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

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JUNE INDUCTION DAYS RECAP

Our first Inductions for 2022 was a great event for the lodge. To meet the needs of our members, the event was held on a Thursday/Friday, starting with a Spaghetti dinner for everyone on Thursday night and the pre-Ordeal ceremony. Friday was a full day that featured great work on projects in camp, working on trails, roads, clearing brush, burning piles and fixing fences. Brotherhood talks were held in the afternoon along with a parents/guests meeting that provided information on the Order of the Arrow and what the Ordeal means and the mission of the lodge before going to witness the ceremony in the council bowl. The council bowl is being used because of the logging operation going on in the woods by the OA Lodge and the OA Bowl. After both ceremonies, 40 people enjoyed a steak dinner in Dahl Hall. The Lodge was honored to welcome 6 new Ordeal and 4 new Brotherhood members into our membership.

Calendar of Events

Aug 19-20 OA
Inductions at
Camp Decorah

Sept 16-18 Section G10
Conclave at
Tesomas Scout
Camp

Sept 30-Oct 1
Oktoberfest
Parking Lot
Fundraiser

Oct 8 Sash Bash

Oct 15 Spook-o-ree



JUNE INDUCTION PHOTOS:



CONGRATULATIONS again to our newly inducted Ordeal and Brotherhood members!!!!

Ordeal Members

Dawson Gronemus

Daniel Lenz

Michael Jones

Aiden Santiago

Colten Schroeder

Jerry Skofronick



Brotherhood Members

Noah Groves

Wesley Moe

Robert Wilson

Whalen Thomas



SECTION CONCLAVE – SEPT 16-18, 2022 – CAMP TESOMAS

The Section G10 Conclave will be held at Camp Tesomas near Rhinelander, WI on September 16-18. NST will be taking a contingent of members to join 200 Arrowmen from five other lodges for a weekend of fun, fellowship, activities, games, training, and great scouting memories. We need you to mark your calendars to go with us for a weekend meet old and new friends and to have fun filled weekend!

Activities will include a high ropes course, climbing wall, Dutch oven cookoff, yard games, gaga ball, kickball, and much, much more! There also will be a patch auction featuring collectible limited-edition patches and Scouting memorabilia. There will be auctions for both Adults and Youth on Saturday night in the dining hall.

This will be a tent camping event, but for an additional \$25 per person, indoor housing is available. This includes a cabin with heat and electricity.

Cost: \$40 per person, with a \$5 discount if registered before Aug 31 and an additional \$5 discount for those who completed their Ordeal in 2022.

Find more info and register online at: sectiong10.org/conclave



AUGUST INDUCTION WEEKEND – AUGUST 19-20

Registration is online at: gatewayscouting.org/OAInductionAug2022

Friday, August 19

- 7:00 PM Registration for all members and candidates in Dahl Dining Hall
- 7:30 PM Spaghetti dinner for everyone
- 8:30 PM Pre-Ordeal Ceremony begins
- 10:00 PM Lodge members meet in Dahl Dining Hall
- 10:00 PM Vigil Begins

THINGS TO BRING:

Registration for members	\$15.00
Ordeal members	\$50.00
Brotherhood CEREMONY ONLY	\$20.00
Weekend and Brotherhood	\$35.00
Golden Ticker holder	FREE

Medical Form – Parts A and B (parents can fill one out at camp)

Masks are recommended

Class A uniform and sash for ceremony

Sleeping bag

Work clothes and gloves

Poncho/rain gear or ground cloth

Pocket knife

Water bottle

Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel etc.)

Spending money for the OA trading post

Cell phones can be brought along for emergency use ONLY!!!

PARENTS WISHING TO SEE THE CEREMONY AND EAT STEAK DINNER WITH US ON SATURDAY NIGHT: \$10.00 per person

Guests are allowed to come and watch the Ordeal ceremony on Saturday night.

ABSOLUTLEY NO CAMERAS OR VIDEO DURING THE CEREMONY!!!

4:00 PM will be a short parent meeting in Dahl Dining Hall on Saturday.

