

**Lodge Merger Committee 2009,
Recording Secretary Report #1
September 27, 2009**

EDITORS NOTE: What follows are the findings of a balanced non-partisan committee composed of selected members of Lodges 95 and 417. This committee was formed to attempt to work out some of the more contentious issues involved in merging the lodge in a manner that both lodges may find acceptable. The findings of this committee are suggestions; it is an ad-hoc committee with no formal powers. All items must be approved by the general membership or Lodge Executives Committee for the matter to be finalized and any actions are taken. The only exceptions are those items which, by their nature, must be completed before the meeting of the general membership of our new lodge. It makes sense to me then that the actions taken and money spent towards the banquet and chapter meetings be approved by the LECs of both lodges... though this is hardly my call. I just thought someone ought to throw that out there. Feel free to e-mail me back with any questions.

The lodge name: ghost deer... in some Native American language... and it doesn't have to be word for word

The lodge totem: the ghost deer

Possible lodge numbers: 18, 0, 918, 8, 69, 333

Chapters: yes- one abstention, all else in favor.

Each lodge should be broken into two chapters (east and west), 417 keeping theirs and 95 having Genesee Crossroads go east. All unanimous

Ordeals will be done by the lodge

Brotherhoods by lodge and chapter

Two ceremonies teams: one for the east and one for the west

Two ceremonies captains (one per team), one chairman/coordinator (not a part of either team) *should be recommended by both teams

Chapters set up their own events, are allowed to do whatever they want as long as it does not involve the running of inductions

Lodge will run 1 or 2 fellowships a year

1 service weekend at Massawepie

Fundraising: both lodge and chapter

No money can be spent from lodge account without a youth signature- UNANIMOUS
(need Lodge finance Rules, not any youth will do)

Training, recruitment, promotion: both lodge and chapter

Banquet: lodge

Newsletter will be called *The Rack*- unanimous

One lodge newsletter with chapter sections

One lodge website with chapter sections

Vigil run by lodge, 1 vigil team

LEC's on weekends, preferably Sunday's, in Victor/Canandaigua

Lodge Officers:

Lodge Chief chairmen of LEC: represents lodge to OA, Scouting and non scouting events

VC Program #2, oversees all lodge events not including fundraising and inductions
Treasurer all things \$
VC Communications, the rack, website, takes notes, phone tree, membership
VC Inductions, unit elections and visitations, circle staff and ceremonies, nimat
program, all ordeal weekend activities

There will be a service committee under the VC of program in charge of all lodge service
(3 abstentions)

Chapter Officers:

Chapter Chief

CVC comm.

CVC Brother Relations: in charge of elangomats, elangomats stay with their clan

CVC Service (on service committee)

All other positions can be created at request by chapter pending LEC approval

Banquet:

Burgundy Basin Inn? Steamboat Landing? Find a nice location for 4-5 hundred
persons

Closed room elections with no adults present

Formal

Hold first Chapter meetings in advance

We need to:

Promote chapter meetings

Work out a shuttle system to get youth from roundtables in 95 to chapter meetings

Decide on moderators for 95's first chapter meetings

Price for the banquet will be set at break even rounded up to the nearest five

Our lodge home should be called the *Rack* and should be built in Babcock Hovey.