

## **Lodge Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2013**

**Presiding: Michael Todd, Loge Chief  
Call to Order: 7:43 PM**

1. Attendance taken to ensure quorum
  - a. 16 voting members present
2. Approval of past meeting's minutes
  - a. Greg Raymond moves to approve minutes as read. Edison Velez seconds.
  - b. Motion passes.
3. Chapter Reports
  - a. Ayochatta – Joseph Nesmith
    - i. This weekend we will host a grill at our district's cub family campout
    - ii. We held an OA social at our district's fall camporee
    - iii. We are during Unit Elections and will hold a Brotherhood day
  - b. Huracan – Derek Zoock
    - i. Our district's Cub Family Campout is completed. We had members attend to cook, serve food, and serve as staff for the event. There, we raised \$600.
    - ii. We have begun our Unit Elections for the coming year.
    - iii. Our callout will be at our District Camporee at the end of the month, which we are running.
    - iv. Our Ordeal with Micconope is in the beginning of December and we look forward to the commencement of the Ordeal season.
    - v. We are currently recruiting Ordeal staff and working toward JTE goals.
    - vi. We are planning our Project One-Day to be at the Seminole County Sherriff's Department in Christmas Village.
  - c. Kikape – Michael Deliz, Jr.
    - i. We made beaded dangles at our last chapter meeting. We will be doing an OA Grill this month. We were planning Project One-Day at Carr's park prior to the government shutdown. We are working on Unit Elections and Ordeal
  - d. Lemhee-Okee – Brandon Eiler
    - i. No report presented or submitted.
  - e. Mato Tanka – Jonathan Ulrich
    - i. Mato Tanka had 17 people at our last chapter meeting. There, we discussed upcoming events for October, specifically Callout and Section Seminars. Our fun event will be bowling at AMF Semoran lanes. Our Project One-Day service will be moved toward spring since we are running our district camporee and callout. Our chapter leadership will also be visiting Tosohatchee's meeting this month to discuss Ordeal.
  - f. Micconope – Nick White
    - i. Elliott Gregg reporting:
    - ii. Micconope chapter has conducted both our monthly CEC and Chapter Meeting. There, we had a pizza party in the hopes of attracting inactive members. We have begun Unit Elections and have scheduled our callout

for November 16 during our district's Fall Camporee. We will be having an OA grill to provide food for our Cub Family Campout and we are planning for Project One-Day.

- g. Nefkete – Charles Owen
  - i. Andrew Overbee reporting:
  - ii. The chapter is beginning our elections and will be having our callout at our councils Fall Camporee. Our next chapter meeting will be on October 24th and the CEC will be on October 17th. We will be having an OA Grill at our district's cub family campout. We are still deciding on a date for our brotherhood day.
- h. Tomoka – Ben Rice
  - i. We are about to start Unit Elections and plan to conduct our callout ceremony at our district's Fall Camporee at the end of the month.
  - ii. We will be running an OA Grill at a cub event in our district.
- i. Tosohatchee – Kyle Gilmore
  - i. We went over Unit Elections at our past chapter meeting. We had more attendance than we typically do. We will be hosting an OA café for Troop 202's Merit Badge Academy event. We will hold a campfire ceremony at our district's camporee
- j. Wahitlaw – Steven Kirsch
  - i. We are continuing the Unit Elections process. We will also be hosting an OA grill at our district's Cub Family Campout. We are also preparing our ceremonies team for our callout next month.
- k. Wewahitchka – Jonathan Campbell
  - i. Nearly all of our district's troops participated in Unit Elections. We will have our callout next weekend.
- 4. Committee Reports
  - a. Activities & Service – Elliot Gregg
    - i. Please do not forget to plan for your Project One-Day. I would also like to remind everybody that most service hours done by your chapter members can count toward your chapter's service hour total. Don't forget to turn in any service hours your chapter has completed.
    - ii. Joe Kirschten's inquiry- OA service hours count toward district and council totals
  - b. American Indian – Connor Gilmore
    - i. There are two pow-wows coming up. Look them up if you are interested. Feel free to ask me if you have any questions.
  - c. Camping Promotion – Jonathan Catiller
    - i. No report presented or submitted.
  - d. Ceremonies – Andrew Turner
    - i. Presented by Michael Todd:
    - ii. Andrew is planning a lodge ring improvement project and will present at the next LEC. Only three chapters have let him know about the status of their ceremonies teams. Please volunteer for the Ayochatta brotherhood day.
    - iii. This Saturday at the ceremonies ring at camp will be a ring work day.

