

LEC Agenda

1. Opening
 - 1.1. Meeting opened at 8:38 with the Obligation
2. Roll Call
 - 2.1. The Service & Ordeal, Founder's Award, National Activities, and Membership & Elections committee were not present.
3. Secretary's Report
 - 3.1. Motion to approve the minutes from the last LEC passes.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - 4.1. Budget passed around is the proposed first draft budget for 2009.
5. Chapter Reports
 - 5.1. Abnaki
 - 5.1.1. 2008 has been a challenging year for Abnaki Chapter. We've struggled with membership participation, among other things. Even with those challenges, we can report the following successes this year:
 - We held chapter meetings each month, except during the summer.
 - We visited 11 troops to hold Unit Elections.
 - We elected 23 youth and 5 adults, 20 of them (71%) completed their Ordeal.
 - We performed a great call-out ceremony at the Spring Camporee in Rumford, and performed four crossover ceremonies.
 - 11 of the 30 Ordeal members who were eligible to convert to Brotherhood did so, for a 37% conversions rate.
 - While we have not achieved positive member growth this year, we are just four members short of that goal. We have maintained a constant chapter membership over the last three years.
 - 5.2. Casco Bay

5.2.1. Casco Bay Chapter is looking back on a good year. We led the way in new membership elections, totaling 71 candidates elected into our order. Our ceremonies team performed 6 crossovers for packs in our district and a callout at the spring Camporee. We successfully hosted the district Klondike, pulling off a popular Pirate theme. We continued our service to camping with our Second Annual service weekend at Camp Hinds, and are looking at service ideas for the upcoming season. We plan on hosting the district's 2009 Klondike, and are going with a Hawaiian theme for the event. At our October meeting, we elected officers for the 2009 season and voted to change officer term succession to coincide with the lodge calendar. John Trott Jr. as Chief, Dave LeClaire as Vice Chief, Josh Ryan as Secretary, and John Knowlton as Treasurer will lead us in the 2009 season. We look forward to sharing it with you and wish them the best of luck as Casco Bay continues to lead the way.

5.3. Downeast

5.3.1. The Down East District has been busy the past few months, we served as cooks during Trailblazer Day at Camp Hinds which due to the great weather attracted an estimated 750 people. We have had two meetings since the past LEC and have tried to come up with ways to promote people paying their dues, as a result we have started to compile a list of peoples e-mail addresses in the OA Down East District. The hope is to start an online e-mail newsletter so we can still get information out to people who do not have the time to come to the monthly meetings. With luck it will also promote involvement and hopefully encourage service.

5.4. K Valley

5.4.1. Not a whole lot has been going on since our last LEC. Our first meeting was just planning for our upcoming year. Our second meeting went great. I taught the class on carving slides; our arrowhead slides came out great. In our November meeting, we will have Chapter Officer elections, and Mike Douglas will teach us how to make bows. Our December meeting will feature election training and a Christmas party. The guest speaker for the Annual Banquet will be Chandler Woodcock. At a future meeting, we will

have Melinda Veillieux teach us how to make dream catchers.

5.5. York

5.5.1. York Chapter has been doing well this year. The last two meetings were successful. Our meeting in October was our annual Oktoberfest, where we have food and play lots of games. Some of those games include Marshmallow golf and step on the balloon. Next meeting will be my [Matt McAdam's] last meeting as Chapter Chief, and I am not running again, because I need to concentrate on school. I haven't heard what the word is on the ceremonies team, but there was a recreation with the exception of a couple people. So far there has already been one request for a ceremony. That's pretty much it for York chapter this time, so stay tuned.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Service & Ordeal

6.1.1. Well, overall we made it through this year. I can't say there were enough projects, because there really wasn't, especially at our last Ordeal. Next Ordeal season we will have lots more to do, since we are hosting Conclave. I would like to have everyone try and make a conservative effort to compile a list of projects that need to be done before the next Ordeal season, that way we know ahead of time what needs to be done. I have quite a few things that I know need to be done, but I don't know everything. Also, a list of projects will help me to know what is needed for materials, and services, especially since there are adults who do have skilled trades. After next year, I will be stepping down as Service Chair, so if there is anyone interested in filling the position, come see me so I can start showing them the ropes.

6.2. Brotherhood

6.2.1. Brotherhood Conversions were excellent this year, bringing in a total of 69 conversions, for a 40% conversion rate. I have enjoyed my time as Brotherhood Chairman again, hope that the next few years will be as good as this one. Thank you for another great year. Special thanks to the Ceremonies team for their help every Thursday at Hinds, and at each Ordeal.

