

WA-HI-NASA LODGE RULES

Article I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1: Name and Totem

A. The name of this organization is Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge No. 111 of the Order of the Arrow.

B. The totem of this lodge shall be the Eagle.

Section 2: Affiliation

A. The Lodge shall be affiliated with the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.

B. The Lodge shall be divided into chapters, ideally one per Scouting district. The Scout Executive, after consultation with the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Chief may modify this as the needs of the Lodge and Council dictate.

Section 3: Lodge Flap Patch

A. The standard Lodge flap patch shall consist of a Bald Eagle, wings spread and claws extended, on a field of red, white and blue stripes, bearing the legends "Wa-Hi-Nasa" and "111" between the Eagles wings, there shall be a golden fleur-de-lis.

B. Patch trading at Lodge functions may only occur at a time and place set aside for that purpose by event leadership. Adults may only trade with other adults, youth may only trade with other youth.

C. The production of any special Lodge Flap must be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

Article II. Membership

Section 1: Election to Membership

A. The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as required in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook, Handbook for Officers and Advisers, and Operations Updates issued by the National Order of the Arrow Committee.

B. Procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook, and other materials approved by the National OA Committee.

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C. A unit may not have more than one Order of the Arrow Unit election per calendar year.

D. Chapters or individual units may not revise, alter, or amend election procedures. Any decision on interpretation or application of these rules rests exclusively with the Lodge Adviser in consultation with the Lodge Staff Adviser and Lodge Chief.

E. Adult Scouters may be nominated by their unit committee in accordance with the current printing of the Guide for Officers and Advisers. Adult Scouters may also be nominated by the Lodge Adviser, District Chairs, Council President, or a council professional staff member. Selection criteria for adult Scouters shall be found in the current printing of the Guide for Officers and Advisers. Nominations for adult Scouters should only be extended to those who will be able to provide a benefit to youth members of the Order. Adults should not be nominated solely as an award or recognition item.

F. All adult Scouter nominations are forwarded to the Adult Selection Committee. This committee, composed of the Lodge Adviser, Lodge Staff Adviser, and one other member designated by the two, shall forward their recommendation on all nominated candidates to the Scout Executive. Adult Scouters who receive the Scout Executive's approval become candidates for membership in the Order and may be called out and invited to participate at the next Ordeal.

Section 2: Brotherhood and Vigil Honor Membership

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

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

Section 3: Ceremonies

Election and ceremony procedures are as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook and Handbook for Officers and Advisers shall be followed. In all instances, ceremonies shall be performed by registered youth members of the Order of the Arrow.

Section 4: Active Membership

A. Any person who is registered with the Middle Tennessee Council, has completed the Ordeal as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook, has been registered with the Lodge and has paid the current years dues, shall be considered a member in good standing with the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. Persons whose registration in the Middle Tennessee Council lapses shall be considered an inactive member but shall be considered in good standing upon re-registration with the Middle Tennessee Council.

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B. Chapter membership is based on the member's primary registration with a troop, pack, ship, or crew assigned to the Scouting District with which the Chapter is affiliated or registered as an adult Scouter with that district. Chapter membership of a member is declared annually through registration with the lodge and payment of dues and cannot be changed during the calendar year unless the member physically changes residences.

D. Only currently, active, registered members may wear the Lodge Insignia.

Section 5: Expulsion of Members

A. The Scout Executive may expel any member from the Lodge.

B. There will be no full or partial refund of yearly dues for any member who:

1. Is expelled from the Lodge.

2. Becomes an inactive member upon a lapsed registration with the Middle Tennessee Council.

Section 6: Transfer of Membership

Unregistered members of other lodges wishing to transfer into the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge may do so by registering with the Middle Tennessee Council and by paying the current years OA dues. This person must demonstrate some proof of prior induction into the Order of the Arrow and attainment of membership level to the satisfaction of the Lodge Adviser or his/her designate.

Article III: Lodge Dues and Funds

Section 1: Dues

Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge dues for each year shall be levied by the Executive Committee by December 1, of the previous year. Registration is for the calendar year only, no matter when collected. The Ordeal fee for ordeal candidates shall be set so as to include dues for newly inducted members through the end of the calendar year.

