

Council of Chiefs opens at 9:10am on October 19th 2014
Meeting was held at the Connecticut Rivers Service Center in East Hartford CT
An Introductions of members present was conducted, started by Chief Neil

Members present:

Youth: Neil Harris, Nick Aubrey, Jon Hagenow, Peter Demkowicz, Jesse Joy, Eli Harris, Jon Elkins, Matt Studt, Jason Van Leeuwen, Howie Craig, Sam Guerra, Andrew Work, Alex Robisch, Mike Greco

Adult: Bill Chin, Bob Walz, Hoss Haskel, Jake Gotimer, Lloyd Gallup, Hunter McCormick, Amy Schwartz, Mark Sulik, Robert Demkowicz

Voting Members: Nick Aubrey, Jon Hagenow, Peter Demkowicz, Jesse Joy, Eli Harris, Howie Craig, Mike Greco

Lodge Reports

Half Moon

Submitted: Jesse Joy

Half Moon Lodge held its annual Spring Weekend on June 6th – 8th this past spring. During this weekend the lodge inducted new Ordeal members and had Brotherhood conversions. During our Council's four weeks of Boy Scout camp our lodge held both Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies each week, we also held an Arrow of Light ceremony during Webelos' week at summer camp. On September 12th – 14th our lodge held its annual Fall Fellowship weekend. We also held Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies at this event, and we inducted 5 new Vigil Honor members. Between these 6 ceremonies we had a 75% Ordeal induction rate and had enough Brotherhood for JTE but are considering having an additional Brotherhood Ceremony at our Lock-In. This past weekend our lodge ran the haunted house at our Cub Fall Family day which was very helpful to our council. In the future our lodge is holding our Annual Lock-in, Winter Banquet, LLD day, and program meetings. This upcoming summer our lodge will be sending a contingent 7 times larger than that of the last NOAC contingent. Future goals for our lodge are improving our troop rep program increasing participation at events, and holding additional Arrow of Light ceremonies.

Nach Nimat

Submitted: Peter Demkowicz

Nacha Nimat lodge has had a fantastic time at Conclave we had put in many hours to prepare Camp Nooteming for that event and clearly showed. The camp then had many hours of recovery after the Conclave event where in one afternoon we put down all the tent and other things put up for Conclave. Soon after that we had our traditional fall Ordeal at Camp Bullowa where 93 people attend, 52 being Ordeal candidates and 10 Brotherhood candidates, over the year we got a total of 67% of all elected to come to an Ordeal, 12% brotherhood conversion, and 8 new Vigil Honor this year. We also had the new LEC elected that fine weekend at Camp Bullowa. Later in the year this weekend we had our annual Haunted Harvest Fest where we helped set up Camp Nooteming for the boys in blue and we had set up a Native American village inspiring the youth to join the Order when they come of age.

Owaneco

Submitted: Dan Wivagg

Events

- Section NE-2A Conclave: 26 Owaneco members in attendance; brothers gained skills through training cells, enjoyed friendly competitions, and met arrowmen from around the section during the three day event at Camp Nooteeming in Salt Point, NY.
- September Ordeal counts: 36 New Ordeal Members, 3 Brotherhood Conversions, 106 total attendance, many great service projects completed that benefitted Camp Pomperaug totaling approximately 700 hours of service.
- Our Lodge Leadership Development weekend was held together with Pocumtuc lodge at Camp Sequassen, in an effort to increase the training experience for all arrowmen in attendance by combination of resources, trainers, and expenses. It was a very successful weekend from which arrowmen from each lodge hopefully took something to better his lodge. Thank you very much to Eli Harris, for your immense efforts in making this event possible, as well as to Jon Hagenow and Nick Aubrey for attending on behalf of the section. Personally, I was glad to see a great turnout from Owaneco and I think that the inter-lodge fellowship that took place was a positive experience for everyone. We are also planning our Fall Fellowship weekend, which is coming up in the first weekend of November, and to which everyone is invited.

