

LEC/LEB Meeting Agenda  
Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge #237  
February 16, 2025

**Attendance:**

- Ethan Stabile
- Sebastian Woody
- Jacob Wieloch
- Brady Kondek (on behalf of Dennis Crowley)
- Gio
- Stephanie Cargill
- Colton Morgan
- Charlie Thaxter

**Old Business**

**I. Officer Reports**

A. Vice Chief of Program (Stephanie C.)- Program and activities for Spring Ordeal

1. Emailed a contact regarding medieval-themed programs.
2. Working on a corkboard for shows.
3. Planning field activities, including infiltration and capture the flag.
4. Needs to discuss food services with Maddy (believe it may have already been arranged).
5. Wants to ask Tess about opening the archery range for competitive shooting.
6. Pool noodle jousting is unlikely to be allowed; Mrs. Webb suggested an alternative: flag jousting (using football flags instead of contact).
7. Currently does not have a weekend chair. Will reach out to those who have signed up to determine availability.

B. Vice Chief of Inductions (Charlie T.) inductions stand-in during ceremonies

1. February Ordeal (2/7-2/8) went well; now preparing for Spring Ordeal.
2. New ceremonialist, Phillip, will perform 1-2 ceremonies.
3. Still need one more person to assist Gio, Daly, and Brightman with guiding candidates.
4. A minor burn occurred at TK; a hanging branch in the Ordeal ring needs to be removed for safety.
5. Ordeal was successful; 56 candidates attended, all arrived safely without getting lost.

C. Vice Chief of Administration (Dennis C., reported by Brady Kondek)

1. Lauren now has access to social media account within Office 365, and posts have been going up.
2. January Gator Tales went out on 1/29, had 128 online views (excluding anything offline).
3. February Gator Tales on-pace to be completed within the next week to week and a half.
4. Brady mentioned that he will be here and there across the next 4ish weeks due to running a convention at his University. Gator Tales will still be put together as per normal, but just in case if anyone reaches out there may be delays in response here and there.
5. Website Discussion
  - a) Brady re-initiated the conversation about the future of the lodge website.
  - b) Mrs. Webb stated that she talked to Mr. Ulrich, and determined that we pay around \$350 per year to use Wix to host our current site,

and that it is costing the lodge a lot of money to keep that up and running.

- c) Mrs. Webb also stated an idea of fully moving the site onto the council's website, which is powered by Tentaroo, and could be a couple of pages on there with some photos and related information. The current aalpatah.org domain would simply redirect to the council page here.
- d) Brady brought up another idea, which he had talked to about with Dennis previously, on using DreamHost, which offers a free non-profit plan, to host a WordPress or Drupal site. The only initial base cost would be for the annual domain registration, which would be paid for anyway to keep the emails going, and to redirect to the council page if that option were to be fully implemented. Beyond that, premium options such as premium themes or plugins (such as Elementor Pro) would cost additional money, but aren't necessarily required.
- e) The key action item following this discussion is for Brady and Dennis to schedule a one-off meeting with lodge leadership to discuss this further in-depth.

#### D. Vice Chief of Service (Colton M.) - Service projects and update from TKIC

1. Catching up on past emails after regaining access.
2. February Ordeal service projects went well but lacked enough work for the number of people present.
3. Contacted his quartermaster, who will attend Spring Ordeal and future events.
4. Stairs Project Update

- a) Ranger Rick confirmed the stairs cannot be replaced at this time.
- b) Project requires a full weekend, or a significant chunk of the day, to safely remove and replace the old stairs.
- c) Due to ongoing construction projects, it's best to postpone until Summer Fellowship unless enough volunteers can be gathered soon.
- d) Woody suggested holding off until May, for Summer Fellowship.

#### 5. Spring Ordeal and Additional Service Projects

- a) 136 people are currently registered for Spring Ordeal, so multiple service projects are needed.
- b) Discussed incorporating the Camporee service project-- awaiting further details from Mrs. Webb, which are to come soon.

### E. Chapter Chiefs

#### 1. A-Bani-Ki (Jacob W.) - Chapter Meetings

- a) February Ordeal
  - 98 chapter members checked in (out of 101 total).
  - 15 candidates attended.
  - *Stated* that \$4,695 was raised.
- b) Spring Ordeal
  - 73 registered so far, including 35 candidates.
- c) Recent Chapter Meeting
  - Largest turnout yet-- 18 Arrowment and candidates attended.
  - Held an ice cream social and discussed the OA, chapter, lodge, and beyond.

d) Spring Ordeal Coverage

- Jacob will not be able to be in attendance, stated that his V.C. Allen will fill in.

e) Upcoming Event (3/26)

- Planning a fun depot night.
- Considered a \$25 discounted price; afterward, it will be \$35.

