

**NE-6A Council of Chiefs
December 16, 2012
University of Baltimore**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Brandon Gawel opened the meeting at 9:00am with the pledge of allegiance and the obligation.
2. Roll call
 - a. Present:
 - i. Nentico
 1. Michael Phillips, lodge chief 2012
 2. Nolan Phillips, chapter advisor
 3. Michael Clark, assoc. lodge adviser
 4. Mike Parish, lodge adviser
 5. Colin Ganley, lodge chief elect
 - ii. Nentego: Chris Reynolds, lodge chief 2012
 - iii. Te'kening (advisers only)
 1. Allen Thorpe, lodge adviser
 2. Francis Cincotti, past section chief
 - iv. Amangamek-Wipit
 1. Andrew Widmann, conclave cord.
 2. Kyle Reffonsperger, lodge chief
 3. Ben Press, vice chief
 4. Brad Scales, conclave adviser
 5. Rick Ahlberg, lodge adviser
 - v. all section officers.
 - b. Absent: Black Eagle
3. Lodge Reports
 - a. Nentico
 - i. Held LLDC at camp Spencer
 - ii. Changed bylaws to allow new vice chief of Service
 - iii. Passed a motion to produce 200 Conclave flaps
 - iv. Lodge banquet at Rosedale Gardens Jan 11 at 7pm, all invited
 - b. Wipit
 - i. NLS at Snyder
 - ii. Vigil Weekend
 - iii. Health and safety committee
 - c. Nentego
 - i. Started well at fall inductions weekend at first camp in Delaware
 - ii. LLDC, back to Basics
 - iii. February 9th, lodge banquet
 - iv. March Fellowship weekend vi. Ceremonies weekend April 26-28
 - d. Te'kening
 - i. Merger business

- ii. Lodge banquet
- 4. Minutes
 - a. Liam Berti displayed and summarized the minutes from the October 20, 2012 CoC.
- 5. JTE
 - a. Nentico
 - i. Did not achieve any JTE recognition for 2012.
 - ii. Positive membership growth was not achieved.
 - b. Wipit
 - i. Did not achieve any JTE recognition for 2012.
 - c. Nentego
 - i. Achieved silver for 2012.
- 6. New Jersey Merger
 - a. As a result of the merger that created Garden State Council, Te'kening Lodge will be departing NE-6A.
 - b. Allen Thorpe – No lodge merger plan is in place yet, and Te'kening plans to attend the 2013 NE-6A conclave.
 - c. Michael Phillips & Kyle Raffensperger – Disappointed that Te'kening's opportunity to host a conclave may be delayed.
 - d. Andrew Widmann – Realignment are not all bad. Brings new ideas and new traditions.
 - e. Area Director seeks input on what should happen to NE-6A after Te'kening departs. Options: Do nothing, move a lodge from NE-6B to NE-6A, combine NE-6A and NE-6B.
 - i. Wipit – A combined section would be too big. There would be logistical problems at conclave.
 - ii. Mike Parrish – Remembered being in a section with 12 lodges. Felt 12 was too many.
 - iii. Tony Roman – Remembered being in a section with 9 lodges. Felt it was much better than today's section.
 - iv. Michael Phillips – How was communication in the larger sections of the past?
 - v. Tony Roman – Communication was similar to what we have today.
 - vi. Wipit – Expressed concern about a longer interval between a lodge's opportunity to host a conclave.
 - vii. Zach Dowell – A section with only 3 lodges capable of hosting a conclave would be too short of a rotation.
- 7. Hurricane Sandy
 - a. Ed Wedman – Read message from Region Chief asking lodges and sections to donate to Northeast Region fund for Hurricane Sandy relief.
 - b. Tony Roman – We should reserve our extra funds to help support Black Eagle participation in conclaves.
 - c. It was suggested that the section make a patch to raise funds.

- d. Andrew Widmann – Maybe wait to learn more about Black Eagle’s interest in 2013 conclave. Is there a deadline to contribute?
 - e. Ed Wedman – There is no deadline.
 - f. Brandon Gawel conducted an informal poll: Are we interested in contributing? General response: Yes.
 - g. Rick Ahlberg – Lodges are also considering contributions. Do we need to give at all levels?
 - h. Kyle Raffensperger –Northeast Region is matching the first \$15,000 donated.
 - i. Brandon Gawel – Issue tabled to a conference call to be scheduled in January 2013.
8. Financial Assistance for Black Eagle participation in conclave
- a. Brandon Gawel – Are there any ideas?
 - b. Nathan Clark – We need to determine the precise hurdle(s) to Black Eagle participation.
 - c. Ed Wedman – We have not heard that money is an issue. Black Eagle has never said that.
 - d. Tony Roman – Was looking forward to this discussion, but it is hard to say anything substantive without Black Eagle present at this meeting.
9. Conclave Training
- a. Zach Dowell – Displayed the schedule of sessions and asked for more syllabus information from the trainers.
 - b. Tony Roman – We need a backup plan for the session to which Black Eagle committed.
 - c. Brandon Gawel – The section officers will backup Black Eagle’s session.
10. Cub Scout Participation at Conclave
- a. Wipit – 30-40 staff are needed. Program planned for the morning to take place in parallel with conclave training. \$15 fee for youth. \$10 fee for adults. Patch included. Lunch included. Cub scout lunch to take place immediately following lunch for OA members.
 - b. Andrew Widmann – Concerned that people do not come to conclave to staff cub scout activities.
 - c. Wipit – Should we really be doing this at conclave?
 - d. Michael Phillips – Nentico already has its own Cub scout event.
 - e. Wipit – Should we have a separate section-sponsored cub scout event?
 - f. Rick Ahlberg – Maybe not a separate section event. Maybe provide support for already existing lodge events.
11. Ceremonies at Conclave
- a. Up to 2 teams from each lodge may complete in each category.
 - b. Ed Wedman – Ceremonies competition participation has been weak in the last few conclaves. This is a good opportunity to improve teams. Encourage participation.
 - c. Francis Cincotti – Te’kening is likely to participate in the Pre-Ordeal and the Brotherhood competitions, but the Vigil.

- d. Brandon Gawel – We need to schedule a time to demonstrate the new brotherhood ceremony.
- e. Andrew Widmann – Maybe the new brotherhood ceremony demonstration can be the brotherhood rededication activity.

12. Conclave Menu

- a. Brad Scales – A local seafood restaurant has volunteered to provide food at discounted prices.

13. Conclave Budget

- a. During the discussion of the conclave patches, the CoC decided to abolish the section rule that had left any staff patch completely in the hands of the service lodge. The vote on this rule change was unanimous.
- b. The CoC decided to set April 26, 2012 as the deadline for early conclave registration fee.
- c. At the start of the budget discussion, the draft budget had a small deficit. During the discussion, various adjustments were made that increased the deficit. Further discussion followed regarding options to bring the budget into balance. Options considered included increasing registration fees, reducing the number of patches, and reducing the liability insurance fee. Tony Roman explained that the liability insurance fee is required as per the FOG. In the end, the CoC decided to raise the registration fees to \$37 for early registration and \$45 for late registration.

14. Closing

- a. Brandon Gawel, Ed Wedman, and Nathan Clark gave closing remarks.
- b. Brandon Gawel closed the meeting with the OA song at 1:40pm