Letter from the Lodge Chief

What’s up Coosa! It is such an honor that I have the ability to serve as the 2019 Coosa Lodge Chief. Over the past few years I have seen our lodge overcome many obstacles and we will overcome many more obstacles in the future. This year is going to be one to remember, this is the year that Coosa will leave its mark on the world!

I have a heart for serving others and the overall goal of the Scouting movement is to leave the world a better place than you found it. We, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, have an obligation to serve others. We have accomplished many great things already, but now is the prime time for us to move our lodge in the direction of service to others. Each one of you should strive to do a good turn daily. The real difference is made when all of us together strive to accomplish the same purpose, by living out our lives in such a way that we cannot go unnoticed, by striving to make a difference wherever we go. This is how we will leave our legacy.

Lord Baden-Powell said, “The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.” This is why we provide cheerful service, so we can leave an impact on others. A scout is helpful, if each of us do our part then I know that we will be the driving force that causes the Scout Oath and Law to spring into action across all of our communities. Brothers, it starts with us, let’s go and be the difference makers.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Andrew Huffman
2019 Coosa Lodge Chief

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**Letter from the Lodge Adviser**

As a founding member of Coosa Lodge, and having served in a number of advisory positions, I have had the privilege and honor of watching a very talented group of young men learn to be leaders and stretch their skills under the guidance of a very dedicated group of adult advisers. As a Ceremony Team Coach, I have watched as those young men grew up and became successful Coaches on their own - it’s why we who serve as Advisers do this. This spring, we will welcome girls into the Order for the first time. This will present some unique challenges and is probably the biggest change in the OA in the last 50 years and maybe in its history. We very much look forward to making Coosa Lodge as meaningful to them as it has been for us.

We have the opportunity this year to serve the Council’s objectives in a couple of ways that are new to us and will expand our horizons. We have been asked to assist in the Councils new Scoutreach initiative, and to provide service outside of the normal Scouting venues to the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. This is in addition to the normal service we provide in-Council. The Lodge Leadership is up to the challenge and eager to get started.

And finally, my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Colson for his leadership over the last few years. We have had some interesting challenges, but his strong leadership has seen us make some real improvements in our financial situation as well as in other areas. Last year was especially eventful with NOAC and our successful hosting of Heartland Gathering. Thanks also to Mr. Dabbs for his support of the Lodge and for making the Council resources available to us, and for his commitment to helping us make Coosa Lodge the best we can be.

Together, let’s make a difference!

Don Russell

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Letter from the Lodge Staff Adviser

In more than 20 years of being an Arrowman, I have been afforded the great privilege to participate in and watch youth learning about the core tenets of leadership: communication, guiding, diplomacy, compromise, and mentoring. I have also had the privilege to observe the growth of Coosa Lodge from its earliest days to what it is now: a Lodge poised on the brink of greatness. Our Lodge has come a long way from those early days, and our future looks bright and promising.

As I begin my first full year as the staff adviser for Coosa Lodge, I can’t help but be reminded of my terms as Lodge Chief, first of our predecessor Cherokee Lodge and then of Coosa. In both terms, the youth leadership was tasked with the responsibility of bringing about great change and exploring new pathways to the future. Then, our goal was quite large: successfully merge three, great historic Lodges into one Lodge with a clear vision and purpose. Now, our Lodge leadership is tasked with a truly magnificent and awesome purpose: expand and broaden our service reach to the Council, our fellow Scouts, and our communities. This call for service- to Scouting and to our communities- couldn’t come at a better time, in my opinion, and I am excited about the possibilities this affords us.

Finally, I want to thank Daniel Giles, my predecessor as Staff Adviser, for the tireless work that he contributed for the betterment of the Lodge. His work, as I see on a daily basis, was selfless and focused entirely on improving the Order, not just for the day but for the coming years. His legacy of selfless service and dedication is quite impressive, and it is my hope that I can continue in his footsteps. Also, I would be remiss not to thank Mr. Dabbs, our Scout Executive for the faith and trust that he has placed in me by assigning me to this weighty responsibility. Coosa has greatly benefitted from his support and guidance, and I know that he has helped set the stage for growth for the Lodge for years to come.

Let us go and make a difference!

David Self
Staff Adviser
2019 Coosa Lodge Calendar

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Be sure to check the lodge website, [www.coosa50.org](http://www.coosa50.org), for any changes or additions to this calendar.

**Winter Banquet**
Join us in an evening of fun and fellowship as we recognize our annual Founder's Award recipients, give out awards, and look forward to a great year in 2019!

**Hawk Day**
One of the Order of the Arrow’s primary functions is to provide service to each council and its camps. During Hawk Day, Coosa Lodge comes together at one of our local camps to provide a day of focused efforts to provide service and improve the camp.

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Spring Fellowship
Spring Fellowship is a time where our Brothers can come together to participate in a variety of summer activities, competitions, plenty of patch trading, great food, and tons of fellowship!

Conclave
Each spring, at a nearby Scout camp, the Lodges of our Section meet at an annual Conclave. For many, this is the largest Scouting function they will attend this year. Hundreds of people will be there from eleven different lodges. We’re currently a member of SR-9 (Southern Region, Section 9). For more info, visit the SR-9 website at http://sr-9.org/.

Induction Weekends
This is the centerpiece of the Inductions Process, and it’s where Ordeal Candidates go through the process of becoming Ordeal Members.

This is a life-enriching experience for everyone who goes through it and it’s one that we work hard to make meaningful, but we need your help! Whether you work in the kitchen, serve as an Elangomat, work alongside one of the work crews, or find another way to be useful, this is one of the most important opportunities for our lodge to provide cheerful service to our council’s camps. If you have a specialized skill (plumbing, electrical, etc.), please let us know!

