

Central Minnesota Council
Naguonabe Lodge #31
1191 Scout Drive
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A Newsletter for Members & Leaders

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings (LEC)

April 14-2pm Council Office
May 19-Immediately following Spring Conclave at Parker
June and July are combined to be July 7th-1pm Council Office
Aug. 25-Immediately following Fall Conclave at Parker
Sept. 6-8 at Section Conclave
Oct. 27-10am Council Office
Nov. 16-During LLD at Parker
Dec. None

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The Feather

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Upcoming Events

April 26-28- Ripley Rendezvous
May 11-Pre- Conclave at Parker
May 17-19- Spring Conclave at Parker Scout Camp
June 8- Little Flower Church – Summer Fellowship
August 17th-Pre- Conclave at Parker if needed
August 23-25- Fall Conclave at Camp Parker
Vigil Conclave TBD –at Camp Parker
Sept. 6-8- Section Conclave at Camp Wilderness
Nov. 15-17 Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)
at Parker
Dec. 7- Winter Banquet at Council Office

**Spring
2024
Edition**

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A list of lodge contacts is
located on the back



Mega Pass

The 2024 Mega Pass is here! The pass includes your 2024 dues, and events including Spring Conclave, Fall Conclave, Lodge Leadership Development, and the 2024 Winter Banquet. For \$90, you get access to all events and a cool patch! If you have not already paid your dues this is a great way to get that done.



Scan QR Code
to Purchase
Offer ends May 1

Due payments

As we continue to uphold the traditions and values of the Order of the Arrow, we rely on the support and dedication of each member to sustain our vibrant community of service and brotherhood. Your dues play a crucial role in enabling us to carry out our mission of cheerful service and leadership development. By paying your dues, you contribute to our Lodge's financial stability and demonstrate your commitment to our shared ideals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

Your dues support a wide range of activities and initiatives, including service projects, leadership training, and fellowship events that strengthen our bonds as Arrowmen and empower us to make a positive impact in our communities. Additionally, paying your dues ensures that you remain in good standing within the Order of the Arrow, allowing you to fully participate in Lodge activities and access valuable resources and opportunities for personal and collective growth.

If you have yet to pay your dues, you can pay them in full for \$15 on the council website under the Order of the Arrow tab on the home page at www.bsacmc.org. Alternatively, you can have your dues paid, have access to events, and get a cool patch for \$90. For this offer, see Mega Pass on the left side of this page.

Want to
stay up to
date?

A great way to stay informed about our lodge's activities is with social media. Scan the QR Code for a link to our facebook where we frequently upload content that can help you stay up to date.



Spring Conclave

Spring Conclave is just around the corner. It will be held May 17 – 19 at Parker. We will be adding new members to our lodge as well as inviting current Ordeal members to take a further step and become Brotherhood members. Check-in will be from 6:00 – 7:00 at the Dining Hall. The weekend will conclude around 9:00 am on Sunday after cleanup is complete.

You can sign up for Spring Conclave at scoutingevent.com/296-springconclave2024 or use the QR code. A reminder that Mega Pass holders get in for free!



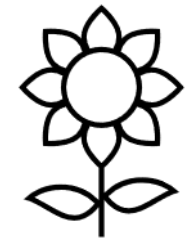
- Amanda, our lodge treasurer, is looking for committee members for the trading post. The job would be to help run the trading post, help with inventory, and help come up with new inventory ideas. We also have new items and have put many items on clearance too. We would love to see all of you at Conclave in the trading post!

Section Conclave

Section Conclave is this fall on September 6 – 8 at Camp Wilderness. It will be a great weekend filled with brotherhood and fun. Registration opening soon.

Little Flower Church

The Little Flower Church Cleanup is happening on June 8th beginning at 10:00 am at the Little Flower Church. We will provide cheerful service at the cemetery where actual members of the Naguonabe family are buried. Please bring work gloves and garden tools such as shovels and rakes.



Leadership Opportunities

If you would like to be elected as a lodge officer for 2025, we are holding our elections at Fall Conclave. You would be inducted at the yearly banquet.

The lodge rules state that any appointed district youth representatives may serve on the LEC. This allows the lodge to hear from the youth at a district level. Any youth may serve in a district representative position. Contact Kylissa for more information on becoming a district representative.



Vigil Honor Nomination

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can present its members for service to the lodge and/or council. It dates back to the year 1915, when OA's founder, E. Urner Goodman, became the first Vigil Honor member. Since then, thousands of members have been given this honor.

It is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who have given exceptional service, helping others beyond the call of duty involving personal effort and unselfish interest to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, their Council, Scouting, or their Scout camp. So, service in any of those areas would qualify a member for consideration. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as ample reason for a Vigil Honor recommendation.

