

Nentico Lodge 12

General Lodge Meeting

Minutes – October 6th, 2024, 10:15 - 11am

Camp Saffran Nentico Pavillion, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation

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

- a. Conclave 2025 – ✓
- 13. Strategy & Governance – ✓
- 14. Training – ✓
- 15. Website – Adult Only

## 2. Reports

### i. Lodge Officers

1. Chief – Lots of great events coming up – Conclave, picnic, great start w/new officer team
2. Vice Chief of Inductions – Since the last GLM we have had 371 new Ordeal members successfully complete their Ordeal (316 Y and 55 A). Compared to last year, this number increased by 129. There have also been 46 Brotherhood conversions as well (not including RH MBM). 74% of units have had their elections; a 37% increase since the last GLM. As of now there are 4 units with scheduled elections. Now that all Ordeals are now successfully completed, I plan on scheduling an Ordeal "shake down" meeting with all of the chapter advisers and Ordeal masters. Lastly we would like to remind you about both the Elangomat and Ceremonies awards you can get by staffing Ordeals throughout the year.
3. Vice Chief of Finance – Report
4. Vice Chief of Program – Report
5. Vice Chief of Service – Report
6. Vice Chief of Communications – Report

### iv. Chapters

1. Arrowhead – Report
2. Carroll – Since the last GLM, Carroll has held 3 chapter meetings with 23, 14, and 15 brothers in attendance. At those meetings, they joined the District for dinner, played games, elected new officers, and discussed upcoming events, their Ordeal, and opportunities for new members. Since the last GLM, they have attended Spring Fellowship with 11 brothers, Conclave with 16 brothers, District Camporee with 5 brothers, Lodge Picnic with 22 brothers, NOAC with 9 brothers, Ordeal 4 with 9 brothers, Ordeal 5 with 33 brothers, Webelos Woods with 12 brothers, and Fall Fellowship with 33 brothers in attendance. Their ceremonies team participated in 5 ceremonies during their Ordeal and they plan to have a new member program and tomahawk throwing at their next chapter meeting. They have recorded 722 service hours and have 1 unit election scheduled.

3. Fort McHenry – No Report
  4. Gunpowder Falls – Since the last GLM, the Gunpowder Falls chapter has had an average attendance of 8 brothers, an increase of 2 since the last GLM, and have continued to meet monthly. We have done programs such as Elangomat training and Ordeal prep, outdoor games, and a smash bros tournament. We have welcomed new brothers who completed their Ordeal this year as well as welcomed back brothers who haven't been active for a number of years. We also have filled more Vice Chief positions that were previously empty and worked to familiarize new brothers with the Order and how it works.
  5. Harford – Report
  6. National Pike – Since the last GLM, the National Pike chapter has held 23 elections with 105 elected. We hosted Ordeal 3 with 65 new Ordeal members and 5 Brotherhood conversions. We had 22 Brothers in attendance at Fall Fellowship, with one holding his Vigil. Our next meeting is October 10th.
  7. River Hawk – Report
- v. Committees (not included in Quorum)
1. Awards and Vigil – Inducted three vigil members at fall fellowship and will be sending a request for founders award nominations due on November 1st.
  2. Ceremonies – Report
  3. First Year Arrowmen – No Report
  4. Health and Safety – No injuries at fall fellowship
  5. Museum – Since the last GLM the Museum Committee has assisted Section E10 by taking responsibility for the Conclave museum. We put up a museum at Fall Fellowship and are working on new display materials.
  6. Membership – Current Paid Dues, 1344 (Ordeal: 716, Brotherhood: 439, Vigil: 177, non-members: 12) (1347 in 2023). 2024 Inductions, inducted 363; 59.96% (70.71% in 2023) Brotherhood 58; 14.11% (21.98% in 2023). PMP, so far this year we have accumulated 12 points, 2 shy of the Thriving threshold of 14. The 2025 dues will be collected on individual bases with individual dues letters being emailed the week of October 14th. The 2024 dues webpage will be turned off at that time.
  7. Merchandise – Report
  8. OA Unit Outreach –

9. Social & Visual Media – Increase in viewership of over 7,000 views, Instagram has had 5% increase in viewership
10. Special Events – **Report** (Katie Carico)
  - a. Conclave 2025 – **Report**
11. Strategy & Governance – **Report** (Ryan Fischer)
12. Training – No Report. Ian’s first meeting and intro of Ian Hollingshead
13. Website – Since the last GLM, the Website Committee has updated out-of-date pages, added a new service opportunities page, and have about 20 more changes planned or in work. The website had 8,393 page views across 3,408 visitors, an average of 2.4 pages per visitor. The most active month was September. This is an 18% increase from the previous period (Spr. '24 GLM to Fall '24 GLM), and a 1% decrease from the same period last year (Spr. '23 GLM to Fall '23 GLM). The most viewed non-root pages are the 'Calendar' and 'New to the Order of the Arrow' pages.

2. Old Business

1. Previous Months Minutes - Approved

3. New Business

1. Budget 2025

- i. Changes with Banquet and Ordeal supplies price points
- ii. Budget Approved as Presented (also **attached**)

2. Program Enhancement Reminders

- i. Banquet – This year at Sparrows Point Country Club - January 5th
- ii. Service Corps at Cub Family Weekend – reach out if interested
- iii. LLD – December 7th-8th
- iv. Service Day – March
- v. Jingle Bell Beaver Day – December
- vi. Spring Fellowship

3. Fall Fellowship Competition Winners

- i. Trivia – Harford
- ii. Fire-Building – National Pike
- iii. Tomahawk – Harford
- iv. Service Project – Arrowhead
- v. Gaga Ball – National Pike
- vi. Adult Chili Cookoff – National Pike
- vii. Adult Coffee Brew-Off – Gunpowder Falls
- viii. Adult Cribbage Tournament – Carroll
- ix. Gateway – Arrowhead & Harford

4. Spirit Stick – Harford

5. Section E10 Promo by Ian for Conclave 2025
4. Closing
  1. Chief – Thanks to Frank for spearheading everything behind the scenes, rest of officers as well: Cori promoting at Ordeals, Tim for making the \$, Matthew service project this weekend, Tara communications went out timely, Scott for social and visual media, all trainers and competition leads. Great to see everyone come together for fun and fellowship! Living out the admonition.
  2. Adviser – Thanks for James and team, 13th point scout law grateful – grateful for leadership team. Broke attendance, youth attendance, new Arrowmen record!
  3. Staff Adviser – Absent