Membership

756 Dues Paid members—130 short of JTE requirement

- 150 Ordeal members inducted out of 264 candidates (56.82%)
- 70 Brotherhood conversions (32.71%)
- 5 new Vigil Honor members

Theme and Goals

My theme for the year is “Preserving the Tradition of Cheerful Service”, in reflection on our 100th anniversary in 2015. Our goals, supporting of the theme, are to achieve Gold level JTE; promote NOAC 2015; improve committee membership and participation; build and strengthen the Communications committee and communications in the lodge; and to increase engagement of new members following the Ordeal induction weekends.

A more complete summary of my plans for this year regarding my theme and goals is available in my planbook, which I can share with anyone who would like to see it.

NOAC 2015

A lot of time and effort has gone into planning for NOAC so far, and as of now we have some tentative patch designs and some good plans for the ride up and back to Michigan State University. As of last week, we have approximately 70 members signed up.

Other Updates

The Lodge Officer Retreat was held recently, where we discussed goals for the year and how we intend to meet these goals. It was a very productive weekend and all of our new officers have a course of action for the coming months. Once again the Lodge will be awarding two High Adventure scholarships and two Academic scholarships at the Winter Banquet this year. Members will be able to apply for these scholarships starting in November, and selections will be made in December.

Never hesitate to email me personally at chief@owaneco.org if Owaneco can help you with anything, and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you this year.

Paugassett

Submitted: N/A

Report given by Section Chief Neil since no representation is present from Paugassett. His report includes how they recently elected a Lodge Chief yesterday at a Camp-o-ree held by the council, and he is looking forward to working with this new Chief once contact information is gathered.

Pocumtuc

Submitted: Eli Harris

Report was presented at the COC but never submitted.

Tschitani

Submitted: Jon Hagenow

This coming year we will be using JTE as our model for how to operate, we will continue and reinforce our lodge Ordeal programs. This past Conclave our lodge helped with training and had 20 plus members in attendance and had an amazing time at Camp Nooteming. We have the opportunity to be the service lodge for the Centennial Conclave taking place in this coming June. We will be sending a lodge contingent just under 100 members to NOAC, due to constraints on available slots; we are hoping to register more participants when slots become available. We also held out Fall Fellowship at Camp Mattatuck with over 150 arrowmen present. Looking forward we have started planning for our LLD which will be held in December, if you're interested in attending please contact me.

Committee Reports

Reporting to Chief Neil:

Centennial

Submitted: Matt Studt

Mission

To promote the centennial celebration and all of the various activities going to further benefit the arrowmen involved with the anniversary.

Requests

1 youth and adult representative from each lodge to contact for updates on how lodges can utilize centennial affairs in lodge operations.

Promotions

ArrowTour, NOAC, Centurion Award, Arrowman Service Award, social media, and NE-2A #CentennialSelfie Campaign

Section Assistance Team

Submitted: Nicholas Aubrey

The Section Assistance Team recently has had their team approved and people who have been selected will be contacted in the upcoming week. Lodge Chief and Adviser contact info for the lodges that will be visited has been compiled and they will be contacted in the upcoming weeks to begin planning potential visitation dates. Aside from visitations, a new program that the section officers have discussed is the modified Section Assistance Team. The purpose of this is for the section to stay in better contact with the lodges, as well as help the lodges address and overcome any problems that they may have. The way the modified Section Assistance Team will work is that each month, one of the three section officers will call two Lodge Chiefs, and they will talk about an assortment of things including how the lodge is doing, any problems the lodge may be experiencing, as well as how may the section help you. No section officer will contact their own Lodge Chief, and this program will be beginning in November.

Reporting to Vice Chief Nick:

Activities

Submitted: Jon Elkins

We have started communicating and we are planning to have a meeting for Project LEAP and Conclave.

American Indian Activities (AIA)

No AIA Chairman has been appointed yet.

Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE)

Submitted: Sean Nulty

Most of the work of the ICE Committee for the coming months will focus on preparing for the ICE/AIA event that the section will host in the spring. The committee's work on this will be split into three areas: logistics, program, and promotion.

