



T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge Rules

Article I.

The Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

Section 1.01

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful Service to others.

Article II.

Mission

Section 2.01

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Section 2.02

The mission of this Lodge is to achieve the purposes of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Section 2.03

The Lodge shall be governed by policy statements as published by the National Order of the Arrow Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Council, and these Lodge Rules. The Lodge shall be guided by the most current printings of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*, *Guide to Inductions*, *Lodge Finance Manual*, and *Field Operations Guide*.

Article III.

Name and affiliation of Lodge.

Section 3.01

The Lodge shall be known as: T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge, Chief Seattle Council No. 609, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of the Scout executive.

Section 3.02

The number of the Lodge shall be 502.

Section 3.03

The yell of the Lodge shall be "Hyas Kloshe, Okok, T'Kope Kwiskwis", which means "How mighty is the Silver Marmot" in Chinook Jargon.

Section 3.04

The yell of the Lodge shall only be instigated by the Lodge Chief or his designee with "Aha."

Article IV.

Election to membership

Section 4.01

The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.



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Article V.

Officers

- Section 5.01 The officers of this Lodge shall be Lodge chief, Lodge secretary, Lodge treasurer, Lodge activities vice-chief, Lodge inductions vice-chief, and Lodge Service vice-chief. These elected officers must be younger than 21 during their entire term of office.
- Section 5.02 The Lodge chief, Lodge adviser, and Lodge staff adviser make up the Lodge key three. The Lodge key three in addition to the Scout executive have the final say on any and all matters of Lodge business and events.
- Section 5.03 As a traditional recognition of the position of Lodge chief, a beaded sash will be used to install each new Lodge chief. Beaded sashes for Lodge chiefs are property of the Lodge and other than the Lodge chief; no other Lodge member may use or wear a beaded sash.
- Section 5.04 The term of office for all Lodge officers shall be from July 1 until the following June 30.
- Section 5.05 Any Lodge officer may be removed, and his office declared vacant, by a vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the voting members of the Lodge executive committee. The ballot shall be written and kept secret. The ballots shall be counted by the Lodge adviser and Lodge staff adviser.
- Section 5.06 In the event the office of Lodge chief is vacated, the office shall be filled in the order listed in Section 5.01, starting with the Lodge secretary, who shall assume his duties until a replacement is elected.
- Section 5.07 Vacancies of Lodge officers, with the exception of the Lodge chief, shall be filled by the Lodge chief, with the approval of the Lodge adviser and Lodge staff adviser.

Article VI.

Election of officers

- Section 6.01 Arrowmen wishing to run for Lodge chief must submit a planbook to the Lodge nominating committee for review. The planbook must include their goals for the upcoming year and commentary about how they would like to see the programs of the Lodge run.
- Section 6.02 The Lodge nominating committee shall consist of a chairman and no more than one additional youth member from each chapter.
- Section 6.03 The Lodge nominating committee chairman shall be elected by the Lodge executive committee.
- Section 6.04 The Lodge nominating committee shall interview candidates for Lodge chief, and review their planbooks, and vote to approve those it deems fit to hold the office of Lodge chief. Only Arrowmen approved by the Lodge nominating committee shall run for the office of Lodge chief.
- Section 6.05 The date of the election for Lodge officers must be announced at least two Lodge executive committee meetings in advance of the election.
- Section 6.06 Any youth member present at the election may vote for Lodge officer candidates. A successful candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by youth members at the election.
- Section 6.07 At the election of the Lodge officers, a majority of the chapters must be present. Also, no less than twenty (20) active youth members must be present at the election.



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Section 6.08

All elected officers must resign their positions within the chapter, section, region and national committees before the beginning of their term of office.

Article VII.

Advisers

Section 7.01

The Lodge shall have a Lodge adviser who shall be an active adult member. The Lodge adviser shall be appointed by the Scout executive.

Section 7.02

The Lodge shall have a Lodge staff adviser who is a member of the council's professional staff. The Lodge staff adviser shall be appointed by the Scout executive.

Section 7.03

Every Lodge officer shall have an active adult member for an adviser. These advisers shall be appointed by the Lodge adviser with the approval of the Lodge staff adviser.

Article VIII.

Committees

Section 8.01

The Lodge Chief shall create committees for established purposes as he sees fit.

Section 8.02

The Lodge Chief may appoint an active member as Chairman for a committee. The Lodge Chief may remove or replace Chairmen or members of the committees for good cause at any time.

Section 8.03

The Lodge Chief shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees, except the Lodge Nominating Committee, the Vigil Honor Selection Committee (if he is eligible for the Vigil Honor), and the Founder's Award Committee if he has not received the Founder's Award.

Article IX.

Chapters

Section 9.01

The Lodge shall be divided into chapters that correspond with the districts in the Council.

Section 9.02

If a chapter fails to meet standards of performance and activity, the Lodge Key Three may dissolve the chapter and include the Arrowmen from that locality in a neighboring chapter.

Section 9.03

The chapters shall adopt Northwest Coast Indian names and totems.

