



TSOIOTSI TSOGALII LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

Lodge Bylaws

Old North State Council #070, Boy Scouts of America

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ARTICLE I - NAME AND AFFILIATION OF THE LODGE

Section 1 - The name of this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge, Old North State Council, # 70 WWW.

Section 2 - The totem shall be the red-tailed hawk.

Section 3 - This Lodge shall be affiliated with the Old North State Council BSA and shall be under the supervision of the Vice-President of Program and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.

Section 4 - These rules and regulations are to be used in conjunction with the current editions of the Order of the Arrow handbooks.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Election to membership, procedure for the induction sequence, and membership as Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor members shall be in accordance with the current edition of the Order of the Arrow Handbook, Guide to Inductions, and Guide for Officers and Advisers.

Section 2 - All active members of the Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge must be currently registered in the Old North State Council, BSA.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - The Scout Executive of the Old North State Council shall hold the final authority of the Lodge within the Council.

Section 2 - The Scout Executive shall appoint the Lodge Adviser each year. The Lodge Adviser shall assist the Scout Executive in guiding the operation of the Lodge.

Section 3 - The Lodge organization shall include Chapters. The number and geographic area of each Chapter shall be as decided by the Lodge and shall generally align with the Districts of the Old North State Council. Chapter Advisers shall be appointed by the Old North State Council's Scout Executive. Chapter Advisers may wish to select and appoint Associate Advisers, with the guidance of the Lodge Adviser and approval of the Scout Executive, in order to obtain the assistance of other Adults to help with each Chapter officer if they so desire.

Section 4 - The Lodge Key 3 shall consist of the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Adviser, and the Lodge Staff Adviser.

Section 5 - The Lodge Executive Committee shall comprise the current Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chiefs, the most recent past Lodge Chief, the Lodge Committee Chairmen and Advisers, the Chapter Chiefs and Advisers, the Lodge Vice-Chief Advisers, the Lodge Adviser, the Lodge Staff Adviser, and the Scout Executive. Voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee shall include youth members serving as the current Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chiefs, the most recent past Lodge Chief, and the Chapter Chiefs. The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet on a regular basis as directed by the Lodge Chief.

Section 6 - All Lodge Committees shall comprise of the current Lodge Chief, the Lodge Adviser, the Lodge Staff Adviser, and appointed youth and adult membership. The Lodge Committees will meet as needed to conduct lodge business.

ARTICLE IV- ELECTED OFFICERS AND THEIR ADVISERS

Section 1 - The principal officers of the Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge are:

- Lodge Chief, who shall:
 1. Be responsible for the total Lodge program as listed in the Guide for Officers and Advisers.
 2. Represent Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge# 70 to the Old North State Council and to the Order of the Arrow National and Section Events.
 3. Be an Ex-Officio member of the Lodge Committees.
 4. Preside at all meetings of the Lodge and the Lodge Executive Committee and prepare agendas for such meetings.
 5. With the advice and consent of the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Staff Adviser, empower one of Vice-Chiefs to preside over the activities listed in Item 4, for the duration of any absence.
 6. Be responsible for oversight and organization of certain Lodge Committees, including but not limited to:
 - a. Awards and Recognition
 - b. Election of future lodge leadership, including the nomination of candidates
 - c. Leadership Recruitment
 - d. Vigil
 - e. Chapter Operations
 - f. Lodge Budget
- Vice-Chief of Lodge Program, who shall:

Be responsible for oversight and organization of the Lodge Committees related to the Programs of the Lodge, including but not limited to the following committees

 - a. Section Conclave
 - b. Chaplain
 - c. Fellowship
 - d. Inductions

- Vice-Chief of Lodge Service, who shall:
Be responsible for oversight and organization of the Lodge Committees related to the Service Activities of the Lodge, including but not limited to the following committees:
 - a. Inductions
 - b. Fellowship
 - c. Elangomats
 - d. Community Service
 - e. Council Service

- Vice-Chief of Lodge Communications, who shall:
Be responsible for oversight and organization of the Lodge Committees related to the Communications of the Lodge, including but not limited to the following committees:
Inductions
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. Website and Social Media
 - d. Unit communications
 - e. Lodge History
 - f. Lodge and Chapter Calendars

- Vice-Chief of Lodge Administration, who shall:
Be responsible for oversight and organization of Lodge Committees related to Administration of the Lodge, including but not limited to the following committees:
 - a. Financial Record Keeping (including dues)
 - b. Event Supplies (Trading Post, Patches, Food)
 - c. Training
 - d. Records, Lodge Master, Personal Portals
 - e. Unit Elections
 - f. Brotherhood Conversion
 - g. Lodge equipment and supplies
 - h. Health & Safety