- iv. Let Andrew know if you have any questions.
- e. Conference 2015 – Jonathan Cirillo
  - i. A near-finalized theme is currently being reviewed by the committee and a presentation of that theme is in the works for next month's Section Seminars at Camp Soule.
  - ii. We're right on schedule. Good job guys!
- f. Finance – Vacant
  - i. No report presented or submitted.
- g. Founder's – Greg Raymond
  - i. The nomination form is now on the website, in the Lodge Planbook, and is being distributed in front of you at the moment. We're working on a Google form now. Please remember to nominate people.
- h. Inductions – Don Dillon
  - i. Submitted electronically ahead of time:
  - ii. Elections are underway please turn in your reports.
  - iii. Please respond to emails about elections.
  - iv. Election forms need to have legible Emails and BSA IDs. Troop master reports will help with this.
  - v. Turn in Adult Nominations to Howard Gross.
  - vi. Email electronic forms to myself and Harrison.
- i. Membership – Harrison Cord
  - i. JTE Stats: We have 1310 people who are dues paid for 2013. We need 16 more people to pay dues for JTE Bronze, 28 for Silver, and 55 for Gold. For Brotherhood, we have 100 members who have converted this year, bringing the conversion rate to about 26.7%. To make JTE Bronze we need 12 more, 50 for silver, and 87 for gold.
  - ii. Just a reminder that both of these numbers have to be met in order for the lodge to be eligible for Gold overall.
  - iii. 18 people paid their dues at Fall Fellowship.
  - iv. There are 168 people who have paid their dues for 2014 already. Remember that 2014 dues are due by December 31 2013 in order for you to remain current.
  - v. Just a shout out to Chase Patterson for his work on the "Print Your Own Dues Cards" project!
- j. Mentoring – Brian Nyffenegger
  - i. No report presented or submitted.
- k. National Events – Branden Palasi
  - i. No report presented or submitted.
- l. NOAC 2015 – Ethan Voegele
  - i. A payment plan will be out shortly. Patch designs will be developed for fundraising. One idea is a three patch set, one being brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. They would tie in with something about the hundredth anniversary. More flyers will be made to hand out, and I'm working on making a promotional video.

OA Museum – Kellen Cooper

- ii. Rick Obermayer explains:

- iii. We recently purchased some old council strips to replace the images previously in the museum with the real thing.
  - m. OA Troop Rep – Thomas Calvert II
    - i. Recently I have sent a reminder email to all the chapter chiefs and advisors about the Troop Rep. program. I am looking forward to getting some responses and putting together a list.
  - n. Publications – Vacant
    - i. No report presented or submitted.
  - o. Vigil – Phil Daly
    - i. Vigil nomination forms are being distributed in front of you and are available online and are in your LEC notebook CD. Please send in nominations by date on the form.
    - ii. Johnny – Congratulations to Phil for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.
  - p. Website – Michael Sulsenti
    - i. No report presented or submitted.
- 5. Officer Reports
  - a. Treasurer – Logan Taaffe
    - i. Rick Obermayer Explains:
    - ii. We now have embroidered hats in stock in the Lodge Bod and are looking at purchasing metal belt-buckles.
  - b. Historian – Nick Young
    - i. No report presented or submitted.
  - c. Secretary – Brent Weilhamer
    - i. I would like to thank Johnny Cirillo, Harrison Cord, Alex Field, Don Dillon, and Ethan Voegelé for submitting their LEC reports prior to the meeting. As always you can still send it to me via email, paper, or any social media that I check.
    - ii. If you know of anybody interested in publications, the committee chairmanship is vacant. Let me know if you would like to put an article in the next *Nimat* for your committee. Have it done and sent in by the November LEC.
  - d. Second Vice Chief – Alex Field
    - i. See TNAW and Section Seminars Reports.
  - e. First Vice Chief – Michael Burton III
    - i. I have nothing to report.
  - f. Lodge Chief – Michael Todd
    - i. Thanks to MB3 and Eric for their service at Fall Fellowship. Please submit feedback on the form I sent out. I will talk more in business and help present the TNAW Planbook.
- 6. Old Business
  - a. LLDP and Banquet Closeout – Edison Velez and Greg Raymond
    - i. At LLDP, We had a drop in attendance from last year at LLDP this year.
    - ii. The event made \$98 and did not spend all of the budget.
    - iii. Thanks to Tosohatchee for providing two meals at the cost of only \$5 per person.

