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## 2019 Winter Banquet

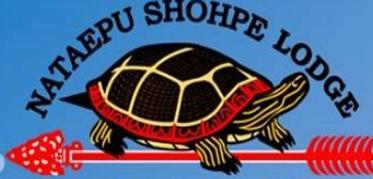
Come Celebrate our Lodge at Winter Banquet!!!

This year Banquet will be filled with many exciting events including the Lodge-Con Event, followed by a delicious dinner, and capping the day with a ceremony.

Lodge-Con begins at 12:00PM and will feature fellowship time with chapters along with informational tables about the lodge and new opportunities in Scouting. Fun activities planned include a movie themed trivia event and screen-printing t-shirts.

The after-dinner ceremony will honor our award recipients and feature a key note address from Wood TV's

weatherman, Bill Steffen. Also, be ready to be entertained by professional juggler, Brian Pankey, who became famous on America's Got Talent! The after-dinner ceremony will honor our award recipients and feature a key note address from Wood TV's weatherman, Bill Steffen. Also, be ready to be entertained by professional juggler, Brian Pankey, who became famous on America's Got Talent!



PRESIDENT FORD FSC #781  
**ORDER OF THE ARROW**  
**LODGE CON &**  
**WINTER BANQUET**  
**JANUARY 19 2019**  
GRAND RAPIDS MASONIC TEMPLE  
233 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Prior to the Banquet we will host the LODGE-CON featuring numerous activities, exhibits and Chapter competitions including:

- Screen Printing
- Patch/ History Displays
- OA Troop Rep. Training
- Trading Post
- 2019 High Adventure
- And more

**LODGE CON: 12PM**  
**BANQUET: 2PM**  
**AWARDS: 3:30PM**



**COST \$25**  
**LATE FEE \$35**  
LATE FEE GOES INTO EFFECT ON JAN 9

**Register now:** <https://scoutingevent.com/272-NSWinterBanquet2019>  
If you have any questions, please contact:  
Martin Burg: (advisor@nslodge.org) or Ed Mealoy: (programadvisor@nslodge.org)

Lodge-Con/Check in Begins at 12:00P.M.

Dinner Starts at 2:00PM

Please Come with a blank t-shirt to screen print and be ready to prove your movie trivia skills.

Register now at <https://scoutingevent.com/272-NSWinterbanquet2019>

## **New Lodge Leadership Development Program**

Greetings Brothers,

As of this year, the Lodge Leadership Development training course provided by the Lodge has received a new makeover as we reach out towards our brothers in the northern part of our Lodge. The new design of the program consists trainings released at the 2018 NOAC incorporated into two separate training events; one in the northern and one in the southern parts of our Lodge. In November, we held the northern training at the Northland Sportsman Club in Gaylord, and the southern counterpart is coming up on March 16th at the Devos Center for Scouting. The south event will be a day event with a new design for lessons, so be sure to check it out! The flyer for that event will be posted at [www.nslodge.org](http://www.nslodge.org) coming up in the near future. Be sure to register for the event and be sure to promote this highly recommended training to your troops registered arrowmen.

Yours In WWW,  
Matthew T. Novak and Jarrett Riordan

## 2019 Section C-2 Conclave

Hi,

My name is Ben Alter, and I am both the Vice Chief of Inductions and the Section C-2 Conclave Chair. As the chairman of the event, I work with Section C-2 Leadership to plan, and execute the once yearly section conclave. As most of you might know, this year we are the host lodge of the conclave, so that means that conclave will be hosted in our own backyard at Gerber Scout Reservation in May! Section Conclave is always a fun event, and it provides a great time for all aspects of the Order of The Arrow. With conclave, you'll be able to meet Arrowmen from other lodges, participate in fun activities, and share once in a lifetime experiences with other brothers in the Order of The Arrow. This year, with the conclave being hosted by us, it allows us to provide a service corps, which will provide ten to fifteen Arrowman will receive a special patch for "staffing" the event. If you have any interest in doing so, please feel free to email me at [vcofinductions@nslodge.org](mailto:vcofinductions@nslodge.org). If you have any ideas of what you'd like to see at conclave, please feel free to shoot me a email, and we can discuss how we can integrate that idea into our theme of "Pirates of the Great Lakes"!



## Officer Statements

### Lodge Chief

Brothers!!!

