



## Section E5 Lodge Chiefs Call (LCZC)

Monday, December 1st, 7pm ET

[Google Meet](#)

### Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Chief      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oseeola           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section Vice Chief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O-Shot-Gaw        |
| <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"/> Echeekotee         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee |

### 1. Welcome & Roll Call

### 2. Section Officer Reports

#### a. Section Chief - Nick Switzer

- i. Nick requested that all outgoing chiefs send him and Brady their successor's full name, email, and phone number to ensure smooth contact and inclusion in future Chiefs calls. Michael commented requesting that advisers also update the key 3 contacts within LodgeMaster so that updates from national/region are going to the correct place, as that is synced to what is listed in LodgeMaster.
- ii. Nick also proposed a recognition idea where each lodge chief would select an outstanding member (preferably a youth not on the LEC) to be highlighted on the section page and receive a personalized handwritten letter.

#### b. Section Vice Chief - Walter Mentz

- i. Walter expressed gratitude to his trainers and looks forward to recognizing them.
- ii. He also announced plans to contact each lodge chief to get information for the person responsible for King's Cup (historian or secretary) to ensure they have the rubric and are prepared for the competition.

#### c. Section Secretary - Brady Kondek

- i. Brady reported on the initial stages of the section conference promotion campaign, as his communications team met with the host lodge team from Aal-Pa-Tah over the weekend. Collectively, both sides finalized a spirit theme of jungle/swamp expedition, with a focus on swamp.
- ii. A branding guide will be completed by late December/early January.
- iii. A section conference subsite will be built with preliminary info by the end of December at [e5.oa-scouting.org/conference](https://e5.oa-scouting.org/conference), which will be similar to [what was done for SLS](#).



- iv. A formal announcement post will be made to share the event date and spirit theme, timed to align with the opening of registration; this will officially start the line of messaging for section conference.

### 3. Lodge Reports

#### a. Aal-Pa-Tah

- i. Lodge Co-Chief Sebastian Woody reported on holding their winter fellowship this upcoming weekend, with more people registered this year than last. Aal-Pa-Tah will also be hosting their banquet on Saturday 1/3.

#### b. Echockotee

- i. Lodge Chief Holden Mendez reported on receiving nearly 100 overwhelmingly positive responses to their SLS guest satisfaction survey, with particularly high scores for logistics, food, and facilities. This survey will be shared with section leadership and as well the planning team for the upcoming section conference. Holden said if anyone else would like to see the results to reach out to him.
- ii. Echockotee's LEC orientation and winter service day will be happening next weekend (Saturday 12/13) at St. Johns River Base. Their winter fellowship, featuring "EDM Night at Camp Shands" is scheduled for 1/9-1/11, with National Vice Chief Ben Jones to be in attendance.

#### c. Osceola

- i. Lodge Chief Lola Saad reported on their upcoming winter fellowship 12/12-12/14, where they will also be holding their Vigil weekend.
- ii. They have 87 elected candidates for their Ordeal in March.

#### d. O-Shot-Caw

- i. Lodge Chief Andrew Beckman reported on having their Vigil class selected, and as well a Panthers hockey fellowship happening this coming Sunday.
- ii. Their winter ordeal, which is their largest, will be held the second weekend in January (1/9-1/11).

#### e. Semialachee

- i. Lodge Chief Darla Farmer reported on holding their Vigil weekend 12/12-12/13, their annual banquet on Saturday 1/10, and their Native American Weekend 2/28-3/1.

#### f. Tipisa

- i. Lodge Chief Benton Forrester reported record attendance at SLS, and nearing the end of their election season. Tipisa is also currently planning four chapter Ordeal weekends to be held in January.
- ii. Registration has just gone live for Tipisa's Spring Fellowship, which will be held 3/6-3/8, themed to How to Train Your Dragon.

#### g. Uh-To-Yeh-Hut-Tee

- i. Lodge Chief Drew Kelly reported on hosting a recent chapter Ordeal weekend, with another one being held this weekend, and as well their banquet this upcoming Sunday 12/7. Their Winter Conclave will also be held the first weekend of January (1/2-1/4).



#### **4. Upcoming Events**

##### **a. NLS/DYLC**

- i. Nick emphasized the importance of promoting NLS, noting that it is the cheapest the event has been in a long time, and that we haven't hosted this in the state of Florida since 2021. He also mentioned the possibility of NLS scholarships from the section if funds are available to make it happen.

##### **b. 2026 Section Conference**

- i. Section Conference Host Chair Stephanie Cargill indicated that registration for section conference should be opening soon, with Woody commenting that they requested council to open it as soon as possible; it should hopefully be opening within the next week.
- ii. Nick expressed a desire for section conference attendance to be close to double the typical 400-600 people.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **a. Section Conference Communications Competition**

- i. Following up on previous discussion from the Council of Chiefs meeting during SLS, Brady made small changes to the rubrics since then to make subjective vs. objective evaluation criteria a bit more clear. These updated changes were emailed out the evening of Sunday 11/23, with the expectation that lodge leadership would review those rubrics with their lodge members and communication teams before the meeting. Because this was already sent out, this would not be reviewed line by line during the meeting.
- ii. Brady opened the floor for discussion and any questions. Andrew moved to implement separate competitions for social media and publications (option 2), which was seconded by Holden.
- iii. The motion was passed unanimously, establishing social media as a separate competition for the 2026 Section Conference.

#### **6. Adviser's Minute - Michael Todd**

- a. In the spirit of giving thanks, Michael shared a message encouraging everyone to spend time with those close to them and to express gratitude for the people in their lives. He emphasized the importance of showing appreciation not just around the table, but throughout our events and in daily life. He closed by stating he looks forward to seeing everyone at NLS and Section Conference.