If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months or longer, you are eligible to attain Brotherhood. There is no charge for this, but you must download and study the latest update to the Brotherhood Study Guide, available on the lodge website. You can find much of the same information on the Order of the Arrow JumpStart page at http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/.

Fall Fellowship
Each fall, Coosa Lodge meets at Camp Comer for its annual Fall Fellowship. This is generally regarded as the biggest event of the year, where we celebrate our accomplishments from the previous year, induct our new Vigil Honor recipients, elect new lodge officers, and lay out our plans for the upcoming year.

You can expect to see inter-Chapter competitions in a variety of games (including volleyball, flickerball, wischixin, and more!), plenty of patch trading, great food, tons of fellowship, and an exciting closing show from Coosa Shows.

Lodge Leadership Retreat
Shortly after Fall Fellowship, the newly elected Lodge Officers, newly elected Chapter Chiefs, newly appointed Committee Chairmen, all of their advisers, and select others all gather in a secluded location for an intense weekend of training, team building, leadership development, and fellowship. If you’re elected or appointed to a leadership position, you’re expected to attend this event.

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About the Order of the Arrow

For more than 90 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America’s youth.

Mission
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.

Purpose
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.

History
The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA’s national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting’s National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to Scouting and the community.

Membership
The OA has more than 170,000 active members located in lodges affiliated with over 295 BSA local councils.

Lodges
An OA lodge helps the local Boy Scout council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure. Every Boy Scout council is encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow lodge. Each lodge
operates under a charter granted by the National Council, BSA, and must apply annually for its renewal. The Boy Scouts of America will grant a charter to only one lodge per council.

Sections
An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. In addition, the section creates a monitoring/mentoring relationship with its lodges, provides leadership development opportunities, fosters understanding and adherence to national OA policies and procedures, and coordinates OA administrative and program functions. A section is led by three elected youth officers, the section chief, section vice chief, and section secretary, who are advised by an adult section adviser and professional section staff adviser.

Each year the approximately fifty elected section chiefs are invited to a national planning meeting in Dallas, TX. The section chiefs form the conference committee for a national Order of the Arrow event, such as the national Order of the Arrow conference, which is held under the guidance of the national Order of the Arrow committee.

Region Leadership
The region chief is the youth leader elected annually by the section chiefs in his region. This election is held in conjunction with the annual national planning meeting. The region Order of the Arrow chairman is an adult adviser appointed by the region director. The professional adviser for the region is assigned by the region director.

National Leadership
The national chief and vice chief are Arrowmen elected to one-year terms by the section chiefs during the annual national planning meeting. They serve as members of the national Order of the Arrow committee, providing the opinion of youth Arrowmen on national OA policy. They also serve as the presiding officers for the national OA event. They are advised in their responsibilities by the national OA committee chairman and the Order of the Arrow team leader. The national OA committee chairman is appointed annually by the vice president/chairman of the national Outdoor Adventures Group. The professional adviser is the Order of the Arrow team leader, a national professional Scouter.

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About Coosa Lodge

Coosa Lodge is a member of Section SR-9 and the Southern Region of the Order of the Arrow.

Coosa Lodge was originally assigned to be lodge #50, which had been chartered by the Birmingham Area Council since 1930 and has been rechartered every year since. The National Order of the Arrow Committee decided to discontinue the use of lodge numbers to simplify their record keeping, but many of us still identify with the “50” number.

As a lodge, we serve thousands of Scouts, Scouters, and communities across 22 counties in north Alabama. Many of our American Indian dancers and ceremonialists have received honors and recognition on the local and national levels. Our Shows Committee (aka “Coosa Shows”) has received national praise for several of its projects, including a front-page feature on the National Bulletin.

History

Coosa Lodge was formed as a result of the merger of three councils into the Greater Alabama Council. In accordance with national policy, the three lodges associated with these councils also merged. The three lodges were Cherokee Lodge #50 (Central Alabama Council; Birmingham, AL), Achunanchi Lodge #135 (Choccolocco Council; Anniston, AL), and Kaskanampo Lodge #310 (Tennessee Valley Council; Huntsville, AL). Coosa Lodge received its first charter on January 1, 2000. Since then, Coosa Lodge has defined its own history and accomplishments.

Coosa Lodge History Project

As members of the Order of the Arrow, we are specifically obligated to “observe and preserve” our history and traditions. As such, for the Order of the Arrow’s centennial celebration, each lodge was charged by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to create and share a history book. Long story short, due to a number of things, that particular project was never really finished.

Our goal in the beginning was really, really ambitious. We wanted to create written narratives, collect personal stories or essays, and publish comprehensive lists of awards and recognition items from Coosa and its predecessors. We want to create a single, complete, and definitive patch history for Coosa, Achunanchi, Kaskanampo, and Cherokee Lodges. We want to scan and archive any documents or other artifacts you might have squirreled away in a box somewhere.

In other words, we wanted to do create a massive library of things related to Coosa Lodge and the lodges that created it. We wanted to share it online for the whole world to see, but we just couldn’t get this thing started. We still want to do this project, though, and we want to create the best historical record and archive possible. That’s where you come in.

If you want to help, send an email to the History Committee (history@coosa50.org).