My name is Jacob Bakker and I am your Lodge Chief for the 2018 - 2019 year. May I say this past year has indeed, been an exciting one. I am most pleased with our lodges progress in the last few months as we have had so many new events and demonstrations of our great brotherhood. This year we have had several new events such as the Chapter Extravaganza, Vigil Service weekend, and Lodge Leadership Development North!!! I am most pleased with these events and hope to have many more in the future! I am also excited to say that our Lodge has decided to give \$25,000 in support of the Grand Rapids project over the next 3 years and also look forward to allotting our services to make it a better place for all to see! I would like to mention that if you have yet to pay your dues for the 2019 please do so! It allows us to do all our great service to camp, council, and so much more. I also would love to see all of you at our Winter banquet, where we will celebrate our Arrowmen's accomplishments, celebrate this last year, and have a blast while doing it. If you haven't in awhile you should definitely visit our lodge website [nslodge.org](http://nslodge.org) as it just received a facelift and some long needed updating and we will be continuing our progress. If you haven't yet please make sure that you sign up for our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nslodge/>. Using these two resources you can continually check to see what great work our lodge is doing and be a part of it!. I thank all of you for making my experience and all of our Arrowmen's experience in our lodge one to remember.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jacob Bakker

Lodge Chief

### Vice Chief of Administration

Hello Brothers!

My name is Baden Wackerle, and for the 2018-2019 year I am your Vice Chief of Administration! My primary responsibilities include supervising the progress of Unit Elections and lodge Recognitions (Founders award, Arrowman of the year, etc.), as well as our lodge's Order of the Arrow Troop Representative program and Historian chairman positions. My primary goals for this term are focused on Unit Elections - and getting the supporting materials that you need out to you! Parts of this goal have already been completed, but there is still more that can and will be done to provide support to Unit Election teams. Look forward to seeing that material soon! Don't forget - Nominations for our lodge's awards are open on our website! Arrowman/Honor Arrowman of the year award nominations are due by 12/31/2018, and Vigil Honor nominations are due by 1/31/2019. If you know someone who has given themselves in cheerful service that should be recognized, let us know! You can find the links to nominate our brothers on the right sidebar at our website, [nslodge.org](http://nslodge.org). In addition, if you have completed your Allogagan or a portion of your Elangomat award, please send your completed paperwork to my email, which you can find below. Winter Banquet is when we will be recognizing those who have earned these awards - and I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Until next time,

Yours in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service!

Baden Wackerle

## Officer Statements continued...

### Vice Chief of Inductions

Hi, My name is Ben Alter, and I am the Vice Chief of Inductions! In the past six months, it has been a really busy time for my position! With the summer season of inductions done, and with spring conclave up and coming, there seems to never be a break with my responsibilities. So far this year, we have inducted 210 ordeal members, 86 brotherhood members, and 8 new vigil members. These numbers are really impressive, and big thanks to each and every Arrowman who either helped out at summer camp, or came out to a conclave and spared a hand to make ceremonies go so much smoother. Looking forward at the next couple of months here, we are looking at getting new regalia for the spring and summer season! As most of you know the regalia we have at camp is a little worn, and in need for repair or replacement, so it's a big thing to look forward to! Looking forward to the next couple of months, if anyone is interested in being more involved, please feel free to contact me at [vcofinductions@nslodge.org](mailto:vcofinductions@nslodge.org)!

### Vice Chief of Program

Greetings Brothers!,

My name is Dan "Broom" Unglenieks, and I am the Vice Chief of Program for our lodge, and I just want to recap what an awesome year in the lodge we've had. This year has been great for events, and the next year is going to be even better! If you went to Spring Conclave, you might remember a pretty awesome Easter theme with games, activities and fun for a great weekend event. This summer we had a great time at camp with our Shohpe Social each week of camp, where we enjoyed some root-beer floats and talked about the lodge, camp and had some fellowship. This fall, we had a flurry of great events, starting with Summer Conclave! If you were at Camp Greilick with us, back in August, you'll remember the great turnout we had, and the fun activities, from watermelon carving to the spooky Halloween theme! In September, we had our first-ever Vigil Service weekend, where we gave a day of service to Camp Gerber, and introduced our newest Vigil Class of 2018. In October we had Lodge Leadership Development North, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. For those of you who attended, you'll know all about the fun we had learning how to be a great leader in the OA and daily life.

Coming up soon is our Lodge-Con and Winter Banquet. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our largest event of the year, where we will present all of the honors and awards that our members have earned during the year! This is going to be a great event, and if you're interested in signing up, registration is available now! I'm looking forward to the great future of our lodge and the events that make up our camping spirit and devotion to service.

Yours in WWW,

Dan Unglenieks

## Officer Statements continued...

### Vice Chief of Service

Hello Brothers,

My name's Alex Letts and I'm your current Vice Chief of Service, during my term we have logged over 400 service hours in conclaves alone. By the end of my term, I would like to see a couple of larger projects.

### Treasurer

Brothers,

My name is John Zimelis, and I am lodge treasurer. I am 19 years old, an Eagle scout, and have worked 3 seasons on camp staff. As treasurer, I created the master budget, and will work to track our lodge expenses, so that we are financially responsible.

This will have to be my last term as treasurer. I am looking for candidates to replace me.

