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E-Board Minutes

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Secretary: Nicholas Shute

#### Executive Board Positions:

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**Lodge Quartermaster-** Ethan Tidwell ( [qm@oa41.org](mailto:qm@oa41.org) )

**Call To Order-** Daniel Stoner started the meeting around 7:34 p.m. and thirty seconds and he led us with the O.A. Obligation, a Pledge of Allegiance was not held, he then said that we were not going to go out of order tonight with the chaos order like last time

#### **Agenda: Reports-**

Secretary's Report (Nicholas Shute) – For the Secretary's report, the minutes for the last meeting on January 21st were shown via screen share and after several minutes of looking over by everyone in attendance at the meeting they were passed after a motion and a second, during the Secretary's showing of the meeting minutes, it was mentioned that they people wanted to play Star Wars music as they scrolled down the report, then it was said they needed to play a better song than that one such as *Imperial March* or *Duel of the Fates*, Daniel also said that expects the lyrics to be in the next meeting minutes although they did not technically say all the lyrics so they will not be put in the minutes

Webmaster with (Mrs. Deb Brown) – For the Webmaster's report, Mrs. Brown said she did a lot of updates to the website yesterday and today, the Brotherhood Bash registration for April she will put up soon but is waiting for approval on, then she will post it and we can broadcast it out, she also updated the Chippewa Chapter page, then she put in information for Section Conclave and the new R.D. Dunkin Award sheet, then she put the year in review in the drop downs, and then she said that Mr. Pettey told her we have a Facebook group and a Facebook page and we should only have one, and there is a really good audience on one of them, it was then said that anyone from the Lodge

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should be able to post, but they just need to be approved to be in the group, it was then said people usually post the same things on both areas, Mrs. Brown said she does not

have access to the page, but Mr. Pettey said he would give it to her, finally she said she was never sent anything from the last Executive Board Meeting like the Bylaws, so she will post it when she gets it

Treasurer's Report (Colin Freese) – For the Treasurer's report, Sean put up the treasurer's report, and we were shown a sheet with the end of the year review first and a lot of numbers were shown regarding pricing, profits, and losses from the end of last year, then it was asked if we are had a Lodge Lock-In as it was included in the list and it was said we did have one, Mr. Stoner said he was unsure why the Lock-In was in the spot it was, but then it was said the Lock-In had a total of 75 people according to registrations and we made a total profit of \$2840 from it, it was then said this info comes in spreadsheets that are given to us by the council so Mr. Stoner had to check with people to see why things were spent or grained in the way that they were such as the chunk of money that we give to the BSA (national) or the money spent on trading post items being made, but it also can be seen we made a lot of money from dues, then it was said that if anyone would like to be a Lodge Treasurer Advisor then please talk to Mr. Stoner as we need one, then for the January budget report it was said that normal member dues brought in \$700 and annual dues brought in about \$1620 and that our end total in the bank would be \$144,916.33 for our current account, and that was all for the treasurer's report

Quartermaster's Report (Ethan Tidwell) – For the Quartermaster's report Ethan was there but was muted and having microphone issues, so Mr. Bruns was asked if he had anything, Mr. Bruns then said that he and Ethan are working on designs for the 25th anniversary Lodge flap, Lodge hat for members and for Vigil, and t-shirt designs that Ethan went over with the Executive Board and got approved, then he said he had a question on the Brotherhood Bash and it was that he currently has about one-hundred Brotherhood sashes in stock, so will there be enough or do we need to order more, Jacob then responded that they do not have an amount of people to give Mr. Bruns yet as registration is not yet open, but he would say that they should get more, and Mr. Bruns said he would order more no matter what as we will need them in the future anyways, but with delays and shipping problems along with the fact that he is unsure of what the current national inventory is and he said he will place a order with Mr. Nadeau tomorrow for more to be safe, he also said that he usually orders stuff for Spring Fellowship in April but he will do that sooner as well, then Ethan was able to speak again and he said that he shared a google document with Mr. Nadeau with all the 25th anniversary information so far, and Mr. Nadeau said he would look for it and Ethan said it included the 25th anniversary hat, t-shirt, lodge hat, and a laptop/bumper sticker kind of thing, when Sean did not find it Ethan was asked to share his screen, but he could not so we said we would get back to



him later in the meeting, it was also then said that the certificates that Winter Banquet produced will be given tomorrow and that the Stoner's have some of the certificates and just need to sign them, Ethan then returned

