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

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ATTEND THE SECOND FUN DAY OF 2022 ON APRIL 3 AT GALE'S LANES!



Attend the lodge's second Fun Day of 2022 at Gale's Lanes in Galesville, WI on April 3! From 3 to 6 pm, we will be bowling and enjoying an afternoon of fun and fellowship. In addition to bowling, we will also have pizza and soda for everyone after we are done

bowling. During the event, we will have the entire facility to ourselves. The event is FREE, and we want everyone to invite their families and friends to come and have a day of fun, fellowship, and enjoyment. We hope to see you at Gale's Lanes on April 3! Register online at gatewayscouting.org/OAFunDay.

MEET OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022!

Congratulations goes out to Karissa Adams, who was elected as Chief of the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge for 2022



and is also the first young woman elected chief in our lodge. Karissa is a member of Troop 515 and has earned her Eagle Scout Award.

NST's outgoing 2021 lodge chiefs and newly elected officers for 2022. Pictured: Nash Nagy, Dominic Kreiling, Karissa Adams, Pierce Nelson, and AJ Adams. Not pictured: Van Maxwell, Andrew Hatcher, Caden Justinger

Calendar of Events

**Mar 25-27 Spring
Council of Chiefs
at Crystal Lake
Scout Reservation**

**April 3 OA Fun Day
Bowling Event at
Gale's Lanes**

**May 7 Gateway Area
Council
Centennial
Camporee**

**June 9-10 Induction
Weekend at Camp
Decorah**

**July 25-30 NOAC at the
University of
Tennessee –
Knoxville**

**Aug 19-20 Induction
Weekend at Camp
Decorah**

**Sept 18-20 Section G10
Conclave at
Crystal Lake
Scout Reservation**

Karissa Adams Lodge Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

I am Karissa Adams, your new Chief, and I am very excited to serve the lodge. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 515, of French Island. I am a freshman at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, majoring in Elementary/Middle Education. I am also the Senior Patrol Leader for the 2022 National Youth Leadership Training Course and will be working on the Aquatic Staff at Camp Decorah this summer.



One of my biggest goals for the lodge this year is to increase participation in both the Spring and Fall Ordeals through improving our Call Out Ceremonies. My additional goal is to help every troop with eligible Scouts hold elections this spring. Increasing participation in lodge activation events is also very important to me, as well as welcoming previous members to reactivate. Lastly, I want to improve the communication coming from myself and the lodge, specifically in attempts to reach our younger members and potential members.

Our New Vice Chiefs for 2022**Dominic Kreiling Vice Chief of Administration**

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Dominic Kreiling, and I am the Vice Chief of Administration for our lodge. I am a Life Scout from Troop 15 on French Island, and I have many great memories of the OA. I am hoping to give back to the lodge that has been so great throughout my time involved. My main goal while being a Vice Chief for the lodge is to help turn more Ordeal members into active, passionate members of our lodge. The more members we can get to be active in our lodge, the better!! Thank you for the opportunity to help lead the lodge, and I look forward to serving this lodge to the best of my ability.

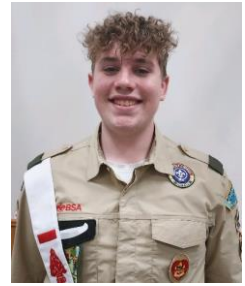
**Van Maxwell Vice Chief of Program**

My name is Van Maxwell, and I am your Vice Chief of Program. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you at our many events this year. A little about my Scouting career so far. I am a Life Scout working on my Eagle. I work at Camp Decorah as a lifeguard at the waterfront, and I love being involved with our lodge. My plan for the future is to blend cheerful service with our more fun focused events, for example doing a service project out at camp and following it up with some climbing or opening the zip line. If you ever have ideas or questions, feel free to reach out to me via email.



Caden Justinger**Vice Chief of Inductions**

My name is Caden Justinger, and I am the Vice Chief of Induction. I am a Life Scout in Troop 46 out of Bangor, Wisconsin. I enjoy playing football and baseball, weightlifting, and the outdoors. The reason I wanted to be more involved in the OA is so that I can expand my Scouting knowledge and help everyone else in Scouts. I am going to help increase our membership through more elections and encouraging more people to go through their Induction. I will also help work on keeping our new members involved in the OA after they go through the Ordeal ceremony.