6.3. Vigil

6.3.1. To my knowledge no further Vigils has been bestowed in Madockawanda Lodge since the Fall Ordeal. Vigil certificates will be presented at the Banquet, and since the committee is essentially closed for the year, all else I'll say is till next time remember folks "keep your stick on the ice."

6.4. Ceremonies

6.4.1. Over the time since the last Ordeal we have been evaluating the past year and deciding where we want to do next year. We will most likely continue spring practices, and even try out workdays before the Ordeals to set up the site with props and wood, so we can spend time on Saturday working with the candidates. We are also still considering having Kichkinet lead the Brotherhood hike. Having the extra year to prepare for NOAC has allowed us to try new ideas. I feel this have benefited us and we now have our intended NOAC team which is well on its way, preparing for next July. Here at LLD, ceremonies will put on a training cell on Saturday morning. Ceremonies also reached out to our brothers to the north on October 3rd, and assisted Pamola with their Vigil. Nate Smith, Stephen Molina, and I went to Camp Roosevelt and helped them with the ceremony and native guiding. So, till the next LEC in 2009, remember "if the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy."

6.5. Drumming

6.5.1. The Drumming and Dancing Committee has been active since the last LEC. We had a practice on Sunday and are planning a few future events. The annual Shu-Shu-Gah weekend is coming up in November. We are participating in an Eagle ceremony on November 1st, and are continuing the planning of the AIA weekend. It will be at the Alford Youth Center on January 16th-18th.

6.6. Lodge Store

6.6.1. Report presented, not turned in

6.7. Founder's Award

6.7.1. Report presented, not turned in

6.8. Elangomat

6.8.1. Thank you again to all the wicked good Elangomats that we had for the 2008 season. We had two good trainings this year, both were well attended. Let your fellow brothers know how much fun you had and they might want to be Elangomats next season.

6.9. Campership

6.9.1. The Campership Committee has nothing to report.

6.10. Camp Promo

6.10.1. Thanks to all who helped to make the 2008 season a good'n at our council camps. Let's work towards making 2009 even better.

6.11. Website

6.11.1. We've made a couple small changes to the website, and done some work to make the site be more Google-friendly. Some changes have to made to the Calendar page, and those will be addressed soon.

6.12. Troop Rep

6.12.1. Report presented, not turned in

6.13. LLD

6.13.1. Around 60 Lodge members gathered at Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham, ME for the annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Weekend October 24th-26th. The LLD featured a survival theme, and brought in special guests Mike Douglass of the Mane Primitive Skills School (MPSS) and volunteers from the Maine Search and Rescue Dogs (MESARD). The weekend got off to a cold start Friday evening, but temperatures and spirits were warm as lodge members jumped into training on Saturday morning. Participants were able to choose from a wide variety of training cells, from "Effective Chapter Meetings" and "American Indian Drumming and Dancing" to an informational session on Conclave 2009: Noble Goal and Purpose and NOAC: 2009. The afternoon was jam-packed with activities, with members participating in primitive skills workshops, search and rescue demonstrations, ultimate Frisbee, and of course, the Turtle Cup (where York Chapter dominated the 2008 champs, Casco Bay District), not to mention a service hour to benefit Camp Susan Curtis. The evening grew hotter still with an OA game show (won by

Casco Bay District), cracker barrel and a social hour, and a showing of new blockbuster release "Iron Man." Sunday brought the reluctant end of the LLD and the Annual Business Meeting of the Lodge. The year's LLD was a blast, but stay tuned for information about the 2009 Lodge Leadership Development Weekend...it'll be here before you know it!

6.14. Publications

6.14.1. Turtle Soup is once again behind schedule, but we will make an effort to make 2009's Soups much more on time.

6.15. National Activities

6.15.1. Report presented, not turned in

6.16. Membership & Elections

6.16.1. No report presented

6.17. Conclave 09

6.17.1. Report presented, not turned in

7. Old Business

7.1. Special dues promotion

7.1.1. A motion was created and passed to make dues \$13 until the end of the year. This \$13 dues will be a special promotion available only to members that have not yet paid for 2008. The fee will allow those members to pay their dues for the rest of 2008 and all of 2009. One member abstained from voting.

7.2. Trailblazer Day

7.2.1. John Trott reported on Webelos Woods. The event was very wet, and campers were sent home due to the weather. Some Brothers came to help and teach a section about the OA.

