

# TATANKA LODGE NO. 141, W.W.W.

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

### LODGE RULES

#### SECTION I: MISSION OF THE LODGE

It is the mission of our Lodge to achieve the purpose 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 II: NAME AND AFFILIATION OF THE LODGE

- A. The name of this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Tatanka Lodge 141, W.W.W.
- B. The Lodge shall be affiliated with the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the administrative authority of the Buffalo Trail Council Scout Executive.
- C. The Totem of this lodge shall be the Buffalo.

#### SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. All members of the Lodge shall be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.
- B. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP
  - 1. 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 Advisors.
  - 2. Procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook and Administrative Guide for the Ordeal.
  - 3. The Ordeal Ceremony shall be in accordance with the requirements of the current printing of the Ordeal Ceremonial Guide.
- C. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP
  - 1. 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 Advisors.
  - 2. The Brotherhood ceremony shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Brotherhood Ceremonial Guide.
  - 3. The Lodge may have special recognition for the Brotherhood members of the Lodge. These recognitions and their requirements are as defined in the Lodge Operations Manual.

#### D. THE VIGIL HONOR

1. 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 Advisors.
2. The Vigil Honor ceremony shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Vigil Honor Ceremonial Guide.

#### SECTION IV: VOTING

- A. Adult Scouters, age 21 or older, do not have a vote in matters of Lodge Business.
- B. Only registered active members of the Order of the Arrow will be allowed to vote in matters of Lodge Business.
- C. There shall be no absentee voting.

#### SECTION V: LODGE OFFICERS, ADVISORS AND LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Officers of this Lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief of Programs, Lodge Vice-Chief of Membership and Training, Lodge Vice-Chief of Communications, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer.
- B. Officers of the Lodge must be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
- C. Lodge Officers must be elected by the youth membership as prescribed in these Rules.
- D. In the event that any elected officer of the Lodge fails to carry out his duties as an officer, he can be replaced by a majority vote of the Lodge Executive Committee being in favor of replacing the officer.
- E. ADULT ADVISORS
  1. The Lodge Advisor shall be appointed by the Council Scout Executive.
  2. The Assistant Lodge Advisors shall be appointed by the Lodge Advisor, with the counsel of the Lodge Chief, Council Staff Advisor and Council Scout Executive.
    - a. The Assistant Lodge Advisor of Programs will assist the Lodge Vice-Chief of Programs.
    - b. The Assistant Lodge Advisor of Membership and Training will assist the Lodge Vice-Chief of Membership and Training.
    - c. The Assistant Lodge Advisor of Communications will assist the Lodge Vice-Chief of Communications.
    - d. The Assistant Lodge Advisor of the Treasury will assist the Lodge Treasurer.
- F. LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  1. The Lodge Chief is the Chairman of the Lodge Executive Committee.
  2. The Lodge Executive Committee of the Lodge shall be composed of the elected Lodge officers, the Chief and Advisor of each Chapter, the immediate past Lodge Chief, the Council Staff Advisor, the Lodge Advisor, assistant Lodge Advisors, and the Council Scout Executive or their appointed representative.
  3. The Lodge Executive Committee of the Lodge shall hold at least six meetings per year.

## **SECTION VI: STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- A. All Standing and Special Committee Chairmen must be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
- B. All Standing and Special Committees shall have an adult advisor appointed by the Lodge Advisor, with the consent of the Lodge Chief, Council Staff Advisor and Council Scout Executive.
- C. STANDING COMMITTEES
  - 1. All Standing Committee Chairmen of the Lodge shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief and confirmed by the Lodge Executive Committee.
  - 2. The term of office for each Standing Committee Chairman shall be from Annual Banquet to Annual Banquet.
  - 3. The Standing Committees of the Lodge are defined in the Lodge Operations Manual.
- D. SPECIAL COMMITTEES
  - 1. The Lodge Chief shall have the power to appoint Special Committees and Special Committee Chairmen as may be required from time to time with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee.
  - 2. Special Committees will be dissolved at the end of the appointing Lodge Chief's term of office.

## **SECTION VII: LODGE OFFICER ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TERM**

- A. Lodge Officers shall be elected at the BTSR Close Camp Fellowship Weekend.
- B. All elections will be conducted by the Lodge Chief or his designated representative.
- C. NOMINATION FOR ELECTION
  - 1. Candidates who file a letter of intent are automatically placed on the ballot for election to the office(s) indicated in the candidate's letter.
  - 2. Arrowmen who have not filed a letter of intent for the office under consideration may not be nominated from the floor, except, when there are no letters of intent to run for the office under consideration.
  - 3. Nominations of Arrowmen who have not filed letters of intent for the office under consideration must be accepted by the candidate.
- D. LETTERS OF INTENT
  - 1. Candidates may register their intent to run for one (1) or two (2) offices by writing a letter of intent for each specific office they wish to be considered for.
  - 2. Letters of intent must be delivered to the lodge chief or his designee.
  - 3. Letters of intent will be accepted starting on the Saturday of the BTSR Open Camp Fellowship Weekend.
  - 4. Letters of intent shall be turned in by noon on Saturday of BTSR Close Camp.

