



**Section NE-6B
Council of Chiefs
January 25th, 2009**



Obligation: The meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. by Justin Myers.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the October Council of Chiefs Meeting were distributed via e-mail. There was one change. In the "Conclave" section, it was mentioned that we are to only have four patches for conclave, when we actually are having five. The change was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Lodge Reports:

Kittatinny: Kittatinny held a successful LLD event on Nov. 22nd. They trained about 70 lodge leaders. Also that weekend, their last Vigil honor candidate this year held his Vigil. Kittatinny achieved Quality Lodge status for the 18th consecutive year in 2008. On January 17th, they held their 1st Annual Lodge Banquet. Over 100 members were in attendance. The lodge has 32 slots for NOAC. 15 are filled. They will hold a Committee Workshop Weekend on March 6th-7th, where they will plan their spring weekends. On March 28th, there will be a lodge bus trip to the Lenape exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania's Archeological Museum. Kittatinny will hold Ordeals on April 18th-19th and May 15th-17th. A NOAC fundraiser patch auction will be on Saturday of each weekend, and members of other lodges are welcome to attend.

Susquehannock: Susquehannock Lodge recently held their lodge banquet. At the banquet, they held both a silent auction and a raffle to raise money for NOAC. They were able to raise over \$400 that evening. More fundraisers are in the works.

Octoraro: Octoraro Lodge achieved a 34% Brotherhood conversion and the Quality Lodge distinction in 2008. They recently held a Vigil bus trip to Rockefeller Center, as well as completed their Vigil selection for this year.

Wunita Gokhos: Wunita Gokhos Lodge held their annual Brotherhood Conversion Day on Nov. 28th, met conversion numbers for the year, and earned Quality Lodge. On January 2nd through the 4th, they held their Lodge Leadership Development weekend. They are currently getting ready for NOAC. The next lodge event will be their banquet on February 21st.

Tuckahoe: Tuckahoe Lodge held their Brotherhood Blitz and converted 8 members to reach a 25% conversion rate, which, unfortunately, does not meet Quality Lodge standards. They also held their LLD, which had good attendance, and their lodge banquet recently. Their spring Ordeal will be held from May 29th to the 31st.

Section Officer Reports:

Chief: First, thank you all for the invitations to your banquets and LLD's! All of the Lodge Leadership Development events that I have seen thus far have been great, so congratulations on running great LLDs. I recently attended the National Planning Meeting, where we began working hard on NOAC for this summer. I'll be heading up the Special Events – Meals committee with Bob as my adviser. Lodge

Chiefs, I have a few staff spots open. If you are interested, please let me know. Congratulations on all of the hard work in 2008, and this New Year. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with all of you.

Vice-Chief: I had the chance to attend SOS with Justin, Josh, Bob, and Mark back in November, and had a great time. I also went to Kittatinny and Wunita Gokhos's LLDs and Kittatinny's banquet. Thank you both for the invitations! Finally, I have been working on the training sessions for conclave, which we will discuss later in the call.

Secretary: I really appreciate being invited to Kittatinny and Susquehannock's banquets. They were both a great time. Thank you also, Kittatinny, for inviting me to train at your LLD. I really enjoyed the day. Chiefs, please e-mail me a copy of your report.

Old Business:

Finances: Sally Trump, Section Staff Adviser, discussed the state of section finances, as shown in the report e-mailed to the CoC. A check will be going out to Justin this week for his expenses in Dallas.

Lodge Exchange Program: It's going well! If you haven't participated yet, please do so. An updated calendar was in the CoC documents e-mail. If you want to go to something, just e-mail the Chief and ask if it's O.K.

NOAC 2009: Josh Peloquin, Section NOAC Coordinator, reported that NE-6B was one of only two sections to appoint Lodge NOAC coordinators by the Region deadline. Whenever he gets e-mail updates, he will pass them onto the Lodge Coordinators for distribution to the lodges. Justin asked lodges to report how many registration slots they were allotted and how many Arrowmen they already had registered. Kittatinny had 15 of 32 slots full. Susquehannock had 14 of 26 full. Octoraro had 17 of 26 full. Wunita Gokhos was unsure about exact numbers. Tuckahoe had 10 of 19 slots filled.

LAP: Sean Bealer, Section Vice Chief, reminded Susquehannock and Octoraro that they have LAP Visits this year. They should discuss possible visit dates with him soon. Also, he only received a LAP committee member from Kittatinny, so all other lodges should contact him with their selection.

Website: Justin reported that everything was purchased; we just need to get it up and running. There are a few Brothers who are interested in assisting with the design, so it should be up and running soon!

NOAC Scholarships: The application was included in the e-mailed documents. Everyone took some time to review it. There were no questions. It will be due by April 1st. Recipients will be chosen at the on-site visit. The recipients must attend NOAC.

