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TOMKITA CHARA

Lodge Manual

REGULATIONS
Order of the Arrow
Tomkita Chara Lodge, W.W.W.

Whereas:

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America in planning a Senior Program has adopted the Order of the Arrow, W.W.W., as an integral part of that program

And the National Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, W.W.W., has drawn up a Constitution and By-Laws under which we are chartered and are functioning as a local lodge

Now, we do hereby propose and adopt the following Regulations to be guides in the organization and management of our lodge.

ARTICLE I
Recognition

Section 1. Name

The name of this lodge shall be the "Tomkita Chara Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, W.W.W."

The name of our lodge, Tomkita Chara, is taken from the Chippewa Indian language and is translated as "leaping buck."

Section 2. Totem

The totem of the Tomkita Chara Lodge shall be the "Leaping Buck" of the White Tailed Deer.

The symbolic totem of this lodge shall be a bead of deer-horn worn on a buckskin thong.

Scouters, Cubbers, and officers of the lodge and chapters will be eligible to wear points on their buckskin thongs. Officers of the lodge and chapters will wear simple stevedore knots on the ends of their thongs while in office.

Section 3. Affiliation

The Tomkita Chara Lodge is a part of the Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section I. Qualifications for Membership

Every registered Scout of the Boy Scouts of America may be considered eligible for nomination to the Order of the Arrow. Those nominated shall have taken an active part in their unit's activities and have cheerfully given time and energy in the service of their troops.

After a Scout has been elected in the manner prescribed in these Regulations, he must meet the following qualifications before he can be inducted into full membership:

1. He must be a registered member in good standing of the Boy Scouts of America, at least a First Class Scout or a First Class Achievement Scout, at least 14 years of age, and have maintained an active service relationship to his unit during the year previous to his candidacy.
2. He must have attended a council-approved camp for at least seven consecutive days previous to his candidacy.
3. He shall have conducted himself in full accordance with the ideals of Scouting as laid down in the Scout Oath and Law. The recommendations of his Scoutmaster and Camp Director shall be taken as the basis for this requirement.
4. He shall have met the requirements of the Ordeal without flinching.

Section 2. Election of Members

In standard and provisional units, Unit Leaders and campers will select those campers whom they deem worthy of the honor. These nominees will be submitted to the campers in the unit for a secret vote.

Standard troops camping away from the Council camps, intending to use the procedure, must so notify the Chief of the Lodge at least two weeks before leaving for camp. The chief will appoint a committee to supervise the arrow activities including the election and Ordeal Honor ceremonies.

Section 3. Honorary Membership

Members of the Boy Scouts of America over twenty-one years of age may enter the lodge as honorary members. These may be proposed to the fixed officers of the lodge by any adult member of the lodge. Those approved are eligible as candidates for the Ordeal Honor. The camping qualifications may be waived for honorary membership. Honorary members may, by completing the ordeal, become regular members. All members, however, are entitled to all the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 4. Forfeitures

The non-payment of dues for one year will place any member in the Non-active classification. Reinstatement to active membership can be achieved by the payment

of all dues owed. Non-payment of dues for over one year will automatically place a member on the suspended list. Reinstatement to active membership by a suspended member can be achieved by the payment of all dues owed accompanied by an application to the lodge. Non-active and suspended members may not vote and cannot participate on any committees. Suspended members will not receive due notices and may not rightfully wear the insignia of the Order.

When a member ceases to be registered in the Boy Scouts of America, he forfeits his membership in the lodge and may only be reinstated by renewing his registration in the Boy Scouts of America.

ARTICLE III Rituals and Honors

Section 1. Rituals

Regular Ordeal Honor ceremonies may be held during the camping season. Brotherhood and Vigil Honor ceremonies shall be held only when called by those of the higher honor. The Chief of the Lodge shall appoint the various honors teams.

Section 2. Honors

Advancement to a higher honor shall be in accordance with rules established by those of the higher honor.

Brotherhood Honor

General Qualifications:

1. At least one year's service as an Ordeal Honor member.
2. Good standing in the lodge.

3. Satisfactory attendance record at the lodge meetings.
4. Satisfactory activity record in the Order.
5. Continued service in the Boy Scouts of America.

Election Procedure:

The Lodge Chief shall appoint a Brotherhood Honor nominee committee to examine the records of all Ordeal Honor men. The committee shall report to a Body of Brotherhood Honor men nominating those qualifying. A majority vote taken on each individual nominee shall elect him to candidacy for the Brotherhood Honor. Completion of the Brotherhood Honor ritual shall certify Brotherhood Honor membership.

Vigil Honor

General Qualifications:

In addition to the qualifications required for the Brotherhood Honor, such additional qualifications as outstanding service to Scouting and to boys in general shall be required. Three year's service as a Brotherhood Honor member is required.