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. This calls for an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. Vigil Honor members have a time-honored tradition to uphold. As leaders, they must conduct themselves in accordance with the ideals of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Once an Arrowman has been Brotherhood for at least 2 years he or she may be considered for the Vigil honor by the Lodge members. Generally, only 2% of the Arrowmen in a Lodge will achieve Vigil in any year – simply put, one Vigil for every fifty members or part thereof.

The National Order of the Arrow Committee has stated it best that: ***"The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Council Scout Camp."***

While Brotherhood is a membership level you choose for yourself, the Vigil Honor is different. It is not appropriate to nominate yourself or a family member or ask others to nominate you. Doing so could adversely affect your consideration and selection. Others will nominate you by virtue of observing you and your hard work and service to the Lodge and Scouting. It's an honor that only can be bestowed upon you.

If you are looking to nominate someone for The Vigil Honor, **all nominations are due by May 1**. The eligibility list and nomination form are all available on the council website at bsacmc.org under the Order of the Arrow tab.

NOAC 2024

The National Order of the Arrow Conference 2024 Logo is here!

Most of you already know the theme: Seek New Heights. Push past your limits and reach for the skies both in your OA journey and in your everyday life.

Seek New Heights Is all about the burning desire to break through what's holding us back, surpass our limitations, and propel ourselves forward. Like an adventurer who conquers a summit, we too can overcome obstacles to forge a new path.

Raise your game! Let's reach a new peak of personal and group achievement in the Order of the Arrow.



Virtual Delegate Option

Online sessions. Online fellowship. Online challenges. Access to watch the evening shows. The best part is that you can attend from your living room in a schedule that works for you. Recognizing that physical space is limited, the NOAC team is offering an all-access virtual program. For \$75, any Arrowman can experience NOAC from the comfort of their own home on their computers or mobile devices and will receive unique NOAC memorabilia items. You will register by selecting "Remote Delegate" from the registration options available at registration.oa-bsa.org/Event/1201.

We have had a few virtual delegates in the past, and they shared some photos with us. They received a red Virtual Delegate patch, the NOAC patch, a gold patch which was earned by participating in the Voyager program (requirements were different for virtual delegates), and the orange/white patch for participating in a leadership research project. In the background is a notebook. Not pictured, they also received a drawstring bag, phone charger, & water bottle received by delegates.

NOAC Merchandise

Trading post pre-orders for NOAC are now live! Pre-order today to guarantee you get all the items you want. Pre-orders end May 31!

Visit tradingpost.oa-bsa.org to pre-order!



Event Recaps

Recent events

ACT Conference



ACT is a conference where lodges from across the section can gather, share ideas, and learn how to improve their lodges. Our chief Theron Johnson, as well as others from our lodge, attended, and Theron set some goals for our lodge which he is excited to implement.

ADAPT, COLLABORATE, AND THRIVE

ADAPT

The ACT conference helps lodges **adapt** to face major challenges.

COLLABORATE

It also allows leaders to **collaborate** with their peers across the section.

THRIVE

After training, the conference enables leaders and lodges to **thrive** and perform well.

Winter Fellowship

March 15 - 17, 2024



Pictured Left: Alisha B. and Samantha P.



Pictured Left: Kian D. and Alex D.

Pictured Below: Lonnie showing how the drum tops are made



Pictured Below: Wyatt H. working on the drum top



Pictured Above: Christopher M.

Pictured Right: Back: Austin E., Jon M., Steve R., Josh P., Scott P., Melissa P., Robin B., and Josh D.

Middle: Gerry G., Jace C., Kian D., Eric J., Theron J., Samantha P., Amanda B., & Lonnie M.

Front: Alex D., Holly C., Wyatt H., Christopher M., Michelle M., Kim E., and Alishia B.

In very front is David G.

At Winter Fellowship Lonnie taught us how to make drums for our ceremonies, we had a great time bowling, we spent some valuable time together on the Archery & BB ranges, and we conducted an LEC meeting. The weekend was filled with lots of fun, brotherhood, and fellowship.



Lodge History



Read on to learn about our 2011 contingent to the Arrow Power event which was filled with service at the Superior National Forest.

Naguonabe had a wonderful contingent attending Section's Service on the Superior with the main goals of building mountain bike trails and repairing sections of the Superior Hiking Trail in the Grand Marais area of Minnesota. Scouts provided 454 hours of service. The first night there, a terrific storm blew over tents and everyone had to seek shelter, but the program went on the next day. The chief cook for the event served prime rib for the closing dinner. Yum!!!! The scouts completed 900 feet of single track without features, 75 feet of bench-cut single track, 2,100 feet of single-track trail alignment on the mountain bike trails, 750 feet of boardwalk, 20 yards of gravel positioning, and 85 pieces of lumber positioning on the Superior hiking Trail. They also completed projects at the high school and community grounds. The community loved the scouts!