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Mission and Purpose
It is the mission of Coosa Lodge to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Alabama Council through positive youth leadership and under the guidance of select capable adults.
Lodge Officers and Advisers

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Lodge Officer Job Descriptions

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Lodge Chief
- The Chief Executive Officer of the lodge and the chairman of the Lodge Executive Committee.
- Serves as a voting member of the Greater Alabama Council Camping Committee.
- Strives to become an expert on the policies and procedures of the Coosa Lodge, Greater Alabama Council, Section SR-9, the Southern Region, and the Order of the Arrow.
- Presides over and accepts ultimate responsibility for every aspect of the lodge.
- Identifies and appoints all operating and ad-hoc committee chairmen.
- Communicates with Vice Chiefs, Chapter Chiefs, and Committee Chairmen to ensure that all event preparations are completed in a timely fashion and helps solve problems when they arise.
- Works with the Lodge Adviser, Lodge Staff Adviser, and Council Scout Executive to prepare the lodge program calendar for the following year.

Lodge Vice-Chief of Service
- Oversees all service-related aspects of the lodge, including Service Corps, Ordeal Projects, and One Day of Service.
- Coordinates efforts among all of the committees under her oversight (see Lodge Rules, Addendum I) and helps ensure that they are working with other elements of the lodge (especially during Ordeal planning) to successfully carry out all lodge service projects.

Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration
- Records minutes at all Lodge Executive Committee and General Lodge Assembly meetings.
- Strives to ensure that membership database records are accurate and up to date.
- Works diligently to make event registration and dues collection as streamlined as possible.
- Coordinates efforts among the website, newsletter, and other publications committees to ensure effective, efficient communication throughout the lodge and establish a consistent tone and message for all lodge communications.
- Ensures that the trading post is stocked and prepared for all events.
- Provides deadlines to the memorabilia and design committee to ensure that all patches and other memorabilia are design and approved in time for all lodge functions.

Lodge Vice-Chief of Fellowship
- Ensures the successful execution of all fellowship events at all lodge functions.
- Works with the Lodge Chief to ensure successful contingent planning for NOAC, Conclave, etc.
- Works with the food service committee to plan and secure approval for menus at all events.
- Communicates regularly with Coosa Shows to ensure that appropriate multimedia support is available and provided for all lodge functions (ie, screen and projector for a movie, etc.).
- Works tirelessly to provide exceptional hospitality to all participants at all events.

Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions
- Provides expert leadership for all aspects of the inductions process, from Unit Elections through the end of each member’s Brotherhood ceremony.

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- Ensures strict adherence to the Guide to Inductions and all national policies or guidelines.
- Coordinates Unit Elections efforts with each Chapter Chief to ensure that all units are contacted on an annual basis and that a trained unit elections team visits all units requesting elections.
- Ensures that trained elangomats are available for every clan at every Ordeal.
- Coordinates New Member Orientation planning efforts with the Lodge Chief.

**Lodge Vice-Chief of Native American Affairs**
- Provides expert leadership for all aspects of the recruiting, developing, and maintaining ceremony teams, dancers, dance teams, and drum teams.
- Works closely with Chapter Chiefs to help them find and train ceremonialists, dancers, or drum team members.
- Serves as the chairman of the pow-wow event at the Spring Pow-Wow.
- Capitalizes on opportunities to promote drumming, dancing, and ceremonies at all lodge events.

**Lodge Vice-Chief of Communications**
- Responsible for the maintenance and publishing of the lodge website and newsletter, social media feeds, email updates, marketing material, and more.
- Stays up-to-date on current communications tools and practices to help ensure that the lodge and LEC have the best tools available.
- Works with other officers and event coordinators to develop event promotion plans.
Lodge Communications

Newsletter
Coosa Lodge publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Red Feather Herald. Chapters, committees, and individuals are invited to submit content. If you want to submit an article or join the newsletter staff, contact the Vice Chief of Communications.

Coosa Lodge also releases frequent e-newsletter updates via email. To ensure that you receive those, check your email address during registration at any lodge event.

Website
Coosa Lodge publishes and maintains its own website, located at www.coosa50.org, for the purpose of communicating with its membership and providing a wealth of resources and materials. This is often the best place to find event registration forms, maps to various event locations, the latest information on upcoming events, past publications, and much more. There is also a link on the main page where you can sign up to receive regular email updates.

Where to Go Scouting
In order to promote and encourage Scout camping, Coosa Lodge has published a Where To Go Scouting Guide. Physical print copies are not currently available, but a downloadable PDF version is available on the lodge website. Additionally, a massive effort is underway to modernize the Where To Go Scouting Guide. For more info, contact Chris Brightwell (chris@coosa50.org).

Social Media
Coosa Lodge maintains social media accounts on popular services such as Facebook and Twitter in order to more effectively communicate with its members. If you’re a member of those networks, we encourage you to friend, follow, like, or subscribe to use to help ensure that you’re getting the latest news and updates and to help you get connected with other members of the lodge.

- http://facebook.com/coosalodge
- http://twitter.com/coosalodge
- http://www.instagram.com/coosalodge/

Chapter Communications
Chapters are encouraged to find their own effective means to communicate with their members. Several chapters already utilize Twitter, Facebook, and email distribution lists to promote meetings, ceremony team practices, travel to lodge events, and more.

Chapters should also submit quarterly updates for inclusion in the lodge newsletter, regular updates to be published on the lodge website, and regular updates to be published in their district newsletter. If your chapter needs help with and of this, please contact the Vice Chief of Communications or his Adviser.
Event Registration and Other Publications
A collection of event registration forms, administrative forms (for lodge officer nomination, Vigil Honor nomination, etc.), our Brotherhood Study Guide, and more can be found in the Publications section of our website, www.coosa50.org.

Section, Region, and National Newsletters
Just as Coosa Lodge publishes its own quarterly newsletter, the section, region, and national organizations all release their own quarterly newsletters. Section SR-9 publishes “Nine Feathers”, the Southern Region Committee publishes “The Voice”, and the National Order of the Arrow Committee publishes “The National Bulletin.”

