

Nentico Lodge 12

Lodge Executive Meeting

Minutes – April 7th, 2025, 7 - 9pm

Zoom Meeting

1. Opening

1. Pledge
2. Obligation
3. Quorum – Met
 - i. Lodge Officers
 1. Chief – ✓
 2. Vice Chief of Inductions – ✓
 3. Vice Chief of Finance – ✓
 4. Vice Chief of Program – ✓
 5. Vice Chief of Service – ✓
 6. Vice Chief of Communications – ✓
 - ii. Chapters
 1. Carroll – ✓
 2. Fort McHenry – ✓
 3. Gunpowder Falls – ✓
 4. Harford – X
 5. National Pike – ✓
 6. River Hawk – ✓
 - iii. Committees (not included in Quorum)
 1. Awards and Vigil – ✓
 2. Camping Promotions – Adult Only
 3. Ceremonies – ✓
 4. First Year Arrowmen – Adult Only
 5. Health and Safety – X
 6. Kitchen – X
 7. Museum – ✓
 8. Membership – Adult Only
 9. Merchandise – Adult Only
 10. OA Unit Outreach – Adult Only
 11. Social & Visual Media – X
 12. Special Events
 - a. Conclave 2025 – ✓

13. Strategy & Governance – ✓
 14. Training – Adult Only
 15. Website – Adult Only
 4. Previous Month Minutes – Approved
2. Reports
 1. Officers
 - i. Chief – Since our last LEC in February, things have been relatively quiet event-wise, but there’s been meaningful behind-the-scenes progress.
 1. SOP and Bylaws: We officially passed the new Standard Operating Procedures and stripped-down bylaws, giving us a structure that better reflects how we actually function as a lodge. It’s a big step, and it sets the tone for more clarity moving forward.
 2. LEC Structure Trial: This LEC is our first go with the proposed new structure. It’s a trial run, we’ll see how it feels, take notes, and adjust as needed.
 3. Conclave Planning and Section Updates: We’ve continued working through the CoC to prep for Conclave, contribute to program, and support Section-wide efforts like camperships. Chapters should keep pushing that info where they can, we want to make sure every Scout has the chance to attend.
 4. LLHB Progress: Work is also moving on the Lodge Leadership Handbook, with updates in progress to bring it in line with the new SOP and give it more clarity for officers and committee chairs alike. Appreciate everyone’s patience and adaptability, let’s keep refining and building together.
 - ii. Inductions – Since the last LEC, we have started scheduling meetings with ceremonies & upcoming Ordeal hosts. We’ve started wrapping up Ordeal 1 planning, and getting emails out to candidates, brotherhood candidates & for staff interest.
 - iii. Program – Since the last LEC, the program team has been working on planning Hollywood at Broad Creek (Spring Fellowship), finalizing the key program areas with the committees, and planning Lodge Picnic. More detail to come later in the meeting.
 - iv. Service – Since the last LEC, Service has been hard at work with Service Day, which was very successful, with 70 registrants and 64 checking in. All participants received 5 hours of service. We have also been planning for the first Ordeal of the upcoming season by reaching out to people about potential service projects to be done for the Ordeal.
 - v. Communications – Since the last LEC, Communications has been working on a promotion schedule for the next few months that encompasses Spring

Fellowship, Ordeal #1, and Conclave. Along with that, we have also been working on position descriptions for the Lodge Leadership Handbook to ensure its completion by the end of term.

- vi. Finance – Since the last LEC the Lodge has spent more money than it has brought in. Expenses include ordeal supplies, national recharter, and new merchandise. Income includes dues, Ordeal & Spring Fellowship registration, and TP sales during Service Day. The Lodge's account is within healthy margins.

2. Chapters

- i. Carroll – Since the last LEC, Carroll has held one chapter meeting with 14 brothers in attendance (9Y, 5A), where they played mini golf and took photos for their movie poster for Spring Fellowship. 10 brothers attended the Carroll District Vendor Expo, where they presented about the OA and showed off photos. They plan to meet at a local park and play kickball, cornhole, ladderball, and more. They have recorded 141 service hours and have completed 13 unit visits in 2025 with 2 scheduled (6 Youth on Election Team). The chapter would also like to report that they have been working on building their Ceremonies team up for Callout and Ordeal ceremonies, and that they have 33 people registered for Spring Fellowship (11 Brotherhood Conversion). They are also providing the Tomahawk Tour at their District Camporee, and ask that anyone that helps with that to stay after the LEC.
- ii. Gunpowder Falls – Since the last LEC, Gunpowder Falls has held monthly meetings with an average of about 7 youth. We have done programs such as election preparation and Spring Fellowship planning and preparation. We have also conducted many elections (upwards of 6) with many more planned. At our next meeting, we plan to do more Spring Fellowship preparation and maybe build our gateway.
- iii. Harford – No Report
- iv. McHenry – Since the last LEC, McHenry held a meeting with five brothers and one guest in attendance where we planned events and gameplanned how to get people to show up. Two brothers served at the District table for the BMore Healthy Expo, providing six hours of service. We are also making plans to meet the kangaroo, and have a shotgun day in the fall, and are going bowling on Tuesday!
- v. National Pike – Since the last LEC, National Pike has held one chapter meeting with 17 (7Y, 10A) brothers in attendance, where they distributed service beads, voted on officer terms (current extending to Dec.) and planned for Spring Fellowship. The chapter also supported the District Scouting for Food Collection Center with 21 brothers in attendance. They

