



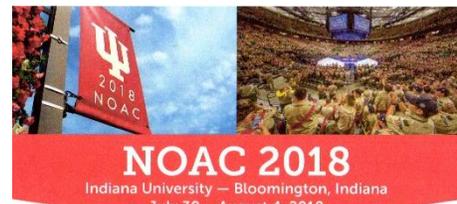
## The Wolf's Cry

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### NOAC 2018

What is NOAC? For those of you who don't know, NOAC stands for National Order of the Arrow Conference. NOAC is a national event that is typically held every two years unless a conflict exists. NOACs are always held on university campuses. The last NOAC was held in 2015 and celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. I had the privilege to attend and I had a blast!



NOAC is like the National Jamboree because it is a gathering of Scouts from across the United States of America. But NOAC is also different from Jamboree because it is exclusively for members of the OA. NOAC offers lots of activities which includes training session on a wide range of information that you can use to help improve your home lodge as well as many different activities and shows. Like all other large Scouting events, there are many opportunities for fellowship and patch trading. The 2015 NOAC was held at Michigan State University and in 2018 it is going to be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The event will take place from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> of 2018. The contingent will be gone slightly longer than those dates to allow for travel.

Who should go to NOAC and why? I would encourage people to go to NOAC if they are looking to become more active in the Lodge and attending Lodge Executive Committee meetings. The purpose of NOAC is to provide a time for the future leaders of the OA to get together for training and fun. We have 14 spots this year, 3 adults and 11 youth, and the adult spots have been filled already. Registration is open on the Voyageurs Area Council website through the Ka'niss Ma'ingan link and a \$100 down payment is due at the time of registration to hold your spot. The total cost will be \$900 but may increase if the contingent decides to have a side adventure along the way. We will have a waiting list if we go over our allotted numbers because there is a chance that we will be given additional spaces. Let me know if you have any questions.

~ Josh Comstock, Ka'niss Ma'ingan Lodge Chief [comst063@d.umn.edu](mailto:comst063@d.umn.edu)

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## NOAC Patch Design

Hello Brothers!

The time has come for patch designs for 2018 NOAC. Please submit any and all patch designs to me by the last day of November. All submissions can be sent via email to [semaa006@d.umn.edu](mailto:semaa006@d.umn.edu)

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Matthew Semaan, Immediate Past Lodge Chief

## Invitation to Join the Ceremony Team



Hello, this is Phillip Munter, chairman of the ceremonies committee. I am looking for two more people who are interested in being on the ceremonies team. My main expectations for someone joining would be the ability to read, and for them to show up to conclaves. Anyone can apply, all levels of membership are welcome. Doing ceremonies with a dedicated team is great fun! If you are interested, please contact me by email at [pmunter13@gamil.com](mailto:pmunter13@gamil.com) or by phone at (218) 910-5114. I

can answer any questions you have, send you links to pds of the scripts, and offer tips on memorization techniques (Memorization not strictly required for position).

Phillip Munter, Ceremonies Committee Chair

## Midwest Rally Recap

Dear Brothers,

During the first weekend in October, I had the privilege of attending Midwest Rally! Set in Holmen Wisconsin, this activity provided all attendants with advanced leadership training, fellowship, and the foundation to improve and maintain their home lodge and personal lives. From classes based on personal and lodge improvement and growth, to informative and fun activities that enabled inter-lodge interactions, Midwest Rally was effective in making the weekend worth the drive. I was happy to make new friends from outside our section, and be in a great table group that grew off of each other's knowledge. If this activity happens again, I would highly recommend it for the fellowship and friendship, but also the opportunity to further self and lodge development. Truly one of my favorite OA events.

Your brother in the Wimachtendinche,  
Matthew Semaan, Immediate Past Lodge Chief



# Winter Banquet

PUT ON YOUR TEAM JERSEY AND HELP US  
KICK-OFF A NEW YEAR OF CHEERFUL SERVICE

SATURDAY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
306 2<sup>ND</sup> ST. S. VIRGINIA, MN 55792  
COST: \$25

You are invited to the 2018 Ka'niss Ma'ingan Lodge Annual Winter Banquet. Join us as we celebrate the success of our 2017 lodge year and congratulate our award recipients for their exceptional service to the Ka'niss Ma'ingan Lodge

Arrowmen selected to keep the Vigil in 2017 will also be recognized in a special call-out ceremony.

