



CENTRAL REGION SECTION 6A

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Section C-6A
Council of Chiefs Meeting
August 25, 2019
Golden Burke Scout Center, Indianapolis, IN
1:00 - 5:00 PM EST

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| I. Opening | Garland Kent |
| Chief Garland Kent called the meeting to order at 1:21 PM EST | |
| A. Obligation of the Order of the Arrow | |
| II. Roll Call | Alex Spanenberg |
| III. Reports | |
| A. Section Officers | |
| 1. Chief's Report | Garland Kent |
| a) Section Team hard at work | |
| b) Talk to Jordan about the Section Comms Team | |
| (1) Really working for people that have talent in communications and have time | |
| c) Section Standard Operating Procedures | |
| 2. Vice Chief's Report | Joey Grabill |
| a) Welcome back! Summer has been very busy | |
| b) Been very active with Garland & Alex, especially with the SSOP | |
| 3. Secretary's Report | Alex Spanenberg |
| a) Pictures in the COC Drive | |
| b) Roster Updated, please reach out to me if you have any updated information | |
| c) SSOP is going to be fantastic for everyone | |
| B. Lodge Reports - (Condense Reports down to 4 slides) - Note from garland | |
| 1. Jaccos Towne | Jordan Wolfe |
| a) LEC runs smoothly & we started doing youth / adult breakouts | |
| (1) Jordan encouraged the other Lodge Chiefs to start breakouts during their LECs because they are effective | |
| b) 100 Ordeal Candidates remaining to go through ordeal | |
| c) Lodge Ordeal coming up September 13-15 | |
| d) No help needed from the section leadership | |
| e) HPL: Induction level is good & we are on track to increase it | |
| f) Brotherhood induction rates are under 30% | |
| 2. Kiondaga | Luke Schweickart |
| a) LECs run pretty well and smoothly with a tweaked agenda & better attendance | |
| b) Attendance at recent events has been around the same as the past years | |
| c) Fall Fellowship coming up & we are looking for a section officer to attend | |
| d) The Lodge Chief for Section assistance asked for regular phone calls from the Section Leadership to check up on the Lodge Chiefs | |
| e) HPL: Activation - New Arrowmen tend not to come back | |



3. Kiskakon

David Meuter

- a) LEC is running smoothly & is mostly brand new
 - (1) A lot of vacant committee chairs, advisers, & one chapter
- b) Spring Ordeal was a record number, but Fall Ordeal was down 30%
- c) Fall Fellowship is coming up & we would love a section officer to come out
- d) Would like a section officer at LLD
- e) Section Assistance - would like some more good ideas for growth
- f) HPL: Elections
 - (1) 100% contact
 - (2) 64% induction
 - (3) 13% activation
 - (4) Activation idea of changing name of Ordeal weekend to Fellowship weekend

4. Nischa Chuppecat

Jonathan Kipper

- a) LEC runs fairly efficiently
- b) Elections in September
- c) Going down from 4 chapters to 3 chapters
- d) Received E Urner Goodman camping award & the Innovation Award
- e) Put in a new fire ring
- f) 178 members at Ordeal Weekend
- g) 114 Summer camp callouts
- h) 8 Vigils
- i) Maumee is hosting our Fall Fellowship with a space theme
- j) We think the Section is doing a good job
 - (1) Length of the COC is long
 - (2) Make meetings for efficient
- k) Youth Induction rate is out best HPL at 80%
- l) Big HPL issue is unit elections with not going to units to do camp promotions that do not have any eligible candidates

5. Takachsin

Nathan DeMien

- a) New Vice Chief of Program
- b) Key Strategies
 - (1) Constant / Good communications
 - (2) Effective use of meeting time
- c) 107 attendees at our Spring OA Weekend
 - (1) Had parents give grief since they couldn't go into the arena
- d) Have an upcoming Fall Fun Fellowship
 - (1) Goal to complete a puzzle
 - (2) Prizes for top people
- e) No Section Assistance Needed
- f) HPL: Activation through constant communication
 - (1) Give new member calls
 - (2) Emails once a month



- (3) Good troop promotion program
 - (a) 3 new troops starting to do OA elections

6. Sakima

Troy Crooks

- a) LECs are going well & are more straight to the point
- b) Summer Fellowship numbers are up from last year
- c) Hoping for a huge bump in attendance at Conclave
- d) Looking for Section Officers to attend events
- e) Would like the Section Officers to work in depth with the Host Lodge CVC
- f) HPL: Activation Rates

C. Lodge Report Workshop

Joey Grabill

1. Activation & Brotherhood

- a) Jaccos: Parent Breakfast Sunday Morning after Ordeal
 - (1) Includes a mini jumpstart
 - (2) Good Turnout & adults want to get involved
 - (3) Involves the parents in the OA
- b) Making Personal Connections
 - (1) Extended Elangomat Program (Nimat)
 - (a) When next events happen
 - (2) Jaccos Towne has sent out postcards in the past

2. Unit Elections & Activation

- a) Unit Reps
 - (1) Maintain contact with the reps
 - b) Lodge is only going to be as effective as the chapters
 - (1) Encourage & Support the Chapter Chiefs & Lodge Officers
 - c) Surveys at the end of events
 - d) Unit of Excellence Program
 - (1) Units that complete it will be heavily involved in the OA
3. Adults: Get around Adults & Scoutmasters that put up gates around the OA
- a) Start earlier with Cub Scouts
 - b) Some people can't let go of things that happened long ago
 - (1) Have meaningful discussions
 - c) Everyone should have an elevator speech for why they are in the OA and why they stay active in the OA

