

## **LODGE BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES REVISIONS**

### **By-Laws**

#### **Article III Section 1**

Add:

Chief: The Lodge Chief will give leadership to all aspects of the Lodge. He will work closely with and give guidance to the other Lodge officers, working closely with his advisers. He will attend and lead the Lodge Leadership Development Course, all Lodge Executive Committee Meetings and Lodge functions. He will represent the Lodge on the Section Council of Chiefs, and attend the Section Conclave. He will select and train youth chairman for Lodge committees. He will know and enforce our Lodge Rules and By-laws and National OA policy. He must support our chapter chiefs in providing quality chapter programming and constantly be on the lookout for ways to improve our Lodge. He shall be in charge of the Section Conclave and the Winter Fellowship Banquet following his successor's election. The New Lodge Chief will organize the Lodge Leadership Development Course.

Reason: Further on in the Article, the duties of the other Lodge officers are listed. There is no section about the duties of the Lodge Chief. We felt it would be appropriate to add one.

#### **Article III Section 8**

Current:

Removal from office: Should it become necessary to remove an officer from office, either from failure to perform his duties, relocation of their permanent residence outside the Council boundaries, or for performing acts that are unbecoming of an officer in the Order of the Arrow, the Lodge Executive Committee must vote on said impeachment by a 2/3 majority of those voting members in attendance at the Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. If an officer is removed from office, the Lodge Executive Committee will vote on a replacement

Revision:

Removal from office: Should it become necessary to remove an officer, either from failure to perform his duties, relocation of their permanent residence outside the Council boundaries, or for performing acts that are unbecoming of an officer in the Order of the Arrow; the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Associate Adviser will be responsible for the action.

If it becomes necessary to remove the Lodge Chief from office, the remaining five lodge officers will meet with concurrence of the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Associate Adviser.

If the Chief is removed, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chief becomes Lodge Chief (pro-tem). The Lodge Executive Committee will vote for a new Lodge Chief at the first opportunity.

Reason: With the current wording, you need a vote of the LEC to remove an officer. The LEC meets four times a year, so if an officer needs to be removed, it might take three months for the LEC to meet and vote on this action. Then, the Lodge would have three months with the problem. This way, the Key 3 can make a quick action to decide what would be best for our Lodge.

### **Article III Section 10 (Part A-2)**

Current: Candidates must be in good standing of the chapter whose permanent legal residence and remain within the boundaries of the Council during their entire term.

Revision: Candidates must be in good standing of the chapter whose permanent legal residence and remain within the boundaries of the Lodge during their entire term.

Reason: We felt that chapter officers should be in the boundaries of the Lodge instead of the Council just to make the boundary requirement more specific.

### **Article IV Section 1**

Current: THE FUN WEEKEND- This event will be held each year during the month of March

Revision: THE FUN WEEKEND- This event will be held each year during the first quarter of the year.

Reason: Gives the Lodge more flexibility when planning the Fun Weekend.

#### **Article IV Section 4**

Current: Each meeting of the Lodge shall be opened with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

Revision: Each meeting of the Lodge shall be opened with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow and closed with the Song of the Order.

Reason: Makes the song an official part of the meeting and allows the song to be sung more than twice a year.

#### **Article V Section 1C**

Adding Missouri to the end of Cape Girardeau for clarity.

#### **Article VI Section 3**

Current: The Lodge Flap will contain the following: Lodge Totem, Rising Sun, Lodge Name, Lodge National Number, the Three W's, the Fleur-de-lis, and Beaver.

Revision: The Lodge Flap should contain the following: Lodge Totem, Rising Sun, Lodge Name, Lodge National Number, the Three W's, the Fleur-de-lis, and Beaver.

Reason: "should" Gives the Lodge more flexibility in making Lodge Flaps.

#### **Article VI Sections 1-4**

These sections regarding insignia are being moved to the Procedures because that is where they seem to belong.

#### **Article VII Section 5**

Current: Order of the Arrow ceremonies are not held in secret. Any interested adult may witness an OA ceremony after meeting with the Chapter Adviser to secure permission and guidelines. OA ceremonies are not Courts of Honor. No disruption such as photographs or attendance of children will be allowed.

Revision: Order of the Arrow ceremonies are not held in secret. Any interested adult may witness an OA ceremony after meeting with the Chapter Adviser and ceremony committee advisor to secure permission and guidelines. OA ceremonies are not Courts of Honor. No disruption such as photographs or attendance of children will be allowed.

Reason: We felt that the ceremony committee advisor also needed to know if there was anyone viewing the ceremony that was non-OA.

## **Article X**

Current:

### ARTICLE X: SUMMER CAMP COORDINATORS

SECTION 1: Summer Camp Coordinators shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Lodge Executive Committee. They report directly to and perform duties as instructed by the Camp Director.

SECTION 2: Summer Camp OA Coordinators must be members of the Camp Staff.

