



Section NE-7B, Order of the Arrow  
Minutes – Council of Chiefs Meeting  
Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Camp Alpine, Alpine, New Jersey



Term: 2008-2009

Meeting: 2

Meeting was called to order by Section Chief Mike Kling at 1:20

Attendance was taken by Section Secretary Brenden DelBene:

Lodge	In Attendance	Voting Member
Buckskin	YES	YES
HALF MOON	YES	YES
KTEMAQUE	YES	YES
NACHA NIMAT	YES	YES
RANACHQUA	NO	NO
SHINNECOCK	YES	YES
SUANHACKY	YES	YES

27 in Attendance

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	Yes

We did an Icebreaker and we had a rock paper scissors championship and Mike DeRuyter was the champion.

Lodge Reports:

Buckskin Lodge- Our Fall Induction/ Service Weekend on October 24-26, had a total of 110 participants, 16 of which were Ordeal Candidates, 10 Brotherhood conversions, and 1 Vigil Honor Induction. Projects were geared around preparing the camp for the Fall and Winter camping seasons. Fun and Fellowship was had by all for another successful weekend. With the Fall Weekend completed our lodge has 316 Youth and 326 Adults for a total of 642 members in our lodge. Our next Lodge Function is the Lodge Executive Committee meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>. After that will be our annual Banquet on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Half Moon- We held a fall weekend on September 5,6,7, we inducted our four new Vigil members as well as holding Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. We ran a pouted trail at the council fall family day for cub scouts. We are going to hold our annual YMCA lock-in from December 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm until December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 am. Our annual winter Banquet will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We have begun gathering committees for elections which will end in early April. We are also on target for Quality Lodge.

Ktemaque- Fall weekend 98 new Brothers, 19 new Brotherhood members, 150 estimated attendance. Service at Council Cub Scout Event, Brothers in Regalia, Running of Games, Host of Pig Roast. Upcoming Lodge Banquet on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Nacha Nimat- At our September Ordeal weekend, we had 22 new Ordeal members. We had 7 members convert to brotherhood and at our October ordeal we had 11 convert over to brotherhood. This October service weekend is our Councils Cub Scout Haunted Harvest Fest, at this event the lodge helps out during the entire day giving service to the Cub Scouts. Our totals for the year for new ordeal members are 144, for brotherhood 50 and 6 new Vigil members. We have met our brotherhood conversion members and we qualify for Quality Lodge. Our annual elections were held during our October weekend. We elected our 2008-2009 officers and Chapter chiefs. We have appointed our new chairman for NOAC 2009 and our Conclave 2010 which we will host. We are currently looking at locations for the Conclave 2010. Our lodge will be holding our annual family banquet on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and we are working on completing for the 2009 lodge year.

Shinnecock- Our Lodge is holding its fall induction weekend in September which brought us to a total of about 280 ordeal inductees we also met our Brotherhood qualifications for Quality lodge. Columbus day weekend, we held our fall fellowship which was a success. So far this year, our lodge has had a presence at most council and district events. We plan to hold our Lodge winter Banquet and elections on January 4<sup>th</sup> next year.

Suanhacky- We just had our fall ordeal here at Camp Alpine on October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, inducted 7 new youth members, 1 adult and a total of 35 people in total. We are currently planning our lodge conclave/LLD on December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Camp Alpine. We are also planning our Lodge Banquet which will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently, we are building a chapel at Alpine, across the road from Reeves Lodge. Lastly, we serviced CAD at Alpine which had 800+ people in attendance.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Section Chief Mike Kling :** Mike talked about a brochure available to lodges about the Order of the arrow that is great for parents of new ordeal members. The number to call if you would like some is 972-580-2438. Lodges will get 100 free brochures a year. An extra 100 pamphlets costs \$25.00. He also was talking about the Trail Crew and the Wilderness Voyage.

**Section Vice-Chief Jon Whitaker :** Jon is seeking people for the Section Service Corp.

**Section Secretary Brenden DelBene:** Handed out the minutes from last COC. Nacha Nimat made a motion to approve the minutes, Half Moon seconded the motion - Motion Passed. He is also looking for a volunteer to help with the newsletter.

**Mike Kling: Led a discussion to decide the new name/slogan for the section; our new name is “Along the River to the Sea” or “Japeechen.....”**

**Mike also talked about the plan book that he created and was passed around**

**Mike brought the discussion of a theme for our conclave with discussion we decided that Our Conclave theme is “Gather the Clan”.**

**Jon was talking about the different types of training that could be done at the conclave. Some ideas that came up were - Retention; Promotion; Cooking; Communications; OA strategic plan; Unit Elections; Paper Work; Service; More Spunk in Ceremonies; Camp Promotion; OA Rep.; Quality Lodge; Scout Reach; In Ordeal Now what?**

Mike brought up an idea for a conservation summit which would be anything from doing a trail clean up or something that would be needed in the Catskill Mountains. The conservation track would leave after breakfast and return in the afternoon for activities. Participants would be given a bagged lunch. After much discussion, Mike proposed that a motion be made to table this to the next COC. Nacha Nimat motioned, Shinnecock seconded, Four in favor to postpone the vote. Vote Passed

**Mike also brought up having a newsletter at the conclave - This was brought into a vote. Nacha Nimat made the motion, Shinnecock seconded, Four in favor. Vote Passed**

**Other suggestions and Ideas for the conclave are Themed meals; chief’s pie eating contest; shows; etc.**

**Friday Night Activities- Ktemaque**

**Saturday Activities – Shinnecock / Ranachqua**

**Saturday Night Activities – Suanhacky**

**Newsletter – Buckskin**

**Saturday Night Program/ Shows – Nacha Nimat**

**Host Lodge Report: Jesse is working hard to create an awesome, fun filled conclave. He is excited for the year ahead.**

**NOAC Promo Report: We are trying to get as many people as possible from our Section to attend NOAC.**

**Estimated Amount**

**Nacha Nimat: 20 people**

**Buckskin: 15 people**

**Ktemaque: 15 people**

**Shinnecock:10-15 people**

**Half Moon: 15 people**

**Ranachqua:1-5 people**

**Suahnacky :15 people**

Jon talked about the LAP. A new three year cycle of the program will begin January 2009. We currently have 100% lodge participation in the program in our Section.

Misc. Items

Ranachqua LLD: was very successful.

SOS meeting: We were given a bonus of \$100 to help with our conclave and we learned a lot of great things that can be used at our COC's or Conclaves.

Our Next COC, the Conclave Planning Day, would either be February 1<sup>st</sup> or January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our Camp Tri-Mount Walk through date is TBA.

Jess Hurwitz talked about that we have a goal to make your lodges better and help you to do things better. Use us as best as you can. When it comes to NOAC or training call us and we will help you if you need anything. The conclave Promotion Event will be a hard working day every one will be working. If we are doing something well please tell us if we are not please tell us it helps us to be better.

Julio Garcia said that the officers did a great job this weekend and we need your ideas to make this Section happen.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:12

**Respectfully Submitted**

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**NE-7B Section Secretary**