2. Lowaneu Mawat (Sophie W.) - Chapter Meetings

a) Unable to attend last month's LEC meeting.

b) Recent Chapter Meeting

- Rock climbing in Melbourne had a great turnout.
- Group went to Zaxby's afterward.

c) Upcoming Meeting (2/17)

- Board game night, expecting a good turnout.

d) Communication Update

- Set up a GroupMe for better communication beyond emails.

e) February Ordeal

- 16 candidates completed their Ordeal, many expected to attend game night.

3. Ne-Kee-Wa - Chapter revival (Chiefs and Mrs. Dales)

a) Working to revitalize the chapter.

b) February Ordeal

- 11 candidates completed their Ordeal.
- Some are interested in attending Spring Ordeal.

- All were encouraged to attend the next chapter meeting at their district roundtable.

c) Spring Ordeal

- 5 candidates/members and 2 adults registered.
- Some will be serving as Elangomats.

d) The overall goal is to restore full activity and have all five chapters in the lodge running.

4. Oi-Yah-Tah (Will K.) - Chapter Meetings

- a) 10 new members from February ordeal, as well as their most recent chapter meeting was a pizza party with a great turnout.

5. Wyhome-Pa-Tah (Sebastian S.) - Chapter Meetings

- a) At least 3-4 candidates completed their ordeal during February Ordeal.
- b) Recent chapter meeting had low turnout, exploring new ideas for future meetings.
- c) Planning the next chapter meeting after Spring Ordeal, aiming for a larger turnout.
- d) Exploring alternatives to email for better communication.

## F. Chairs

### 1. Admonition - New Admonition Chair

- a) Looking for a new admonition chair, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to fill that role.

### 2. Lodge Box - New Products

- a) Not in attendance.
- b) Golden Gator pins will return due to demand and will be available for Spring Ordeal.
- c) Considering bringing back hats, possibly using the old design (black with gator eyes across the front). However, open to other design ideas.
- d) Need to finalize and submit hat designs ASAP to ensure they can be ordered before Summer Fellowship in May.

## **New Business**

### II. Spring Ordeal (02-28 - 03/02)

#### A. Chapter Meetings

1. Discussion at February Ordeal to reintroduce chapter meetings during weekend events.
2. New candidates would have the opportunity to meet other chapter members after the Ordeal, likely Saturday evening between dinner and program.

#### B. Service Projects

1. Logistics need to be arranged for water coolers, trash, and food running for meals during inductions.

#### C. Registration

1. 136 people are currently registered. Please encourage others to register if possible.

#### D. Elangomat Training

1. The most recent training was held last Wednesday 2/12, and the last one will be held on Thursday 2/20.

### III. Section Conference (4/11 - 4/13)

#### A. Drake Schluth has been selected as this year's lodge contingent leader.

#### B. Registration Cost

1. Registration is open: \$50 early bird, \$60 for late registration.
2. This is not a Fast Pass event, since this is a section event and not a lodge event.
3. Please encourage other lodge members to register.

#### C. Spirit Packs

1. Includes a shirt and other fun items, with additional details to be finalized.



2. Cost for spirit packs is \$25 per person, with a shirt only option for \$12.
- D. Will be held at Camp Miles, Southwest Florida Council, Punta Gorda.
- E. Regular email updates should be sent out every week or every other week.
- F. For presentations, Section is revising scoring rubrics, which will be shared as soon as available.

#### IV. Council Camporee

##### A. Program Assistance

1. The Council Camporee Committee is seeking 70-75 lodge members to help with games and competitions throughout the weekend.
2. Members will also assist in constructing the games, which will be used again for Section Conference in 2025, which will be hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah.

##### B. Event Details

1. The Camporee will take place in October at John Prince Park in Lake Worth.
2. Expected attendance is between 600-800 people, including AOLs.

##### C. Gator Grill

1. The lodge is also being asked to run the Gator Grill, which will help with fundraising for the lodge.

#### V. Council Banquet

- A. The council will be holding its annual recognition banquet for youth and adults on Wednesday 2/26 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palm Beach Gardens.
- B. Help is needed with serving dinner, clearing plates, and general cleanup.
- C. If you can attend and help, please email [chief@aalpatah.org](mailto:chief@aalpatah.org) so that we can provide a headcount to council beforehand.

## VI. Other notes

### A. Chapter Competition Idea

1. Sophie proposed a competition to increase involvement within the lodge by creating a symbol/thing/object that chapters compete for.
2. Chapters would earn points throughout the year based on attendance at events.
3. The chapter with the most points at the end of the year would win the symbol.
4. The competition would run between each year's annual lodge banquet, with winners being recognized at each year's banquet.