



Section E5 Lodge Chiefs Call (LCZC)

Monday, June 2nd, 7pm ET

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Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Chief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osceola |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Vice Chief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O-Shot-Caw |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semialachee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aal-Pa-Tah | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tipisa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Echokotee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee |

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Section Officer Reports

a. Section Chief - Nick Switzer

- i. Nick has so far attended events at Osceola, Echokotee, and O-Shot-Caw lodges, and is looking forward to attending more throughout the upcoming year.

b. Section Vice Chief - Walter Mentz

- i. Walter has been working with the training chair of Echokotee's SLS committee on putting together a training matrix for the event in November.

c. Section Secretary - Brady Kondek

- i. Brady introduced new initiatives aimed at strengthening communication efforts across the section, and giving lodges some new resources.
- ii. The section has set up a new Canva team that gives team members complimentary access to Canva Pro. This resource is aimed at supporting lodge communication efforts in the areas of social media, publications, videos, etc. If you have not already been given access to the team, please fill out [this form](#).
- iii. Brady also mentioned that a potentially new communications "committee" is currently in the works of exploring new ways to strengthen digital outreach. Arrowmen would be needed to help manage the website and social media platforms, with each having a lead and the option to have a small support team. An interest form is live through [this form](#).



3. Lodge Reports

a. Aal-Pa-Tah

- i. Co-Chief Sebastian Woody reported that their summer fellowship had over 90 registered attendees, which was a 30% increase from last year.
- ii. Aal-Pa-Tah will also be hosting OA Summer Camp nights three times this summer, two during BSA weeks, and the third during Cub week.
- iii. It was also noted that leadership from the lodge will be attending the National Council of Chiefs (NCOC) in July.
- iv. Planning for the next Section Conference in 2026, which will be hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah, has already begun, with patch designs and a budget already in the works.

b. Echockotee

- i. Chief Holden Mendez reported that their summer fellowship, which was hip-hop summer themed, had 225 registered attendees, a significant percentage of their total membership of 363. Holden thanked Nick for attending.
- ii. Echockotee will also be hosting OA days at summer camp and their fall fellowship will have a classical/orchestral music theme.
- iii. Holden offered support to other lodges and mentioned a potential conflict with their LEC meeting schedule, but would find a way to work something out.
- iv. Holden also inquired about the section's merchandise needs for SLS. Section Adviser Michael Todd advised him to reach out directly as the host lodge typically determines the materials.

c. Osceola

- i. Chief Lola Saad reported a successful summer fellowship despite lightning, gaining 80 new Arrowmen and 13 new brotherhood members.
- ii. Over 611 attendees were registered for Section Conference this past April, and they are currently preparing for SLS and NCOC.
- iii. The lodge is also working on an annual pass patch for fundraising and awareness.

d. O-Shot-Caw

- i. Chief Andrew Beckman reported a successful summer ordeal weekend, which included their chapter of the year competition. Despite some rain during teardown, the candidates stayed dry.
- ii. O-Shot-Caw will be attending NCOC and are currently planning their lodge's LLD for August.

e. Semialachee

- i. Chief Darla Farmer reported their spring fellowship had lower attendance due to proms occurring at the same time, allowing younger scouts to take on more responsibility.
- ii. The lodge is currently working on their bylaws and finishing troop elections for summer camp callouts.
- iii. Their summer fellowship is scheduled for August.



f. Tipisa

- i. Benton Forrester, the newly-elected Tipisa Lodge Chief, reported on their annual service weekend which included a makeup ordeal, vigil, and lodge elections.
- ii. He introduced the new lodge officers, and outlined upcoming events including their lodge officer retreat, LLD/banquet, and fall fellowship.

g. Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee

- i. Chief Andrew Kelly reported a successful bull weekend (summer conclave) where they inducted around 30 ordeal candidates.
- ii. The lodge will be hosting an ROTC cadet leadership challenge and have their fall fellowship and Brotherhood Express program coming up.
- iii. They will also be having an OA Ice Cream Social during a shortened summer camp.

4. Upcoming Events

a. 2025 SLS

- i. Nick introduced Kamm, the chair for the upcoming Section Leadership Summit in November, hosted by Echockotee Lodge.
- ii. Kamm mentioned Walter working with the training chair.
- iii. Registration is now live, and can be found at www.echockotee.org/SLS2025. Cost is \$50 per person before 10/24, with a late registration cost of \$60 per person after that point until 11/7. The final registration deadline is 11/7 at 11:59pm. Lodge chiefs and advisers will be regularly updated on registration numbers.
- iv. Holden shared that his communications team plans to heavily promote SLS. Brady asked for the expected timeline and launch date. In response, Holden asked how soon Section would like promotion to begin. Brady replied stating as soon as they are ready, we see no reason to delay. Nick agreed as well.

5. New Business

a. The Year Ahead

- i. Nick highlighted the goal of strengthening communication and improving the section's digital footprint. He emphasized the section's role in supporting lodges and encouraged feedback.
- ii. Brady shared the officer's new official email addresses, and noted the new contact buttons on the leadership page of the section website. This is set up to ensure anyone beyond lodge leadership can reach the section officers at any time.

6. Adviser's Minute - Michael Todd

- a. Michael congratulated Tipisa on their new chief and welcomed everyone back to a new year. He expressed excitement for the upcoming year and events and reminded everyone to enjoy their summer activities and reach out if needed.