

The NOMC presents:

Fall 2023 Retreat of the New Orleans Men's Circle!

October 20th, 21st, & 22nd

Stealing fire . . .

Entombed in ocean depths,

Exploring hubris and its consequences

“Western man has no need of more superiority over nature whether outside or inside. He has both in almost devilish perfection. What he lacks is conscious recognition of his inferiority to the nature around and within him. He must learn that he may not do exactly as he wills. If he does not learn this, his own nature will destroy him.”

- Carl Jung



“The problem with our embrace of Promethean gifts and freedoms of the enlightened age is that we split off the darker portion of this mythic narrative, namely the tortuous results of untethered innovation. We forget that Promethean abandon can lead to the incarnation of gigantism Blinded by the wonder of his creative gifts, this residue of Titanic ancestry easily escapes our perception. – Glen Slater



“The exercise of human will can only be tolerated when accompanied by a successful sacrificial recognition of the gods. . . . In the failure to sacrifice, we are sacrificed” - Glen Slater

“If one sins against the laws of proportion and gives something too big to something too small to carry it - too big sails to too small a ship, too big meals to too small a body, too big powers to too small a soul - the result is bound to be a complete upset.” - Plato





“Is this ship really unsinkable?”

“Yes, lady. God himself could not sink this ship.”

- *Titanic* deck hand to passenger during boarding

“Ancient societies had anthropomorphic gods: a huge pantheon expanding into centuries of dynastic drama; fathers and sons, martyred heroes, star-crossed lovers, the deaths of kings - stories that taught us of the danger of hubris and the primacy of humility.”

- Tom Hiddleston

COVID

What to do about COVID, INFECTION, and our in-person retreat?

First, if you have an INFECTION as of a week or so before the retreat, we ask that you not attend. If you have COVID-like symptoms, please get tested. It would be very cool if you got tested anyway. Be aware that some men in attendance may be especially vulnerable to the virus.

We will not mandate vaccinations and masks. We will, though, have masks on hand. And we do hope you arrive vaccinated. We will make whatever arrangements are possible and practical to help reduce risk of infection.

In sum, we encourage each man to take responsibility for himself regarding attendance and protection.

We look forward to seeing you !!

WHAT TO EXPECT

We seek to provide a safe place for men to connect with themselves, other men, and the environment. Large and small group experiences as well as some time alone are planned. In our mythopoetic tradition, storytelling, poetry, drumming and experiential learning can be expected.

PLEASE INVITE ANOTHER MAN TO COME WITH YOU.

WHEN

Arrive Friday, October 20th. On-site registration and bunk assignment will begin by 5 p.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 5:30 P.M. Dinner will be available at 6 P.M., and our opening ceremony will begin at 7 PM. You may arrive as early as you wish on Friday to check out the grounds, hike, meditate, or spend some time in nature. The retreat will end after lunch on Sunday.

WHERE

King's Arrow Ranch, Hillsdale, MS, just east of I-59 North at exit 35, 75 miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles south of Hattiesburg, MS. In case of emergency, you can be reached through the King's Arrow Ranch phone # 601-796-3423. You will be asked to avoid using your cell phone during the Retreat.

PRE-REGISTER VIA E-MAIL

We ask that you pre-register ASAP so we can estimate lodging and meals required. To register, just

reply to this email and let us know you will be there (info@theNOMC.org). If you do not have email, call one of the facilitators to register. A confirmation email with more details will be sent upon registration. For confidentiality and privacy, information provided for registration will only be available to retreat participants.

COST

Note: The cost of the Retreat has been increased to \$140.00, and that fee covers all meals and lodging. You can pay by check or cash upon arrival, Friday, March 31st.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial assistance, please contact a facilitator ahead of the retreat.

NOMC PLANNING MEETING

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday, a planning meeting to discuss the next retreat, as well as planning for the future of NOMC will be held. All interested are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information about the retreat, contact a facilitator.

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VISIT THE NOMC WEBSITE

<http://www.thenomc.org/retreats.html>