Starting with logistics, the event will be held at Camp Webster. As the sessions for the event are finalized, we will determine locations and presenter needs. For program we are estimating somewhere in the range of 60 attendants at the event which is the number we usually get for Project LEAP. With that number in mind right now we are looking at holding about 6 to 8 ICE training sessions. Some possible ideas for them include symbolism in Ordeal, symbolism in Brotherhood, symbolism in Vigil Honor, the inductions process and unit elections, basic ceremonial training (for new ceremonialists), advanced ceremonial training (for more advanced ceremonialists). The sessions are not set

in stone and I would be thrilled to receive input on ideas for possible sessions. We will also coordinate a performance of the new brotherhood ceremony during the event. Finally if there is enough interest we can hold ceremonial coaching sessions for teams from the lodges. With NOAC around the corner a little practice for some teams could go a long way.

For promotion I am going to produce an interest survey which will help guide the sessions we offer at the event and will hopefully provide rough estimate for attendance. We will develop a promotion plan and I will be working with Jason and the communications committee.

Finally I would like to put out a request for anyone with ICE experience to help with this event in both coordinating it and also finding quality trainers. Both this committee and event are new to the Section and will require immense effort in order to be a success. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

National Events Promotion

Submitted: Zach Raessler

There is no update with the committee. We will be discussing the OAHA Scholarship during new business.

Training

Submitted: Eli Harris

Report was presented at the COC but never submitted.

Reporting to Secretary Jon:

Communications:

Submitted: Jason Van Leeuwen

The Communications committee has been, and will continue to be, very busy this year. We are working on updating the content throughout the entire website as well as given it an overall face lift. We also launched an intensive Social Media campaign on Facebook to promote the section and centennial celebration. Currently we have 691 likes on our Facebook page, which is up 37 from Conclave. We want to keep that number growing and get over 700 likes as soon as possible so please, spread the word to like NE2A on Facebook! You may have heard about the section Centennial Selfie campaign, In a nutshell, the section is running a social media campaign to promote the centennial celebration. All you have to do is take a selfie with some sort of OA swag, a flap, sash, etc. will do. You then post that selfie to your social media outlet of choice, Facebook, Instagram, twitter, or all three, with the hashtags #NE2A #CentennialSelfie #OA100. There will be a page dedicated on our website where everyone can see all the selfies! As a side note, this also qualifies as part of the Arrowman Service Award requirement to take a 100th anniversary related photo and post it with #OA100.

I would also like to add that if anyone needs/would like some communications help, or anything else, feel free to reach out to me. We are here to help every lodge within the section grow. I look forward to having a great year as a section!

Shows

Submitted: Sam Guerra

Report was presented at the COC but never submitted.

Old Business

Conclave 2014:

Neil starts of by recapping the events of this past Conclave at Camp Nooteeming, where 147 arrowmen were in attendance, without guests the number of participants would be around 130. There were also multiple section officers from around the region including the National Chief and National Vice Chief, Nick Dannemiller and Taylor Bobrow, respectively. The service lodge was Nacha Nimat and they provided excellent and cheerful service. The Conclave opened with a "Minute to Win It" show format. The next day featured more training cells than any other Conclave in our section's history. Saturday afternoon gave many activities, great fun, competitions, Native American dancing and ceremony evaluations. After the afternoon activities we moved into dinner followed by "Conclave Conquerors," which is a competition between the six lodges of the section. The six stage event, which was designed to give a "burden" to each team after each station, was crowed to Nacha Nimat for the second straight year. These challenge lead directly into the closing show where Nick Dannemiller gave a personal relatable story. Sunday hosted a breakfast followed by the annual section business meeting. Fun was had by all.

Neil opens the floor for an open forum relating to Conclave.

Mike Greco adds he liked the patch auction

Hoss added the food was great and thanked the kitchen staff, he also mentioned they stayed positive which is sometimes hard to do.

Order of the Arrow High Adventure 2014:

Neil speaks of the 4th national high adventure base and 5th program the Order of the Arrow opened this past summer. Neil talks about last summer and how we had several people attend Order of the Arrow High Adventure (OAHA) last summer, 11 being from Owaneco, 8 from one troop. Neil mentions how this is a great number but our goal for next year is 15 arrowmen to attend OAHA. Neil will get numbers to all the lodges and discuss the section OAHA scholarship later in the meeting. The scholarship covers the base fee but not the transit to and from the base.