NEED reservations for Saturday dinner by Wednesday night, August 17

Ceremony will be held in the Council Fire Bowl

Social Distancing is recommended at the campfire bowl for the ceremony



Saturday, August 20

8:00 AM	Breakfast for members in Dahl Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Vigil Breakfast
9:00 AM	Ordeal/Service projects for camp will begin
NOON	Lunch at Dahl Dining Hall for members.
1:00 PM	Activities and service projects continue
3:00 PM	Brotherhood Talks
4:00 PM	Activities and projects end for the day Candidates can clean up and put on uniforms
4:00 PM	BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY
4:00 PM	Parent/Guest meeting in Dahl Dining Hall
5:00 PM	ORDEAL CEREMONY
6:30 PM	Steak dinner for everyone in Dahl Dining Hall Distribution of books, patches, and additional information
8:00 PM	Fellowship and cleanup – Homeward bound!!

BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

1. Scout has been an Ordeal member at least 6 months since their induction into the OA.
2. Scout 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 memorized the Obligation, OA official song, Admonition, Arrow hand clasp and the sign of the Order.
4. Either write a letter or take part in an oral Brotherhood talk prior to the ceremony to test your understanding of the Ordeal and to show why you feel you are prepared to become a Brotherhood member of the Lodge.

If you write a letter, explain what you think the Obligation means. Describe how you are fulfilling the obligation in your unit or Scouting in your daily life and how you have used this understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service to Scouting and the Lodge. Describe your specific plans for giving service to the Lodge and Scouting



LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Lodge elections will be held at our Winter Banquet. We will be electing FIVE officers to lead our Lodge. Those positions will be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief (Administration), Lodge Vice Chief (Finance), Lodge Vice Chief (Ceremonies), and Lodge Vice Chief (Communications).

Those running for election must be registered in Scouting and be active members of the Lodge, under the age of 21. Officers are elected by the members of the Lodge and serve for one year from January 2023 through January 2024.

LODGE CHIEF HAS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Responsible for the adherence of the Lodge to the policies of the Order of the Arrow as set forth by the National Committee.
2. Sets agendas and presides over all Lodge Executive Committee and general membership meetings, which includes Ordeal weekends, Wing Ding, Rendezvous, Annual Banquet, Conclaves, council meetings, etc.
3. Provides training and advice to officers and committee chairmen.
4. With the help of the advisers, appoints committee chairmen for all committees. Is responsible to see that each committee is properly functioning.
5. Oversees the performance of the Vice Chiefs of Finance, Ceremonies, Administrative, and Communications.
6. With the help of the Vice Chiefs, sets and works on Lodge goals and achievements. Monitors all committees throughout the year to make sure reports are kept on whether goals have been achieved or what issues may be.
7. Presents the lodge annual report to the Council by December 31 of each year.
8. Creates, oversees and coordinates special committees as needed, with the aid of the advisers.
9. Represents the lodge at all Section Council of Chiefs meetings, council Executive Board meetings and Council camping Committee meetings.
10. Oversees the performance of District Chapter Chiefs and their programs.
11. Helps create and monitor camp promotions, troop elections, promotions etc.
12. Responsible for overseeing the maintaining of the Lodge Operations Guide, Lodge handbook and proposing of amendments to the lodge rules.
13. Additional duties as outlined in the latest edition of the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK, or by the Gateway Area Council.
14. Sets the example by attending lodge events, chapter events, council events, regional events in proper uniform.

VICE CHIEF FOR ADMINISTRATION

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers shall be responsible for the program and promotion of the lodge and ideals of the Order.
2. Is responsible for helping to keep accurate and up to date memberships records, both active and in active.
3. Will help with transfers, dues notices, drop notices, Brotherhood and Vigil eligibility notices and records.
4. Will make membership reports at meetings and banquets.
5. Will help with Smoke Signal articles and publication of the Lodge handbook.
6. Will hand out and record distribution of registration cards and books to all candidates and members.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisers, or Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF FOR FINANCE

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers shall be responsible for keeping accurate and itemized record for all lodge income and expenses.
2. Helps prepare the annual budget for the lodge.
3. Presents audits for all necessary records of monies received and spent throughout the year.
4. Responsible for records pertaining to all lodge items in stock, ordered, sold at the council office, lodge events, or camp.
5. Works with administration for records of active and in-active members.
6. Will help with Smoke Signal articles and publications.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisers, or Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF FOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers shall be responsible for the Smoke Signal, social media posts and candidate letters for the lodge.
2. Helps create and administer social media sites, web sites and any communication going out to membership, council or section people.
3. Responsible for records of comments, and every week updates to every site.
4. Helps with the annual budget for the lodge.
5. Will make an annual report to the lodge and the council.
6. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisers, or Executive Committee.