National Publications
In addition to the Order of the Arrow Handbook and various ceremony scripts, the National Order of the Arrow Committee produces a wide variety of publications, including a national newsletter (The National Bulletin), a number of guidebooks (Guide for Officers and Advisers, Field Operations Guide, Guide to Inductions, Chapter Operations Guide, Lodge Adviser’s Handbook, Lodge Orientation Guide, and more), and regular operations updates. For information on these publications, visit http://www.oa-bsa.org/resources/pubs/.
Unit Elections

Conducting Unit Elections
Individual units may not conduct their own elections without the assistance of a Lodge or Chapter Unit Elections Team or prior written authorization from the Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions. Any election report received by the lodge that is not endorsed by a trained Unit Elections Team or accompanied by the written authorization of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions may be considered null and void by the Coosa Lodge Executive Committee, Coosa Lodge Key 3, or Greater Alabama Council Scout Executive.

To request a unit election, contact the Vice-Chief of Inductions or submit an online Unit Elections Request form via the lodge website, www.coosa50.org.

Eligibility
The Order of the Arrow membership requirements are:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and maintain primary registration in the Greater Alabama Council.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
- Youth must be under the age of 21, hold the BSA First Class rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach, be elected by the youth members of their troop or team.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who are registered in the BSA and meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to the lodge adult selection committee. Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and is not for recognition of service, including current or prior positions. Selected adults must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and must provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

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The Inductions Process

Call-Out
After being elected or nominated, candidates may participate in a call-out ceremony to recognize those Scouts and Scouters that were selected before they attend their Ordeal. The call-out ceremony may be performed at summer camp, a camporee, a call-out weekend or at a troop or team meeting.

Induction
The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the Order. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and sleep apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. All candidates for membership must complete the Ordeal.

Brotherhood Membership
After 10 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

Vigil Honor
After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their distinguished contributions to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

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National Order of the Arrow Programs

National Order of the Arrow Conference
The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow. It is Scouting’s second-largest national program event. Over 8,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and lots of fun! The 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, will be held August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

National Leadership Seminar
The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

Each region runs their own NLS program, so detailed information on upcoming NLS sessions is usually available on the Southern Region website (http://southern.oa-bsa.org/). If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact your Lodge Chief or Adviser for registration information.

National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar
The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance an adviser’s knowledge of and connectivity with the OA’s strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA’s service to the council.

The NLATS session is a brand new training program. The course is designed for one-time participation. Each Region offers at least one NLATS each year. There is also a session offered at the Philmont training center each summer.

It is recommended that participants be lodge advisers or staff advisers and those with lodge adviser potential, as approved by the local council Scout executive. Prior completion of a Lodge Leader Development Conference (LLDC) and the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) are desirable. The NLATS is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of lodge program, delivery of service to the council, and development of youth leadership necessary to both. While it is designed to be fun, the course is mentally challenging as well. Participants should be open to learning and prepared to actively engage in an invigorating weekend.

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Order of the Arrow High Adventure
The Order of the Arrow, in its focus on service, operates four high adventure programs on the national level, each of which focuses on conservation. These programs occur at the three national high adventure bases. They are only open to youth aged 16 to 20 and are available at a substantially lower price than other programs at these high adventure bases.

For more information on OA High Adventure opportunities, visit http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/. If you’re interested in participating in one of these exciting programs, talk to your Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser.

Ocean Adventure
The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to provide cheerful service while experiencing the adventure and fun of one of the greatest ecosystems on our planet - the Florida Keys and the waters which surround them. This ten day program will provide an array of service opportunities that include work helping to develop the Florida Keys Heritage Trail, removing invasive species in and around the Sea Base’s Big Munson Island, and supporting both the Crane Point Nature Center and Marathon Wild Bird Center in preserving the Keys flora, fauna and wildlife. You will be camping at both Big Munson Island and Crane Point during the service portion of the program, after which you will move aboard a 40-50’ sailing yacht for four days at sea. While afloat, you will experience the fun and excitement of life in the Keys from the unique perspective of a sailor as you sail, snorkel on pristine coral reefs, troll for sportfish, and swim in the warm waters of the Keys.

Your program is a 10-day experience in which you will experience wilderness camping, kayaking, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, team building (including a trip on a war canoe) and of course cheerful service. The program will be conservation based and will seek to help protect the eco-system of the Florida Keys.

In addition to the conservation service, participants will strengthen leadership skills, learn about the Keys eco-system and its marine environment, experience life afloat and strengthen understanding of the Order of the Arrow.

Trail Crew
The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting’s premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You
can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

Wilderness Voyage & Canadian Odyssey
The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.

The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

Canadian Odyssey
For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada.

Like its U.S. counterpart, the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Quetico that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair.

The second part of the program is a 90 mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota.
I. MISSION

A. It is the mission of the Coosa Lodge to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow, as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Alabama Council, through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

II. LODGE NAME AND AFFILIATION

A. The name of this Lodge in the Order of the Arrow shall be “Coosa Lodge, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui”. Alternately, “Coosa Lodge” or “Coosa Lodge, WWW” may be used.

B. The Lodge shall serve and be chartered by Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.

III. LODGE LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

A. General Guidelines

1. In order to be eligible for consideration as an officer, a candidate must be a dues-paid member of the lodge, must be in good standing, and must be under the age of twenty-one (21) years during the entire term of the office for which he is seeking consideration.

2. If the Lodge Chief or any Chapter Chief is elected to serve as a Section-level officer, he must immediately resign his position within the lodge.

3. If any other officer of the Lodge or any of its Chapters is elected to serve as a Section-level officer, he may continue to serve in his local capacity at the discretion of the Lodge Key 3.