**Andrew Hatcher****Vice Chief of Communications**

My name is Andrew Hatcher, and I am the Vice Chief of Communications for the lodge. I am a Life Scout in Troop 68 in Onalaska. I want to work on new ways to communicate with all of you or to improve the existing ways. We want to look at all the different social media platforms, so we can determine which ones to use to let you know what is going on in the lodge. The reason I wanted to be an officer was to do more with the Scouting community and get more involved in the Order of the Arrow. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at camp or at our lodge events. I am welcome to hear any ideas you have on how to improve our communication between the lodge and all of you.

**Nash Nagy****Vice Chief of Finance**

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

My name is Nash Nagy from Troop 15, and I one of the newly elected Vice Chiefs. I am a 16-year-old junior at Bangor High School. My hobbies include working on cars, specifically Jeeps, and going off-roading with my dad. I am very honored to have been elected to help lead and improve an already great lodge. I am looking forward to helping improve this lodge by supporting any and all ideas that are shared. Communication and camaraderie will continue to be our focus to let every Arrowmen know about any upcoming events.



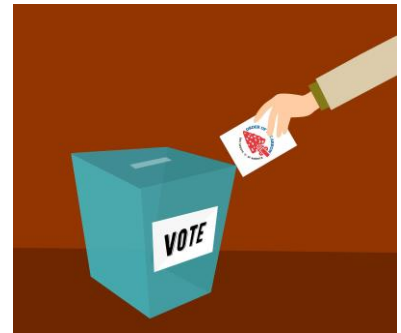
UNIT ELECTIONS

Our lodge team is ready to help any unit with their Spring Unit Election. Each unit can be set up by filling out the form at gatewayscouting.org/OAElectionForm.

For 2022, we request that units try to schedule their election before April 30. The election will take about 20 minutes, but we can adjust to your unit schedule. We are planning to do a formal Call Out at the 100th Anniversary Camporee campfire on May 7 at Camp Decorah. We will also be doing Call Outs during summer camp. You can also contact any of the following people to set up your unit election:



Todd Nelson 608-769-2659
Harvey Geary 608-792-4144
Karissa Adams



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hgearyjr@gmail.com
karissaadams@icloud.com

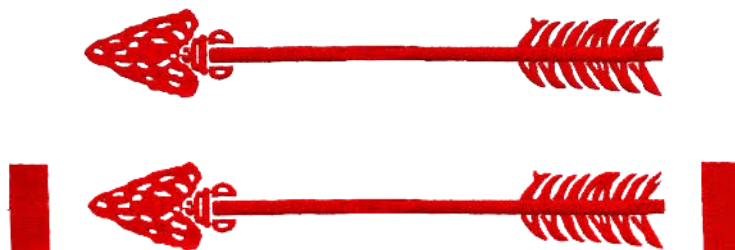
JUNE INDUCTION WEEKEND – CHANGE IN DATES!!!

In cooperation with our units, who have point out conflicts with the dates for our induction days, **we are changing the June induction dates to Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10!!!**

We will start the pre-Ordeal for candidates on Thursday evening (June 9) at approximately 9:30 pm. We will hold Brotherhood talks on Friday afternoon at 3 pm. We will have the Brotherhood ceremony on Friday at 4 pm, followed by the Ordeal ceremony at 5:15 pm. After both ceremonies are completed, we will have our steak dinner for members, families, and friends in Dahl Hall at 6:30 pm.

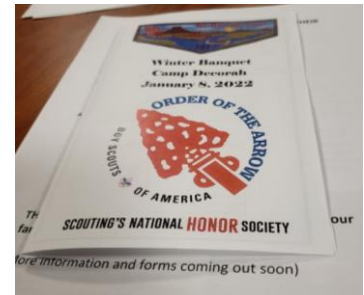


Full details about the June Induction Weekend will be out in April!!!