IV. Old Business

A. Section Conclave 2019 - "Finding the Arrow"

Garland Kent

- 1. Feedback / Responses
- 2. Thorns and Roses
 - a) Lodge Chief need to contact CVCs and ask for feedback & their planning documents
 - b) Budgetwise: Profit of \$350 from conclave transferred to our Section Account

V. New Business

A. National Program



1. Thrive: A National Webinar, A Local Commitment. Garland Kent
 - a) Vital to the course direction of the OA
 - (1) Lost 12,030 members last year in the OA
 - (2) OA will not last past 2043 if we do not correct this path
 - b) All LEC members are expected to be on it
 - c) Topics up for Discussion:
 - (1) Redefined Section role
 - (2) New Concepts for High Performing Lodge (HPL Metrics)
 - (3) Lay out 3 year plan for all lodges to be High Performing
 - d) October 19 1:00 PM EST
 - e) All Lodges should have registered & need to update their registration with meeting location
2. NOAC 2020 - Registration Joey Grabill
 - a) August 15, 2019 - Registration information sent to councils. Fee for the conference will be \$545.00.
 - b) October 1, 2019 - Registration system opens for staff and delegate registration (\$100 deposit per delegate charged)
 - c) NOAC is an awesome opportunity that every Arrowman should experience at least once, it was truly a highlight of my Scouting career so far, and we are lucky because we are so close to it!
3. October NLS Alex Spanenberg
 - a) October 25-27
 - b) One of the best leadership courses in scouting
 - c) All Lodge Officers and Chapter Chiefs should go through it
 - d) In St. Louis, very close to some of our lodges, and they should take advantage of it
 - e) Southern Region NLS - November 8-10 in Antioch, Tennessee
 - (1) May work better than the Central Region Date for some lodges
- B. Section C-6A Standard Operating Procedures Garland Kent
 1. Living Document
 2. Will hopefully be out to all COC members by the Section Conclave Overnighter
- C. Section Conclave 2020 Section Leadership
 1. Expectations and Goals
 - a) Work with all 6 lodges to bring at least 200 members to conclave
 - (1) Have all lodges give the Section a bid (realistic attendance number) & a goal (hopeful attendance number, between 5-20 more than bid) at the October COC
 - b) Create an atmosphere for Arrowmen from across the Section to share fellowship & have an enjoyable inspiring experience with one another
 - c) Encourage lodge CVCs to share ideas and collaborate, allowing the conclave program to be the best it can be.
 2. Dates / Locations / Logistics Host - Sakima Lodge
 - a) At Culver Military Academies Woodcraft Camp



- b) Food & Lodging Provided
- 3. Theme
 - a) Voting for Conclave Theme
 - (1) Motioned by Nathan DeMien
 - (2) Seconded by Jonathan Kipper
 - b) Vision 2020 Theme - 5 votes
 - c) Brotherhood Games - 3 votes
 - d) **Theme Decided is 2020: The Vision is Clear**
- 4. Committee Brainstorming Session
 - a) Sakima - Host
 - b) Jaccos Towne - Shows
 - c) Nischa Chuppecat - Activities
 - d) Kiskakon - Trainings
 - e) Takachsin - AIA
 - f) Kiondaga - Special Events

D. COC Dates and Locations 2019 - 2020

Garland Kent

- 1. COC Overnighter - October 5-6, 2019 at Culver Academies.
 - a) Times are TBD, but similar to last year, arrive about 1 pm on Saturday and leave by 2 pm Sunday.
- 2. COC - January 12, 2020.
 - a) We would like to have this as a conference/video call.
 - b) May change to be in person if a special election occurs.
 - c) Motioned by David Meuter of Kiskakon
 - d) Seconded by Troy Crooks of Sakima
 - e) Passed Unanimously
- 3. COC - March 1, 2020, 1-5pm in Indianapolis.
- 4. Conclave - April 17-19, 2020 hosted by Sakima Lodge at Culver Military Academies Woodcraft Camp
 - a) Section Adviser Bryan will be leaving late Saturday Night & will not be present at the Section Business Meeting & Section Elections

VI. Closing

A. Section Adviser's Minute

- 1. National Grants & Awards
 - a) Cub to Camps Grant
 - b) OA Service Grant
 - c) OA Unit of Excellence Award
 - d) OA Innovation Award
 - e) E. Urner Goodman Camping Award
- 2. Many of these grants & awards have deadlines in October!
- 3. Section Staff Adviser - Tyler Givens
 - a) Andy Green moved out of the Council
- 4. Ed Lyons with the National OA Committee is changing Section Operations
 - a) How the COC operates



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- b) Section's Role
 - c) Changes in conclave
 5. Excited about the COC Conclave Overnighter
 - B. Section Chief's Minute
 1. National Webinar is very important to course correct the OA
 2. SOP is coming along
 - a) Hopefully Printed Copies
 3. The Section Team is here to support you
 4. Lets make the Overnighter a successful time
 - C. Song
 1. OA Song was sung at 4:00 PM & the meeting was Adjourned