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MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY 26
DURLANDWEBELOS
KLONDIKE

MARCH 12
LODGE BANQUET

MARCH 11-13
NATIONAL LEAD-
SHIPER TRAINING
(ALPINE)

APRIL 22-24
FELLOWSHIP
WEEKEND (DURLAND)

MAY 13-15
ORDEAL WEEKEND
(READ)

JUNE 3-5
ORDEAL WEEKEND
ELECTIONS
(BULLOWA)

JUNE 10-12
SECTION CONCLAVE

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July 25-30, 2022 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
After more than a year of living through this pandemic, we can't wait to get back to NOAC and watch the nightly stadium shows, watch lodges compete for glory in the sports and ceremony competitions, and meet Arrowmen from around the nation, all while spending a week living in a college dorm—and yes, it will have air conditioning!
To hear more about what's instore at next years NOAC follow the conference's social media pages on Instagram and Twitter @OANOAC and like the Facebook page, "NOAC," to be one of the first to hear the theme announcement in August and other updates! Make sure to keep checking NOAC2022.org to stay informed with all of the information regarding NOAC! DEPOIST \$200.00
<https://mycouncil.ghvbsa.org/Event/5657>
PLEASE SEE THE ATTCHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION
In order to ensure a successful conference, every lodge in the nation will be provided with a unique registration goal. The goals were developed based on a few factors, like past conference attendance and distance from the conference. If every lodge meets their goal, NOAC 2022 will be our largest conference in recent years.
NOAC ADVISOR
Mr. Don Schreek
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CHAPTER ELECTIONS 2022

Delaware River/Heritage - Chapter Chief: Patrick P
Chapter Adviser Mr. Z Raessler
Chapter Vice- Chief- VACANT
Chapter Secretary- VACANT

Dutchess - Chapter Chief - Kieran R
Chapter Vice Chief - Jimmy G
Chapter Secretary Alyssa V
Chapter Adviser - Mr. Shekitka

Rockland - Chapter officers - VACANT
Chapter Adviser - Mr. Medler
Chapter Vice- Chief- VACANT
Chapter- Secretary- VACANT

Muscoot - Chapter Chief Spencer H
Chapter Vice Chief - James M
Chapter Secretary - James R
Chapter Adviser - Mr. Veverka

Manitoga - Chapter Chief - Trevor G
Chapter Adviser— Mr. Carlson
Chapter Vice Chief- VACANT
Chapter- Secretary- VACANT

Algonquin/Mohican - Chapter officers – VACANT
Chapter Vice Chief- VACANT
Chapter Adviser- VACANT
Chapter Secretary- VACANT



MAHICANTUCK ANNUAL BANQUET 2022

This years banquet will be held on March 12, 2022

Ramada Inn 1289 NY-300 Newburgh, NY 12550

Cost \$25 per youth

Cost \$35 per adult

Registration link:

<https://mycouncil.ghvbsa.org/Event/5757>

**CHIEFLY SPEAKING**

Hi everyone,

To start off, I want to acknowledge how trying these past two years have been for all of us. From the global pandemic taking loved ones too soon, forcing social isolation and reducing social contact, to the lawsuits against the Scouts BSA Organization making our funds and membership numbers the lowest they've ever been, we've had a historic and extremely difficult time as Scouts and Scouters. This is especially true for us, the members of the Order of the Arrow, which has seen declining membership numbers for the better part of two decades with an additional 60% drop in membership since 2019.

However, this means that those of us remaining have endured more than any other group of Arrowmen in history – and we persevered anyway. If you are currently an active Arrowmen, you have survived a global pandemic, nearly two years of near-complete social isolation, strained to nonexistent budgets for activities and events, and a historic drop in morale world-wide. You've lived through all of this, and you're still here. You are one of the few, the dedicated, the capable, the powerful, the strong. We have an opportunity right now as never before to build a better Order. I don't just mean for our lodge because of our council and lodge mergers, I mean our place in history. Right now, despite all the challenges we face, we are still here, which means there's no group of people better suited to build a better lodge, to inspire the Nation, to lead the OA to a brighter future.

We, as a new lodge and as one of the largest lodges nationwide, have a huge opportunity here to build a better Order. We can show that the Order of the Arrow isn't done fighting just yet, we will show the world that we are the Honor Society of the Scouts BSA, and we take the responsibility that comes with that very seriously. We can serve as an example and inspiration for Lodges across the nation as we set the example for what a high-performing lodge can look like. We can inspire other lodges to be better, to serve their communities and camps more, and to inspire the rest of the Scouts BSA members to strive to be more than just good scouts and scouters. My hope is that we, together, can pave the way to that better future.