4. If any elected or appointed officer, committee chairman, or adviser at any level within the lodge misses two or more consecutive official business meetings which he is responsible to attend, regardless of whether a quorum was satisfied at those meetings, he may be removed from that position.

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position by the Lodge Key 3.
5. For conduct unbecoming of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, any
elected or appointed Lodge Officer, Chapter Officer, or Committee
Chairman may be removed from office by the Lodge Adviser or Council
Scout Executive and given written notification.

B. Chapter Leadership
1. Each District in the Council shall have a corresponding Chapter within
   the Lodge.
2. Each Chapter shall elect a Chief, and should elect one or more
   Vice-Chiefs, and a Secretary or Vice-Chief of Administration. Combined
   with the Troop/Team OA Representatives from within that chapter, this
   will form a Chapter Executive Committee (or CEC) in each Chapter, and
   that committee shall be responsible for carrying out the program of their
   respective chapters.
3. Each Chapter shall have an Adviser and Staff Adviser, and these
   positions shall be appointed or approved by the Lodge Key 3.
4. Additional officers may be elected, or committees established, at the
discretion of the Chapter Key 3 (Chief, Adviser, Staff Adviser) and subject
to the approval of the Lodge Key 3.

C. Lodge Executive Committee
1. The Lodge Executive Committee (or “LEC”) shall meet no fewer than
   four (4) times per year.
2. All LEC meetings shall be operated under “The Current Edition
   of Robert’s Rules of Order”.
3. The LEC shall consist of the Lodge Chief, six (6) Lodge Vice-Chiefs
   (Service, Administration, Inductions, Native American Affairs,
   Communications, and Fellowship), the Immediate Past Lodge Chief, all
   standing and ad-hoc Committee Chairmen, all Chapter Chiefs, the Lodge
   Adviser, the Lodge Staff Adviser, all Chapter Advisers, and any Associate
   Lodge Advisers.
4. The voting members of the LEC shall be the Lodge Chief, each of the
   Lodge Vice-Chiefs., and the Chapter Chiefs. In the absence of any voting
   member, a representative may not be appointed in his stead.
5. The Chairman of the meeting must be a normal voting member of the
   LEC. Under “The Current Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order”, however, the
   Chair may only vote in order to break a tie.
6. Non-voting members under the age of twenty-one (21) may propose new
   business to the LEC and participate in any discussions, but official business
(making a motion, voting on a motion, etc.) may only be conducted by these voting members.

7. The duties of each lodge officer shall be defined in Addendum 1 to these rules.

8. Each lodge officer will typically have an adviser to assist him in fulfilling his responsibilities. This adviser shall be appointed by the Lodge Adviser and subject to the approval of the Lodge Staff Adviser or Scout Executive.

D. Lodge Committees

1. The structure, oversight, and specific functions of all standing committees shall be defined in Addendum 1 to these rules.

2. Standing committees shall be approved annually by the LEC.

3. Ad-hoc committees may be commissioned by the Lodge Key 3 as necessary.

4. All committees shall have a youth chairman under the age of twenty-one (21), who is dues-paid and in good standing with the lodge. This chairman shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief.

5. All committee advisers shall be of or over the age of twenty-one (21) and shall be appointed or approved by the Key 3.

IV. ELECTION OF LODGE OFFICERS

A. Election of Coosa Lodge officers shall be held during a general lodge business meeting during the annual Fall Fellowship. If a Fall Fellowship is not scheduled or is cancelled for any reason, a date and time for this meeting shall be set at an appropriate event by the Lodge Key 3 and with the approval of the Council Scout Executive.

B. The process of nominating candidates for lodge office shall be defined by the appropriate committee (typically the Nomination & Recognition committee or an appropriate subcommittee therein), approved by the Lodge Executive Committee, and published at least 90 days before the scheduled date of the next general lodge election.

C. The election shall be conducted by a Presiding Officer. Unless he is seeking reelection, this presiding officer shall be the Lodge Chief. If the Lodge Chief is unable to fulfill this duty, a presiding officer shall be appointed by the Lodge Key 3.

D. Each Chapter shall be represented in the election process by its Chapter Chief. If the Chapter Chief is not present, he shall appoint a member of that Chapter as its representative. If the Chapter Chief fails to make such an appointment, the
Chapter Adviser or Lodge Key 3 shall appoint a representative.

E. Each Chapter shall have a number of votes for each election equal to ten (10) or the number of youth members (under the age of twenty-one) present from that chapter, whichever number is smaller.

F. Each Chapter may cast all of its votes for any single candidate, or it may split any fraction of its votes among any number of candidates. Votes must be cast in whole increments (for example, a Chapter with five votes may not give two candidates 2.5 votes each).

G. If more than ten (10) members are present from any given Chapter, that Chapter Chief or his representative shall make the final decision on how that Chapter’s votes are divided. Chapter Chiefs should ensure that their ballot represents the desires of the chapter.

H. To win any election, a single candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast (for example, if 80 votes are cast in any election, a candidate must receive at least 41 votes to be declared the winner).

I. If no single candidate receives a simple majority, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be reconsidered by the lodge in a run-off. If the runoff results in a tie, the Presiding Officer shall cast the deciding vote.

J. Any candidate not winning his bid for election shall not be allowed to “drop down” and run for office in a subsequent election.

K. Newly elected officers will assume their offices following an installation ceremony during the event at which the election was held.

L. Immediately following the lodge elections, the elected Lodge Officers and Chapter Chiefs will go into an executive meeting and will elect the Lodge Chief Pro Tempore. The following procedure shall take place:

1. The Lodge Executive Committee shall nominate candidates for Lodge Chief Pro Tempore.
2. These candidates shall be voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee.
3. To win the election, a single candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast.
4. If no single candidate receives a simple majority, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be reconsidered in a run-off. If the run-off results in a tie, the Immediate Past Lodge Chief shall cast the deciding vote.

