



**Section NE-7B, Order of the Arrow  
Minutes – Council of Chiefs Meeting  
Conclave Site Walk Through  
Saturday, May 9, 2009  
Camp Tri-Mount, East Jewett, NY**



**Term: 2008-2009**

**Meeting: 4**

**Prior to the meeting the entire COC was given a tour of Camp Tri-Mount by Half Moon Lodge (2009 Conclave Service Lodge).**

**Meeting was called to order by Section Chief Mike Kling at 12:15 pm**

**Attendance was taken by Section Secretary Brenden DelBene:**

<b>Lodge</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
BUCKSKIN	YES	YES
HALF MOON	YES	YES
KTEMAQUE	YES	YES
NACHA NIMAT	YES	YES
RANACHQUA	NO	NO
SHINNECOCK	YES	YES
SUANHACKY	NO	NO

**32 in Attendance (19 Youth, 13 Adults)**

**Section Leadership In Attendance:**

Section Chief Mike Kling	Yes
Section Vice-Chief Jon Whitaker	Yes
Section Secretary Brenden DelBene	Yes
Section Adviser Jess Hurwitz	Yes
Section Staff Adviser Julio Garcia	No



Please note that this meeting took place on the same day as our Section Conclave Camp Walk-Through.

**Section Officer Reports**

- **Section Chief Mike Kling-** This is my last COC being Section Chief. Since the last COC we have working hard at planning the upcoming conclave and also successfully launched the Section Web Site: [www.ne7b.org](http://www.ne7b.org). We have 3 out of the 6 National OA Officers attending our conclave as guests.



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- **Section Vice Chief Jon Whitaker-** Performed a LAP (Lodge Assistance Program) visit with Nacha Nimat. All the trainers for the conclave have been secured and we are working on all the last minute issues with the training portion of the event.
- **Section Secretary Brenden DeBene-** Continues work on the Section newsletter which will be downloadable from the section website when available.

**Lodge Reports:**

**Half Moon:** Spring Service Weekend May 29-31. Beaver Day Weekend May 16th. Cub Scout programs finished and went well. Looking forward to a great Conclave. Summer Chief is Erik Van Uleach. 10 are going to NOAC. Preparing for the upcoming Conclave.

**Ktemaque:** We recently sent 3 youth to NLS, Hosted a brotherhood ceremony at our fellowship weekend. Conducted our annual lodge Americares service project. Our spring ordeal is next weekend. New Conclave Chairman – Roberto Battistoni

**Nacha Nimat:** In March we ran our annual LLD, which was well attended. In April we finally held our winter Banquet, which was re-scheduled from January. In April we held our first Ordeal weekend with 39 new members and 11 brotherhood members. We are preparing for our next ordeal weekend for June 5-7, 2009, hoping to make complete more Brotherhood conversions. That will also be our Vigil weekend. We have 14 going to NOAC.

**Ranachqua:** Not present at the meeting, no lodge report provided.

**Shinnecock:** All is going well. We are looking forward to the upcoming Conclave.

**Suanhacky:** We recently had a brotherhood at Camp Alpine where several members sealed their membership. Our Honor weekend is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend at Camp Keowa at Ten Mile River Scout Camp.

**Buckskin:** Present at the meeting, no lodge report given.

**Conclave Committee Updates:**

**Conclave Lodge Assignments: (approved at the November 2008 COC Meeting)**

Friday Night Activities: Ktemaque Lodge

Saturday Afternoon Activities: Shinnecock Lodge & Ranachqua Lodge

Saturday Night Activities: Suanhacky Lodge

Saturday Night Program: Nacha Nimat Lodge

Event Newsletter & Conclave Promotion: Buckskin Lodge



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**Friday Night Activities: Ktemaque Lodge** – 7:00 pm -8:30 pm icebreaker event. Other activities under the pavilion: darts, ring toss, etc. Opening ceremony, Wheel of fortune and cracker barrel. All is being planned and going well.

**Saturday Afternoon Activities: Shinnecock Lodge & Ranachqua Lodge** – Shinnecock has been doing most of the planning and Ranachqua has been barely involved. Ranachqua will only be responsible for managing the soccer tournament. Shinnecock will manage the rest and majority of the activities: open archery, ultimate Frisbee, swimming, cope course, mountain boarding, volleyball tournament and adult waffle ball golf. All is going well and there are no problems.

**Saturday Night Program: Nacha Nimat Lodge** – A slide show from the weekend will open the Saturday night program followed by awards, a keynote speech and a humorous Family Feud game/show featuring the lodge chief's vs the section/national officers. We need a projector and a screen and are working on a sound system, lighting and building a stage. Also requested more than an hour if possible.

**Saturday Night Activities: Suanhacky Lodge** – There will be a dance team competition or demonstration, a pie eating contest for all youth lodge chiefs, section officers and national officers and an Ice Cram Social. All is going well with the plans.

**Event Newsletter & Conclave Promotion: Buckskin Lodge** – 3 newsletters will be distributed during the event – the 1<sup>st</sup> one will be on Friday night – interviews with Mike Kling and the national chief and vice chief. An office has been secured at camp for the newsletter staff. Housing close to the office site was requested. Paper will be needed and not sure if we can secure a printer for the weekend, otherwise all going as planned.