after the committee reports and Nico speaking and Mr. Nadeau brought up all the 25th anniversary items as listed earlier and it was said they were all purple, then Ethan said he would like feedback as well as if there was anything we could improve on in the design, Ryan Dodd then asked if there was anyway the sticker could match the hats and patches with a purple outline and Ethan said probably yes, then Mr. Nadeau said he really likes stickers and maybe since the Lodge color is purple we should make the sticker have the number 41 in purple and keep the arrow red, then it was asked if anyone wanted anything else and Jacob said he agrees with Mr. Nadeau about keeping the Arrow red as tha would make the arrow pop out more, and then Ethan thanked everyone for their contributions

**Chapter Reports** (Ryan Predki)—Ryan just started with Chippewa, when the reports were done he said that they had a Chapter Chief Check-In on February 16th and each Chapter Chief met and talked of what the Chapters are doing well and what they need help in, they discussed having a inter-Chapter meeting in April or June and they did a couple of ice-breakers, so the intro question was how do people like their steak cooked, Austin responded Medium, Ryan Predki and Vinny said Medium Rare, and Ryan Dodd said he does not want steak but would rather have a salmon, then for the end question Ryan Predki asked what is your favorite topping to put on a burger and Ryan Dodd said onions, Austin had to one up him and say caramelized onions, Vinny said cheese, and Ryan Predki said lettuce, then one thing they all had in common was they were having problems scheduling elections meetings with troops that had no way to hold a electronic meeting as the Chapters do not have that independence yet, so that is something to consider, ad it was then mentioned that Mr. Nadeau could set up a Teams meeting for any unit and all district executives can make sure that meetings are happening, it was then said that they could do Google Meets, finally it was said that if you are in a Chapter and do not know how to join an elections team just ask because they are struggling to find people, also Ryan said that last night they had a national key three meeting and they changed the elections criteria which is all on the elections dashboard, it was then said that the camping requirements are changed and Ryan said he will check with Jordan to make sure everything is updated but it should be, and he said that they said the combination of a long week and a short weekend campouts was no longer needed and that the long term camping requirements are waived meaning that you could have fifteen nights of just camping over the weekend to be a candidate and that could include multiple long week campouts or no long term week campouts, but in general for questions the election teams will know so just ask them



Chippewa - The Report for the Chippewa Chapter is Ryan Dodd said that first hints first their monthly meeting would be February 20th, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. which will be their Chapter Training Academy with four brief little courses, and they will be elections, callout ceremonies, officer positions, and O.A. unit representative and they have a hike planned in March, for elections they have done 31 elections and ten units opted not to do a election and as for the rest they have most of them done but are still waiting on the date for a few, also in February it was said that Chippewa Chapter helped out with Klondike and they made lots of hot chocolate

Ottawa - The report for the Ottawa Chapter is Vinny said they held a virtual meeting on February 3rd, 2021 and had 13 youth and 8 adults and they discussed future Chapter meetings, a possible March bowling meeting, they talked about elections being in a good progress although they still have many to do, and you should let him know if you want to join the Ottawa Chapter elections team

Potawatomi - The report for the Potawatomi Chapter is Austin Mathison said they met on February 10th, 2021 and had 11 youth and two adults and some more people even popped in at the end, then he says they introduced a Inductions minute and went over the inductions process for a the less physical part of the Order of the Arrow in meetings, and they discussed old and new business as well as did a trivia, talked about the upcoming Brotherhood Bash, and he said their next meeting is Wednesday March 10th, he then said pay your dues, join the discord server and he said their Chapter would like to have a Lock-In in the next month or two or maybe three but it all depends on COVID-19

**Committee Reports** (Nico Lamb)– For Committee Reports, Nico said hi and good evening to everyone and said he had some notes after the reports, when they were done he said that he held a Spring Fellowship meeting with all Committee Chairman in attendance and the Chapter Chiefs and they threw ideas around which they would talk more about later, and Nico said he was excited about meeting all the Committees and Chspters and it was nice to see how we w at to shape Spring Fellowship, then he said next Executive Board Meeting they will open breakout rooms and everyone can go to learn about the different committees as we want to see people get more involved and encourage them to get into and on committees and to come see what they are about