M. Chapter Officers shall normally be elected at the next Chapter meeting immediately following the general lodge election. Exceptions to this rule shall be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Lodge Key 3.

N. Only youth age twenty (20) or younger may be present for the election with

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the exception Lodge Adviser and Lodge Staff Adviser or their appointed representative(s).

V. LODGE TOTEM AND INSIGNIA

A. The official totem of the Lodge shall be the red-shouldered hawk.
B. The official Lodge patch shall be made to fit the standard BSA uniform pocket flap.
C. Any changes to the official lodge flap and any production of other lodge emblems, including chapter patches, or other memorabilia, or any insignia bearing the Coosa Lodge name, totem, or other markings, shall be subject to the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee, the Lodge Key 3, or the Council Scout Executive.
D. Any insignia produced or issued, and found to bear the Coosa Lodge name, totem or other markings, without the express consent of the Lodge Executive Committee shall be subject to confiscation without reimbursement by the Lodge Key 3 or the Council Scout Executive.
E. Any submissions of artwork for patch designs or new memorabilia shall be vetted through the appropriate committee (typically the Lodge Memorabilia & Design Committee) before being presented to the Lodge Executive Committee for consideration. If no such committee exists, these submissions shall be submitted to and vetted by the Lodge Key 3.
F. The official (or “standard issue”) lodge flap shall be unrestricted in its distribution.
  Flaps may be purchased in the trading post at any regular lodge function and in the council service center. Flaps may only be worn by those members who are currently dues-paid and in good standing with the lodge.
G. New Ordeal members shall receive one lodge flap in their new Ordeal member packet.
H. Restricted insignia shall be defined in Addendum III to these rules.

VI. ELECTION AND INDUCTION TO MEMBERSHIP

A. The requirements for election to Coosa Lodge shall be as stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers, and/or the Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions.
B. Procedures for conducting the Ordeal and the rest of the Inductions Process shall be as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Order of the Arrow
VII. LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Lodge membership shall be obtained or maintained in one of the following ways:

A. A Scout or Scouter elected as an Ordeal Candidate by a unit in the Greater Alabama Council shall become a member of Coosa Lodge and the Order of the Arrow upon successful completion of his or her Ordeal.

B. An active (current, dues-paid) member of Coosa Lodge, who is in good standing, shall be allowed to maintain membership by paying their annual dues.

C. An active (current, dues-paid) member of another Order of the Arrow lodge may only become a member of Coosa Lodge upon completing all of the following:
   1. Successfully transfer his or her primary Boy Scouts of America registration to a unit located within the jurisdiction of the Greater Alabama Council.
   2. Present proof of active membership and good standing in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow to the Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration. The acceptance of this proof shall be at the discretion of the Lodge Key 3 and/or the Council Scout Executive.
   3. Pay the current annual dues fee for Coosa Lodge.

D. An inactive member (not dues-paid) of any Order of the Arrow lodge may only become a member of Coosa Lodge upon completing all of the following:
   1. Establish his or her primary Boy Scouts of America registration to a unit located within the jurisdiction of the Greater Alabama Council.
   2. Present proof of prior membership in the Order of the Arrow to the Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration. The acceptance of this proof shall be at the discretion of the Lodge Key 3 and/or the Council Scout Executive.
   3. Pay the current annual dues fee for Coosa Lodge.

VIII. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

A. Brotherhood status shall be attained in accordance with the requirements set forth in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers, and/or the Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions.

IX. VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP

A. Vigil Honor status shall be attained in accordance with the requirements set
forth in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers, and/or Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions.

B. The process for determining candidates for the Vigil Honor shall be defined by the appropriate committee (typically the Nomination & Recognitions Committee or an appropriate subcommittee therein), approved by the Lodge Executive Committee, and published at least 90 days before Vigil Honor Selection Committee is set to meet.

X. FINANCES
A. All lodge funds shall be handled through the Greater Alabama Council office and subject to all normal accounting procedures in use by the Greater Alabama Council.
B. The Lodge shall maintain an “Arrowman Scholarship” fund to award partial scholarships for Summer Camp, National Leadership Seminar, National Jamboree, World Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or other events, as approved by the Key 3. The application process and selection criteria shall be set by the Key 3 and/or the Council Scout Executive.
C. Major expenditures shall require the approval of the Lodge Staff Adviser.
D. Any expenses submitted for reimbursement shall require written approval of the Lodge Staff Adviser, shall be documented appropriately (receipts, invoices, etc.), and submitted in a timely manner.
E. The Lodge shall contribute cash or materials not less than one dollar ($1) per registered member to the Council on an annual basis.
F. Annual Dues
1. Dues shall be charged to each Lodge member to cover administrative expenses. The amount charged shall be set by the Lodge Executive Committee or the Lodge Key 3 and approved by the Council Scout Executive.
2. Chapters may not charge or collect any dues.
3. The fiscal year for dues shall begin January 1 and end on December 31. Any member not paying their dues for the year at or before the first event for that year shall be considered inactive.
G. Induction fees and incentives shall be defined in Addendum 2 to these rules.

XI. VOTING
A. Lodge General Assembly
1. All dues-paid members of the Lodge, in good standing and under the age of twenty-one (21), shall be eligible to vote on all matters presented to the general lodge meeting.
B. Lodge Executive Committee Meetings

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1. A quorum of the Lodge Executive Committee must be present in order to conduct business.