Section 2: Suspension and Reinstatement

A. Any member who has failed to pay annual dues by January 1, shall be contacted in a lodge mailing and may thereafter be dropped from the rolls and considered an inactive member.

B. Any inactive member may be reinstated by paying the current dues and by showing proof that he/she was registered with the Lodge at some previous time. An inactive member must pay annual dues and be reinstated before registering or participating in any Lodge activity.

Section 3: Handling of Lodge Funds

- A. All Wa-Hi-Nasa funds shall be handled through the Middle Tennessee Council office and go through all the normal accounting procedures used by the Council.
- B. The Council shall provide annually to the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Treasurer an accounting of all lodge funds handled through the Council office.
- C. The Lodge Executive Committee must annually approve the lodge budget.
- D. All Order of the Arrow funds will be handled in accordance with the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the OA Lodge Finance Manual.
- E. No chapter may maintain separate operating funds. The Lodge Executive Committee may however fund specific chapter projects.
- F. No lodge funds may be disbursed without the approval of the Lodge Adviser or his/her designate.

Article IV: Lodge Officers and Advisers

Section 1: Advisers

- A. A Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser shall be appointed annually by the Scout Executive and serve at the Scout Executive's pleasure.
- B. The Lodge Adviser may designate and appoint one or more adults to serve as Associate Lodge Adviser and other assistants and advisers as deemed appropriate. Advisers so appointed serve at the pleasure of the Lodge Adviser and Scout Executive.
- C. A Chapter Adviser shall be appointed annually by each respective District Committee. If a district committee fails to appoint a Chapter Adviser, the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser may appoint a Chapter Adviser. The Lodge Adviser, upon approval of the Staff Adviser, may remove a Chapter Adviser.
- D. Adult advisers are appointed to offer guidance, advice, mentorship, and coaching to elected and appointed youth members. Members aged 21 and over may not vote in lodge elections or on the Lodge Executive Committee, or inappropriately interfere with the lodge's operation under youth leadership. The Scout Executive, through the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser, shall determine what constitutes inappropriate interference and shall provide guidance and training to adult OA members as needed.
- E. The District Executive is the Staff Adviser for the O. A. Chapter that corresponds to his/her district.
- F. The Lodge Adviser shall not appoint any adult to be the adviser to his/her child.

Section 2: Lodge Officers

- A. The Lodge Officers of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge shall be as follows: A chief, three vice-chiefs, a secretary and a treasurer.

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B. The term of office for lodge officers shall start on December 1st in the year they are elected and shall expire the following year on December 1st.

C. All officers must be registered in Scouting, active and in good standing with the lodge and under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.

D. Officers may be re-elected, but one person can only serve a maximum of two (2) full terms as Lodge Chief.

E. A Lodge officer who is elected as a Section officer must resign his/her lodge position within 30 days.

F. A Lodge officer shall not simultaneously hold an officer position in any other council-level youth organization. If an Arrowman is elected to a Lodge office, they must promptly resign from any other office they currently hold, either before commencing their term or within a maximum period of 30 days from election, whichever is later. In the event that a Lodge officer is elected as an officer in another council-level youth organization, they must resign from their lodge position within a period of 30 days.

G. A maximum of two persons from the same chapter may serve as lodge chief or vice chief and a maximum of three persons from the same chapter may serve as a lodge officer.

Section 3: Duties of Officers

A. The Lodge Chief

1. The Chief shall be the principal officer of the lodge and is responsible for the total lodge program.

2. He/she shall preside at all lodge meetings, lodge executive meetings and lodge activities.

3. He/she may appoint, after consulting with the Lodge Adviser, members to be in charge of various activities and functions. Nevertheless, the final responsibility always rests with the Chief.

4. He/she shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

5. He/she shall prepare the agenda for all meetings which he/she chairs and shall consult the Lodge Adviser on such agenda prior to any meeting.

6. He/she supervises the lodges program through the various officers and committees.

7. He/she shall at all times consult with the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser on all program, activity or meeting items.

