



GBAKOR IKWERRE USA, INC.

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A National Organization of Ikwerre People in the United States of America, and Canada

January 20, 2019

Dear Members:

Please accept a very warm and sincere Happy New Year salutation from me and the entire Executives of OIUSA and a wish that the New Year will bring us good health, happiness and unending peace. As Christians, we remain very appreciative of God's divine intervention in all things concerning us and hopeful that the New Year will bring us abundance of good tidings.

I am happy to announce formally that **OIUSA 2019 National Convention will take place at the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Airport Marriott, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving, TX 75063-2521 on Friday, May 24th. – Sunday May 26th.** The EC agreed to host the Convention in May because the Memorial weekend always had the Monday as holiday and so gives you one extra day to travel.

The Theme of this year's convention is:

Ikwerre First: Revisiting our core values and Redefining our Social Obligations for the Development of Ikwerre Land.

The Dallas Convention will feature few speeches & reports of the Obi-Wali Foundation research activities, Ikwerre Leadership committee that was set up to address Paramount Leadership vacuum in Ikwerre ethnic nationality, audit report and financial reports.

For the first time since our inception, OIUSA will carry out a charitable activity in Dallas in fulfillment of our 501c3 status. When executed, such programs will help us to establish necessary histories of charitable giving and illuminate OIUSA's credibility as a US based organization. It will also create an enabling ground for us to tap into vast resources available to other organizations. I urge you to come prepared to participate in this US first program.

This is an election year. Please come prepared to participate in the exercise. All positions are open and will be contested. Those of you interested to run, please arrange to spend one more day, for a handover meeting in the event that you win. It is important that you do to forestall a delay in the take off of your new administration. You may begin to canvass for votes now. We need very dedicated officers.

GROUP ROOM RATES

Based upon OGBAKOR Ikwerre USA's overall program requirement, Hotel is pleased to confirm the following group rates:

Start Date	End Date	Room Type	Single/Double	Triple/Quad
05/24/2019	05/26/2019	Std Double/Double Room	\$99.00	\$109.00
05/24/2019	05/26/2019	Suite	\$179.00	\$179.00

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 15.81%) in effect at the time of check-out.

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at 1 (800) 228-9290 or (972) 929-8800. Individuals must identify themselves as being with the group, OIUSA, Inc. Annual Convention in Dallas May 2019 at the time the reservation is made in order to receive the special group rate.

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS

Individuals can guarantee reservations with first nights pre-payment, or a credit card guarantee. An established Master Account or an approved Corporate Credit Card application can also guarantee rooming list reservations or individual reservations. This means that OGBAKOR Ikwerre USA will be responsible for payment of one night's room and tax for all reserved rooms held beyond the 24 hour cancellation policy.

CUTOFF DATE

All guestroom accommodations will be held until 30 days prior to your meeting date. On **05/03/2019** the "Cut-off date", all unreserved rooms will be released for sale to the general public. Any reservation requests received after the "Cut-off Date" including modifications, name changes and additions for the group will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. Release of rooms for general sale following the "Cut-off Date" does not affect OGBAKOR Ikwerre USA's obligation as discussed in this agreement to utilize guestrooms.

HOTEL RELOCATION PROCEDURE

In the unlikely event that the Hotel is unable to provide a guest room to an attendee with a confirmed reservation on the day of arrival, the Hotel will provide for that attendee: (a) arrangements and payment for first nights' room charge and tax for accommodations at a comparable nearby Hotel, (b) transportation to and from the Hotel, (c) priority reservations for the first available room at the Hotel the next evening and (d) one long distance phone call of reasonable length to notify change of location. Determination of "a comparable nearby hotel" is the Hotel's sole discretion.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Check-in time is 4:00PM. While the Hotel will make every reasonable effort to accommodate guests who arrive before the check-in time, guest rooms may not be immediately available. Baggage storage will be available for a small handling fee.

Check-out time is 12:00PM. Late check-out requests will be reviewed based on hotel

demand. A late departure fee of \$50 per room will apply.