2. A quorum shall be satisfied by a simple majority of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Vice-Chiefs, rounded up (for example, a six- or seven-seat LEC each require four voting members, excluding the meeting chair). Chapter Chiefs, while voting members of the LEC, shall not count against the requirements for a quorum.

XII. REPLACING OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN, AND ADVISERS

A. If any officer, chairman, or adviser at the Chapter level is removed from or resigns from his position, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. If any Chapter-level officer or chairman resigns or is removed, the Chapter Chief shall appoint a replacement as quickly as possible, subject to the approval of the Chapter Adviser.

2. If the Chapter Chief resigns or is removed, a Chapter Vice-Chief shall immediately be appointed by the Chapter Adviser to succeed him. This appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Lodge Key 3.

3. If no Chapter Vice-Chief is willing or able to fulfil these duties, an interim Chapter Chief may be named by the Chapter Adviser and subject to approval from the Lodge Key 3.

4. If any Chapter Associate Adviser resigns or is removed, excluding the Chapter Adviser, the Chapter Adviser shall appoint a replacement as quickly as possible, subject to the approval of the Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Staff Adviser.

5. If the Chapter Adviser resigns or is removed, a replacement Chapter Adviser shall be appointed as quickly as possible by the Lodge Adviser and/or Lodge Staff Adviser and is subject to the approval of the Scout Executive.

B. If any officer or chairman at the Lodge level is removed from or resigns from his position, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. If any Lodge-level officer resigns or is removed, excluding the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Chief shall appoint an interim replacement as quickly as possible, subject to approval from the Key 3 or the Lodge Executive Committee.

2. If the Lodge Chief resigns or is removed, the following procedure shall be followed:
a) The Lodge Chief Pro Tempore shall immediately step in as Lodge Chief.

b) The Lodge Executive Committee will have 30 days to select a new Lodge Chief Pro Tempore.

c) Follow all procedures previously stated to select a new Lodge Chief Pro Tempore.

d) The position of the Immediate Past Lodge Chief shall remain unchanged.

3. For behavior unbecoming of a lodge officer, the Lodge Chief Pro Tempore may be removed by the Lodge Executive Committee by a 2/3 vote. The Lodge Executive Committee shall then follow all procedures previously stated to select a new Lodge Chief Pro Tempore.

XIII. GENERAL

A. The Lodge Executive Committee is responsible for all interpretation of these rules.

B. All Lodge members shall wear appropriate attire (i.e. ceremonial regalia or full BSA uniform) while attending any induction ceremony or any regular meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee.

C. These rules shall be published in the Lodge Planbook and on the Lodge Website.

D. These rules shall be strictly subordinate to, and superseded by, any rules, guidelines, or other edicts set forth by the Greater Alabama Council, the Boy Scouts of America, or the Order of the Arrow.

E. There shall be at least one general lodge meeting per calendar year. Additional meetings may be set by the Lodge Executive Committee or petitioned by obtaining handwritten signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the total number of lodge members under the age of twenty-one (21).

F. These Lodge Rules shall be reviewed at least annually by the Lodge Key 3 (or an ad-hoc committee established by the Lodge Key 3).

XIV. AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES

A. Amendments to these Lodge Rules shall be presented to the Lodge Executive Committee, and only by a voting member of the committee, for consideration. Discussion may take place at this time, but all action must be tabled or deferred to the next LEC meeting.

B. If the LEC approves the amendment (with or without modification), it shall be posted to the Lodge Website for no less than fourteen (14) days before the next
regularly scheduled Lodge function. It shall also be available via postal mail to any member who requests a copy through the Lodge Key 3.

C. At this function (mentioned in XIV.B, above), the LEC shall call a General Lodge Meeting to be held for the purpose of approving the proposed amendments, and such approval shall require a two-thirds majority of the youth members present at that meeting. D. Addenda to these rules may be modified under the normal operating procedures of the Lodge Executive Committee.
Lodge Rules, Addendum 1 – Lodge Structure and Organization

Lodge Rules, Addendum 1
Approved by LEC, 9 December 2018

I. Purpose and Scope
   A. At all times, this addendum shall be recognized as defining the official organizational structure of the Coosa Lodge and its leadership for the 2019 program year.
   B. This document shall be considered null and void on January 1, 2020

II. Lodge Key 3
   A. The Coosa Lodge Key 3 shall consist of the following:
      1. Lodge Chief
      2. Lodge Lay Adviser
      3. Lodge Staff Adviser
   B. If either adviser position is vacated at any point in the year, the Supreme Chief of the Fire or his duly appointed representative shall have the sole authority to appoint a new person to that position.

III. Operating Committees
   A. The following committees shall be established by the lodge, and each shall be led by a youth chairman under the age of 21.
      1. Under the oversight of the Lodge Chief:
         a) Nomination and Recognition
         b) Training
         c) New Member Orientation
         d) Retention
         e) Summer Camp Operations
         f) Rules
         g) Coosa Shows
      2. Under the oversight of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Service:
         a) Service Corps
         b) Camping Promotion
         c) Scoutreach Mentoring
         d) Troop/Team Representatives
         e) Chaplins
      3. Under the oversight of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration:
         a) Registration & LodgeMaster
         b) Trading Post
         c) Memorabilia & Design
         d) Finance
         e) History
      4. Under the oversight of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Fellowship:
         a) Contingent Planning
         b) Fall Fellowship

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c) Spring Fellowship
d) Ordeal Fellowships
e) Food Service
f) Mascot Handling

5. Under the oversight of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions:
   a) Ordeal Master(s)
   b) Elangomats & Nimats
   c) Brotherhood Conversion
d) Unit Elections

6. Under the oversight of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Native American Affairs:
   a) Spring Pow-Wow
   b) Drum Teams
   c) Dancers and Drum Teams
d) Ceremony Teams

7. Under the oversight of the Lodge Vice-Chief of Communications:
   a) Lodge Website
   b) Newsletter
c) Annual Publications
d) Social Media

B. All committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief, and their
advisers appointed by the Lodge Lay Adviser or Lodge Staff Adviser.
C. If any point during the program year these committee chair positions are
vacated, the lodge officer overseeing that committee shall assume the
responsibility of chairing that committee until a new chairman can be
appointed.

