



Section NE-6A
Council of Chiefs Meeting
Minutes – December 12, 2020



I. Opening – Charlie Tribble

- a. Charlie Tribble called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- b. Charlie Tribble led the obligation.
- c. Each member of the COC introduced themselves and their role in the Section.

II. Minutes

- a. Elliott Morton read the minutes from the October 2020 Council of Chiefs meeting.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mahlon Dyer, seconded by Elliott Morton. Motion PASSED via unanimous consent.

III. Reports

- a. Amangamek-Wipit – The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge is looking back at very busy and productive year. This year we inducted 54 Vigil members, hosted an amazing Lodge Banquet at the top of the year, and then finished the year with Season 1 of Camping Continues, which has been viewed at a combined viewership of 45,000. Our Lodge has been working with our Council to produce this virtual program for their Fall-Winter season under strict COVID-19 protocols, then we concluded our year with a successful Lodge Leadership Development Conference, 171 Arrowmen attended the conference. Amangamek-Wipit has also contributed 31,000 hours of service to our local communities, including the hours earned by our 45 candidates inducted virtually in our Lodge's first virtual induction. Our Lodge is also excited to have rolled out our Key-3 Challenge to our membership, the Key-3 Challenge tasks our chapters to obtain certain metrics in membership, unit engagement, and activation. This year we are

projecting a membership loss at a total membership of 3,500 compared to 2019 at 4,138. Moving forward we are equipped with the tools and lessons learned from 2020 to obtain membership retention in 2021. We are preparing for our 69th Annual Lodge Banquet to be aired virtually on Saturday, January 16th. Members of the CoC are invited to view this special event. 2020 brought countless challenges, but we are now prepared to make a brighter future and make 2021 as best as it can be.

- b. Nentego - Nentego Lodge has been doing great since our last Council of Chiefs meeting in October. We have had one weekend since, which was our Fall Inductions Weekend. There we had 2 vigil members round up our class of 2020 and we also had 22 complete their Brotherhood. The most amazing part of the weekend was that we were able to induct over 90 new ordeals! These new ordeals now account for almost 1/4 of our Lodge. Among the new inductees were 10 female youth, Nentego's first! Unfortunately, we had to cancel our in-person LLD and our training team is currently working on putting together a virtual program. We have not made a decision regarding our banquet in February, but it will most likely be moved. We have been doing great amounts of service to Camp Henson getting ready for Conclave, and we are super excited to host Conclave 2021!
- c. Nentico – Since the last CoC meeting, Nentico Lodge has been busy preparing for 2021. This began with the scheduling of our annual LLD and Banquet. However, due to the recent rise of COVID cases in Maryland, we had to transition the training event to all virtual. This fact did not hinder us; rather, we focused on the positives. Due to the event being all virtual, we can invite all Arrowmen in the Lodge to participate. On the other hand, we had to completely cancel our annual banquet. However, we plan to distribute the major service awards individually to the recipients and post their reactions on social media. Regardless, the Lodge still prefers in-person program and is excited for its hopeful return

in 2021. With that being said, the Lodge will give the Section complete support with its in-person endeavors in the upcoming year. Finally, the Lodge would like to report that we have submitted to be re-chartered and have opened lodge dues for 2021.

- d. Training – ACT Conference is full speed ahead. Based on our last phone call, the Lodge Chiefs and Section Officers are changing ACT Conference to a virtual setting. Contact has been made to out-of-Section trainers and trainings have been assigned to trainers. The date is still planned to be Saturday, January 23, 2020. More details will follow in the discussion later in the meeting.
- e. Website – We had 101 unique visits to the website in the last month, a 10% decrease from the last month. The average number of page visits was 1.715, up 10% from the last month. Updates will be made to promote ACT and Conclave registration. The 'Officers' page was updated to reflect current leadership and bios will be updated soon.
- f. Social Media – Since the last Council of Chiefs, we have been unable to recruit a social media chair, and thus activity is limited. However, we have continued to repost national and regional items on our Instagram story. Despite a lack of activity, our Instagram account has gained 4 followers in the past 30 days, rising to a total of 871. Our content has reached 143 accounts in the past 30 days, a 580% increase from the previous 30 days. Content interactions have not changed. We hope to have a social media chair soon to promote the ACT conference.
- g. Finance - Hello Everyone. Here in the Finance Committee, we've been hard at work on the 2021 conclave budget. Even with the reduced attendance it's still looking like we'll be coming out on top, so without further ado, let's pull it up and go over the numbers.

IV. Performance Measurement Program

- a. Section PMP — Charlie Tribble discussed the Section's PMP standing. He informed the COC that we are on track to finish 2020 with six points, short of the Thriving mark.
- b. We are well on track to improve in 2021.
- c. Each lodge shared their plans on rechartering – with National's emphasis on recharter, all were on track to submit by 12/31.

V. ACT Conference

- a. Schedule - Will Gouker discussed the schedule for the ACT conference, which will take place over two days: 7-9PM on Friday, January 22nd and 9:00AM–3:30PM on Saturday, January 23rd. A motion to approve the schedule was made by William Gouker and seconded by Mahlon Dyer. Motion PASSED via unanimous consent.
- b. Training – William Gouker detailed the training schedule and highlighted the three out-of-section trainers that would bring their expertise to our conference. Also, we will replace the 'Sharing Your Vision' training with one titled 'Building Your Team,' a training focused on managing diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. Motion to approve the trainings made by Elliott Morton, seconded by Will Brooks. Motion PASSED via unanimous consent.
- c. Registration – Beckman Hollis, the NE-6A registrar, discussed his proposal for registration. ACT registration will be done through Black Pug, a system NE-6A has used in the past. There will be no cost, but attendees can purchase an ACT patch for \$5. Expenses for the conference will be limited to under \$100 in the virtual format. Registration is currently open and will close on January 19th. Motion to approve made by Elliott Morton, seconded by William Brooks. Motion PASSED via unanimous consent.
- d. Promotion – Elliott Morton discussed the Section's plans for promoting the conference and encouraged COC members to advertise ACT verbally at LEC meetings and in other settings.