Jon talks about his trip through the lakes of Minnesota through the Wilderness Voyage (WV) Program, Jon shares that OAHA, especially the WV Program is life changing and would recommend it to all arrowmen that are able. Jon tells of his two week journey and the bond he created with the other guys in his crew, most he still is in contact with now. Neil continues by saying OAHA participants usually come out of the program being highly motivated and suggested that all the lodges utilize participants of OAHA.

Northeast Region Gathering of Leaders:

Neil explains that the GOL or Gathering of Leaders is hosted annually by the Northeast Region key three. This event is when all section officers gather to discuss important updates and to be trained in job specific trainings.

Nick says it was an awesome experience meeting new people from around the region. He mentioned how his training included cells on how to support his Section Chief and how to perform well throughout the year. Other than specific trainings we went over general training like how to pick a Conclave theme, including "Cubclave" in which Cub Scouts can come to the Conclave for part of the day and have a fun time.

Jon reiterates what Nick previously said and also added that GOL provided opportunities for the section officers to information share and get good ideas from other section and national leadership teams. He also mentioned the new Northeast Region Communications team, chaired by our own Mitchell Heisler. Jon raps up by saying the information gained was extraordinary and looks forward to putting it all to use.

Neil makes mention about the Section Showcase, which was held on Friday evening. NE-2A's rollout of the #CentennialSelfie was the most talked about thing the entire weekend, other sections had even posted #CentennialSelfie's throughout the weekend and have continued to post them. There was also a trifold poster including upcoming events and initiatives being rolled out by the new section officers. Neil is looking into getting each lodge one of the displays to help promote upcoming events.

Section Operations

New Structure:

Neil opens the Section Planbook to page 11 and starts to explain how the section will now be operating based on operating committee's year round, each reporting to one of the three section officers. This method of operation gives more opportunity for arrowmen to become involved.

Neil explains that there will be ten committees with all but one, AIA, being chaired. The AIA committee is looking to be chaired within a week.

Neil explains how the breakdown of responsibility goes; Nick has 5 reporting to him. His responsibility is to help run the events and assist the committee chairmen. This structure should help us be more productive and have a good year. It also creates a direct line of communication between the committee chairmen and resource's that the officers can pass on.

Planbook:

Neil starts by saying there will be an online version of the planbook published on the website soon. He then starts to go over the different sections of the book, letter from the chief, background, about the section, NER and centennial.

The online version will have resources mentioned but not included in the back, the resource's where not printed because the pages would have been hard to rip out and use.

Neil discusses the changes to Journey to Excellence (JTE) for 2014 and 2015.

Neil than talks about the new Brotherhood ceremony, Innovation award, and the Unit of Excellence award which are included in the planbook to help provide information on little know awards that were released within the past few years that some of us might not know about.

Neil talks about after being elected Section Chief he sat down and compiled all his ideas and thoughts and created the theme "Our Team, Our Purpose, Our Brotherhood" which was thought about for a long time by the officers. An explanation of theme was created at the GOL and can be found on page ten of the planbook.

Neil says this is a great time to be in the Order of the Arrow, being part of the centennial is a once in a lifetime opportunity. This is a great time coming up in the next year, it will be like no other year in our Order's history, he says it is the biggest celebration OA related you will be a part of and therefore you will become part of the Order's history.

Neil goes over the goals for the year which includes 250 arrowmen at the 2015 Centennial Conclave, 100 participants at Project LEAP, and at least 60 at the inaugural AIA/ICE event.

Neil then explains how the AIA/ICE event will be the prior Saturday immediately prior to the Spring COC/Walkthrough, which has been confirmed at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation assuming it is available that weekend

Neil ends by saying the planbook will be updated with biographies of the committee chairmen and pictures as well.