WINTER BANQUET 2022

Forty Scouts and Scouters attended our Winter Banquet held at Camp Decorah in Dahl Hall on January 8. Mr. Preston Podolske, the Associate Section Adviser, was our guest speaker for the evening. We thank him for coming at the last minute after our original guests, the Bear Clan Singers and Dancers, were unable to make it. Preston informed everyone about the upcoming Section and Region changes coming later in 2022. He also congratulated the lodge on hosting a very successful and fun Section Conclave in September at Camp Decorah. The rest of the program included remarks from Mr. Joe Carlson, our Supreme Chief of the Fire and the Gateway Area Council Executive, committee reports, highlights from 2021, a preview of what's ahead for the lodge in 2022, discussion of NOAC 2022 at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, recognition of our 2021 and 2022 Vigil members, and the election of our new officers for 2022-23. The night featured a great meal provided by Monkey Business Catering. A great night for the Lodge, Council, and Scouting.



2022 New Vigil Members Pierce Nelson, Kelly Wilde, and AJ Adams



Our new Lodge Officers for 2022-23 being sworn into their position



Guest speaker Preston Podolske, Associate Section Adviser



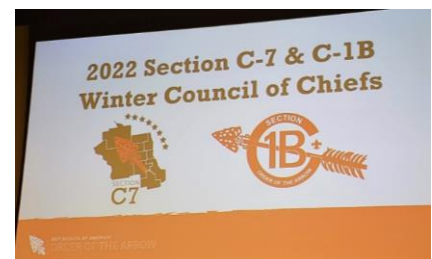
WINTER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MEETING RECAP

The Winter Council of Chiefs meeting was held at the Kalahari hotel and water park in the Wisconsin Dells. Members from all five lodges attended the meetings for the purpose of planning our 2022 Section Conclave, which will be held at Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander, WI on September 16-18.

Karissa Adams and Nash Nagy attended the meeting for NST. All members there started planning the details for the upcoming conclave. The theme of the conference, training, programs, special guests, elections, patch design, and budgets were just some of the agenda items. With the reorganization of the Order of the Arrow, Section C-1B became Section G10, so a new Section logo was also selected. (The lodges in our section have not changed, just the section name.)



The next Council of Chiefs meeting will be on March 25-27 at Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander. We will take any members who want to attend the meeting and tour the camp to the meeting. More info about the meeting can be found at central.oa-bsa.org/c1b/scoc/.



LODGE DUES AND GOLDEN TICKET 2022

Your Lodge dues run by the calendar year. This means now is the time for all of us to renew our dues in the lodge for 2021. **Dues are \$15.** You can register online at [gatewayscouting.org /OADues](https://gatewayscouting.org/OADues) or by filling out and mailing in the registration form on the last page of the Smoke Signal. It is important that all of our members renew their dues to ensure our records are accurate and up to date, and so that you will receive all lodge notices and newsletters.



You may also want to consider buying a Golden Ticket for \$100, which entitles you to receive a special Golden Ticket patch, and covers the cost of Lodge and Section events, including the Annual Banquet (event already past), Induction weekends, Section Conclave, and Sash Bash. You can register for a Golden Ticket online or by filling out and mailing the registration form on the last page of the Smoke Signal to the Council Office.

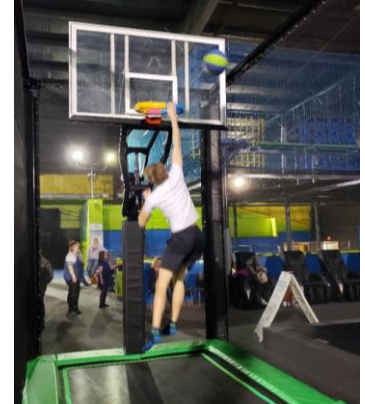
PLEASE take the time to renew your dues in the Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge. We need all of our members to keep our lodge strong and moving forward in the cheerful service of Scouting and the Order.

FUN DAY FOR THE LODGE AT JUMP START ADVENTURE PARK RECAP

Our first lodge fun event of 2022 on February 20 was a tremendous success. Over 100 Scouts/family and friends from the lodge and our \$1,000 popcorn sellers came together for our first fun day at the Jump Start Adventure Park. Everyone got to use the



trampolines, dodge ball areas, obstacle courses, and enjoy the pizza party. Because of all of the positive comments, we have voted to hold this event again in 2023.