- iv. In summary, we need more youth membership.
- v. Banquet had the highest attendance in several years. We were within budget with 325 dollars profit.
- vi. It is likely we will continue to have Carabba's cater the event in the future.
- b. Project One Day – Eliot Gregg
  - i. It is scheduled for Oct 19 but they don't have to be on that day. Please coordinate some sort of service for the event. Many chapters give back to their meeting place or a common community location. Be sure to promote to chapter members so that they know about the event. It's a good idea to have some sort of activity or food to motivate people to attend.
- c. Section Seminars – Michael Todd for Alex Field
  - i. In case you forgot, Section Seminars is next month at Camp Soule. This is the premier Training event of the south, and is a great way to train those who haven't been in the order for very long, or for those who are more seasoned to get a refresher. Let's show the other lodges why Tipisa is the best lodge in the section, and one of the best in the nation by representing at Section Seminars!
  - ii. You all have the registration form. Please encourage your chapter members to attend.
- d. Winter Camp 2014 – Michael Todd
  - i. Last month you got the staff registration form. We will be having a brotherhood day on December 27<sup>th</sup> during Winter Camp. Winter Camp attendees will also be welcome to seal their membership at the Ordeal that weekend.
- e. Fall Fellowship Closeout - Michael Burton III
  - i. First we'll discuss membership numbers. As we've been seeing for weekends recently, nearly everybody registers on the last day for pre-registration.
  - ii. We had about 15% less total attendance than last year.
  - iii. We made almost \$700 profit. \$300 of which came from walk-in fees. Cracker-barrels and program ran under budget by about \$100 each.
  - iv. This presentation includes the master scoring sheet for quest events to be emailed out so you guys can see how you did in things.
  - v. Be sure to promote during chapter meetings to get person-to-person contact because robocalls and mass emails can only do so much.
- f. Lodge Brotherhood Day – Michael Todd for Andrew Turner
  - i. This year's Lodge Brotherhood Day will be held on December 14th at Camp La-No-Che, during the Ayochatta Chapter Ordeal Weekend.
  - ii. The cost of this year's Lodge Brotherhood Day will be \$10, which covers the cost of the Arrowman's new sash. Arrowmen will also have the option to purchase dinner from camp if they would like.
  - iii. Chapter Chiefs and Advisers, please start getting a head count of those members who would like to take the opportunity to seal their membership with Brotherhood at this event. We are currently working on setting up on-line Double Knot registration for the Lodge Brotherhood Day to make check-in a faster, more efficient, and more streamlined process.