**Conclave training update:**

Section Vice-Chief Jon Whitaker reported that all is going well with the training portion of the Conclave. We have recruited all the trainers needed for the weekend and are planning a train-the-trainers conference call prior to the conclave. We will assign different sites to the session depending on the attendance for each. I have asked all the trainers for a brief summary of their sessions and for their needs list of supplies. All is going well, no problems or issues anticipated.

**Service Lodge Report (Half Moon Lodge):**

Conclave Youth Chairman Jesse Ewald reported that all is going well with the event plans and the preparation of the camp. The needs list has been finalized and we have planned a number of service days at camp to ready the site. The food will be served cafeteria style and the menu is still being planned based on final attendance. Saturday night dinner will be a BBQ outside the dining hall. Half Moon is excited about the upcoming event.



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**Conclave Registration:** Conclave registration is open and the forms are available. Registration opened a little late and the dates and deadlines were shifted a little to accommodate the time periods. The online registration should be open soon and is being tested currently. You will be able to pay with a credit card, PayPal or checking account online. The links to the online site can be found on the section web site. There are currently 26 people registered. The COC is encouraged to sign-up immediately and set the example. Section Chief Mike Kling has promised to shave his head at the event if we can get 250 people signed up for the Conclave. The process for online registration was discussed. Medical forms must be sent in separately if you sign-up online. Pre-order of the patches and shirts are encouraged as most will probably be sold at by the time of the event. Again all were reminded that we will not accept walk-ins or onsite registration for the Conclave. All wishing to attend must be pre-registered. Also registration is not complete without all 3 forms being submitted: registration, training and medical.

**Conclave Promotion:** a brief discussion was held regarding how lodges can promote the event. Each lodge was asked to discuss how they plan to promote the event to their members.

**Conclave Guests:** It was confirmed that our guests will include the National Chief, the National Vice-Chief and the Central Region Chief.

**Other Section Business:**

- All the lodges in the Section have contingents attending NOAC
- A casual section gathering will be held at NOAC and is being arranged. Connor Morabito has volunteered to put together the logistics of the gathering and manage the event at NOAC.
- Lodges are encouraged to keep promoting NOAC as there are still available spaces.
- The conclave patch design was modified due to space and design limitations.
- It was decided that no patch trading would be allowed during the training periods.
- The participation award was dropped from the event.

**New Business:**

- Our Section achieved Quality Section and the patches will be available at the conclave.

**Chief's Minute:** Since this is my last meeting for the year, I want to thank all of you for your hard word and your dedication to the new section and the upcoming conclave. This has been a great year and we have accomplished a lot for a new section. I am glad to see that we have begun to work as a group and mesh together well as a team. The year started off a little disorganized but now all is going really well. I am confident that our Section will continue to grow and truly become one of the best Sections in the Northeast. Congratulations to all on becoming a Quality Section! I also want to thank my fellow officers, Jon and Brenden for a job well done. Also, Jesse Ewald for his hard work on the



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Conclave. I have really enjoyed being your Section Chief and representing your lodges and hope to be given the honor again next year.

**Section Adviser's Minute:** Thank you to the youth of the COC and the adults that support them. It has been a true honor to be your Section Adviser. The 3 Section officers have done a terrific job and it has truly been a pleasure to work with them and see them develop the way they did this year. I want to thank them for their hard work and their dedication to making this a great Section and to putting together a great conclave. I want to thank all involved for your patience and your flexibility this year. This has been a challenging year for all but we have put those challenges behind us and emerged as a team. Please make sure that if you have youth members wanting to run for section office that they fully understand the responsibilities and the commitments required. We will have a brief COC meeting at the end of the conclave and the 1st COC meeting of 2009-2010 will be in November at the conclusion of the SOS weekend. Please check the calendar as we have weekly conference calls from now to the conclave. See you all at the Conclave!

**Staff Adviser's Minute:** Thank you for all your support this year! You have all done a terrific job!

Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 pm.

**Respectively submitted by: Brenden DelBene, 2008-2009 Section NE-7B Secretary**

**Section Calendar**

- May 12 @ 8pm – Conference Call – Section Key 5 and Service Lodge
- May 20 @ 8pm – Conference Call – Full Section COC
- May 27 @ 8pm – Conference Call - Section Key 5 and Service Lodge
- June 3 @ 8pm – Conference Call – Full Section COC
- June 10 @ 8pm – Conference Call – Section Key 5 and Service Lodge
- June 12-14, 2009 - Section Conclave – Camp Tri-Mount Scout Reservation, East Jewett, NY
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Brief COC meeting at the conclusion of the Conclave
- August 1-6, 2009 – National Order of the Arrow Conference
- September 25-27, 2009 Northeast Region NLS & NLATS, Alpine, NJ
- Section Officer's Training (SOS) November 6-8, 2009, Alpine, NJ
- Section COC Meeting #1 (2009/2010) – Sunday, November 8, 2009, 1pm, Alpine, NJ