VI. Conclave (May 21st – 23rd, 2021)

- a. Host Lodge Report - We are pleased to inform you that Conclave 2021 has already taken big steps in the planning process. We have selected a beach theme this year with slogans such as "Sail away with the OA, and "Beach of Brotherhood". We have decided to not make any trainings mandatory this year as we try and focus on creating an environment full of fun and fellowship. We already have many ideas down for games such as beach volleyball and cornhole that lodges can participate in. We also have plans on decorating the dining hall and the area around it the same way as restaurants that you may find while at the beach. And even during the evenings we can enjoy fellowship right outside the dining hall with tiki torches and lights overhead. And of course, we have started to figure out shirt designs for this year, we also are looking into exclusive items such as koozies, sunglasses, and even Hawaiian shirts. The location this year is at Henson Scout Reservation which will be a great location, the sandy grounds and waterfront will greatly contribute to the theme this year as we can use the waterfront for boat races and other aquatics activities. There is still much uncertainty with COVID-19 so we will always make sure to be very flexible in planning. Henson offers enough space to where we still can social-distance during activities if need be and can also accommodate sleeping arrangements should lodges need space away from each other. Until then, Nentego Lodge will be actively planning and preparing to execute a successful conclave to give our Arrowmen an exciting experience and allow the section to enjoy fellowship with each other.
- b. Budget – The Conclave budget was presented by Gabe Rosella. It is similar to past budgets, but slightly scaled down due to the pandemic. The Lodge Chiefs discussed, and the \$15 new member price will be available to all members inducted after July 1st, 2019. Budget was approved via unanimous consent.

- c. Registration – Conclave registration will be done via Black Pug and will open on January 1st, 2021.
- d. Branding – The youth members of the COC voted informally to select “Beach Blast of Brotherhood” as our conclave slogan. The Conclave logo was updated to include OA branding, a smaller beach ball, a dash between “NE” and “6A,” and a scaled-down logo was added. Motion to approve Conclave branding made by Elliott Morton, seconded by Mahlon Dyer, and PASSED unanimously.
- e. Merchandise – The host lodge team presented several merchandise designs, all of which are included in the COC book.
 - i. The patch set was made with five patches – a delegate patch, collector patch, and one for each lodge. Patches approved with “NE-6A” added on the left-hand side.
 - ii. For the blue T-shirt, “Conclave 2021” will be replaced with the logo. For the yellow long-sleeve shirt, the back will be replaced with the full-size Conclave logo.
 - iii. Sunglasses were approved with “2021 NE-6A Conclave”
 - iv. A drink koozy (for Scout-appropriate beverages) was approved with the full-size Conclave logo in monochrome.
 - v. Motion to approve all merchandise by Mahlon Dyer seconded by William Brooks, PASSED via unanimous vote.

VII. CoC Breakouts

- a. Section officers met with their CVCs while Charlie met with the lodge chiefs and their advisers.

VIII. Momentum: Camp-in

- a. Charlie Tribble discussed National’s plans to hold a third installment of Momentum the weekend before Conclave – May 15th, 2021. More updates will be available after the National Planning Meeting.

IX. National Leadership Summit

- a. Next summer, National will hold a training event with all Lodge Chiefs and other key personnel at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, NM. More info available after NPM.
- b. It will be tentatively held July 31 – August 4, 2021.

X. Section Trading post

- a. David Escobar presented his ideas for establishing a Section trading post for members to buy section merchandise online. The main pros would be to take in more income and extend the Section's presence beyond our two annual events.
- b. Items the COC members suggested to sell were dangle patches, hoodies, Nalgene water bottles, belt buckles, quarter-zips, and possibly sweaters.
- c. Other sections have recommended using SG Trading post for an online store. More research will be done on this and will be presented at the next COC. Motion to approve the creation of a Section trading post PASSED via unanimous consent.

XI. Coordinated mid-week Ordeal

- a. Charlie Tribble suggested lodges host midweek ordeals to increase the Order of the Arrow's accessibility for Sabbath-observant Scouts and Scouters. It was encouraged that lodges host these ordeals at the same place and time to share their resources, and the Section officers pledged to do their best to serve as support staff for such a coordinated ordeal as well.

XII. Other business – updated section logo

- a. Stephen Peterson presented his update to the NE-6A logo, which will be modified to be in accordance with all Lodge bylaws. The Amangamek-Wipit logo (within the NE-6A logo) will be enlarged to match the size of the other Lodge logos, and a red arrow will be added. Motion to approve this new logo made by Stephen Peterson and seconded by William Brooks. Motion PASSED via unanimous consent.

XIII. Future CoC Meetings

- a. The next CoC will be held on March 20, 2021 at Henson Scout Reservation. The meeting will be from 10 AM - 12P.

XIV. Closing

- a. Chief's Minute — Charlie Tribble thanked everyone for their hard work and adaptation through a difficult year.
- b. Adviser's Minute — Art Widmann thanked everyone for their adaptive planning.
- c. The song was unfortunately not sung.
- d. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.