New Business:

Conclave 2009: Mike DiDomenico, Conclave Chairman, had several items to discuss regarding conclave. First, we locked in numbers. Kittatinny requested 30 slots. 30 slots also went to Susquehannock. Octoraro requested 50 slots in addition to their 100 for staff. Wunita Gokhos requested 30, and Tuckahoe went with 35. Mike reminded everyone that more slots can be purchased easily, just send him an e-mail. Next, online pre-orders will begin within a week or two on the conclave website. An e-mail will be sent out when they are up and running. However, the DoubleKnot system charges 3% on credit card transactions, so Octoraro requests to bump online sale prices up by 3% to cover these costs. The

price increase will only affect online sales, and will only be to cover these charges. The prices at the conclave trading post and on paper pre-orders will remain the same. The price change was approved unanimously by a roll call vote. Promotional DVD's will be sent out to all of the lodge chiefs tomorrow, so please be on the lookout. Share them with your lodges! The conclave website is online. It is www.conclave.octoraro22.org. There are more promotional materials to use on the site. Check them out! Any questions can be directed to conclave@octoraro22.org. A discussion on the patches followed. The dark blue patch will be the trading post patch. Light blue will be the delegate patch. Gray will be the scholarship patch. The staff patch will be gold. It was recommended that the lettering on the trading post patch be adjusted so that it could be read more easily. It was decided to leave it as is. Mike reminded lodge chiefs that he needed their lodge flaps by the 30th. Please send them in.

Conclave Training: Sean Bealer, Section Vice-Chief, discussed conclave training. Everyone received a training schedule and session descriptions. A question was raised about the session on ceremonial symbolism. Josh Peloquin will be a co-trainer for that cell, so he explained that it will cover symbolism in the Pre-Ordeal, as well as how to improve portrayal of the principles. It is not a session on judging ceremonies. A luncheon training for ceremonies evaluators was requested and approved.

For the Good of the Section:

Conclave Walk-Through: Scott Salvatore, Octoraro Lodge Adviser, discussed the date of the conclave walk-through scheduled for April 4th. Octoraro will be participating in an event at Camp Horseshoe that weekend, so it was requested that the walk-through be postponed. Discussion was lead by Bob Chaballa to choose another date. It was decided to hold it on April 5th at 3 PM. Octoraro will provide dinner.

Key 3 Minutes:

Staff Adviser: Thank you all for getting charters in on time. I look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Adviser: Thanks for getting your Quality Lodge paperwork in on time. Everyone turned it in. Please remember to purchase the Quality Lodge pins. NOAC is sounding great! Keep promoting! A note about National Service Grants, no one from the Northeast Region applied this year. National tries to divide them between the Regions, so please remember to apply this October. The LEP sounds like it is going well. Keep up the good work; it makes for a great section. Welcome aboard, Sally! We are really looking forward to working with you. Once again, if any chiefs are interested in helping with the Special Meals committee for NOAC, talk to Justin. I am a little concerned that we are down 20 people for conclave, so please send in requests for more slots as soon as possible. I'm working on the application for Quality Section, so which lodges were Quality for 2007? (Affirmatives from Kittatinny, Susquehannock, and Octoraro) One more question, did each lodge send contingents to AC5? (Affirmatives from all) Bob then finished with a quick story about a professor who asked his students the name of the college's housekeeper on a test. It taught that everyone is significant. (Her name was Dorothy...)

Chief: I would like to echo Bob's thanks. Great work! It is really appreciated and makes everything run smoother. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in April!

Adjournment: The meeting was ended at 8:03 PM.

Attendance

Name	Lodge	Position
Justin Myers	Section NE-6B	Section Chief
Sean Bealer	Section NE-6B	Section Vice-Chief
Josh Peloquin	Section NE-6B	Section Secretary
Kyle Dierolf	Kittatinny 5	Lodge Chief
Jim Buerger	Kittatinny 5	Lodge Adviser
Jordan Miller	Wunita Gokhos 39	Lodge Chief
Chris Palmer	Octoraro 22	Lodge Chief
Ray Hayden	Octoraro 22	Lodge Staff Adviser
Scott Salvatore	Octoraro 22	Lodge Adviser
Mike DiDomenico	Octoraro 22	Conclave Coordinator
Mark Morris	Octoraro 22	Conclave Adviser
Brian Kline	Tuckahoe 386	Associate Lodge Adviser
Jeff Richter	Tuckahoe 386	Lodge Adviser
Nathan Zook	Tuckahoe 386	Lodge Chief
Todd Weidner	Tuckahoe 386	Lodge Staff Adviser
Bob Moreo	Susquehannock XI	Lodge Adviser
Kevin Myers	Susquehannock XI	Lodge Chief
Rusty Miller	Susquehannock XI	Lodge NOAC Coordinator
Sally Trump	Section NE-6B	Section Staff Adviser
Bob Chaballa	Section NE-6B	Section Adviser