Yours in Brotherhood,

James



Meet the Lodge Chief– James Hancock

My name is James Hancock and I'm ecstatic to be your first lodge chief! I am an 18-year-old Eagle Scout from Troop One, Mount Kisco (T1MK), in Muscoot District of Westchester County. I served as SPL in T1MK for nearly four years, with my term concluding in June of last year. In 2019, I was inducted into the OA at camp Read. Later that year, I attended the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia as the ASPL of my Contingent Troop. In the Spring of 2020, I was elected as the Vice Chief of Operations for Ktemaque Lodge. In this role, I was tremendously successful, networking with dozens of troops to schedule unit visitations and elections, most of which I carried out personally. I'm pleased to report that my efforts have yielded a 20% growth of Ktemaque's membership numbers, despite the difficulties of the pandemic. This is how I've chosen to serve the OA and my community until our more recent elections in November. In March of last year, I was lucky enough to be able to achieve my brotherhood in person at our Durland Reservation. In June of last year, I ran for and was elected to the office of Secretary for our Section, NE-2B, now known as E18. I'm very proud and excited to serve all of you this year in both roles.

Yours in Brotherhood,

James



LODGE ADVISERS MINUTE

*"He who Serves
his fellows is, of
all his fellows
greatest"*

Over the last several months I have had the opportunity to watch the youth of the two legacy lodges work together to merge and create the single lodge that will serve the Greater Hudson Valley Council. Yes, there are growing pains, and the process is not without occasional conflict. But like stones tumbled together in a flowing stream, the rough edges are wearing smooth and Mahicantuck will be the better for it. While we did not have a choice in the decision to merge, we do have a choice in how we approach the merger and how we move forward. Let's view this merger as a positive opportunity to combine the best practices from each legacy lodge into the lodge we are creating. Our past as Arrowmen in Ktemaque and Nacha Nimat will always be a part of us, but should not separate us. It's time to look to the future and I encourage you all to attend events (see the side-bar calendar) and become active members in Mahicantuck #15!

**To borrow what has become an often-used phrase of late,
we are stronger together!**

Meet the Lodge Adviser: Mrs. Heubach

I have been a registered scouter since 2000 and a member of the Order of the Arrow since 2005. My scouting positions have included pack committee chair, Tiger Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, and troop committee member/treasurer on the unit level. In the district, I have been a district member at large, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Family FOS chair and District Chair. At the Council level, I am a member of the Council Executive Board, have been Council Commissioner, and most recently was Associate Lodge Adviser then Lodge Adviser for Nacha Nimat #86. In "real life", I am an attorney specializing in Workers' Compensation Law and Social Security Disability. My husband Mike and I have been married for 35 years and we have 2 sons, both Eagle Scouts, one of whom is a Marine and the other an Army National Guard soldier.

HISTORY OF THE NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

<https://hvmag.com/life-style/history/hudson-valley-native-american-history>



2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) Conference Information Session

What is NOAC: The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is typically attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope. Our largest conference was in 2015, attended by more than 15,000 Arrowmen to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. We expect at least 6,000 Arrowmen to attend in 2022.

When/Where: NOAC will be held July 25 – July 30th, 2022 at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. UT Knoxville also hosted the 1977, 1992, and 2000 national OA conferences. There will most likely be a travel day on either side of the actual conference

Cost estimate: Conference fees cover housing, program, and food service during the event. For delegates, additional fees for transportation to and from the conference as well as any contingent expenses are at the discretion of your lodge contingent leadership. Our current estimate is \$1200. This will include the conference, travel to/from, shirts and patches. If we require a hotel stay enroute, that cost will be part of the registration fee. Meals enroute to the conference and on the way back are not included.

Registration: All lodge members will register with our council. A \$100 non-refundable, but transferable deposit is due at the time of registration, which will end on February 15. Payments will be spread over the months of March-June.

Housing: All contingent members will be housed on the campus of the university. The length of time to travel to and from may require an overnight stay in a hotel in the middle of the route. This will be determined once the mode of transportation has been decided.

Transportation: The mode of transportation will be decided upon once we know how many adults/scouts are planning to attend. It may be by rental van or by bus.