American Indian Activities/Affairs - The report for A.I.A. is Matt Bazan was not here tonight again, but Nico was able to say that he talked with Matt on Tuesday and he said that he was getting together ceremonies teams



Activities - The report for the Activities committee is Nico said that they having been planning Spring Fellowship activities and doing a lot of different brainstorming for it

Brotherhood - The report for the Brotherhood committee is Jacob Wilson said that registration would be starting up this week for the upcoming Brotherhood Bash and he just sent a email to Nico about it, then he said that they are just getting everything ready and having menus set although that really is everything

Communications - The report for the Communications committee is Gavin Smith was not on the meeting for tonight, so Nico said for the time then that they currently have nothing to report

Elangomats - The report for the Elangomat committee is Lucas Wilson said that he is still looking for elangomats and he will put his email in the chat to contact him at and he told Chapter Chiefs to tell their Chapters that we need more Elangomats, and he said that they would have some kind of elangomat training before Spring Fellowship so that they are all trained, prepared, and know what to do, and that is everything other than the fact that you should reach out to Lucas if you are looking for something to do at Spring or Fall Fellowship, Lucas also said later on after the Vigil Committee report that he is looking for Lemats for the Brotherhood Bash that is coming up as well, so contact him if you want to help with that

Grounds - The report for the Grounds committee is Eric Moskal said that currently they are getting prepared for Spring Fellowship and they are seeing what ceremonies needs at this point and they are developing the plans from that point

Inductions - The report for the Inductions committee is Austin said that he has a lot of stuff, first he said elections so far they have completed around 18 so far in the entire Lodge with around 50 people elected, although all Chapters are producing at different rates and are in different places, but things are getting done and not too many units need elections, and he said if you are in a Chapter and have free days then reach out to the Chapter Chief and see if there are any free spots for you, he then said Chapter Chiefs want help and they are getting ready candidate materials for candidates to look at after their callouts and he said the certificates for the First Year Arrowman Awards are printed and ready, and finally they are working on Spring Fellowship

Service - The report for the Service committee is Eddie Ouimet was not her at this meeting again, so at this point Nico said that they have nothing to report at this time then



Vigil - The report for the Vigil committee is Connor was here and he said they are preparing for Vigil elections although they are unsure if they will be at Spring Fellowship, but he would like to have them there

### **New Business-**

**Brotherhood Bash-** So Jacob said that it would be on April 10th, 2021 and like last year it would be from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and there would be the Bash, dinner, and fellowship and it would be at Camp Big Timber, and hey were not able to get the Lodge so it will be in the Lodge fire bowl or somewhere else depending on how big groups are and if the weather is good, but it will be the same as last year just at a different location, he then said the cost is the same at \$30 for Brotherhood candidates and \$10 for everyone else and the \$30 comes from the price of the sash just to tell everyone he said

**Section Conclave-** it was said that it is still happening, but it is now virtual, then it was said it is three days long or really two and a half days and we are also no longer doing any pieing, then Robbie said that not only did Conclave change to virtual, but he said that there will be an in-person Conclave from August 20th to August 22d at Camp Stronghold as well and more details will come later, but he said right now they are working on the Spring Conclave and it will be very different from ACT, FCOC, and WCOC and registration will be out soon, they will also have officer elections, and it was then said that he wants to see everyone register and attend, and Mrs. Brown said she has it on the website under both August and April, Mr. Stoner then asked if anyone was running for section office and Robbie said yes probably one person

**Spring Fellowship-** it was said Spring Fellowship currently is going to be June 4th-6th and they are looking to keep it in-person and it is the week before summer camp starts, then Nico said that he would like a overall theme after his large group meeting the other day and he would like a Lodge vote on their three ideas, so he said he will go over the first theme and Daniel would go over the other two, so, first he said most of this Executive Board term the words Pirate Ship have been coming up a lot, including a Pirate Ship Committee, Sea Shanties, and many other things and Jordan came up with the wording for the them which is "Sailing Into A Better Year", then Daniel said the other two which the second he said was worded "A Blast To The Past" which would be a 1980s theme, and the third was worded "futuristic" which would be modern day and future themed, so the 80's would be jamming out and the futuristic one would be about the future, then a vote was taken by raising hands and Nico got the number for the pirate theme and asked everyone to lower their hands but Mr. Stoner said he should say