8. He/she authorizes special Call Out ceremonies with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.

9. He/she may call special meetings of the Lodge as a whole or the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.

10. He/she appoints the Chairman of the Lodge Standing Committees,

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The Vigil Honor Committee Chairman, and the Lodge Ordeal Master.

11. He/she supervises the work of the standing committees as well as any special task force.

12. He/she may remove inefficient or otherwise inappropriate committee chairmen.

13. He/she appoints special Lodge committees as may be needed from time to time.

14. He/she is responsible for insuring that the Lodge is properly registered.

15. He/she shall attend Key-3 meetings (Chief, Staff Adviser and Lodge Adviser) as called.

16. He/she shall keep records of his/her office and be prepared to turn them over to the next Chief.

B. Lodge Vice Chief (3)

1. They shall oversee the effective operation of the Lodge standing committees.

2. They shall assume other duties assigned to them by the Lodge Chief.

3. One shall assume the duties of the Lodge Chief, if the Lodge Chief is incapacitated, resigns, or is removed from office.

C. Lodge Secretary

1. He/she shall record the minutes of all meetings and functions (such as Winter Banquet) and Executive Committee.

2. He/she shall send copies of all minutes to the Executive Committee.

3. He/she shall, in consultation with the Lodge Adviser, prepare such correspondence as required by the Lodge.

4. He/she will see that all persons paying Lodge dues receive a membership card signed by him/her and that the proper date is recorded.

5. He/she shall record event attendance at each event to include name and district, plus other information the secretary deems useful. He/she shall, along with the Lodge Treasurer, be in charge of event registration.

6. He/she shall see to the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, Vigil Chairman, and each Chapter Chief and Adviser are updated on registration after each event.

7. He/she shall keep the chapter informed semi-annually of their "active" membership (those who have paid current year's dues and new members inducted through Lodge Ordeals).

8. He/she shall see that the Lodge mailing list is complete and up-to-date.

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To aid him/her in this, he/she may appoint a committee, of which he/she shall be chairman, called the Membership and Records Committee.

9. He/she shall assume all duties assigned him/her by the Lodge Chief.

10. He/she shall keep records during his/her term in office, and be prepared to turn them over to the next Lodge Secretary.

D. Lodge Treasurer

1. He/she is responsible for the collection of all Lodge fees and dues.

2. He/she shall make reports of the lodge finances from a lodge function to the Executive Committee and annually to the Lodge.

3. He/she shall keep records for his/her office and be prepared to turn them over to the next Lodge Treasurer.

4. He/she shall assist in the preparation of the annual budget for the Lodge.

5. He/she shall, along with the Lodge Secretary, be in charge of registration and funds for all Lodge events.

E. General Duties

All officers shall train and advise their immediate successors in office. All records must be turned over to their successors.

Section 4: Election of Officers

A. The Lodge Chief, Vice Chiefs, Secretary and Treasurer are elected once a year at the Fall Fellowship, or at some other time and place as determined by the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Staff Adviser.

B. The Lodge Chief shall serve as the presiding officer of the election, unless he/she is a candidate for lodge office, in which case the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser shall appoint an experienced youth who is not a candidate for lodge office. This presiding officer, along with the Lodge Adviser, Staff Adviser, and one other member selected by the three shall serve as a canvassing board. The canvassing board shall count all ballots and resolve any disputes as to election procedure.

C. Nominations for Lodge office shall be made in a general meeting of the Lodge. Any member of the Lodge under 21 years of age may nominate any other member who meets the qualifications to serve as a lodge officer. All nominees must meet with a committee made up of the Lodge Adviser, the Staff Adviser, Lodge Chief and any other persons the committee deems appropriate. At this meeting, nominees will be made aware of the responsibilities of the office they are seeking. The nominees must formally accept his/her nomination after this meeting to be included in the ballot. Nominations may be accepted until closed by the presiding officer.

D. Each chapter shall be accorded one vote for each registered member under

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21 years of age present, up to a maximum of ten votes.

E. At the call for voting, chapters will caucus with their chapter chief. The assembled chapter members shall agree on how many votes their chapter shall cast for each candidate. The chapter chief shall record their chapter's vote and turn it in to the youth presiding officer.