2021 LODGE YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 was still a challenging year for everyone as we all worked to come back from the effects of COVID-19. The lodge still had a number of great accomplishments last year. Here are some of them:

1. The lodge has a positive financial report. We have over \$38,000 for our balance going into 2022, due to our previous balance and the fundraising efforts we had through the year.
2. We inducted 12 new Ordeal, 10 new Brotherhood, and honored 4 new Vigil members into the lodge.

3. The lodge hosted a very successful Section C-1B Conclave at Camp Decorah. 150 OA members from five total lodges came to camp to enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship, special guests, competition, elections, and memories that will last for years. NST had 40 members attend the conclave.
4. We completed fundraising events which included running the Oktoberfest parking lot, the Spook-o-Ree Snack Shack, Section Conclave patch sales, and also had some private donations.
5. Members helped with the Council's Golden Eagle Gala, Lawn Social, Golf Tournament, Camp Decorah Beaver Day, and served as summer camp staff at Camp Decorah.
6. The lodge was represented at the National Telescopium event, virtual conferences held by the region, Thrive Short Term Camp certification, ACT Conference, and the National Key 3 Webinar.
7. The lodge rechartered 60 members and did strategic planning for 2022.

BEAVER DAY AND CLEAN UP OF CAMP

Camp Decorah needs our help. Because of the logging operation occurring at camp, there are lots of limbs and branches covering trails, roads, campsites, and program areas. There will be future workdays at camp to work on these and other projects, so we will have camp ready for the 2022 summer camp season. In addition to the work to prepare camp for the summer, renovation of the OA Lodge interior will also be done at some point in 2022. If you are looking for service hours or your units wants to help any weekend, PLEASE talk to Joel Thole at 608-385-4453, so he knows you are coming. We hope to see you at camp helping to move the debris and put it into piles to burn. Joel will give you help and advice. Thank you.



2022

NATIONAL OA CONFERENCE

KNOXVILLE, TN

JULY 25TH TO 30TH

NOAC 2022

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 25-30, 2022, at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and we are going!!! Our contingent will join over 8,000 other Arrowmen from around the world for a full week of training, programs, activities, and lifelong memories. This event is considered one of Scouting's "Once in a lifetime event".

We will be staying in the air conditioned UTK dorms, eating at the university food dining halls, attending arena shows in the UTK arena, using the university's classrooms, buildings, and facilities. There will be programs in leadership development, lodge operations, officer training, event planning, finance, activity development, ceremonies, keeping members engaged, and a full schedule of Native American Culture – skills – history – regalia creation – dancing – activities.

There are competitions, athletic events, ceremonies, cooking, Native American dancing and singing, OA museum, swimming, scuba, camping displays, Goodman games, Outdoor Adventure Place, Outdoor fair, patch trading, opportunities to meet National officers and special guests, perform service projects, arena shows, region shows, meet the man sessions, and meet and make friends with Arrowmen from around the world. For even more information on NOAC, go to NOAC2022.org.

To be a member of our Contingent going to NOAC – we NEED you to register online at: gatewayscouting.org/NOAC2022 or send in the registration form included in this flyer to the Gateway Area Council Office, 2600 Quarry Rd, La Crosse, WI 54650. We need a \$100 deposit with your registration form.