New Business

November NLS:

Neil starts by saying the November NLS/NLATS is completely full, then explains that NLS is designed for youth and adults whereas NLATS is designed for only adults. Neil wasn't able to get list of who is attending but said he would look into it. Neil knows Tshitani has members attending. The next opportunity is in March, the date has not been confirmed yet. Owaneco is looking to send all their officers to the upcoming NLS's. Neil encourages the lodges to try and get 100% of the lodge officers to attend NLS.

Neil also mentioned that there has seemingly been a problem within the section that people don't receive their NLS patches even after submitting the contract, if you have had a similar issue please contact him.

Centennial Update:

Neil says Matt has spoken about centennial events earlier in meeting through his committee report. Neil next talked about how GOL and how the section officers had 2 hours of centennial planning there.

Neil then hands the floor over to Nick who talks about the "vital" information gained and how the section has a flyer which contains much of this important information. Next he talks about *ArrowTour*, which is a caravan that each region has that will travel around the country and visits as many councils as possible. This would be happening around June. To conclude *ArrowTour* they would meet together at NOAC to form a large *ArrowTour* Display and help with the opening show.

Neil next talked about NOAC and how it is fully booked with over 12,000 participants and 2,000 staff. He explains the contract national had with the university only had allotted slots for 12,000 beds and those beds sold out within two months. There was a lockout on October 1st that didn't allow lodges to register anymore participants. A waiting list was created, separating those on it into youth and adults. Representatives then went to the University to try and negotiate 2,000 more beds. National wants to get more beds because roughly 25% of lodges haven't registered. Neil then explains the largest NOAC ever to date was held in 2006. The 2015 NOAC is projected to break that record by over 50%.

Bill mentions how this is a great problem to be having, the goal of 10,000 participants is shattered and national already has 15,000 slots requested, this has created a problem for the number of beds available as well as staffing needs. There are 12,000 participants registered right now, with 2,000 spots for staff looking to be moved off site. National is looking at all options to get more slots and if you haven't registered already you need to do so ASAP. He says to stay tuned and well keep you informed on any updates, he says he surprised we have not heard anything yet from the recent planning meeting on site. Bill says Bob Walz is heading up the NOAC planning on the section level so if you have not already; please get your NAOC youth chairmen and advisers name to him immediately.

Centennial Awards:

Neil explains that since the section flyer was printed some more information has been released on several of the awards, the first of which was the Centurion award.

The awards recipients are to be selected by the key three of each lodge and given based off membership, 1 per 100 members of the lodge, and for lodges under 800 members you can petition for up to 8 awards. The awards must be submitted between October 5th and February 28th to national. There are also

some other requirements, there must be at least 50% of the recipients being youth. Nick then mentions how the award recognizes the entire Order's history from within each lodge. The award is broken down into years of service done as a youth or adult. To receive an award for youth service you don't have to be a youth currently. To receive the award as a youth you must have three years of service and as an adult you must have six years of service, therefore the youngest adult to receive the award should be no younger than twenty-seven. All those who receive the Centurion will be recognized at NOAC.

Next, Neil talks about the Arrowman Service Award or ASA which he says is designed to promote and service participation within the Order. Nick then goes over some of the requirement of the ASA and says it's relatively easy to earn. A picture of the patch is then shown on the projector. Nick goes over the social media aspect and how if you participate in the section's #CentennialSelfie campaign and hashtag OA100 it will count towards one of the requirements.

Neil then asks Amy to stand up and model the 2015 NOAC promotional patch, which for the first time is being allowed to be worn in the spot where a Jamboree patch would usually be worn. Neil also talks about the reverse sash and how only participants of NOAC will receive a reverse sash (white arrow and red background).

Neil wants to add that *ArrowTour* will have at least one display at NOAC. Next, Neil brings attention to Bill and his "I'm on board pass" which is a way to track and keep up to date on centennial updates.

Neil then talks about the Legacy Project which were kicked off at NOAC 2012 with each Lodge Chief receiving a box that they were supposed to paint the lid of and send a rock to national to become a part of the centennial fireplace. Neil then shows our website that has the section's centennial rocks (pictures of them) as well as pictures of the legacy lids. The legacy lids were due at the end of 2013, and only Tshitani and Pocumtuc have sent them in, he thanked them for doing so, the other lodges haven't done so yet. Neil checks in on the progress of the other lodges.

