

Nentico Lodge 12

Lodge Executive Meeting

Minutes – May 19th, 2025, 7-8pm

Baltimore Council Service Center; Baltimore, MD

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 – X
    3. Gunpowder Falls – ✓
    4. Harford – Adult Only
    5. National Pike – ✓
    6. River Hawk – ✓
  - iii. Committees (not included in Quorum)
    1. Awards and Vigil – ✓
    2. Camping Promotions – X
    3. Ceremonies – X
    4. First Year Arrowmen – X
    5. Health and Safety – Adult Only
    6. Kitchen – X
    7. History – Adult Only
    8. Membership – Adult Only
    9. Merchandise – Adult Only
    10. OA Unit Outreach – X
    11. Social & Visual Media – X
    12. Special Events
      - a. Conclave 2025 – ✓

13. Strategy & Governance – X

14. Training – Adult Only

15. Website – Adult Only

4. Previous Month Minutes – Approved

## 2. Reports

### 1. Officers

- i. Chief – Great time at Conclave 2025, won the Spirit Award, congratulations to Nathan Buckingham for being elected Section Secretary. Ordeal 1 went smoothly, had some people from Ordeal 1 at Conclave. Working on transition for summer.
- ii. Inductions – Had around 40 BH conversions at SF and Ordeal 1. Had about 56 candidates at Ordeal 1. Ordeal shakedown soon for River Hawk. Reaching out to Ordeal hosts soon for planning.
- iii. Program – Spring Fellowship went great! Picnic coming up, more info later in LEC.
- iv. Service – Since the last LEC service has continued to do work for the ordeal season that has just started.
- v. Communications – Since the last LEC, Communications has worked to advertise Spring Fellowship, Ordeal 1, and Conclave. The communications team has also been continuing work on the LLHB with plans to have it finalized by Lodge Picnic.
- vi. Finance – Since the last LEC the Lodge has made more than it has spent. Income comes from Trading Post, Spring Fellowship registration, and dues payments. Expenses include Spring Fellowship event expenses, credit card fees, and Conclave expenses. The finance team has also been working with Strategy and Governance to draft SOP amendments. These will ensure smooth and safe running of the OA Trading Post, and its merchandise.

### 2. Chapters

- i. Carroll – Since the last LEC the Carroll chapter has held 1 chapter meeting where we had 25 brothers in attendance. We discussed upcoming conclave instructions, played bowling and large group games. We are looking to plan at least one meeting, potentially monthly, over the summer months to gather in fellowship. Options have been small, like meetings at a park for outdoor games and as large as going to Hershey Park or an Orioles game. Additionally, we held 20 Brotherhood conversions at Spring Fellowship. Most conversions took place within one year of their Ordeal and we have had several First Year Arrowmen award forms turned back in with a few more requiring just a couple of requirements. At Spring Fellowship, we had a total of 44 brothers in attendance. At Conclave, we

had a total of 38 brothers in attendance. We were very glad to be a part of the host lodge and have gotten positive feedback from scouts who attended for the first time. We have 2 more elections scheduled before summer break. We have also started planning a scheduled breakdown of planning for our Ordeal happening this fall. We are planning on having our ordeal completely staffed by Carroll Chapter representatives, but we will always be happy with more support from the lodge. Additionally, the Carroll chapter has extended our leadership term through the end of the year, however conversations about co-chairing the vice chief positions have been discussed with a couple of arrowmen to prepare themselves for the elections happening in the fall. 37.5 pounds of food collected for a local food drive.

- ii. Gunpowder Falls – Since the last LEC the Gunpowder Falls chapter has held monthly meetings with an average of about 6 youth. We have done programs such as election preparation. At our next meeting we plan to do more election preparations, discuss and potentially run chapter elections, and discuss our chapter's ordeal with Harford.
- iii. Harford – Report Not Provided
- iv. McHenry – No Report
- v. National Pike – April Chapter Gathering, where we had 19 Brothers in attendance. Presented Brotherhood presentation and finalized plan for Spring Fellowship. 2025 NP Paid Dues: 188 (53% of 2024). Unit Elections Completed: 6 (year total: 17). Number of Youth elected: 22 (year total: 68). Elections scheduled: 4. Chapter service hours, as of today: 73.5 hours. Next Chapter Gathering is June 8th.
- vi. River Hawk – Report Not Provided

### 3. Committees

- i. Awards and Vigil – We are hard at work planning for the Vigil weekend (June 27-28) and looking forward to recognizing the new honorees as well as reuniting with previous awardees. Registration details will be available soon. The Awards committee is also now accepting nominations for the Founder's Award, which must be received by Friday, October 3, 2025. Also accepting First Year Arrowmen Award applications.
- ii. Camping Promotions – No Report
- iii. Ceremonies – No Report
- iv. First Year Arrowmen – Since the FYA will be implemented into the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), there may no longer be a need for a FYA Committee. John Schoeberlein has stepped down as Adviser for the FYA Committee.
- v. Health and Safety –