God bless,  
John Zimelis

### Secretary

Hello Brothers,

My name is Jarrett Riordan, your lodge secretary and despite having a late start to the job, I'm discovering rhythms to maintain to get my job done right! Currently in my term, I am working on writing out the winter edition of the Guardian's Call lodge newsletter, and I intend on producing another edition at some point before Spring Conclave. I am cognizant that my term was shorter than most and I plan on serving the Lodge as secretary for a second term coming up in the 2019—2018 year! If you have any questions about the position or if you are interested to hold this position in the future, be sure to send me an email at [Secretary@nslodge.org](mailto:Secretary@nslodge.org)

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Jarrett Riordan

## Annual Pass And Patch / Paying Membership Dues

Brothers,

As the 2018 year passes us by, it is important that all active arrowmen of our Lodge pay their dues to maintain their membership throughout the next year. You can pay your 2019 dues at [www.nslodge.org/dues](http://www.nslodge.org/dues) or by messaging our lodge treasurer, John Zimelis at [treasurer@nslodge.org](mailto:treasurer@nslodge.org). In addition the lodge is offering the annual pass program. When you purchase your annual pass, you get your ticket to each of the lodge's events throughout the year. Conclaves, Winter Banquet, both of our Lodge Leadership Developments, and more for the price of \$85! By paying separately for each lodge event, you will wind up paying over \$100! By taking advantage of this value offering you save money and get a cool patch. In addition, you also have an expedited process to sign up for lodge events. You can find where to find more info, and to sign up for the annual pass at: [www.nslodge.org/dues](http://www.nslodge.org/dues)

My brothers, we thank you in advance, and we look forward to seeing you this next year!



## Lodge Advisor Minute

Dear Arrowmen of Nataepu Shohpe Lodge,

Wow-what a year 2018 has been! From an entertaining 2018 Winter Banquet to NOAC to several new lodge-wide events and the reorganization of Chapters, it has been a very busy year. I would like to thank those Lodge leaders and their advisers that serve on the “Executive Committee” with thanks for a job well done. However, we cannot simply be happy where the Lodge is currently, either with membership levels, amount of service, or funds raised. I would like you to consider that we can build on our efforts and make 2019 even more impactful. With a lodge of 905 members, we need to make sure that all Arrowmen take seriously their obligation-first to your troop, next to your local chapter, and lastly to the Lodge and beyond. I am continuously impressed with all that some of your lodge leaders do, but have challenged them with a singular task-that is to get more Arrowmen involved in the planning and execution of events-either at the Chapter or Lodge level. This means that, as we embark on this Lodge’s new Chapter structure established last May, that you meet with your chapter locally and help your chapter function. If you have yet to make a chapter meeting, why not start next month? You should be able to contact your Chapter leadership using resources found on the newly redesigned Lodge website, found at <https://nslodge.org/>. Our Lodge is only as strong as its chapters, and chapters only as strong as their troops. To help Chapters grow and develop, why not identify an OA Troop representative in each Troop and have them attend the next Chapter meeting? There are a number of upcoming events, like the 2019 Winter banquet in January, National Leadership Seminar in February, and Lodge Leadership Development now in March. Lastly (to adults), I need to fill several critical positions, including the Lodge Treasurer position. If you have accounting experience and the ability to work with youth, please contact me at your convenience. I look forward to one more year as your Lodge Adviser-seek out something new and create that new experience that may lead you down **your** path of success. See you on the trail....Thanks for reading...