Half Moon: Says theirs is finished just needed to be submitted.

Nacha Nimat: says theirs still needs to be painted.

Owaneco: Says theirs is in the process of being done.

Paugassett: No update

Next Neil talks about the lodge history books which are due at the end of 2014. Lodges are supposed to create and write a book containing the history of their lodge and presiding lodges. He then checks on the progress of each lodge.

Half Moon: Almost done their just finalizing details

Nacha Nimat: around 60% done

Owaneco: around 40% done

Paugassett: No update

Pocumtuc: Already Submitted

Tschitani: 50%

Operating Budget:

Neil is looking for requests for budgets from committee chairs, now is the time as the budget will be approved for the entire year.

Centennial - None

Section Assistance Team - None

Activities - None

American Indian Activities - N/A

Inductions and Ceremonial Events - N/A

National Events Promotions - Scholarship funds already in the budget

Training - None right now

Communications - Is requesting funds for a color laser printer. This would be a onetime purchase that would go to printings for the section especially at Conclave, which has been a problem in the past.

Shows - None

Neil says Bill and Amy will work on including the requests into the budget and we will address the budget after a short break.

There is a short break, meeting continues at 11:38am

Neil shows the proposed budget on the screen.

Motion: Nick moves to make a motion to approve the section's operating budget for 2014-2015.

Second: Mike G

Approve: Howie, Peter, Nick, Jesse

Abstentions: Jon, Mike and Eli

Motion Passes

JTE Updates:

Neil next talks about JTE (Journey to Excellence) which was created in 2012 and is undergoing major revision for both 2014 and even more for 2015. This year still features two required sections Brotherhood conversion and membership retention, with those percentages changing a little this year. All across the board (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) are being changed and the numbers were taken from the top, middle, and bottom lodges from across the country.

Order of the Arrow High Adventure Scholarship:

Neil starts off by explaining how money each year is allotted by the section to provide opportunities for arrowmen to attend OAHA (Order of The Arrow High Adventure). The scholarship pays for \$250 which covers the base fee for all five high adventure programs. The requirements are as follows, Must be a youth in good standing with the lodge (dues paying), must have a signed letter from the Lodge Adviser, must meet individual high adventure base requirements. Next, Nick goes over the application and the process for filling it out and submitting

it. He explains you can have up to two letter of recommendation and should include someone who knows you personally; the final letter is a personal interest letter. All this should be sent to the CT Yankee Scout Office by January 1st 2015.

Eli asks if there are a maximum number of scholarships, Nick answers that each lodge will receive one.

Jon asks what the process if a lodge doesn't send in a scholarship application. Nick answers the scholarship money will be kept in the account and the money used the next year.

Jesse asks if the scholarship money can be split between multiple arrowmen Nick answers the each lodge will get \$250 for an OAHA scholarship awarded to a single arrowmen.

Motion: Nick moves to make a motion to approve the application for the use of this scholarship application.

Second: Jon

Approve: Jesse, Howie, Jon, Nick, Eli and Peter

Abstentions: Mike

Motion passes

Project LEAP:

Neil next talks about Project LEAP which has a proposed date of January 25th and the section officers believe it is the best date since avoids conflict with lodge calendars.

Motion: Eli moves to make a motion to hold Project LEAP on January 25th.

Second: Mike

Approve: Mike, Peter, Eli, Nick, Jesse and Jon

Abstentions: Howie

Motion Passes

Next Neil collaborates to see if anyone has ideas to improve Project LEAP. Eli offers that all committees should come together to create a good training.

Neil asks about possible locations for the training.

Hoss says the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Neil than asks about schedule:

Eli has not worked too much on the schedule but says that more breakout sessions should be included

Neil talks about a way to change the schedule where the COC is not in the middle of the day or find a way to keep the participants engaged if there is a COC during lunch.