Election Procedure:

The Lodge Chief shall appoint a Vigil Honor nominee committee to examine the records of all Brotherhood Honor men. This committee shall report to the Body of Vigil Honor men nominating those qualifying. A majority vote taken on each individual nominee shall elect him to candidacy for the Vigil Honor. The records of these candidates shall be forwarded to the National Lodge for consideration. Those

approved, upon completion of the Vigil Honor ritual, shall be certified as Vigil Honor Members.

Section 3. Mystery

The Order utilizes mystery in its rituals, but this does not justify the withholding of information from those legitimately interested. It is pledged, however, that the individual member will preserve unbroken the rites, mysteries, signs, and symbols of the Order.

ARTICLE IV Lodge Organization

Section 1. Fixed Officers

The fixed officers of the lodge shall be the Scout Executive, the Assistant Scout Executive, the Camp Directors, and the Chairman of the Council Camping Committee.

Section 2. Elective Officers

The elective officers of the lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, the First Deputy Lodge Chief, the Second Deputy Lodge Chief, the Secretary-Treasurer. These shall be elected at the annual meeting or shortly after and shall assume office the first day of the month following their election. No member except the Secretary-Treasurer may assume office after reaching his twenty-fifth birthday.

The Lodge Chief shall preside at business meetings of the lodge and of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint such standing and temporary committees as are called for in these regulations or by special action. He shall counsel with the Scout Executive concerning lodge operation. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

The Deputy Lodge Chiefs shall be the executive assistants of the Lodge Chief. The First Deputy Lodge Chief shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Lodge Chief. The Second Deputy Lodge Chief shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the First Deputy Lodge Chief.

The Lodge Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for detailed records: (1) The minutes, archives, and Log Book of the Lodge, (2) The record books of the rites and rituals, (3) The Regulations and Rules of the lodge and chapters, (4) The individual member's records, (5) The roll of the lodge in the Indian names of the members. He shall give due notice of all meetings except as otherwise provided; he shall be responsible for the receiving, recording, and disbursing of all monies except as otherwise provided; he shall be responsible for the inventory and sale of all lodge emblems and insignia; he shall keep the mailing file in order and up-to-date.

The Secretary-Treasurer may appoint one or more assistants.

Section 3. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the fixed lodge officers, the elective lodge officers, the chapter advisors, the elective officers of the chapters. Past Lodge Chiefs and Vigil Honor men shall be ex-officio members having a voice but no vote.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general and detailed operation of the lodge and will be responsible for the audit of all lodge books and properties.

A minimum of five voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Veto Power

Veto power over the acts or intentions of the Order shall rest with the Scout Executive.

ARTICLE V Lodge Operation

Section 1. Meetings

Meetings shall be held at such times and for such purposes as may be designated by the Lodge Chief with the provision that one meeting shall be held each year as the annual meeting. Twenty-five active members of the lodge shall constitute a quorum. Due notice in writing shall be given for every meeting except during the summer months when oral announcement in the dining hall shall constitute due notice.

Section 2. Finance

There shall be an initiation fee of 50¢ payable to the Lodge Secretary-Treasurer or his representative when a candidate has been inducted into the Ordeal Honor. There shall be an annual assessment of 25¢ payable to the Lodge Secretary-Treasurer or his representative for the calendar year in advance. Receipt shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer or his authorized representative. The guard may request that this receipt be shown at lodge meetings. Dues shall commence with the first full year after the date of induction. When inducted, Arrowmen shall receive a silver pin.

Of the initiation fee, 35¢ shall go to the chapter treasury, and 15¢ shall go to the lodge treasury. The chapter shall furnish the silver pins to the new Arrowmen. Of the annual assessment fee, 15¢ shall go to the lodge treasury, and 10¢ shall go to the chapter treasury.

When a member pays at one time the annual assessment fees for five years, he is issued a life membership as long as he is active and is registered in the Boy Scouts of America.

Section 3. Committees

The Lodge Chief may appoint any committees he deems necessary. Committees are not discharged until they have made full accounting to the Lodge Chief regarding the assignment. The Lodge Chief may dismiss or replace any committee at any time.

ARTICLE VI
Amendment

Section 1.

These Regulations may be amended in the following way: Revisions may be proposed at any regular lodge meeting. Such proposals are to be read at that time and discussed. The vote may be deferred to a second meeting or it may be taken at the time of the first reading. A two-thirds vote of the active members present will amend the Regulations.

Section 2.

All parts of these Regulations shall be in agreement with National Lodge policies, and any changes in National Lodge policies that will conflict with these regulations will automatically amend these Regulations. Official action will be taken at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Tomkita Chara Lodge--A Short History

Through the efforts of Scout Executive William E. Hoffmann, who made a thorough study of the objectives and ideals of the Order of the Arrow, the Executive Board of the Samoset Council unanimously voted to make the Arrow a part of our Council Program.