- Vice-Chief of Lodge American Indian Affairs, who shall:

Be responsible for oversight and organization of Lodge Committees related to American Indian Affairs (AIA) of the Lodge, including but not limited to the following committees:

- a. Singing and Drum
- b. Dance
- c. Pow-Wow
- d. Maintenance of lodge dance regalia

- Vice-Chief of Inductions, who shall:

Be responsible for the oversight and organization of the Lodge Committees related to Inductions, Ceremonies, and Evaluations (ICE) within the lodge, including but not limited to the following committees:

- a. Unit Elections
- b. Induction Ceremonies
- c. Brotherhood Ceremonies
- d. Call-out Ceremonies
- e. Ceremony team identification, development, and training
- f. Maintenance of lodge ceremony regalia and meeting the privacy needs of youth ceremony participants
- g. Security and maintenance of lodge ceremony supplies

Section 2 - Elected officers of the Lodge must meet the criteria in the current editions of the Guide for Officers and Advisers, and the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 3 - The Lodge Officer Advisers will be appointed by the Old North State Council's Scout Executive. There shall be an Adviser for each Lodge Committee Chair appointed by the Lodge Adviser and the Lodge Staff Adviser with approval of the Scout Executive.

Section 4 - The procedure for the election of officers shall be:

- A. The Key 3 accepts nominations and seeks Arrowmen for each office. Each candidate is contacted to see if they are willing to serve.
- B. The Lodge Chief shall notify the Lodge membership with a list of nominees one week prior to the election.
- C. Nominees must complete an interest form and have the approval of the Lodge Adviser, the Lodge Staff Adviser, and, if appropriate, the Chapter Adviser, ten days prior to the election.
- D. Nominees must agree to attend the candidate orientation session, Lodge Officers Training, scheduled Lodge Executive Committee Meetings, and annual lodge events.
- E. Elections will be held during the Fall Fellowship.

Section 5 - Additional duties may be assigned on a temporary basis to a Lodge Officer at the discretion of the Lodge's Key 3.

Section 6 - Terms of the Lodge Officers shall be for one year from January 1 through December 31. Terms for Chapter Officers shall the same concurrent period as the Lodge Officers. Elections, including Chapter Chief elections, will occur during the Lodge Fall Fellowship.

Section 7 - Should any Officer not fulfill their duties as defined in the Lodge Bylaws, the Lodge Chief and their Advisers shall discuss and encourage the Officer to perform the duties as required. If the problem persists, the Lodge Key 3 will make a recommendation to the Lodge Executive Committee of whether or not to remove that Officer from his position. The Lodge Executive Committee shall act upon that recommendation.

Section 8 - Upon resignation or removal of any Lodge Officer, the Lodge Key 3 shall appoint a replacement with guidance from the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee and their Advisers. This replacement shall fulfill all of the requirements for election to that office. This person shall serve in that capacity until the remainder of the term is complete. For the benefit of the Lodge, this replacement should be made as soon as possible, and the Lodge Key 3 may request the guidance of the Executive Committee without a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 9 - The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Lodge where applicable and consistent with the rules of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V - RULES AT LODGE FUNCTIONS

Section 1 - When Lodge or Chapter functions are held, regardless of location, the event will follow all Council and National BSA and OA policies and procedures.

Section 2 - At any Order of the Arrow functions, members are expected to adhere to the Scout Oath and Law, and any other code of conduct approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 3 - There will be no selling of items other than official Lodge memorabilia, trading Post items, and other materials authorized by the Lodge Executive Committee at Lodge functions. All deviations from this rule must be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee in a regular session.

ARTICLE VI – AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Section 1 – Annual Awards and Recognition will be designated by committees:

- Vigil Recognition
 - a. Vigil committee chair and adviser will be identified by the Key 3
 - b. The committee will follow the current procedures established by the Order of the Arrow to assure a transparent process

- Founders Award, James E. West, and Red Feather Awards
 - a. The committee will consist of current members who are past recipients of the Founders Award (youth and adults), the Key 3, and a youth representative from each chapter.
 - b. The committee will meet no later than September 15 of each year.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - These Rules and Regulations may be amended by the following procedure:

- A. The proposed amendment is introduced and discussed at a regularly scheduled Lodge Executive Committee Meeting.
- B. A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage by the Lodge Executive Committee.
- C. A recommendation will be made to Lodge membership for approval.
- D. A majority of votes is required by those members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge membership to amend these rules and regulations.