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disable your hand as it is a virtual hand, then he asked ode hands for the 1980s theme and the futuristic themes, and he also mentioned that only youth could vote, finally aside from Mr. Stoner who wanted and advocated for the 1980s theme, everyone else wants the "Sail Into A Better Year" Pirate theme, then someone said they would like to make a motion to change Daniel from Chief to Captain, then Nico wanted to move to the awards committee, but Mr. Stoner said that he wanted to mention for those who went to FCOC (I think he meant to say ACT), one of the biggest things we discussed was reducing our fees for Spring and Fall Fellowship and we have now changed the pricing to be \$45 for Ordeal candidates and \$20 or \$25 for members although the money may fluctuate a bit, either way though money costs for will go down drastically for Spring Fellowship this year, what this includes is for members this money just pays for the food, but for

candidates this pays for the food, the Ordeal Sash, the O.A. Book, the pamphlets, the patch, and the Lodge flap, as well as registration with national, but the biggest thing cut out was the dues fee as we determined it to be unfair to force dues payments on people only joining for four months of the year before needing to pay again, then Daniel said he would put his email in the chat to email him questions to of you could contact him at [chief@oa41.org](mailto:chief@oa41.org), and he said that he is getting good at responding to emails

**Awards Committee-** it was said that this is a committee they would like made as some people felt that who gets Founders Award and other awards should be decisions made by Lodge youth rather than adult decisions and they do not need to be a committee for the whole year, they would just be needed when awards are needed, they also wanted to go over the Silver Jubilee Award and Jordan is not here, so Nico said he would pull up the award and he said the purpose is to recognize Scouts in the Lodge for the 25th anniversary by giving them a pin for the Lodge flap or a special patch, so then it was decided Nico would go over the different categories and he went through all of them which are shown on the document at this link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UqMUvLpFH3BTXZWwgD\\_g5k\\_-PR9wvqK6/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UqMUvLpFH3BTXZWwgD_g5k_-PR9wvqK6/view?usp=sharing), then he said all you have to do is a few things from each category as listed and you should be eligible to get the award, then it was asked what the requirements to be the awards committee would be and Nico said to be on the committee for any award you should probably already have it, then Ryan Predki said there is one Awards Committee, but people who have already gotten the award are the only ones who can pick new people as they know what qualities to look for, and he said we never knew who was on the deciding committees for the awards in the past and it would be a lot of work to find these people out, but the Awards Committee would have a active roster of members who have received the award, and it was then said by Mr. Nadeau a good advisor for the committee would be Mr. Tyler as it was said Mr. Tyler and Mr. Burnham were on the Awards Committee in the past, then it was said that there are cool forms for getting awards a for people and Mr. Nadeau wanted to know if we could get those out, then it was said Mr. Tyler was not here, but he will be reached out to see if he agrees to do this and

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Mr. Nadeau was thanked for his recommendation, then it was decided that the Lodge does want to do the Silver Jubilee Award and we should get the requirements posted on the website

**CFL Summer Camp O.A. Staff Position?**- this point was about CFL or Camp Freeland Leslie Summer Camp and how Jacob Wilson and Mr. Wilson suggested that the O.A. should have a designated member working at CFL with a paid position and they would create Ordeal ceremonies and (this is the part when Jacobson fluster acted and said hoy cow and that words were escaping him) coordinate all ceremonies and things regarding the O.A., and they would also lead troops and see who in camp is being called out and report all who went through those ceremonies back to the Lodge with all people counted, then Ryan Dodd asked who did this in the past and he asked if they would volunteer from the members of the staff, and it was said Nathan Morrow did it a

few years, then Austin said he would like the job, but it sounds nice that we would have constant personnel, and Jacob agreed saying the reason for this was there was no connection between the Lodge and the summer chief so this idea came up so that we would have a good connection with our summer camp for accurate accounts of everything, then it was said the important part of this position is they would be paid by the Lodge while working at CFL, then someone mentioned that based on stuff that has been said about inductions and ceremonies, it may be a better job suited for the Vice Chief of Committees as it may work out better with him doing it, but it was then said this may be the committees jobs themselves and this may be their time to do stuff, it was then agreed by someone that it would be best for the A.I.A. or Vice Chief of Committees to hold this position, and then Nico (the Vice Chief of Committees) said if he had the summer he would do this, but he does not have that time although he thinks that it is needed as it would show the O.A. better at the camp, then Mr. Nadeau said it would be a good idea to have someone go around and talk to troops about the O.A. which this position could do, then Austin said it is good to have some kind of orientation so a permanent Lodge Scout at camp could figure out what this would look like and do a better job than just a election or a callout, then Jacob says he worked at CFL and their O.A. stuff is very uncoordinated and with stuff like this position it would help the council camp and it would help the O.A. to function at CFL, then a vote was taken and a majority of eleven were for and Ryan Dodd was opposed and Carter Doddado was declared neutral