F. Voting will commence first with the election of the Lodge Chief. To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. If no majority is reached, the candidate receiving the lowest vote totals is dropped. Chapters then re-vote on the remaining candidates. This process shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

G. Any unelected candidates for Lodge Chief must immediately declare if they desire to stand for election in the remaining lodge officer positions.

H. Upon the election of a Lodge Chief, voting will commence on the election of each of the three Lodge Vice Chiefs. The Lodge elects one Vice Chief at a time following the same procedures as for the election of the Lodge Chief. Upon election of the first Vice Chief, chapters will vote anew among the remaining candidates to elect the second Vice Chief. The same procedure will then be followed for the election of the third Vice Chief.

I. Upon the election of the three Vice Chiefs, any unsuccessful candidates must immediately declare if they desire to stand for election as Lodge Secretary or Lodge Treasurer.

J. Voting will then commence for the election of the Lodge Secretary using the same procedure outlined above. Unsuccessful candidates must declare if they desire to stand for election as Lodge Treasurer.

K. Lodge elections will conclude with the election of the Lodge Treasurer using the same procedure outlined above.

L. In the event of a two-way tie, the Lodge Chief shall be notified and entitled to cast an additional vote for the candidate of his/her choice. In the event of a tie of three or more candidates, the Lodge Chief may cast a sufficient number of additional votes for the candidate or candidates of his/her choice to permit the dropping of one candidate and the holding of a runoff among the remaining candidates.

M. All ballots shall be destroyed upon completion of the election.

Section 5: Impeachment or Resignation

A. The only grounds for impeachment of an officer of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge shall be gross incompetence, neglect of duties, or one or more acts demonstrating moral turpitude.

B. Charges of impeachment must be presented in writing to the Lodge Adviser. A committee, composed of the Vigil Chairman, Lodge Adviser and one Scout member agreed upon by these two members, shall investigate the charges and submit a report to the Council of Chiefs. The Scout Executive, upon consultation with the Lodge Chief

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and Lodge Staff Adviser, may dismiss any charges if he/she determines that they were brought in bad faith or in the interests of the Council should not be brought to the Council of Chiefs.

C. A special meeting of the Council of Chiefs shall be held within two weeks of the above committee's report if impeachment is indicated therein. The accused officer shall be given an opportunity to defend himself/herself, the burden of proof resting with the accuser. After this hearing, the Council of Chiefs shall determine by a two thirds majority vote whether to remove the accused from office or censure him/her. If there is no two thirds majority for either censure or removal from office, the accused officer shall be considered cleared of all charges.

D. If a lodge office shall become vacant for any reason, the successor will be appointed to fill the remaining term, by the following procedures, depending on which office becomes vacant.

1. Lodge Chief. In the case the Lodge Chiefs position becomes vacant, the Lodge Adviser shall poll the Lodge Vice Chiefs to determine if any of them wish to serve as Lodge Chief. If more than one Vice Chief indicates a desire to do so, the Lodge Adviser shall conduct a special election among the Council of Chiefs, each chapter chief having one vote. The Lodge Adviser may choose the most expeditious manner of holding this election and receiving votes. If all three Vice Chiefs desire to run and one candidate does not receive a majority, then the candidate receiving the fewest votes is dropped and the chapter chiefs re-vote on the remaining candidates. The Lodge Adviser shall have the authority to resolve any question or procedure or determine how a tie vote is resolved.

2. If none of the Vice Chiefs desire to run, the Council of Chiefs may nominate and elect any eligible lodge member to serve as Lodge Chief. The Lodge Adviser shall have the authority to resolve any question or procedure or determine how a tie vote is resolved.

3. Any other officer or committee chairman. The Lodge Chief will appoint a successor with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.

Article V: Chapters

Section 1: Chapter Officer

A. Each chapter shall elect a Chief, Vice Chief and Secretary to serve for the term of one year, taking office on December 1st and serving until the following December 1st. Qualifications for office shall be identical to those for Lodge officers. Each active registered member of the chapter under twenty-one (21) shall have one vote in chapter elections. Each chapter shall conduct their elections prior to December 1st.