**FLAG ON THE PLAY IF YOU DON'T SHOW!**

REGISTRATION: [HTTP://WWW.VAC-BSA.ORG/KANISSMAINGAN/STORE/](http://www.vac-bsa.org/KANISSMAINGAN/STORE/)

## WARM UPS

1:00 P.M. LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

4:30 P.M. LEC MEETING

OPTIONAL: CATHOLIC MASS

ATTIRE: TEAM JERSEY

## GAME TIME

6:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN

6:30 P.M. DINNER SERVED

ARROWMEN ATTIRE: CLASS "A" UNIFORM

GUESTS: BUSINESS DRESS

\*FREE SATURDAY OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH\*

## You are Invited to Attend LECs

Hello Brothers,

My name is Zach Coughlin, Vice Chief of Administration for you Ka'niss Ma'ingan Lodge. This is my fourth year as part of the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). The LEC meets one Saturday every month. I encourage all members of the lodge to come to the next one. Now, I'm sure many of you have been invited to these meetings before and have probably either never given it much thought or assumed that you were not qualified to attend. I too kind of brushed off the idea of coming to these meetings. I didn't know anybody who went to them and besides, at the time, I had just gone through my Ordeal. I barely know what happened at these conclave things. Why would those older Scouts want me there? That was the attitude I held for a good year and a half. Then my troop's OA representative aged out. All of the youth OA members from my troop were put in a room after a troop meeting and the adults asked us who wanted to be the new OA rep. Nobody raised their hands. I thought it might be a little cool, but I still wasn't sure about those LEC meetings, and after all, there were Brotherhood members in my midst – surely they were more qualified. Still, after nearly 45 minutes, nobody volunteered and the room was silent. We needed to come up with a new representative before we could go home, so after a little prodding from my fellow Scouts, I volunteered.

The next Saturday, I had to go to the dreaded LEC meeting. Everyone was super nice and all, but I had no idea what was going on. There were all these talks about LLD, NOAC, NLS, and so many more acronyms that I had never heard of before. I got out of there as fast as possible and didn't want to go back. I just wasn't qualified. I decided to give it one more chance the next month because I wasn't about to let my troop down. That January meeting is when everything changed. I sat next to an adult who helped explain things to me. I now knew what the difference was between lodge positions and chapter positions and even got appointed to the vacant position of Vice Chief of my chapter. The next month was an LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) training and all my questions from before were answered. I continued to come to meetings and I started giving out suggestions of my own while planning the Spring Conclave.

When Spring Conclave rolled around, I was excited to see some of those ideas get implemented. We had a really big crew of Ordeal candidates and the Brotherhood bash was super fun. Spring Conclave was a success. Then, before I knew it, the weekend was over and the Lodge Chief was running elections. I knew this was coming up so I was hoping to get nominated for Vice Chief of my chapter and actually get voted in this time, rather than just being appointed. I was shocked when the Lodge Chief nominated me for Vice Chief of Administration. I nervously accepted and was even more shocked to win the election. I've been to nearly every single LEC meeting since and, although they can sometimes be slow, I am encouraged to keep coming back because I know that I am making a positive impact on the Lodge and the experiences of my fellow Scouts. If you made it this long, I hope I inspired you to come to the next LEC and to also get more involved with Ka'niss Ma'ingan Lodge

Yours truly,  
Zach Coughlin, Vice Chief of Administration

## Troop Visits and Elections

Greetings brothers,

Troop visits are an essential part of our Lodge's growth and developments. Chapters perform visits to the troops in their area yearly. Many of the visits also include the team of Arrowmen hosting an election for the troop. Chapters keep in contact with OA Troop Representatives and the Scoutmasters of each troop to schedule the visits and an election, if the troop is ready, at least once a year. However, if a troop is ready for a visit, the OA Troop Representative or Scoutmaster can contact their area Chapter Chief or the Vice Chief of Chapters, Joshua Baumann, with a few possible dates in mind for the visit. The Chapter Chief or Vice Chief of Chapters will find at least two Arrowmen, three would be ideal, who can attend the visit with the troop. The Chapter Chief will then confirm the date with the Scoutmaster.

Order of the Arrow elections are for youth up to the age of 20 who meet the following requirements:

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Hold the First Class rank of the BSA, as a minimum.
3. After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the BSA. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

At least half of the registered youth of each troop will vote by secret ballot for as many of the eligible Scouts they feel are worthy. The youth should vote for who they believe is a Scout who lives up to the Scout Oath and Law, exhibits good leadership ability, and sets a good Scouting example. If the Scout gets at least half the votes, the youth is voted in for induction into the OA. Before the election team starts, they will discuss with the Scoutmaster how the troop would like to inform the voted in members. Either the youth can find out by a letter, just get told after the election, or through a call out ceremony that will be held at their local Scout camp.

Adults are voted into the OA through nomination by the unit committee. Each troop is eligible to have one adult for every three youth elected. Adults must be approved by the Lodge Advisor and other adult leadership. The youth and adults elected are then welcomed to do their Ordeal at one of the next Conclaves. They will have three opportunities to complete their Ordeal. If it is not completed within the year and a half they must be re-elected.

I am looking forward to seeing many new faces at Lodge events! Feel free to contact me at [jpbbaumann6890@gmail.com](mailto:jpbbaumann6890@gmail.com) or 218-290-1193.

Yours in Scouting,  
Joshua Baumann, Vice Chief of Chapters

## Fall Conclave Recap



Brothers! Fall Conclave was a great success. Forty Arrowmen attended, including 10 new Ordeal members as well as 4 new Vigil members. Congratulations to Chris Jarman, Luke Jarman, Reid Milner and Zach Coughlin! Welcome to all the new Ordeals!

