



NENTICO LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Nentico Lodge's Response to COVID-19

At the center of our response is the safety and health of all Nentico Lodge members, their fellow scouts, and families. It has always been and will be at the forefront of every decision we make. The Lodge Key 3, Lodge Officers, and Chapter Chiefs, along with the guidance of the Baltimore Area Council and the directive of the Governor, have made some changes to upcoming events to ensure the safety.

The Lodge understands that these changes may be disruptive to your scouting experience this year. This is not what we had in mind when we put these events on the calendar. However, due to the circumstances at hand, the Lodge believes that the decisions below are in the best interest of everyone involved.

Although you may have already received some of this information, we have decided to give a more thorough update on all the changes going on with the Lodge in an effort to make sure that all of our members are on the same page. Below is a list of changes that will be occurring in the Lodge:

Status of Chapter and Lodge Events

The Baltimore Area Council announced that *"All council- and district-sponsored events are postponed through May 17."* Since the Lodge is under the direction of the Council, this means that all in-person Chapter and Lodge meetings must be cancelled/postponed through April 30 as well.

With that being said, the Lodge strongly encourages all chapters to continue to meet virtually with their members. Whichever method your chapter chooses to conduct virtual meetings is fine with us, what matters is that brothers are still able to stay in touch while we are all stuck inside for the foreseeable future. Free or low-cost options include Zoom, Skype, Google Hangouts, and Discord.

Lodge Spring Fellowship Weekend (Original Date: April 3-5) (Now Cancelled)

When the Lodge first made the decision to postpone Spring Fellowship, we were eager to find a new date for it and to begin recalibrating our plans to still have an amazing weekend! Since then, much has changed. The current trajectory of the virus, as well as how tightly packed the rest of the Spring will be at Broad Creek, has made it clear to us that there is no chance of holding a 200+ person event. Therefore, we had to make the tough decision to cancel Spring Fellowship altogether. For the many Arrowmen who have already signed up, information will be emailed out to you about receiving a compensation for the cancelled weekend as soon as possible.

Section NE-6A Conclave Weekend (Original Date: May 15-17) (New Date: October 9-11)

Due to the scale of this event, the three lodges in the section have decided to postpone NE-6A Conclave to October 9-11. Details about refunds and registration will be handled by the section. More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.ne6a.org/conclave.html>.



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Ordeal Weekend 1 (Original Date: April 24-26)

(New Date: June 12-14)

Ordeal Weekend 1 has been postponed to June 12-14 and will remain at Camp Saffran. It will now become Ordeal Weekend 2A. Candidates have been offered the opportunity to move to the new date or another Ordeal. If you have any questions, please email inductions@nentico.org. Registration for the new date is located at the following link: [Ordeal 2A](#).

Lodge Service Weekend

Due to the closure of Broad Creek because of COVID-19, the camp has been unable to prepare for the summer. Therefore, Nentico Lodge is calling on all members to come out on the weekend of this Ordeal (June 12-14) to provide service to camp in order to prepare it for the summer. Members can either sign-up to serve for Saturday-only or for the entire weekend. You can register at the following link: [Lodge Service Weekend](#)

Ordeal Weekend 2 (Original Date: May 1-3)

(Now Cancelled)

Ordeal Weekend 2 has now been cancelled. Candidates have been offered the opportunity to attend another Ordeal. If you have any questions, please email inductions@nentico.org.

Ordeal Extensions

Due to the cancellation of many induction events, candidates that were elected February 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 will have 24 months from the date of election to complete their ordeal. If you were elected outside of this timeframe but would still like an extension, please email inductions@nentico.org with a filled out Ordeal Extension Form that can be found at the following link: [Ordeal Extension Form](#)

Virtual Unit Elections

Due to no in-person meetings, National is allowing Lodges to hold virtual elections. The elections will be held over video conference using Zoom. Nentico Lodge has decided it will be offering Virtual Unit Elections at this time as well. Chapter Chiefs have received details and directions on the process and should have contacted unit leaders last week with details on how to schedule one. If you have any questions, please email inductions@nentico.org.

Lodge Dues Early Bird Price Extension (Price Extended to May 15)

Due the cancellation and postponement of events, the Lodge has decided to extend the Lodge Dues Early Bird Price of \$20.00 until May 15. You can pay your dues at the following link: [Pay Your 2020 Dues](#).

Golden Ticket Update

Due to the cancellation of Spring Fellowship, we will be emailing Golden Ticket holders about receiving a compensation for the cancelled weekend. The Lodge has also decided that the purchase window of the Golden Ticket will not be extended.



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If you have any questions or concerns about a specific update in our response, please email chief@nentico.org and lodgeadviser@nentico.org. We will do everything we can to answer your question using the information available to us.

Although scouting trips and events might have been cancelled, the spirit of scouting and the Order of the Arrow will always continue. Continue to strive and live out the purpose of these programs in your everyday life. Program will return, and the Lodge hopes to see everyone all back together again as soon as it is deemed safe.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Nentico Lodge Key Three