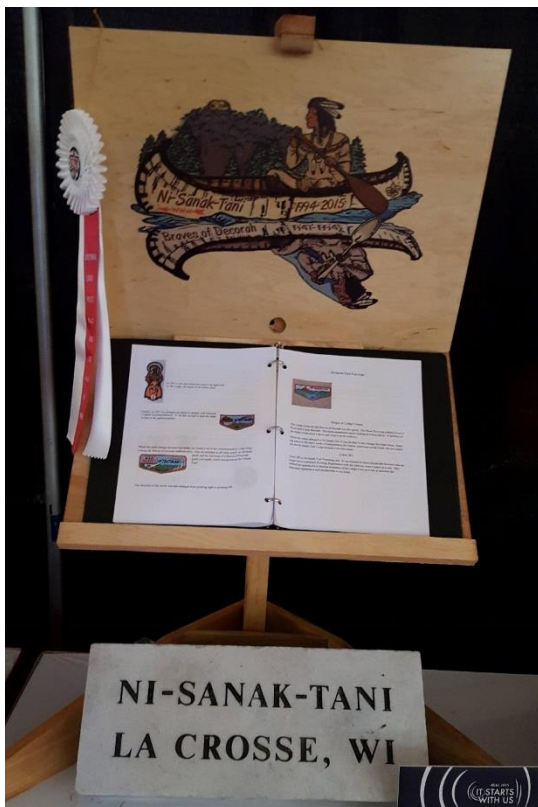
TOTAL COST FOR YOUTH IS: \$600.00

TOTAL COST FOR ADULTS IS: \$800.00

All payment are due in the Gateway Area Council by May 15, 2022. This will give us time to pay all our fees to the National Office.

These fees include the registration fee, transportation, lodging, meals contingent shirts, special activities, and insurance. Our trip is exploring stops at the Indianapolis 500 Museum, Louisville Slugger Museum, and the Kentucky Derby Museum. **Our tour dates are Saturday, July 23 through Sunday, July 31.**





GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL 100TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPOREE**May 7, 2022, at Camp Decorah**

All scouts and units will be invited to be a part of the council's 100th anniversary celebration which will feature activities, events, awards, special guests, a campfire show, and camping for all people of all ages. This will be a chance to bring the Scouting Handbook alive, so everyone can see what Scouting is and what it has to offer our youth and adults. More info about this exciting event can be found at gatewayscouting.org/CentennialCamporee.

**STAY CONNECTED**

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)

**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LODGE CEREMONIES 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 one of the following youth members:

Karissa Adams at karissaadams@icloud.com

Van Maxwell at vantmaxwell@gmail.com

or ceremony adviser:

Alex Metry at (608) 769-6939 or alexandermetry@gmail.com

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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 do not 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 will 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 Form 2022**Updated 3-28-2022**

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

Dues: (Please include list of names being paid for)

	Qty:	Cost:	Total
Youth (under 21 on Jan 1 of that year)	_____	@\$15= _____	***DY
Adult	_____	@ \$15= _____	***DA
Crew 381 B.S.A. Registration (if not registered elsewhere)	_____	@\$49= _____	***DR

GOLDEN TICKET _____ @\$100 = _____ ***GT



Includes Unique Patch and the following events: Annual Banquet, OA Fun Days, Inductions, Fall Rendezvous, Section Conclave, and Sash Bash

Transportation Not Included

INDUCTION WEEKENDS (Check which weekend attending)**June Induction Weekend** (Thurs, June 9-10, 2022) _____**August Induction Weekend** (Fri, Aug 19-20, 2022) _____

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

Current Arrowmen

Weekend	_____	@\$15	_____	***O
Brotherhood (Ceremony Only)	_____	@\$20	_____	***O
Brotherhood (Ceremony & Weekend)	_____	@\$35	_____	***O
Steak Dinner (Guests)	_____	@\$10	_____	***O

Section G10 Conclave (September 16-18, 2022) _____ @\$35 _____ ***SC
at Tesomas Scout Camp, Rhinelander, WI

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) (July 23-31, 2022)

NOAC Deposit	_____	@\$100	_____
Total Fee (including deposit, due by May 15, 2022)			
Youth	_____	@\$600	_____
Adult	_____	@\$800	_____

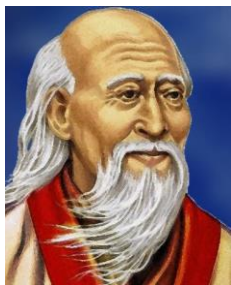
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when his work is done, his aim is fulfilled, they will
say: we did it ourselves.”**

— Lao Tzu, 6th Century Chinese Philosopher

Upcoming Events:

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For More Lodge News and Information, Go To:

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NST Instagram: instagram.com/nst.381
Section G10: sectiong10.org
Gateway Region: oa-bsa.org/gateway