Section 9.04

Each chapter shall have a chapter chief and chapter adviser, and any other officers are advisers as deemed appropriate by using the Lodge Organization Chart.

Section 9.05

All chapter officers shall be active youth members (as per **Error! Reference source not found.** and Section 2.03) for the duration of their terms.

Section 9.06

To insure quality programs, the Lodge shall offer a Quality Chapter program which chapters are encouraged to earn. The Lodge executive committee shall determine the requirements for the program.

Article X.

Service

Section 10.01

Since the Lodge is affiliated with the Council, the Lodge shall provide some type of yearly Service to the Council. The minimum value of materials for this Service will be determined by the Quality Lodge requirements published by the National office each year.

Section 10.02

The Lodge will provide staff for each weekend of Winter Camp at Camp Sheppard for the months of January, February and March each year.



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Section 10.03

The Lodge Executive Committee shall determine which chapters are to provide Winter Camp staff for the designated Winter Camp weekends.

Article XI.

Lodge Executive Committee

Section 11.01

The Lodge executive committee shall be composed of the elected Lodge officers, immediate past Lodge chief, Lodge operating committee chairmen, Lodge adviser, council camping chair, chapter advisers, Scout executive, and Lodge staff adviser.

Section 11.02

The Lodge chief, or in his absence, the Lodge secretary, shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge.

Section 11.03

All Lodge executive committee meetings shall open with the Order of the Arrow Obligation and close with the Order of the Arrow Song.

Section 11.04

Business at Lodge executive committee meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner.

Section 11.05

Voting members of the Lodge executive committee shall be the Lodge officers and chapter chiefs. The Lodge chief shall only vote on matters of Lodge business if it is necessary for him to break a tie.

Section 11.06

A majority of the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and only active youth Lodge Executive Committee members may vote on items of the Lodge business.

Section 11.07

Lodge executive committee meetings shall be called by the Lodge chief, Lodge adviser, Lodge staff adviser or Scout executive as needed.

Section 11.08

Lodge events shall be scheduled, planned, and carried out by the Lodge Executive Committee. Lodge events shall be reported on at Lodge Executive Committee meetings.

Section 11.09

Lodge executive committee meetings are open to all Order of the Arrow members.

Article XII.

Ceremonies

Section 12.01

The Lodge respects and adopts for study and ceremonial use the language, costumes, dances, and customs of the Northwest Coast Indians, such as the Haida, Tlingit, Kwakwaka'wakw, and Chilkat.

Section 12.02

Arrowmen wearing or displaying regalia while representing the Boy Scouts of America shall wear their Order of the Arrow sash.

Article XIII.

Ordeal

Section 13.01

The procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Guide to Inductions*.

Section 13.02

Each Chapter Chief shall ensure that an election of candidates for the Order is held in every troop in their chapter that desires an election. Active youth Arrowmen, trained in proper procedures, shall conduct Unit Elections. Elections shall be conducted between November 1 and March 31 of each year.

Section 13.03

Every candidate to the Order must successfully complete an Ordeal by December 31st of the year of election in accordance with the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.



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Section 13.04

Successful candidates to the Order shall receive a membership card, Ordeal sash, Lodge pocket flap, *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, and T'Kope Kwiskwis New Member Pamphlet.

Article XIV.

Brotherhood Membership

Section 14.01

Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

Section 14.02

Successful candidates to the Brotherhood shall receive a membership card, Brotherhood sash and Lodge pocket flap.

Section 14.03

Fees for Brotherhood membership shall be included in the Ordeal fees.

Article XV.

Vigil Honor

Section 15.01

Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

Section 15.02

Successful candidates to the Vigil Honor shall receive a membership card, Vigil Honor sash, and Lodge pocket flap.

Section 15.03

No fees shall be levied against Vigil Honor candidates for their Vigil Honor ceremony.

Article XVI.

Insignia

Section 16.01

The totem of the Lodge shall be the Silver Marmot.

Section 16.02

The design of all Lodge pocket flaps shall be selected after a Lodge-wide competition lasting at least two (2) months.

Section 16.03

Active adult members may draw proposed Lodge pocket flaps, but only active youth members may submit and speak on behalf of proposed Lodge pocket flaps.

Section 16.04

Insignia of the Lodge shall be worn by active members only.

Article XVII.

Newsletter

Section 17.01

The newsletter of the Lodge shall be the "Marmot's Whistle."

Section 17.02

The newsletter shall be published at least quarterly for the information and inspiration of members, and to further the program of the Lodge.

Article XVIII.

Amendments

Section 18.01

Any changes or amendments to these Rules must be proposed at a meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee at least one month prior to voting on the amendment. Final passage of any changes or amendments to these Rules must secure the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 18.02

Any decision by the National Order of the Arrow Committee that would alter or contradict any part of this body of rules shall be immediately and automatically incorporated herein.



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Enabling Clause

These Lodge Rules acted upon _____, passed by the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee on _____, and designed to become effective October 20th, 2010, superseding any and all previous rules.