1. Nentico Lodge Spring Fellowship (4/25-27/2025)
  - a. 1 Scout came to camp with Infected Left great Toe: treated with padding of gauze and taped. Advised to go home and see doctor. Parent declined and was returned to program.
2. Nentico Lodge Ordeal #1 (5/2-4/2025)
  - a. 2 Scout Dust/Pollen/Dirt in eyes: Eyes were flushed and had scouts wash their face. Scouts were given Benadryl with parent permission.
  - b. 1 Scout upset stomach, vomiting: Both parents were called several times and could not be reached. Scout was sent back to his tent to lie down.
3. Nentico Lodge E10 Conclave (5/16-18/2025)
  - a. 1 Scout came to camp with Fracture Right Foot still in boot and fell forward to knees in tent complaining of numbness and lack of feeling, scout denies any numbness before, initial 4/10 pain went to 6/10 pain. Parents were called and scout was sent home with parents.
  - b. 1 Scout Migraine: Came to RB Headquarter complaining of a migraine, rested in a dark, quiet, back room. Did not get better, mother was called and went home. Scout came back the next morning.
  - c. 1 Scout Nausea/Vomiting X3: Dehydrated, was able to drink sips, rested and was able to return to program.
  - d. 1 Scout Nosebleed: Paper towel and ice glove was applied, history of nosebleeds followed by ENT. Return to program.
  - e. 1 Scout Headache: Told to drink more, rest and given Tylenol 500 mg to parent.
  - f. Several Ticks were removed.
- vi. Kitchen – No Report
- vii. History – As of May 16th, the history committee has hosted the history exhibit at Spring Fellowship and the Section Conclave. We are continuing to work with the website committee to improve the resources and information available on our lodge website.
- viii. Membership – No Report
- ix. Merchandise – No Report
- x. OA Unit Outreach – No Report
- xi. Social & Visual Media – No Report
- xii. Special Events
  1. Conclave 2025 – Conclave went great! More information on the event will be shared later in the LEC. Host lodge is very grateful

for all of the help from all of the staff members from the lodge.

The next time Nentico will host Conclave is in 2028, so this will be the last report from the Conclave committee until then.

xiii. Strategy & Governance – No Report

xiv. Training – No Report

xv. Website – In April, 1,364 views amongst 613 visitors, averaging 2.23 pages per visitor. Our most viewed non-root pages are the `Calendar` and `New to the OA` pages.

### 3. Old Business

#### 1. Archery Proposal

i. Motion to vote against the purchase of the Archery set with the stipulation that the lodge will offer the Tomahawk throwing program to the National Pike District (and all other districts) for the purpose of increasing membership

#### 2. Conclave

i. May 16th-18th

ii. Successful program

iii. New Section Officers elected

1. Chief: Wyatt Snyder

2. Vice Chief: Caitlin Adams

3. Secretary: Nathan Buckingham

iv. Lodge pays for 20 people

1. \$1,300

v. ColonialClave 2026

1. Rodney Scout Reservation

2. May 15th-17th

### 4. New Business

#### 1. Conclave Lodge Flaps

i. Tariffs will result in raised prices

1. Unit prices: Special (\$4.63), Standard (\$3.43)

2. Motion to approve profits from Conclave patches sold be used to pay the Section for the 20 Arrowmen that did not attend Conclave (\$1,300)

a. Motion was approved

ii. Motion to purchase 75 more of each variant of patch for a total of 300 more patches

1. Motion was approved

iii. We will be sending an order form out within 2 weeks of the order confirmation from Class B

1. Form will be emailed and posted on the website

2. Lodge Picnic
  - i. June 28th
  - ii. Should be at Camp Saffran
    1. Still working on confirmation
  - iii. Food
    1. Will be crabs, as well as other types of food
      - a. Perhaps grilled chicken, barbeque pork, etc.
      - b. Looking into special ice cream (more than vanilla and chocolate)
    2. Will be dietary alternatives
  - iv. Theme is “summer pool party”
    1. Will be board games, other activities, etc.
  - v. Budgeting
    1. Motion to use the unused funds in the budget for Lodge Picnic
      - a. Motion was approved 9-1
3. Finance SOP Amendment Proposal
  - i. No vote tonight
  - ii. Meant to clear up ambiguous nature of Nentico’s Finance operations
  - iii. Seeking feedback, deliver after meeting
4. Valkyrie Service Day
  - i. November 8th, 2025
  - ii. Third annual service day in memory of Makenzie Opdyke of Troop 1920, who passed away due to cancer
  - iii. 40 Arrowmen out of 200+ people present
  - iv. Would like to introduce a youth representing our lodge to be apart of the planning committee for this event for this year and upcoming years
    1. Proposing an Arrowman from the planning committee attend the LEC and help coordinate lodge involvement
      - a. Arrowman would not get a vote
      - b. Nathan Buckingham has offered to be the Arrowman liaison
    2. Motion to put the Valkyrie Service Day on the lodge calendar for 2025 and all calendars in the future
      - a. Motion was approved
      - b. Lodge does not get a say in the date of the event
5. In Stride Appointment of New Chief
  - i. Service beads will be presented at Fall Fellowship, not Lodge Picnic
  - ii. Chapters will be notified for how to submit people for beads
  - iii. Ryan Fischer will be filling in for James Carico as he will be at Philmont for the end of term

## 5. Closing

1. Chief – Had lots of time to reflect and observe, very important to reflect and observe as it is to interact and lead, my observations are that you are kind, cheerful, and true representations of the Admonition, glad to lead people that are so wonderful, can truly say that everyone here is the reason that Scouts stay in Scouting. Ended with a quote from “Soon it will be over” by Ross Gay.
2. Adviser – Congratulations to Nathan Buckingham. Pretty big awards that have come out recently, Jim Brooks and Bryce Cary received the DAM for River Hawk, Tara Qualey was recognized as VFW Scout of the Year for MD and Scout of the Year for River Hawk District. James’s contributions to the lodge over his time in the OA have been innumerable and incredible, is a true servant leader. Gifted James an engraved cup as a thank you for his contributions to the lodge.
3. Staff Adviser – Yielded time back to the LEC.