plan to prep for Spring Fellowship at their next meeting. They have recorded 73.5 service hours and have completed 4 unit visits in 2025, with 20 youth elected. They have 132 members who have paid their dues (38% of 2024).

- vi. River Hawk – Since the last LEC, River Hawk has held one chapter meeting with 20 brothers in attendance, where they visited SkyZone in Gambrills. In March, 15 brothers attended Lodge Service Day. They plan to discuss their Ordeal at their next meeting, including radio etiquette. They have recorded 449 service hours and have completed 6 unit visits in 2025. The chapter would also like to report that the River Hawk-led Ordeal is coming up and they need staff, Elangomats, Brotherhood Conversions, and Ordeal Candidates to register.

3. Committees

- i. Awards and Vigil – Report Not Provided
- ii. Camping Promotions – No Report
- iii. Ceremonies – Report Not Provided
- iv. First Year Arrowmen – The proposed change to the Lodge SOP to include the discussion of First-Year Arrowmen as a line item and to distribute the FYA Scorecard as a line item in the “New Member Orientation” checklist was delivered to the Nentico Lodge Chief, the Nentico Strategy and Governance Committee and to all Chapter Chiefs and Advisers.
- v. Health and Safety – Service Day: 1 Scout treated for stepping on a nail and returned to program
- vi. Kitchen – No Report
- vii. Museum – As of April, we have been working with the website committee to update the museum portion of the site. Other than that, nothing new.
- viii. Membership – Current dues-paid members in 2025: 601 (same date in 2024: 861). Breakdown is Ordeal (226), Brotherhood (246), Vigil (123), Non-Member (6). Event registration is as follows: Spring Fellowship (75), Ordeals 1-4 (83, 54 Candidates), Conclave (176, 66 Nentico)
- ix. Merchandise – If any youth have ideas on merchandise let the adviser know.
- x. OA Unit Outreach – No Report
- xi. Social & Visual Media – No Report
- xii. Special Events
 - 1. Conclave 2025 – The Conclave host lodge team has been hard at work since the last LEC. We attended the March COC, which included a walkthrough of Camp Saffran and answering any questions from the Section about camp. We are now working on collecting program info from CVCs, finalizing locations/campsites,

service assignments, and dining tent logistics. Along with that, we have continued to develop our host lodge team, and have set up weekly meetings with the host lodge team, and separate weekly meetings with the Section leadership, which will continue up until Conclave.

- xiii. Strategy & Governance – Since the last LEC, a GLM was held at Lodge Service Day on March 8th to codify many of the ongoing efforts by the Strategy & Governance Committee. At the Service Day GLM, the lodge voted to approve the proposed operating procedures, with proposed amendments, which in turn fully implements the new lodge governance structure (new Bylaws, operating procedures, and term of office change). The new Bylaws and operating procedures should be updated on the lodge website soon. Additionally, the lodge voted to implement a six month term of office from July-December 2025, with elections being held at Spring Fellowship, in order to transition our term of office back to the calendar year.
- xiv. Training – No Report
- xv. Website – In February, 1,266 views amongst 489 visitors, averaging 2.59 pages per visitor. Our most viewed non-root pages are the `Calendar` and `Dues` pages. In March, 1,516 views amongst 613 visitors, averaging 2.47 pages per visitor. Our most viewed non-root pages are the `Calendar` and `New to the OA` pages.