SECTION 3: Coordinators are chosen by the Lodge Executive Committee at the Spring Reunion. Compensation is set by the LEC.

Revision:

### ARTICLE X: SUMMER CAMP COORDINATORS

SECTION 1: The Summer Camp Coordinator will be selected by the Council Director of Camping with concurrence of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.

Reason: This is the new way that the OA coordinator will be selected and we are changing our by-laws accordingly.

## **Article XI**

Current:

### ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE ANPETU-WE LODGE

SECTION 1: These guidelines shall be such to amend at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge provided such amendment has been submitted in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee at least one month prior to the meeting and then published in the next *Turtle Tales* or other official publication. A 2/3 vote of the Lodge present is required to pass.

SECTION 2: Lodge Procedures may be changed by the Lodge Chief with agreement of the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser.

Revision:

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES OF THE ANPETU-WE LODGE

SECTION 1: These guidelines shall be such to amend at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee provided such amendment has been submitted in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee at least one month prior to the meeting and then published in the next *Turtle Tales* or other official publication. A 2/3 vote of the Lodge Executive Committee present is required to pass.

SECTION 2: Lodge Procedures may be changed by the Lodge Executive Committee with agreement of the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser.

Reason: This allows the LEC to make the changes to the By-laws and Procedures to make the process run more smoothly.

**Procedures**

**Lodge Dues**

Current:

3. The Lodge will send a postcard in November to remind those members behind in their dues that they are about to be dropped.
5. Reinstatement into the Lodge will simply require that current year's dues are paid. We will no longer charge double for reinstatement.

Revision:

3. The Lodge will remind those members behind in their dues that they are about to be dropped.
5. Reinstatement into the Lodge will simply require that current year's dues are paid.

Reasons: The revision to 3 allows us more flexibility and we took out the last sentence in 5 since we are no longer doing that.

## **NOAC**

Current: 2. Adult delegates must meet the youth requirements listed above. Recognizing that the current guidelines....

Revision: 2. Adult delegates must meet the youth requirements listed above. When the current guidelines....

Reason: There is not always a limitation on the amount of adults that can go to NOAC.

## **Lodge Back Patch**

Current: A design for the Lodge back patch shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any meeting of the Lodge.

Revision: A design for the Lodge back patch shall be determined by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Reason: This allows the LEC to make changes to the back patch go more smoothly.

## **Lodge Awards**

Current: 4. The Lodge shall present Founders Awards annually under the guidelines set by the National Order of the Arrow Committee. The LEC shall appoint a committee of no less than 5 past recipients to consider all input and nominate the specified number. The committee will meet no later than the Fall Reunion and make its decision. Anyone can nominate a member of the Lodge and this process will be spelled out in the publication of the Turtle Tales.

Revision: 4. The Lodge shall present Founders Awards annually under the guidelines set by the National Order of the Arrow Committee. The nomination committee will be made up of all past recipients in attendance at the nomination meeting, generally held at the Fall Reunion. The most recent youth recipient in attendance will be charged with acting as chairman. Nominations must then be approved by the Lodge Adviser. Anyone can nominate a member of the Lodge and this process will be spelled out in the publication of the Turtle Tales.

Reason: This is the way that the Founders Award is currently given in our Lodge.

- In part 5 under Lodge Awards, we are adding “retiring” in front of Lodge Chief to make it more specific, referring to the Lodge Chief Awards.

Add a new section:

6. The Lodge Executive Committee may from time to time choose to present “The Silver Turtle Award.” This award may be given to a person who has demonstrated extensive, long term, distinguished service to the lodge and Order.

A. Guidelines for the award will be:

i. YOUTH- Outstanding, distinguishes service for more than TWO years OR recognition of a single significant event.

ii. ADULT- Outstanding, distinguished service for more than TEN years OR recognition of a single significant event.

iii. Does NOT have to be awarded annually to either youth or adult.

iv. Can be multiple youths or adults in rare and special circumstances.

v. Nominations may be submitted by any lodge member in good standing.

1. Nominations will be submitted to the Lodge Chief prior to the Fall Reunion LEC meeting.

2. The Lodge Chief will add this item to the Fall Reunion LEC meeting’s agenda for action.

3. Nominations should be no longer than one typed page in narrative form, including the nominator, nominees’ name, short personal and Scouting biography, and the reason for nomination.

B. Voting

i. At the Fall Reunion LEC meeting, under “New Business,” the nomination(s) will be presented and discussed by the LEC.

ii. Nominees for this award MUST be approved by at least a 2/3 majority vote of the LEC.

C. Recognition

i. A special plaque will be designed and approved by the Key 3 for this award commensurate with the recognition of long term, distinguished service or outstanding achievement.

ii. Presentation will be at the Winter Fellowship Banquet.

Reason: There are people in this lodge who have been recognized over the years with every award available. However, some of these people continue cheerful service for years and years and no recognition is given to them. This is a way to handle that in our Lodge.