- iv. I look forward to having a great Lodge Brotherhood Day and I hope to see all of our Chapters and eligible Lodge membership out there. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- g. Ordeal Status Update – Michael Burton III
  - i. We'll go Chapter by chapter
  - ii. Ayochatta
    - 1. Not yet contacted camp
    - 2. Lodge Brotherhood day at our weekend
    - 3. Ordealmaster and Taskmaster unnamed but no Head Elangomat
    - 4. No schedule or registration form have been created
    - 5. Callout on 16 Nov
  - iii. Huracan
    - 1. Ceremonies - We defer to Micconope.
    - 2. We have Taskmaster Don Dillon, Ordealmaster Don Dillon and no Head Elangomat
      - a. The Lodge recommends having different people
    - 3. 0 Elangomats at the moment
    - 4. Training will begin "soon"
    - 5. Callout date set to Oct 27
    - 6. No schedule or registration form have been created
  - iv. Kikape
    - 1. Ceremonies - Four people that have all practiced and gotten evaluated at Fall Fellowship.
    - 2. Taskmaster, Ordealmaster, and Head Elangomat unnamed
    - 3. 0 Elangomats
    - 4. Have communicated with Nefketeh about sharing facilities
    - 5. No Registration form or schedule have been created
    - 6. Have contacted camp Oklawaha for camp facilities
  - v. Lemhee Okee - absent
  - vi. Mato Tanka
    - 1. Has confirmed with camp
    - 2. We have 1-2 ceremonialists now
    - 3. No BH at our weekend
    - 4. No Ordealmaster, Taskmaster, or Head Elangomat
    - 5. 1 Elangomat
    - 6. Planning December Elangomat training
    - 7. Meeting with other chapter on October 17<sup>th</sup>
    - 8. No schedule or registration form have been created
  - vii. Micconope
    - 1. Ceremonies - Four people know they're doing the ceremony and are reported to have begun practicing
    - 2. Ordealmaster is Nathan Schwardfaegar, No Taskmaster or Head Elangomat
    - 3. 0 Elangomats
    - 4. Published Ordeal date
    - 5. November 16 callout date

6. No schedule or registration form have been created
- viii. Nefketch
1. Have spoken with camp
  2. Ceremonies team evaluated at Fall Fellowship
  3. Will offer Brotherhood at Ordeal
  4. Ordealmaster and Taskmaster and Head Elangomat unnamed but arranged
  5. 10-15 uncommitted but named Elangomats
  6. Training date unscheduled
  7. No schedule or registration form have been created
  8. Callout on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>
- ix. Tomoka
1. Not yet spoken with camp
  2. 4 ceremonialists arranged and have started practicing
  3. No Brotherhood at weekend
  4. Ordealmaster Carter Patterson and Head Elangomat Jonathan Golash but no Taskmaster
  5. Have spoken with chapter working with
  6. No schedule or registration form have been created
  7. 2 maybe Elangomats
- x. Tosohatchee
1. 4 Ceremonialists have not started practicing
  2. Will offer Brotherhood at weekend
  3. Ordealmaster Tommy Rogers Taskmaster Griffin Mott and Head Elangomat unnamed
  4. "a few" Elangomats
  5. They will be encouraged to go to seminars for training
  6. No schedule or registration form have been created
  7. Nov 16 callout
- xi. Wahitlaw
1. Reserved facilities
  2. 2 ceremonialists committed
  3. No Brotherhood will be offered
  4. Taskmaster is Bradley Hunter
  5. 6 Elangomats "committed"
  6. Elangomat Training at Chapter meetings
  7. No schedule or registration form have been created
- xii. Wewahitchka
1. Contacted camp
  2. Using Tomoka's ceremonies
  3. Ordealmaster Ethan McCumber Taskmaster is Nicholas Bentley no Head Elangomat
  4. Callout on 19 Oct
  5. No schedule or registration form have been created
- xiii. Look at the backdate planner and use it. Ask me for help for working toward your Ordeal since I've been a chapter chief before. You must have

your registration form approved by Key 3 before anybody can register and before you can build Online registration. It should ideally be done before the callout date.