Martin Burg

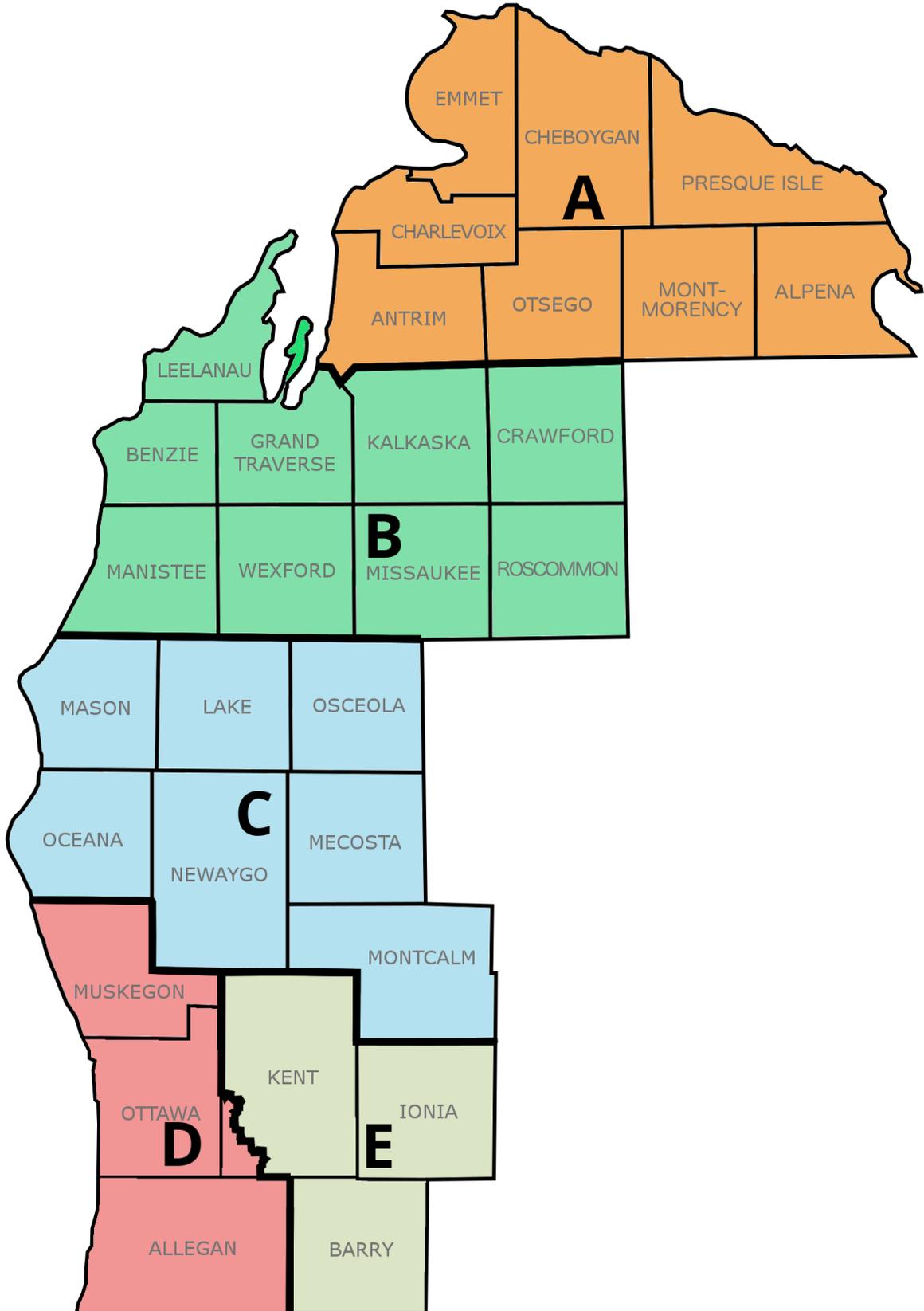
Lodge Adviser

## 2019 Lodge Calendar (Tentative)

|                 |                              |                                     |  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| January 19      | Winter Banquet               | All Members                         | Masonic Temple - Grand Rapids          |
| January 19      | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | TBD                                    |
| February 2      | Council of Chiefs            | OA Key 3                            | TBD                                    |
| February 9      | NLS/DYLC                     | Members with Lodge Adviser Approval | TBD                                    |
| February 16     | Lodge Leadership Development | All Members                         | DeVos Center for Scouting              |
| February 16     | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | DeVos Center for Scouting              |
| March 10        | Council of Chiefs            | OA Key 3                            | TBD                                    |
| TBD             | NLS/DYLC                     | Members with Lodge Adviser Approval | TBD                                    |
| March 17        | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | DeVos Center for Scouting              |
| April 14        | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | Reed City Scout House                  |
| May 3-5         | Section Conclave             | All Members                         | Gerber Scout Reservation               |
| May 17-19       | Spring Conclave              | All Members                         | Gerber Scout Reservation               |
| May 19          | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | Gerber Scout Reservation               |
| May 31- June 2  | Strategic Planning Weekend   | Executive Committee members         | Gerber Scout Reservation               |
| August 16-18    | Summer Conclave              | All Members                         | TBD                                    |
| August 18       | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | TBD                                    |
| September 7     | Chapter Extravenganza        | Chapters                            | TBD                                    |
| September 13-14 | Vigil Weekend                | All Vigil Members and Candidates    | Gerber Scout Reservation               |
| September 20-22 | Mackinac Rendezvous Service  | All Members                         | Mackinac Island/<br>Mackinac City area |
| October 20      | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | Gerber Scout Reservation               |
| October 27      | Council of Chiefs            | OA Key 3                            | TBD                                    |
| November 9      | LLD North                    | All Members                         | Gaylord                                |
| November 9      | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | Gaylord                                |
| November TBD    | NLS/DYLC                     | Members with Lodge Adviser Approval | TBD                                    |
| December 15     | Executive Committee Meeting  | Executive Committee members         | DeVos Center for Scouting              |

For An Interactive Map, Go To:  
[www.nslodge.org/chaptermeetings](http://www.nslodge.org/chaptermeetings)

**Nataepu Shohpe Lodge**





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