On July 25, 1936, the Ordeal Honor Ritual team from Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan, North Shore Area Council, inducted fifteen campers at Tesomas to membership in the Order of the Arrow. This is the roster of those charter members:

Kenneth Bouchier, Tomahawk

Lawrence Butenhoff, Wausau

Roger Louis Corbeille, Wausau

Henry Albert Dahl, Wausau

Jack Alexander Henderson, Wausau

Charles Horwitz, Antigo

Bill Houns, Tomahawk

John P. L'Abbe, Tomahawk

Orvel Peterson, Wausau

Clayton Schooley, Rhinelander

Arthur Schaefer, Merrill

George Stumpf, Rhinelander

Robert G. Tank, Merrill

Myron Weiland, Wausau

David Wrisley, La Grange, Ill.

This first induction was held during the second week of camp a short distance out on the north logging road. The ashes on the crest of the hill overlooking the swamp can still be seen. During the third and fourth weeks of camp, more campers were inducted.

The first lodge activity was a trip to Madison, Wisconsin late in August 1936 where a Camporal was being held. At that time the movable paper tepees which the Samoset Council later used at the Jamboree in Washington, D. C. were first tried out. We had plenty of opportunity to test them too, for the second night of the Camporal a rainstorm and tornado nearly flooded and blew us into Lake Mendota. One tepee was blown over, believe it or not, and only a few blankets got damp.

Late in the fall of 1936, a group of men from our Lodge attended the Doddridge Farms Fellowship Conference. This conference, sponsored by the Owassippe Lodge of Chicago, did much to acquaint the new Arrowmen with the organization, aim, and policy of the Order of the Arrow. All the fellows who made the trip agreed that they had had a wonderful time--the food was good, the beds were soft, and the fellows were a fine bunch to be with; but, they were also unanimous in saying that they would rather camp at Tesomas.

During the winter of 1937, the first lodge meeting was held at Wausau, and the first lodge officers were elected. Bob Tank, Merrill, was elected Chief; Art Schaefer, Merrill, was elected Secretary; and Jim Kerr, Wausau, was elected treasurer.

At the annual meeting held during the winter in 1938, Bob Tank was reelected Chief, Art Schaefer was reelected Secretary, and Helmuth Stobbe was elected Treasurer.

In 1938 nineteen Arrowmen and leaders in three cars made the trip to the National Conference of the Order of the Arrow at Camp Irondale. Irondale, a camp of

the St. Louis Council, is in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, eighty miles south of St. Louis. This conference was held on the Labor Day week-end and 500 men or more from all over the United States attended. Incidentally, we had the third largest delegation. Only New York City and St. Louis, the host lodge, had exceeded us.

In 1939 Helmuth Stobbe was elected Lodge Chief and Art Schaefer was elected Secretary-Treasurer. It was in 1939 also that the Tomkita Chara Lodge grew to two chapters. The Mystic Arrow Chapter at Camp Chickagami has shown much interest, and it promises to be an active group.

In 1939, over the Labor Day week-end, our Lodge held its first Fellowship Conference. About ninety men from Wisconsin and Upper Michigan attended. George Mozealous from Owassippe, then National Treasurer, was our guest. Everyone had a good time and it was tentatively decided that we would hold another meeting in two years--in 1941.

In 1940 at the annual meeting which was held over the Easter week-end, Albert Dahl was elected Lodge Chief and Jack Mc Donald was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1940 twenty-five brothers of the lodge journeyed to the National Meeting of the Order of the Arrow at Camp Twin Echo, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Before going to the camp we visited New York, the World's Fair, and Washington D. C. The Tomkita Chara Lodge was honored by the election of Wm. E. Hoffmann to the National Executive Committee at the meeting.

Our Lodge has been active in the promotion of new Lodges in the Councils around us. Ritual teams journeyed to Camp Tichora and installed the Four Lakes Council Lodge in the Spring of 1940 and in the Fall installed the Nicolet Council Lodge at Camp Graass. Our efforts have also brought about the organization of Lodges in the Copper Country and Iron Range Councils. Indications point to installations in several other Wisconsin Camps.

In the spring of 1941 the Lodge Regulations were ratified at the annual meeting and the following brothers were elected: Albert Dahl, Lodge Chief; Elroy Bersch, Secretary-Treasurer; Jerry Gottschalk, First Deputy Lodge Chief; and Ray Wilke, Second Deputy Lodge Chief.

These are only the high-lights of our first five years of existence and we have had other activities. We have come a long way these first five years in developing and extending our lodge, but during the next five years our growth will be greater still.

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"So together fast and firmly
Chief Chingachgook bound these warriors
In a great and mystic Order,
Into which can be admitted
Only those who their own interests
Can forget in serving others.
And so clear must be their purpose
So to live, that their companions

Taking note of their devotion,
Shall propose them to the Order,
We, therefore, to them succeeding
To the present day perpetuate
The names and token of this
Brotherhood of Cheerful Service
Called by the Delewares: W.W.W.!"