AIA/ICE Event:

Neil starts off by saying that we first need to create an event name for the new AIA/ICE event. He says the thought behind the event is to have a one day event

on the Saturday before the COC walkthrough on April 11th. He says he will look to have cabins available for people to stay the night and then have the COC/Walkthrough the following Sunday, April 12th. Hoss (Assistant Reservation Director for JNW) offers cabin space for people who wish to stay over Friday night before the AIA/ICE event.

Motion: Peter moves to make a motion to hold the AIA/ICE event on April 11th

Second: Mike G

Approve: Jesse, Howie, Peter, Eli, Nick and Jon

Abstentions: Mike

Motion Carries

Neil than mentions that the Winter COC will be on January 25th, and the Spring COC will be on April 12th, following the AIA/ICE event.

Neil than asks if there are ideas for the event name

- American Indians on ICE
- Ceremonies Study
- Ceremonies University
- In Brotherhood of American Indian studies
- AIA on ICE
- **American Indian Seminar (AIS)**
- American Indian University

Motion: Jon moves to make a motion to name our AIA/ICE event American Indian Seminar or AIS for short.

Second: Nick

Approve: Jesse, Howie, Jon, Nick and Matt

Abstentions: Mike and Peter

Motion Carries

The AIA/ICE event should now be referred to as the American Indian Seminar or AIS.

Conclave 2015:

Neil starts off by saying Howie is the Conclave Coordinator and then lets Howie do a short presentation about Conclave 2015.

Howie starts off by saying that in the budget for Conclave he requests \$19 per person for food and would also like to request an additional \$1000 for Pre-Conclave set-up and Friday night meal along with food for lodge members helping to set up camp beforehand also some other small budget items like propane for lights within sites. He assures that the excess money will be transferred and put back into the Conclave operational budget.

Next, Neil talks about Conclave themes and asks to keep the theme related to the centennial anniversary.

Themes:

- The Centennial Conclave

- Centuries of Service
- Finding our Legacy
- The Circle of Brotherhood
- The legacy Lives On
- The Legacy Lives On Ice
- 100 years the Tradition Endures
- From the Island to the Summit
- From the Island to the Summit the Legacy Lives on

Motion: Mike moves to make a motion to have the Conclave 2015 theme be "From the Island to the Summit the Legacy Lives On"

Second: Peter

Approve: Mike, Jon, Howie and Peter

Abstentions: Nick, Eli and Jesse

Motion carries

Our Conclave 2015 theme will be "From the Island to the Summit the Legacy Lives On"

Open Form

Section patch with each Lodge's totem:

Matt talks of a thought of a patch idea during the previous break. His idea is to have a section issued center patch with the lodges each having patch around the outside, this would make it a totally of seven patches. The patch set idea could be used for Conclave or NOAC. Next he explains that there are several ways to include all seven patches and shows two ways on the projector.

Mike comments that maybe we can have OAHA bases included in the set.

Motion: Matt moves to make a motion to present this patch set idea to all the lodges so they can approve or decline the use of their totems in a section issued patch.

Second: Howie

Approve: Unanimously Approved

Motion Carries

Matt says he will reach out to Paugasset to update them and coordinate their approval and design.

Adviser's Corner

Bill starts by saying there is lots of chatter, lots going on, and this was a good meeting. There is still a lot of work to be done until Conclave though. He applauded the officers for having met over 6 times and for communicating well so far. He says this is a "brand new COC" and is impressed with how well we are making it work. Next he talks about

how great this year is to be in the OA and the opportunities next year will be unmatched to anything in the Order's history.

Chief's Corner

Neil starts off by saying to keep an eye out for dates and registration for Project LEAP and AIS. Next he talks about how the new organization of the Section, transiting from Conclave specific CVC's to standing committees, will allow for greater fluidity of information. Next he talks about the centennial and great opportunities that will be offered during the year. He says there is very little that will be able to top this ever again, you only turn 100 once. He asks everyone to think about 40 years from now when they will look back and think about how awesome the year was and that you were part of the planning.

Neil leads in closing with the OA song.

Meeting closes at 1:07pm