IV. Chapter Structure
A. Chapters shall be allowed to organize themselves as they see fit, including
adoption of a Chapter Executive Committee and Chapter Rules. This
organization shall be wholly subordinate to, superseded by, and in
accordance with the Lodge Rules, the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the
B. The following chapters shall be designated as follows:
   1. Nischamawat Chapter (Arrowhead District)
   2. Nunne Hi Chapter (Vulcan District)
   3. Cheaha Chapter (Cheaha District)
   4. Cherokee Chapter (Cherokee District)
   5. Achunanchi Chapter (Choccolocco District)
   6. Etowah Chapter (Etowah District)
   7. Koasati Chapter (Mountain Lake District)
   8. Okhatim Manteu Chapter (Mulberry District)
   9. Sequoyah Chapter (Sequoyah District)
10. Muscogee Chapter (Shelby District)
11. Kaskanampo Chapter (Talakto District)
12. Nacha Sipo Chapter (Three Rivers District)
Lodge Rules, Addendum 2 – Induction Fees and Incentives
Lodge Rules, Addendum 2
Approved by LEC, 9 December 2018

I. Purpose and Scope
   A. At all times, this addendum shall be recognized as defining the official record of fees and incentives for the Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil inductions held by Coosa Lodge and its leadership for the 2019 program year.
   B. This document shall be considered null and void on January 1, 2020.

II. Ordeal Induction
   A. Registration Fees and Deadlines
      1. The standard Ordeal induction fee shall be $70.
      2. The early-bird Ordeal induction fee shall be $50.
      3. Registration deadlines shall be set by the Lodge Key 3 and published no later than February 1, 2019.
   B. Each Ordeal candidate shall receive the following upon Ordeal completion:
      1. Coosa Lodge pocket flap
      2. Order of the Arrow Handbook
      3. Ordeal Sash
      4. 2019 Dues, paid in full

III. Brotherhood Induction
   A. The cost of Brotherhood induction shall be $18.
   B. New Brotherhood members shall receive a new Brotherhood sash.

IV. Vigil Induction
   A. There shall be no cost for Vigil induction
   B. New Vigil Honor recipients shall receive the following:
      1. Vigil Honor sash
      2. Vigil Honor certificate & membership card
      3. Coosa Lodge Vigil Honor blanket
      4. Ceremonial gifts
      5. Appropriate religious text

Lodge Rules, Addendum 3 - Restricted Insignia
Lodge Rules, Addendum 3
Approved by LEC, 9 December 2018

I. Purpose and Scope
   A. At all times this addendum shall be recognized as defining the official procedure for distribution of restricted insignia.
   B. This document shall be considered null and void on January 1, 2020.
II. General Restricted Insignia
   A. All restricted items shall be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that these items are sold out or otherwise unavailable at any single event, the Lodge shall not be required to issue any sort of “rain check” or otherwise fulfill the missed opportunities to purchase said items.
   B. If restricted items are not available to be sold at the event, but are still (or will be) in lodge inventory, a list of eligible recipients may be provided to the lodge for later opportunity to purchase said items. ALL LISTS EXPIRE after 2 years from the date of the event/service and the opportunity to purchase the restricted item(s) will be lost.
   C. All restricted memorabilia shall be available exclusively to Coosa Lodge arrowmen who are dues-paid and are in good standing with the lodge.

III. Brotherhood Memorabilia
   A. Arrowmen who have obtained Brotherhood status shall be allowed to purchase one (1) Brotherhood neckerchief per year, and one (1) Brotherhood insignia per regular lodge event.

IV. Vigil Memorabilia
   A. Arrowmen who have received the Vigil Honor shall be allowed to purchase one (1) Vigil Honor insignia per year. This insignia may only be made available at the annual Fall Fellowship event.
   B. Arrowmen who have received the Vigil Honor shall be allowed to purchase one (1) Vigil Lodge Flap per event. This lodge flap will be made available at each regular lodge event.
   C. In the event that the Lodge Key 3 or the LEC determines that additional Vigil Honor insignia/item(s) will be made available to Vigil Honor Arrowmen, for special occasion(s), then the Lodge Key 3 will establish a distribution plan for said item(s).
   D. Arrowmen who have received the Vigil Honor shall receive or be allowed to purchase one (1) Vigil Honor blanket per lifetime. This purchase will not count against the one (1) Vigil Honor insignia per year as previously stated. This purchase is a special-purchase item and must be coordinated through the Lodge Key 3.

V. Lodge Service Memorabilia
   A. Arrowmen who participate in lodge service days are eligible to buy one (1) service flap for every four (4) hours of work provided during that day up to two (2) service flaps per day.
   B. Chapters may petition the Lodge Executive Committee to make lodge service flaps available for chapter service events, given the following requirements:
      1. The chapter must obtain documented approval from the Coosa Lodge Key 3 at least one month (30 days) in advance.

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2. The chapter must announce the event at least three weeks (21 days) in advance on the lodge website and/or social media accounts in coordination with the Vice Chief of Communications.
3. A chapter representative must record a log of hours worked to reflect purchase eligibility, and then turn this into the trading post staff.
4. All flap sales should be made through the lodge trading post staff.
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