B. Duties of Chapter Officers:

1. Chapter Chief

a. The Chief shall be the principal officer of the

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chapter and is responsible for the total chapter program.

b. He/she shall preside at all chapter activities/meetings.

c. He/she shall directly manage the following phases of the chapter program:

1. **UNIT ELECTIONS:** Contacts each Unit leader regarding annual unit elections. Ensures that Chapter Unit Election Team is trained and conducts elections at each unit desiring an election.

2. **CAMP PROMOTIONS:** Contacts each Unit leader regarding annual summer camp promotion. Insures that Camp Promotion team is trained and conducts promotions at each unit desiring one. Encourages Unit Elections Team and Camp Promotion Team to visit each unit on the same evening.

3. **SCOUTING SERVICE:** Coordinates chapter's involvement and participation with District Roundtable, Camporees and activities, and Lodge/Council Events.

4. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Coordinates chapter service projects in the community, including community beautification projects, handicapped access projects, etc.

5. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Attend all Lodge Executive Committee Meetings and Council of Chief Meetings as chapter representative. Appoints proxy to represent chapter when he/she is unable to attend.

6. **LODGE EVENTS:** Encourage participation of chapter in all lodge events. Calls members reminding them of event. Coordinates transportation of members with Adviser and adult members of the chapter.

d. He/she shall be responsible for insuring that the chapter meets "active chapter" requirements of the lodge.

e. He/she may appoint, after consulting with the Chapter Adviser, members to assist with the various activities and functions of the chapter. Nevertheless, the final responsibility always rests with the Chief. He/she may remove these individuals who fail to perform their assignments, after obtaining approval of the Chapter Adviser.

f. He/she shall at all times consult with the Chapter Adviser and District Executive on all program or activity/meeting items.

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g. He/she shall keep records of his/her office and be prepared to turn them over to the next Chapter Chief.

2. Chapter Vice Chief:

a. **ELANGOMAT PROGRAM:** Recruits chapter members to serve as Elangomats for Lodge Ordeals. Ensures that members attend Elangomat Training and keep in contact with the new members. Serves on Lodge Elangomat Committee.

b. **CEREMONY TEAM:** Coordinates formation, practices, and performances of Calling Out Team, Webelos Transition Team, Ordeal and Brotherhood team.

3. Chapter Secretary:

a. **NEWSLETTER:** Serves on *Flying Eagle* staff. Submits chapter news article for each issue of the Flying Eagle.

b. **BROTHERHOOD:** Encourages chapter members to obtain Brotherhood at Lodge Events or at Summer Camp. Responsible for insuring that at least 34% of all eligible Ordeal Members obtain Brotherhood. Communicates directly with Lodge Brotherhood Chair.

c. **RE-REGISTRATION:** Contacts each chapter member encouraging them to re-register with the Lodge.

Section 2: Chapter Rules

These rules can be applied to a Chapter where applicable. If a chapter wants to have its own set of rules, the following conditions apply:

1. They cannot have the effect of changing the Order of the Arrow Handbook or these Lodge Rules.

2. The chapter rules and any future amendments must be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee by a simple majority vote.

Article VI: Governing Committees of the Lodge

Section 1: The Lodge Executive Committee

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Lodge officers, immediate past Lodge Chief, Lodge operating committee chairmen and advisers, Lodge Adviser, Associate Lodge Advisers, Chapter Chief and Adviser of each chapter, Scout

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Executive and Staff Adviser. Only those persons under 21 years of age shall be voting members.

B. The quorum for conducting business in a Lodge Executive Committee meeting shall be 50% of the voting members.

C. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Lodge Chief or the Scout Executive.

D. The Lodge Executive Committee shall be empowered to plan and execute an annual calendar, make appropriations necessary for Lodge administration, set policy for the Lodge in non-constitutional matters and otherwise provide for the administration of the Lodge so long as it does not interfere with the constitutional duties of Lodge officers or the Council of Chiefs.

