, each troop needs an adult Arrowman as Troop Rep Adviser on the Troop Committee.

Ni-Sanak-Tani-Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Troop/Crew _____

	Qty:	Cost:	Total
Dues: (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
GOLDEN TICKET	_____	@\$50 =	_____***GT



Includes Patch, Ordeal, Fall Rendezvous, and Section Conclave
Transportation Not Included

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

ORDEAL

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
August: After Friday, July 31st \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____

Section C-1B Conclave (September 18-20, 2020)	_____	@\$40	_____***SC
After Tuesday, Sep 8 \$5 Late fee	_____	@\$5	_____

Total Enclosed _____

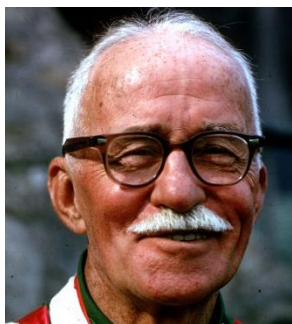
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“Things of the spirit are what count: **brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; **cheerfulness** – in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; **service** – in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving.”**

– E. Urner Goodman, founder of the OA

Upcoming Events:

Rendezvous & Induction Weekend - Aug 14-16
Section C-1B Conclave - Sept 18-20

For More Lodge News and Information Go To:

Ni-Sanak-Tani: ni-sanak-tani.org
NST Facebook: facebook.com/nst381
NST Instagram: instagram.com/nst.381
Section C-1B: sectionc1b.org
Central Region: central.oa-bsa.org