



May 2020

Circle Information

Institutional Membership Fees

Just as an initiate pays a lifetime membership fee to become a member, circles (institutions really) must pay the annual institutional dues to maintain affiliation and be considered active. The institutional membership fee is the only continuing fee we charge. Membership has its obligations as well as its privileges.

The deadline for the FY 2019-20 Institutional Membership Fees is May 31, 2020. Because of the pandemic and the difficulty many circles have had accessing accounts, we have extended the deadline to June 30, 2020. If your circle has not paid the FY 2020 OΔK Institutional Membership Fee (\$115), please do so as quickly as possible.

If you do not believe your circle will be able to pay the fees this year because of campus financial or other restrictions, please contact Tim Reed (tim@odk.org, 540-458-5345).

Thank you!

Circle Annual Report for FY 2019-20

The FY 2020 Circle Annual Report form is [now open](#).

The Circle Annual Report is required according to the OΔK Policies and Procedures Handbook, and it must be completed by each circle. The Circle Annual Report is not just a formality to give circle advisors more work to do. It is a critical information-gathering tool for the Society.

In FY 2019, we only had 44% of active circles submit an annual report. We should have 100%, but our goal for FY 2020 is at least 75%.

The deadline for Circle Annual Reports has been extended to Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

[Go to the Annual Report](#)

National Virtual Initiation Ceremony

The National Virtual Initiation Ceremonies were held on Tuesday, April 28, and May 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.



You can watch the ceremonies on our YouTube Channel, [ODK HQ](#).

We had more than 1,200 initiates sign the Digital Record Books for the ceremonies. We have also heard about many of the virtual ceremonies conducted by circles. If you want us to share your ceremony, send a link, email, or information to odknhdq@odk.org.

Leadership Programs

2021 National Leadership Conference Planning Team

We are calling OΔK circle advisors, active faculty/staff members, and interested post-collegiate members to serve on the 2021 National Leadership Conference Planning Team. The 2021 National Leadership Conference (NLC) will be held in Williamsburg, Va., jointly hosted by William & Mary and the University of Richmond. Consider joining the team to make the 2021 National Leadership Conference an experience to remember.

For information about positions or general requirements, check out the [NLC webpage](#) or contact:

[Alexis Martinez, 2021 NLC Planning Team Leader, alexismartinez97@gmail.com](#)

[Tim Reed, OΔK National Headquarters, tim@odk.org](#)

[Apply Now for 2021 NLC Planning Team](#)

Online Leadership Programs

The 2020 National Leadership Conference was canceled but not the spirit of the event. Volunteers from the 2020 NLC Planning Team are changing horses and planning to create a series of online programs to capitalize on the talent and expertise of the members who were all set to present at the conference in Lexington, Ky. We are in the early planning stages. If you or someone from your circle has experience in creating podcasts or video learning programs and would like to join the production team, contact Tim Reed (tim@odk.org). We are planning to launch the first series in August, so we need to get to work now!

News from the National Headquarters

National Headquarters Staff Keeps Things Moving

The Virginia stay-at-home order through June 10, 2020, is still in place. The National Headquarters staff continues to use a combination of staggered hours and virtual work strategies. We make every effort to respond quickly to certificate orders, requests for membership assistance, and business inquiries. We continue striving to provide high-quality service even as we are following distancing and health guidelines.

Over the past nine weeks, we have conducted two national virtual initiation ceremonies, two circle virtual initiation ceremonies, mailed more than 900 parcels with certificates and pins, helped circles get cords and stoles to graduates, and processed 1212 online membership payments (a 76% increase over FY 2019), published the spring issue of [The Circle](#), and continued to support our committees and volunteers.

Our primary email, odknhdq@odk.org, is monitored at all times, as are our toll-free and main office telephone lines: (877) 635-6437 and (540) 458-5336, respectively. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Be safe, be healthy, be caring, and be kind in the days to come.

Closed for Memorial Day

The National Headquarters will be closed on Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day Holiday. We will be open regular hours (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) through June.



National Day of Giving

Did becoming a member of Omicron Delta Kappa change your life?

By supporting the Society, you can help ODK change the lives of students by offering the gift of membership. Your gift will support the underwriting of a portion of the lifetime national membership fee for collegiate members who have significant financial constraints. Through membership in ODK, these collegiate members will have access to other

programs, including scholarships, leadership development workshops, and career resources.

A gift of \$88 is the national lifetime membership fee for one student. Please consider making a gift today to the ODK [Opportunity Fund](#).

If you have any questions about this form or how to donate, please contact Katy Datz, vice president for external relations, at (540) 458-5344 or katy@odk.org.

Questions?

For questions or information on anything in the Officer Updates, contact Tim Reed, vice president for membership and operations, tim@odk.org, (540) 458-5345.



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