

LODGE BY-LAWS

KANWA THO LODGE – ORDER OF THE ARROW

THREE HARBORS COUNCIL 636 – BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Article I. Name and Affiliation

Section 1.01 Name:

- (a) This Order of the Arrow Lodge shall be known as Kanwa tho (meaning “Panther Band”), a tribal division of the Potawatomi of the Prairie headquartered in Milwaukee.

Section 1.02 Affiliation:

- (a) The Lodge will be affiliated with the Three Harbors Council No. 636, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.

Section 1.03 Mission:

- (a) The mission of this lodge is to fulfill the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Section 1.04 Chapters:

- (a) There will be four Chapters in the Lodge, each corresponding with two of the districts within Three Harbors Council. The chapters will be renamed by a future amendment. The chapters are as follows: Fox River-Root River chapter, Gateway-Lighthouse chapter, Heart of Milwaukee-Polaris chapter and Iron Horse-Southshore chapter.

Article II. Election and Induction of Membership

Section 2.01 Membership Requirements:

- (a) The requirements for membership in this lodge are as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.
- (b) Members can remain in good standing with the Lodge by paying dues on an annual basis.

Section 2.02 Induction Procedure

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

Article III. Lodge Executive Committee

Section 3.01 Lodge Officers

- (a) The officers of the Lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, the Vice Chief of Chapters, the Vice Chief of Administration, the Vice Chief of Program, the Lodge Secretary, and the Lodge Financial Officer.
- (b) The Lodge Chief, the Vice Chief of Chapters, the Vice Chief of Administration, and the Vice Chief of Program are elected positions. The Lodge Secretary and Lodge Financial Officer are appointed by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.
- (c) The order of succession for the Lodge officers is the Lodge Chief, then the Vice Chief of Administration, then the Vice Chief of Program, then the Vice Chief of Chapters, then the Lodge Financial Officer, then the Lodge Secretary.

Section 3.02 Officer Election Procedure

- (a) The Lodge Chief, the Vice Chief of Chapters, the Vice Chief of Administration, and the Vice Chief of Program shall be elected at the Lodge's Fall Conclave.
- (b) Elected officers are chosen by popular vote amongst members under 21 years of age. Candidates receiving a simple majority of the votes will be elected.
- (c) Elected and appointed officers are installed at the annual Lodge Leadership Development conference, which takes place in the Fall after the Fall Conclave. Officers are granted full power and responsibility on November 1st. (The Lodge's administrative and fiscal years are the 12-month periods ending on October 31st and December 31st, respectively.)

Section 3.03 Age Qualifications

- (a) All elected positions must be under 21 years of age for the duration of their term. All appointed positions must be under 21 at time of their appointment, and can no longer serve as members of the executive committee as of the day of their 21st birthday.

Section 3.04 Executive Committee

- (a) The Lodge Executive Committee will be composed of the Lodge officers, the Immediate Past Lodge Chief, the Chapter Chiefs and the following Committee Chairmen. Chairmen reporting to the Vice Chief of Administration:

Communications
Historian
Membership
Recognition
Unit Relations

Chairmen reporting to the Vice Chief of Program:

Activities/Service
Ceremonies & Dance Team
Inductions
Section, National and Region Events (SNARE)
Training

- (b) The Vice Chief of Chapters oversees the four Chapter Chiefs. Each chapter will elect their own chief by simple majority vote. If no member of the chapter runs for election, the Lodge Chief may appoint a Chapter Chief at a later time with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.

Article IV. Amendments

Section 4.01 Amendment Process

- (a) These rules shall be subject to amendment at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Executive Committee for at least 30 days prior to its approval by a two-thirds majority vote at an Executive Committee meeting at least 30 days prior to the Lodge meeting. All active members must be notified of the proposed amendment at least 10 days prior to the Lodge meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present and under age 21 shall be required to approve any change.