**NLS (National Leadership Seminar)**- it was mentioned that there were three National Leadership Seminars happening in both May and October 2021, October being the farthest one out, then it was said that two were in May and one was in October and a link was put in the chat to learn more about it, the first one was said to be May 7th to May 9th, the second one being May 21st to May 23rd and those are for youth, it was described to be a better LLD or Lodge Leadership Development, and it was then said Momentum: Discover is in April as well as someone told Ryan Predki to bring up Momentum: Discover as no one else mentioned it, then



it was said we should set up a Lodge contingent and we definitely need to set up some kind of group as we have not done it for the last two Momentum events, then it was asked if Austin wants to be a chairman for the event as he said we need people to go and he said he will look into it and will talk to Nico or Daniel said they could just make Ryan Predki do it, but Ryan said he already did his two events

**Other-** At this point in the meeting we were running out of time as it was 8:57 p.m., so we did not have any other things to discuss for New Business at this time

### **Old Business-**

**Winter Banquet-** It was asked if there was any other comments about how this event went, then Ryan Predki said awards are not quite ready yet but the certificates are all almost ready, it was then said to hurry up as we have three minutes left in the meeting before 9:00 p.m., then Ryan said patch distribution will happen soon and will be mailed and that the First Year Arrowman Awards are almost ready but they are just waiting on the pins but they will send or emails to people who got it when they are ready, then he said as for the Founders Award, James E. West Award, and the Legacy Award they will be given out at Spring Fellowship as they want to give them in-person, and other than that even though we will not be pined at summer camp, Ryan Predki said he would make sure Daniel gets a pie in his face before his term as Lodge Chief is over and that when all the awards are done then Winter Banquet will be done, then Mr. Bruns said that the annual patch set collection will be given out from the Scout Shop or at Spring Fellowship although it is still up in the air as to how it will be done as they have not officially decided on anything, Ryan then said he kept his speech under three minutes until others got into the conversation

**Other-** There was no other old business that was mentioned at this time, so there was nothing else to discuss.

### **Key 3 Minutes-**

Lodge Staff Advisor (Mr. Sean Nadeau) – in Mr. Nadeau's minute he said it is the second month of the brand new year of 2021 or 21 if shortened, and he is excited to have a 25th anniversary for the Lodge he grew up in and he is super excited and cannot wait to do more things in-person, and then he thanked everyone including the adult advisors who don't have problems



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with learning and growth with all of us in the O.A., and he thanked the youth officers, Committee Chairman, and members for being active and he said most people look at a leader and can see when someone is acting like a figure head and he knows that those leaders and even others who look for attention sometimes go unnoticed, but being active is one of the greatest parts of the O.A. even if you are doing some small job like mulching at CFL or CBT, and then he said thank you again and he encouraged everyone to keep going and he also mentioned that I was fantastic to put forth a brand new position and he wants everyone to have a wonderful weekend and we all know where to reach him if we have questions or concerns and we also know where the Lodge Leadership is, he also hopes he did not set the bar too high this time for Daniel

Lodge Advisor (Mr. David Stoner) – in Mr. Stoner’s minute he said in the last year business wise he has seen businesses shrink down and he is happy to see us not shrink down or conserve money as we are expanding our by making our Communications Committee, Awards Committee, and the Key Three is even talking about some other fun events that are not even on the agenda yet, but especially he said that last couple of Executive Boards we have had good topics determining things we want to try to change or keep on continuing with which is very good

Lodge Chief (Daniel Stoner) – in Daniel’s minute he said to make sure that this was in the notes, he said that Ryan Predki is getting pied with him at the end of his Lodge career and he had a great time tonight and has had fun being with us, coming up with new ideas, and he hopes and prays we could all be in a in-person space where we could see each other soon, and then he moved us into our song

**Meeting Adjournment-** Daniel moved us into our O.A. official song and everyone said goodnight with the meeting ending around 9:06 p.m.

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