3. Old Business

- 1. Lodge Service Day
 - i. March 8th
 - ii. 70 registrants, 64 checked in
 - iii. All participants received 5 hours of service
- 2. Special General Lodge Meeting
 - i. Held at Service Day
 - ii. No reports given
 - iii. SOP passed
 - 1. Amendments 1-4 passed
 - iv. 6 month term change (July-December) passed
 - 1. Chapters can determine how they will make the switch
 - 2. Lodge officers will use the 6 month term
 - v. Elections will occur at Spring Fellowship

4. New Business

- 1. Spring Fellowship
 - i. Program
 - ii. Menu

1. Fri Cracker Barrel: Vanilla and chocolate ice cream and brownies
 2. Sat Breakfast: Pancakes, eggs, sausage, tater tots
 3. Sat Lunch: Cheesesteak, with roasted peppers, onions, and mushrooms as sides to put on the sub. Side of chips and potato/macaroni salad
 4. Sat Dinner: Spaghetti and meatballs, with salad and garlic bread.
 5. Sat Cracker Barrel: Chocolate cookies, sugar cookies, popped corn
 6. Sun Breakfast: Biscuits and sausage gravy, hash browns (the disc ones)
 7. Drinks: Hot Cocoa, Lemonade, Tea, Bug Juice, (Chocolate Milk, and Orange Juice with breakfast)
- iii. Schedule
 1. Mostly the same schedule as Fall Fellowship
 - iv. Lodge Officer Elections
 1. April 27th (Spring Fellowship)
 2. 6 Month Term (Jul-Dec)
 3. Updated Officer Candidacy Form and position descriptions
 4. Lodge Leadership Development
 - a. First weekend in December (should be)
2. Ordeal #1
 - i. May 2nd-4th
 - ii. Led by River Hawk
 - iii. Staff
 1. More Elangomats, Ceremonialists needed
 2. 33 Candidates, 17 Staff, 6 Elangomats
 - iv. Service Projects
 1. Tents, setting up campsites
3. Conclave
 - i. May 16th-18th
 - ii. Conclave Lodge Flaps
 1. Two Variants (Sunny Earth, Starry Moon)
 2. Quantities
 - a. 150 Standard (\$15)
 - b. 50 Special (\$25)
 - c. 11 of each will be used for awards
 - i. 8 for Section, 2 for gifts, 1 for patch auction
 - iii. Dining Tent
 1. Will be set up in Trading Post parking lot
 2. Used for dining overflow, training, other program events
 3. Quotes

- a. 40x40 (1600 sq ft) - \$3252.90 (Dreamers Event Rentals)
 - b. 40x60 (2400 sq ft) - \$3939 (Party Party Event Rentals)
 - iv. Service Assignments (each area of service should have at least 10 people)
 - 1. Carroll - Program
 - 2. Gunpowder Falls - Training
 - 3. Harford - Friday Parking/Directing
 - 4. McHenry - Program
 - 5. National Pike - Program/Competitions
 - 6. River Hawk - Competitions
 - 7. All chapters are expected to have people stay back and help cleanup on Sunday
 - v. Locations + Signage
 - 1. Campsites
 - a. Nentico - Riggs Ridge
 - b. Nentego - Lookout, Timberline, Conowingo
 - c. Amangamek-Wipit - Jamestown, Susquehanna, Long Range
 - d. Section Leadership/Coordinators/Guests - Family Cabins
 - e. Medical Accommodations - Dan Beard
 - 2. Training Areas
 - a. Amphitheater, Chapel, Dining Tent, OA Pavilion, Galloway Pavilion, Stock Control
 - 3. Program Areas
 - a. Lower Parade Field, Flint Ridge, Shooting Ranges (?), Climbing Tower (?), Dining Tent, Trading Post (Camp + OA), Galloway Lodge...
 - vi. Inflatables + Council Staff
 - 1. Working on inflatables for activities, currently coordinating
 - 2. Getting council trained staff for climbing, shooting sports, etc.
- 4. Archery Proposal
 - i. Proposal from National Pike District Membership Chair
 - ii. Purchase of a mobile archery set (~\$800)
 - iii. Resource that could be borrowed by units for recruiting events
 - 1. OA members could assist at recruiting events when available
 - 2. Increase membership numbers and expose prospective Scouts to the experiences of Scouting
 - iv. Set proposed is used by other Scouting America councils
 - v. More research necessary to see if equipment needs trained staff to operate
 - 1. However, LEC is interested in purchasing the archery set
- 5. Lodge Picnic

- i. June 28th
 - ii. Moving picnic from Oest to Saffran for a pool party
 1. Pending approval from Alex
6. BAC Annual Appeal
 - i. Council reaches out to lodge for a donation
 1. Used to be Friends of Scouting
 2. Helps support Scouts who cannot fund their adventure
 - a. Camperships, uniforms, etc.
 - ii. Donation of \$2,500
 1. Motion Approved
5. Closing
 1. Chief – Really enjoyed seeing what's been going on at chapter and lodge level over the last few months and what everyone has accomplished, very excited for Spring Fellowship and Conclave!
 2. Adviser – Glad that lodge is participating in the Annual Appeal, “We cannot afford to forget any experience, not even the most painful,” we have a lot of painful things coming up with planning for events, and we can lean on the people around us to help share the burden of work, don’t be afraid to reach out for help
 3. Staff Adviser – No Minute