VICE CHIEF FOR CEREMONIES

1. In consultation with the Lodge Chief and the advisers shall be responsible for the troop elections, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies.
2. Will help form and with help of advisers to train ceremonies teams to conduct ceremonies throughout the year.
3. Help with units' elections, call out ceremonies, and Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil inductions.
4. Helps with the annual budget for the lodge.
5. Will help with the Smoke Signal and other publications.
6. Plan, research, and organize purchase of new ceremony regalia which includes head dresses, costumes ceremony books, sand paintings, etc.
7. Is responsible for all duties delegated by the Lodge Chief, advisers, or Executive Committee.

OCTOBERFEST PARKING LOT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Clearly Management has graciously given our lodge permission to man the parking lot at the Landmark by the Rivers apartments (the corner of 2nd St and Vine St) again this year.

We will man the lot starting on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1 until the parade is over. We will stop charging for parking when the parade begins. Sunday morning, we will do a quick cleanup of the lot.

More information and how to sign up to help will be coming out soon.



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 nst381.org.



INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE?

The Gateway Area Council is now planning to send a troop of male and female members to the 2023 National Jamboree, that will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, on July 19-28, 2023.

Every four years the BSA organizes the ultimate Scouting experience. An event that brings over 40,000 Scouts and leaders together to share in such activities as mountain climbing, river rafting, zip lines, shooting, kayaking, scuba, swimming, national guests, merit badge midway, camping expo, stadium shows, and so much more.



IMPORTANT DETAILS

Youth attendees must be 12 and have achieved 1st class rank. As the Jamboree was postponed in 2021, attendees who are 18 but not yet 21 can attend this jamboree as a youth member.



The Jamboree will occur over 10 days. The council is planning a few days travel each way so the total trip could be up to 14 days.

The final fee will likely be between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

A payment plan and fundraising opportunities will be available.

Scholarships may also be available from BSA National for families who register early.

All costs to attend the jamboree along with travel meals, transit, tours, etc. will be included in fee.



More information and registration are online at:
gatewayscouting.org/NationalJamboree2023

LODGE DUES AND GOLDEN TICKET 2022

Your lodge dues run by the calendar year. If you haven't already paid your dues for this year, please do so to ensure that you continue receiving lodge notices.

Dues are \$15. You can register online at 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 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 our members to keep our lodge strong and moving forward in the cheerful service of Scouting and the Order.

TRANSITION TO ONLINE REGISTRATION

The lodge is now only offering online registration. This means that starting with this Smoke Signal, the usual form on the last page of the Smoke Signal will no longer be published for participants to register for events.

In replace of the paper form, online forms have and will continue to be created for registration at nst381.org. Cash and check payments can still be made for most if not all events. To do so, just select the cash or check option at the end of the form under "Payment Options", and then either mail or drop off your payment at the Scout Service Center in La Crosse after submitting your form entry. If mailing your payment, please include attn: NST 381 and what the payment is for.



If you have any questions about this new registration process, please contact Glenn Walinski or Alex Metry. To register and find more info about upcoming events, please visit nst381.org.



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OA TROOP REPS AND ADVISERS



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

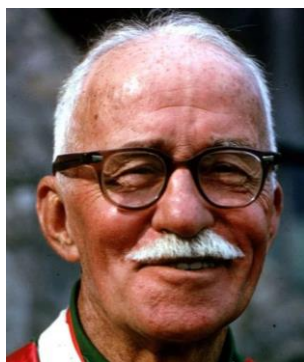
The OA Troop Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster Designee) is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created. Its purpose is to create the role for an adult to guide the youth TR and be a 'voice of the Order' at the adult level in the troop structure.



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 painless. 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.



"He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

— E. Urner Goodman, Founder of the OA

Upcoming Events:

Aug 19-20
Sept 16-18
Sept 30 - Oct 1
Oct 15

August Induction
Section G10 Conclave
Oktoberfest parking lot fundraiser
Spook-o-Ree

For More Lodge News and Information, Go To:

Ni-Sanak-Tani: nst381.org
NST Facebook: facebook.com/nst381
NST Instagram: instagram.com/nst.381
Section G10: section10.org
Gateway Region: oa-bsa.org/gateway