#### E. PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND SPEECHES

1. The Lodge Chief will appoint a youth to read each letter of intent for each office to the assembled lodge, at the proper time, within each office category. The letters will be read in a randomly drawn order.
2. A Youth Arrowman, of the candidates choice, shall be allowed to make a one (1) minute nomination speech for each candidate at the time their letter of intent is read, or their nomination from the floor is affirmed.
3. Each candidate shall be allowed to give an election speech for a duration not to exceed three (3) minutes. The order of the election speeches shall be determined by a random draw.

#### F. ORDER OF ELECTION

Officer elections shall be held in the following order: Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief of Program, Lodge Vice Chief of Membership and Training, Lodge Vice Chief of Communications, Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer.

#### G. CASTING OF BALLOTS

1. If there is only one candidate for an office, the casting of ballots may be waived by the chair and the candidate may be selected to office if a motion to select the candidate by acclamation passes.
2. The casting of ballots for each office shall be done by Chapters as follows:
  - a. Each Chapter shall have ten (10) votes for each office.
  - b. The members of each Chapter shall vote by secret ballot and turn those ballots in to their Chapter Chief for tabulation.
  - c. The Chapter Chief and Chapter Advisor shall assign the ten (10) votes according to the percentage of the secret ballot vote.
  - d. The Chapter votes shall be presented by a roll call of each Chapter in the Lodge. The Chapter Chief shall announce the votes of his Chapter.

#### H. ELECTION

1. A candidate must receive more than 50% of the chapter votes to be elected.
2. If there are more than two candidates and no one candidate receives more than 50% of the chapter votes, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be entered into a run-off election. The two candidates will be given an additional three (3) minutes to give another election speech. The order of the additional election speech will be determined by a random draw.
3. If there are two candidates and each candidate receives exactly 50% of the chapter votes, a second ballot will be taken. If the each candidate still has exactly 50% of the chapter votes after the second ballot, a third ballot will be taken. If each candidate still has exactly 50% of the chapter votes after the third ballot, the winner will be selected by a random draw.
4. If no candidate is elected for an office, the Lodge Chief may appoint an Arrowman to the unfilled office with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the newly elected Lodge Executive Committee present and voting at a Lodge Executive Committee meeting.

## I. OFFICER TERMS AND INSTALLATION

1. The term of each office shall be from Annual Banquet to Annual Banquet.
2. New Officers will be formally installed at the Annual Banquet.
3. New Officers, at the discretion of the Lodge Advisor, may assume their duties immediately upon election.

## SECTION VIII: LODGE MEETINGS

- A. Special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee or the Lodge as a whole may be called at the pleasure of the Lodge Chief, the Council Scout Executive, or the Lodge Advisor.
- B. The Lodge shall have a minimum of three Fellowship Weekends, one Vigil Honor Weekend and an Annual Banquet.
- C. The Lodge shall offer the opportunity for taking the Ordeal and sealing Brotherhood Membership a minimum of three times per year.

## SECTION IX: DUES AND FEES

- A. There shall be an Ordeal Candidate fee, to be set by the Lodge Executive Committee, payable at the time of Ordeal. For said fee, each Ordeal Candidate shall receive the following:
  1. Participant Pocket Flap
  2. Order of Arrow Sash (Ordeal)
  3. Set of Claws for Coup
  4. Membership Card
  5. O.A. Handbook
  6. Fellowship Weekend Admittance
- B. There shall be a Brotherhood Candidate fee, to be set by the Lodge Executive Committee, payable at the time of the Brotherhood. For said fee, each Brotherhood Candidate shall receive the following:
  1. Participant Pocket Flap
  2. Membership Card
  3. Order of the Arrow Sash (Brotherhood)
  4. Fellowship Weekend Admittance
- C. All dues for the upcoming year will be paid by the BTSR Close Camp Fellowship Weekend. All dues expire on August 1 of each year. New Ordeal members shall receive credit for the remainder of his/her first year's dues. Those who compete their Ordeal at Open Camp will receive dues credit for the next Lodge year.
- D. Dues are payable to the Lodge Treasurer or such person authorized by him to collect dues.
- E. The Annual Membership Dues shall be set by the Lodge Executive Committee and published in the Lodge Operations Manual.