E. During adjournments of the Lodge Executive Committee and upon need for speedy action, the Lodge Chief, with the concurrence of four other lodge officers and upon the advice of the Lodge Adviser, may enact any policy or procedure, approve any expenditure of funds, or carry out any power that is entrusted to the Lodge Executive Committee. Provided however, that the Lodge Secretary shall keep a record of any such actions of the Lodge Officers and present them at the next Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. The Lodge Executive Committee must ratify and approve such actions by a simple majority vote. Failure to receive such ratification renders the action of the Lodge Officers null and void except for lodge funds already disbursed.

Section 2: The Council of Chiefs

A. The Council of Chiefs shall be composed of all elected Chapter Chiefs and the Lodge Chief. If a Chapter Chief cannot be present at a called meeting, the Chapter Vice Chief may appear on his/her behalf and vote as if he/she were a Chapter Chief. If neither the Chapter Chief or Vice Chief are available, the Chapter Chief may designate a representative who must present credentials signed by the Chapter Chief. Only a duly elected Chapter Chief may cast a vote for Lodge Chief, should the Council of Chiefs be charged with electing a successor Lodge Chief.

B. The Lodge Chief shall be the chairman of the Council of Chiefs. If the office of Lodge Chief is vacant or if the Council of Chiefs is presented with articles of impeachment against the Lodge Chief, the Council of Chiefs shall appoint a chairman before conducting further business.

C. The Lodge Secretary, or other person appointed by the Council of Chiefs, shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Council of Chiefs but shall not have a vote.

D. The Council of Chiefs has the right to hold its meetings in private and exclude anyone except the Lodge Adviser, Scout Executive, and Lodge Staff Adviser.

E. Meetings of the Council of Chiefs may be called by the Lodge Adviser or Lodge Chief when the rules require.

F. A quorum of the Council of Chiefs shall be a Chapter Chief or designated representative from fifty percent of all chapters.

G. The Council of Chiefs shall be empowered to approve the Lodge Rules and

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amendments thereto, to remove from office, and censure or acquit a Lodge officer following a Bill of Impeachment.

H. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required for approval of a rule or amendment, or censuring or removal from office an officer.

Section 3: The Lodge Vigil Committee

A. The Lodge Vigil Committee shall be composed of all Vigil Honor members in the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. All Vigil Honor members under twenty one (21) years of age shall be considered voting members. The Lodge Vigil Chairman, appointed annually by the Lodge Chief to supervise the committee's activities, may invite non-Vigil members to serve on the committee as necessary.

B. The Vigil Committee shall be empowered to nominate candidates for the Vigil Honor and plan and conduct a Vigil call-out at the Fellowship and ceremony in the fall of each year in accordance with the policies set forth in the Order of the Arrow Handbook and Handbook for Officers and Advisers.

C. The Vigil Committee may plan and conduct meetings of all Vigil Honor Lodge members at its discretion.

D. The Vigil Chairman must be a Vigil Honor member who is in good standing with the Lodge.

Article VII: Ratification and Amendments

Section 1: Ratification

These rules shall take effect when ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Chiefs.

Section 2: Repealing Clause

All former constitutions and bylaws are hereby repealed.

Section 3: Limitations

A. In the case of any disagreement between their rules and national policy as set forth in the Order of the Arrow Handbook, Operations Updates, Guide for Officers and Advisers, or Field Operations Guide, the national policy shall be followed. Final authority to interpret these Lodge Rules and national policy rests with the Scout Executive, in consultation with the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Staff Adviser.

B. These rules shall not be construed as removing any current Lodge Officer or Adviser from his/her position before the expiration of his/her elected or appointed term.

Section 4: Amendments

A. Amendments to these rules must be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee and be passed by a simple majority of that committee on two successive readings. Second passage of any amendment must take place at least two weeks after passage on first reading.

B. After passage by the Lodge Executive Committee on two readings, the amendment to take effect must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs may act immediately upon any proposed after being passed twice by the Lodge Executive Committee, so long as a quorum for the Council of Chiefs exists.

C. An amendment must be passed or rejected within one year of its introduction, otherwise it shall be withdrawn.

D. No amendment to these rules may affect the position, term or duties of current Lodge officers within the term they are serving.