7.3. 2009 Calendar

7.3.1. The 2009 Calendar was reviewed with the LEC.

7.4. Summer Brotherhoods

7.4.1. Discussion was had on the topic of changing the way we conduct summer Brotherhoods. Ideas brought up included:

- Expanding Founder's Day
- Integrating with Fun Pack Weekends
- Consolidating to a single workday

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- Get the chapter teams more involved
- Require Service Hour attendees to go to the ceremony to get their patches
- Improve record keeping
- Have ice cream at the end of the ceremony
- Ask adults to help set up the site
- Make it a part of camp program
- Do the Brotherhood on a separate night from the Service Hour

7.4.2. ~~The discussion also covered whether or not the ceremony was worth the effort—does the low quality of the ceremony make it meaningless? The general consensus seemed to be that the ceremony was worth the effort, but that a better effort needed to be put into making it really something.~~ Ian Hanley was concerned that because the ceremony is essentially a “Drive-thru”, in that it’s not connected with any other programming that night, the incoming Brotherhoods do not receive the same quality experience that someone converting at on Ordeal would. In his words, the ceremony needs “to properly inspire them to fulfill their Obligations of Brotherhood and rekindle the message and deeds of the Legend, as the true Brotherhood Experience should.”

8. New Business

8.1. Lodge Banquet

- 8.1.1. K Valley has three possible guest speakers: Chandler Woodcock, Mark Chilutti, and Stanley Gilman (?). More details soon to come.

8.2. 09 Conclave

- 8.2.1. Nick Bouyea distributed wooden nickels in exchange for email addresses, and gave Chapter Chiefs extras. The idea is that anyone who gives their email gets a wooden nickel, and we can send Conclave-related emails to them.

8.3. Conclave Presentation at the November 15 COC

- 8.3.1. Nick will be at the COC on the 15th to present our plans for Conclave to the Section.

8.4. NOAC

- 8.4.1. NOAC will be in 2009! Registration is now open for staff and participants. We can expand our quota if there is sufficient interest. The National Activities Committee will hold meetings before the 2009 LECs for anyone interested.
- 8.5. National Activities Committee
- 8.5.1. Andrew Rueger has aged out, and the position is now open. Talk to Caleb or any Officer if you or someone you know is interested.
- 8.6. Quality Lodge
- 8.6.1. We have met all the necessary requirements for Quality Lodge, except the membership requirement, which we are short of by 56 people.
- 8.7. 65th Anniversary
- 8.7.1. Patch designs must be in by Sunday.
- 8.8. 2009 Lodge Service Project
- 8.8.1. Ideas for the 2009 Lodge Service Project included making a contribution to the floor covering at UoS, working at a State Park, and trail clearing on Bradbury Mountain. Talk to Matt McAdam if you have ideas.
- 8.9. Turtle Soup
- 8.9.1. Turtle Soup is really the only way we can reliably get information to the whole Lodge. Write articles, people – Turtle Soup is only as good as you make it. It's got to be accurate, interesting, and on time.
- 8.10. Service Hour 10th Anniversary
- 8.10.1. Have ideas for a special patch or project? Email Matt McAdam.
- 8.11. Purple Arrow?
- 8.11.1. No nominations for the Purple Arrow were made. It was noted that the award should be promoted earlier in the year.
- 8.12. QLS
- 8.12.1. QLS is open to everyone – attend and enjoy the Section-level trainings!

8.13. Election season 2009

8.13.1. Start training your election teams now! Election season starts on January 1st, and we need to be ready well before that. **Do not** wait to report election results – it only hurts the candidates and makes it harder for us to make Quality Lodge. Follow up with your chapter's candidates – make sure they got their registration materials!

9. Other

9.1. AIA weekend

9.1.1. The AIA Weekend will be January 16–18. We need to pay \$660, and we'll get \$100 of it back if don't break anything. A motion was made and passed to pay the bill.

9.2. Honor Chapter

9.2.1. Binders need to be turned in prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

9.3. Budget

9.3.1. A motion was created and passed to make a nonbinding recommendation to the Lodge that they pass the 2009 Budget.

10. Staff Adviser's Minute

10.1. Voting on the Conclave Theme

10.1.1. The LEC voted to make the theme suggestion to the COC "A Noble Goal And Purpose".

11. Lodge Adviser's Minute

12. Meeting closed at 10:45 with the song of the Order