## SECTION X: SYMBOLS

- A. Pocket Flaps
  1. The Lodge shall produce Participant, Trading and Special Edition Pocket Flaps for sale as it deems necessary.

2. The official Participant Patch is determined by the LEC

It is Tatanka Lodge's tradition that participant flaps are not for trading.

3. Designated Trading Flaps may be purchased in unlimited amounts and may be openly traded.
4. Special Edition Pocket Flaps may be commissioned by the Lodge Executive Committee at any time. Special Edition Pocket Flaps may be restricted for sale by the Lodge Executive Committee.

- B. Hat Pins, Special Event Patches, Belt Buckles and other Merchandise may be commissioned by the Lodge Executive Committee at any time. The Lodge Executive Committee may restrict the sale of any of the aforementioned items.

C. Coup

1. The Coup of Tatanka Lodge shall be two Eagle Claws suspended from a thong with respect to the Scout's Order of the Arrow Elevation and the beads presented to the Scout showing their service, experience, participation and awards.
2. Eagle Claws:
  - a. The base of the Eagle Claws shall be painted with the color of the Arrowman's Chapter.
  - b. The number and configuration of the Eagle Claw(s) shall be as follows:
    1. Ordeal Member                      Two Claws Pointing Outward
    2. Brotherhood Member              Two Claws Pointing Inward
    3. Vigil Honor Member                Two Claws Pointing Inward with Personal Totem
  - c. The tips of the Eagle Claws shall be painted to reflect the special honors bestowed upon Brotherhood Members in the lodge. The procedures for painting the tips are defined in the Lodge Operations Manual.
3. The beads presented to the members of Tatanka Lodge are as defined in the Lodge Operations Manual

**SECTION XI: CHAPTERS**

- A. The Lodge shall be divided into Chapters.
- B. The Chapter boundaries shall correspond to the District Boundaries as defined by the Buffalo Trail Council, or as determined by the Council Scout Executive.
- C. One Adult Advisor will represent each Chapter. The Advisor is appointed by the Lodge Advisor with the consent of the Council Scout Executive.

- D. The officers of each Chapter shall be Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief(s), and Secretary. These elected officers must be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
- E. Chapter elections shall be held on an annual basis.
- F. The term of each Chapter office shall be Lodge Annual Banquet to Lodge Annual Banquet.
  - 1. New Officers will be installed at the Annual Banquet.
  - 2. New Officers, at the discretion of the Chapter Advisor, may assume their duties immediately upon election.
- G. In the event any Chapter Officer resigns or is removed from his position, the Chapter Advisor may appoint an Arrowman to fulfill the remainder of that Officer's term.
- H. In the event any elected officer of the Chapter fails to carry out his duties, he can be removed from office if:
  - 1. Three quarters (3/4) Chapter members present at a regular Chapter meeting and voting agree to the removal of the officer.
  - 2. And/Or the Lodge Executive Committee votes in favor of removing the Chapter Officer.
- I. Committees:
  - 1. The Chapter Chief may appoint Chapter Committees and Chairmen as he feels necessary to conduct the business of the Chapter.
  - 2. All Committee Chairmen must be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
  - 3. Adult Scouters sitting on Chapter Committees over the age of 21 may not vote in matters of Chapter business.

## **SECTION XII: SPECIAL AWARDS**

- A. Special Service Beads
  - 1. All Arrowmen are eligible for Special Service Beads.
  - 2. Special Service Bead recipients will be selected by the Chapters.
  - 3. Special Service Beads will be presented at the Annual Lodge Banquet.
- B. Founder's Award
  - 1. Eligibility and the number of Founder's Awards which may be presented shall be determined by the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisors and the National Lodge, Order of the Arrow.
  - 2. All Founder's Award nominees are subject to approval by the National Lodge, Order of the Arrow and the Council Scout Executive.
  - 3. The Founder's Award Selection Committee will select the Founder's Award Nominees at the BTSR Close Camp Fellowship Weekend.
  - 4. The Founder's Award will be presented at the Annual Lodge Banquet.

### **SECTION XIII: AMENDMENTS**

- A. The Lodge Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge provided:
  - 1. The proposed amendment has been presented to the Lodge Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to the regular or special meeting of the Lodge and
  - 2. Two-Thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at the meeting must vote in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

### **SECTION XIV: FINANCES**

- A. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the council service center and go through all normal accounting procedures.

### **SECTION XV: COPYRIGHT AND DATE OF CURRENT PRINTING**

- A. Copyright 1992-2011, Tatanka Lodge 141, Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- B. Current Revision: December 18, 2010