While it was a rainy weekend at Camp Barksdale during Conclave, the weather certainly didn't prevent us from getting service done. We were able to get a gray-water sump installed, deploy benches at the ceremony site, and clear out lots and lots of buckthorn! Thank you to everyone who participated and I hope to see you at other OA events!

~ Trevor Lesch, Fall Conclave Chief

## Adults in the Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow is an organization for youth members in the Boy Scouts of America. It is run by youth members under the age of 21. However, there is an adult presence in the Order of the Arrow, as there is in other areas of Boy Scouts. It takes adults to keep a sense of continuity, but for the most part, the adult role in the OA is that of a back seat Advisor.

How do adults become members of the Order of the Arrow? Adults must be nominated by their troop committee for consideration by the Lodge adult selection committee to become a candidate. If approved, they must go through the same steps as youth members, including the Ordeal, and they must fulfill the same camping requirements as a youth member would. If an adult was in the Order as youth, he is still an Arrowman and only needs to be current on his BSA registration and pay Lodge dues. He does not need to be nominated, selected or repeat the Ordeal as an adult.

A troop can nominate adults as long as one or more youth members are also elected from the troop. There are adult nomination forms that must be filed with the Lodge Advisor or an Associate. One adult can be nominated for every three or fewer youth that are elected. In addition, the Scoutmaster can be nominated if he is not already an Arrowman and has been registered as Scoutmaster for at least twelve months. This is a recent change brought about by the hope that the Scoutmaster would have a greater commitment to the Scouts' OA participation if he were himself an Arrowman.

Unlike youth members, who are selected by their troop on the basis of their Scout spirit, camping and general helpfulness, adults are selected, not as a recognition or "because it's his turn", but because they have the capacity and willingness to be of service to the OA in addition to being of good character and setting a good example for the youth.

Once an adult becomes active in the Order of the Arrow, he (or she - women can become members if nominated as adults) takes on a similar role to adults in the troop. The adults aid the youth members in planning and running their own programs of activities. This happens through training and advising and might be done collectively or individually. This is different than the leadership

role an Arrowman would have experienced as a youth, so it's important that the adult OA member know and understand the differences.

As an adult in the OA, you may be asked to take on more direct responsibility as an advisor to work with a youth officer by training and guiding him in the performance of his duties and providing other assistance where needed. An Advisor helps the youth leaders get the resources they need and get past roadblocks that might stand in the way of success. What the adult does not do is run the program!



Most adults will not be an advisor but still have a responsibility in their position as Scoutmaster or Assistant SM, Committee Chair or member. Adults can provide transportation to and from AO events and LEC's, set the tone through conduct and positive example encourage youth members toward Brotherhood, and offer assistance to the other adults in the lodge. Adults in the OA enjoy a sense of camaraderie and satisfaction in seeing the youth plan and conduct a successful program. In so doing, the youth gain valuable leadership experience, enjoy the outdoors and have the satisfaction of doing good things for Scouting and for their communities.

If you have questions about the OA, talk to your Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisor, or visit the OA's national website, [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org)

Lee Iverson, Administration Advisor

## Advisor's Minute

Greetings. I am honored to be the new Ka'niss Ma'ingan Lodge Advisor working with a great group of youth in the LEC and throughout the Lodge! Past Advisor, Tina Comstock, provided such a wonderful example for me to learn from and I hope I can serve the youth of our lodge as capably as she did. Looking forward to seeing lots of folks at the Winter Banquet, LECs, and future Conclaves.

And now for a thought to ponder. My dad always used to say, "If you're falling off a cliff, you may as well try to fly. You have nothing to lose." ~ *Captain John Sheridan, Babylon 5*

Ellen Lesch, Ka'niss Ma'ingan, Lodge Advisor

## Paying Dues

Don't forget to pay your dues every year. Paying your dues is required in order to wear your patch on your uniform and to remain a member in good standing. Dues can be paid annually through the council website or when you sign up for an Order of the Arrow event. The cost of dues is currently

## LEC Meetings

Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Council office at 10 A.M, unless otherwise noted. The LEC is made up of the youth leaders of the Lodge who are expected to attend either in person or by phone. Youth leaders include the Lodge Chief, Vice Chiefs, Treasurer, Secretary and the Chiefs of each of the chapters that make up the Lodge. These meetings are open to any Arrowman who is interested in the workings of the Lodge.

You can also **call in** to these meetings too! If you'd like to call in, the number is: 857-232-0155, and the code number is 496299.

## Order of the Arrow 2017 Events and Meetings

Event	Date	Location and Time
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	December 2, 2017	Council Service Center 10:00 a.m. to noon
Winter Banquet	January 13, 2018	Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 306 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. S., Virginian, MN 1:00-4:30 LLD Training for everyone 4:30 LEC 6:00 Banquet Gathering 6:30 Dinner Served
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	February 10, 2018	Council Service Center 10:00 a.m. to noon
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	March 10, 2018	Council Service Center 10:00 a.m. to noon
Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	April 14, 2018	Council Service Center 10:00 a.m. to noon
Spring Conclave	May 4, 5, 6, 2018	Northern Tier

## Questions? Comments?

Here's our address:  
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Hermantown, MN 55811