- h. Key 3 Meal Consideration - Michael Todd
  - i. The biggest holdup in registration is often meals. Are the chapters willing to allow the Key 3 to work with camp to standardize an ordeal meal plan to keep consistent Ordeal food pricing? The goal of this is to streamline the registration form creation process. 5 minute break beginning at 8:44 to allow chiefs to discuss with their advisers.
  - ii. Rick Obermayer's inquiry – Chapters will still be on their own for cracker-barrel.
  - iii. Phil Daly's inquiry – Supplements will be allowed assuming they are not excessive pending Matt Raegan approval.
  - iv. Huracan notes that one possible way to supplement is by buying real steak through camp for your chapter to cook. If you speak with Raegan ahead of time, you ought to be able to coordinate a similar deal.
  - v. Kyle Gilmore's inquiry – Camp staff will be preparing all the meals. This is non-negotiable.
  - vi. Michael Burton III's Inquiry – Is it possible to set one standardized price and have chapters pick meals on their own for a standard price? This would not make it any easier for chapters to plan for their Ordeals because they still have to justify the price after picking out the meals.
  - vii. Please email any suggestions to chapter chiefs and Key 3.

## 7. New Business

- a. JTE – Michael Todd
  - i. We're close to getting bronze in both membership and brotherhood. Some of the chapters are really behind. Be sure to work with Steve Tobler to create a plan for your JTE. Please discuss with your adviser and CEC to work on an annual plan for this year and next year for chapter JTE.
- b. NLS – Michael Todd
  - i. We're sending a contingent. There is some limited space. Let me (Todd) know if you've not been and you're interested in going.
- c. TNAW – Michael Todd for Alex Field
  - i. The first draft of the plan book has been completed, only needing a few key positions filled. A t-Shirt design is awaiting approval from the Key 3. Get out there and promote!
  - ii. Registration forms are nearly done.
  - iii. Let Alex know if you or somebody you know is interested in being program director or logistics coordinator. They're vacant.
  - iv. Greg Raymond's inquiry – The proposed lodge budget does not reflect as much profit as the weekend budget plan. The purpose of this is to prepare in case something unexpected happens.
- d. Proposed 2014 Budget – Michael Todd
  - i. It is distributed in front of you for you to review over the course of this month. We'll discuss and vote on it next month.



- ii. Greg Raymond's inquiry – Should the cracker-barrel budget indeed be \$175? Matt Raegan confirms it's appropriate.
- iii. Greg Raymond's inquiry - The Native American Committee decided to use its budget this year for drumsticks instead of ring improvements as it did last year.
- iv. Edison's Inquiry – Mark Janofsky explains that it's difficult to predict which ring maintenance will be needed because it's circumstantial.
- v. MB3's Inquiry – King's cup budget is lower than last year because we still have money left over from the 2013 budget since none was spent. This is also closer to the figure used in years past.
- vi. Greg's Inquiry – Publications increased to reflect additional Planbook printing and to an increase in printing costs for the Nimat.

## 8. Open Forum

- a. Greg Raymond - A professional disc golfer has volunteered to inspect camp and give us an estimate of how much he would charge to make a disc golf course for camp.
  - b. Ben Rice – Tomoka brought cookies.
  - c. Greg Raymond – Please like and follow CFC and Camp on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.
  - d. Michael Todd – Let us know about Brotherhood Days your chapters are happening
    - i. Ayochatta: November 16 - A team is still needed.
    - ii. Huracan: none planned
    - iii. Kikape: November 16 – A team is still needed.
    - iv. Mato Tanka: None planned
    - v. Micconope: None planned
    - vi. Nefkete: November 16
    - vii. Tomoka: December 7
    - viii. Tosohatchee: November 16
    - ix. Wahitlaw: None planned
    - x. Wewahitchka: None planned
  - e. Greg Raymond – Please look at how much dues is typically intended for. Look at the budget proposed. Nimat fees cost far more than we expect out of the dues to pay for them.
  - f. Michael Burton III – Respond to the Surveymonkey for Fall Fellowship. Speaking directly to Michael is preferred but all feedback is appreciated.
  - g. Michael Burton III – Please send him all updates for the Ordeal planning. Ordeal is the most important task of the year.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 PM.