PARKING

Complimentary self-parking, hotel does not offer valet

Convention Pre-registration: We encourage you to register early and the guidelines for doing so remain the same as in previous years as follows:

In order to simplify members' convention registration process OIUSA has existing established early registration by mail. The NCPC encourages members to complete registration by mail in order to avoid queuing up in a possible long line at the registration desk during the convention. Receipts will be mailed for checks or money order received on or before May 10th, 2019. To ensure that members receive their registration receipts everyone is advised to provide the followings: name, mailing address, telephone number and email address. This early registration is for current members and those who were absent at past conventions. The aim is to help reduce the burden of paying past dues all at a time. **Call our Financial Secretary Dr. Jonathan Asuru to find out your debts and plan to settle them.** If you plan to take advantage of the early registration, make your checks or money order payable to: **Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc. and mail to our financial secretary – Dr. Jonathan Asuru, 124 Silver Dr., Pelham AL 35124 or call him @ 205-531-8083.** You can also pay via our PayPal account at oiusa.org.

Membership and Convention Annual Dues: The table below is a breakdown of the approved membership and convention dues.

CATEGORY-NEW MEMBERS	SINGLE	COUPLE
REGISTRATION FEE	50.00	75.00
CONVENTION FEE	100.00	200.00
ANNUAL FEE	100.00	110.00
TOTAL FOR NEW MEMBERS	250.00	385.00
RETURNING MEMBERS	SINGLE	COUPLE
CONVENTION FEE	100.00	200.00
ANNUAL FEE	100.00	110.00
TOTAL FOR RETURNING MEMBERS	200.00	310.00

This year's convention fees for all other attendees is \$120.00

Convention Advertisements: The NCPC is soliciting advertisements, congratulatory goodwill messages, and greetings from our members, friends and supporters to help defray the cost of printing the convention brochure. Please use the Order Form below for

advertisement solicitation and follow instructions as indicated. Collectively, let us support members of the National Convention Planning Committee (NCPC) in their efforts to solicit funds for the convention. **Many of you took ads in 2016 convention program booklet and have not paid for it. We have drawn up a comprehensive list of all outstanding collectible fees owed the organization. Please be prepared to make good on this outstanding balance.**

The EC has decided and the NCPC has been instructed to ensure that all ads for 2019 program booklet are paid upfront to be included. The cutoff date for receiving advertisement is April 30th. 2019.

Again, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ONLY PAID ADS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET

ADVERTISING IN CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

Contact information		
Name of Company/org/Family		
Name of Contact Person		
Full Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
Telephone Number + Area code		
AD SIZE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
8.5x11	Back Cover Determined by postmarked date	\$300.00
8.5x11	Inside Back Cover Determined by postmarked date	\$250.00
8.5x11	Inside Middle Page Determined by postmarked date	\$300.00
8.5x11	Full Pages	\$100.00
8.5x5.5	Half Page	\$80.00

- ❖ All requests from individuals or organizations in USA, Canada and Europe must include full payment in US dollar. Please make your check or money order payable to:
Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc;
ATTN: Eze Maxwell Oparaodu,
1038 Wayne Ave. Duncanville, TX 75137
- ❖ The deadline for all advertisements and payments is May 18, 2019. No advertisements will be published in the program brochure without full payment.

For questions and additional information please contact the 2019 National Convention Planning Committee Chairman: **Eze Maxwell Oparaodu, 1038 Wayne Ave. Duncanville, TX 75137. Eze Max can be reached @ 972-693-8178**

Finally, I look forward to meeting you and your family as we prepare to receive our visitors from home in Dallas, Fort Wayne, Texas. I will be available to answer any questions or suggestions on how to improve our events and organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at **248-565-6378** or **Eze Max**, Chairman, NCPC @ **972-693-8178**. Other contacts include: **King Okpobiri @ 972-898-0331**, **Okachi Omah @ 214-549-8726**, and **Charles Ehero @ 214-448-8700**.

Arrangements for children's activities and events will come your way upon completion.

Our Gala night STARTS AT 7:00 PM PROMPT on Sunday, May 26th. It's expected that our women will be decked out in their ever colorful Ogbakor's Red blouse, head tie and Blue (Ntorica) to participate in their "Award winning" women's dance. For those women that have not purchased this colorful ensemble of women's wrapper plus head tie is \$120.00, please contact Mrs. Patience Igwe, (614-260-3630) for attires.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to OIUSA mission. OIUSA wishes you and your family a safe trip to and from Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, USA.
PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

Chile P. Chuku

President OIUSA/CANADA