

NA TSI HI LODGE RULES OF OPERATION

(as amended September 28, 2008)

I. NAME AND AFFILIATION OF LODGE

- A. The name of this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be the Na Tsi Hi Lodge (meaning “In the Pines”).
- B. The Lodge shall be affiliated with Monmouth Council, B.S.A. and shall be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.
- C. The totem of this Lodge shall be Three Pines.
- D. The standard colors of this Lodge shall be Yellow and Green.
 - 1. Each member shall be entitled to purchase one (1) Lodge neckerchief, not to be traded or re-sold.
 - 2. Sashes shall be worn only at Order of the Arrow functions.

II. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

- A. Requirements for membership shall be as required in the current Order of the Arrow Handbook.
- B. To become a member of this Lodge, a scout or scouter must pass the Ordeal and participate in the Ordeal ceremony, as prescribed in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.
- C. All elections must clear through the Unit Relations Committee of the Lodge.
- D. All elections shall be held once a year in chartered units, and shall be under the direction of the unit leader and a member of the Order of the Arrow. Elections shall be held from the first day of January until the last day of March.

III. OFFICERS

- A. The officers of this lodge shall be Lodge Chief, two Vice-Chiefs, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. The lodge officers shall be elected at the Spring Pow Wow. The term of office shall be from June 1 – May 31. All officers of the lodge must be under 21 years old for their entire term of office.
- C. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the 5 elected officers, Past Lodge Chief, Operating Committee Chairmen, Lodge Adviser, Member of Camping Committee, Scout Executive, and Staff Adviser.
- D. The Lodge Adviser shall be appointed by the Scout Executive in consultation with the Camping Chairman.
- E. The Lodge Chief shall appoint such Operating Committee Chairmen as may be required, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- F. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the 5 elected officers, the Chairmen of the Operating Committees, the Lodge Adviser, and the Staff Adviser.
- G. An opportunity shall be afforded for nominations from the floor at the election.
- H. In the event that an elected officer is unable to fulfill his term of office, his position shall be filled by an appointee of the Lodge Executive Committee, who will serve in the interim until elections can be held at the next general business meeting.

IV. MEETINGS

- A. General meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Spring Fellowship Weekend, the Spring Pow Wow, the Fall Pow Wow, and the Family Banquet.
- B. The Executive Committee shall hold a meeting every month, with the exception of June and July.
- C. Special meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Lodge may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Scout Executive or by the Scout Executive, or his designee.
- D. Members of the Order of the Arrow 21 years or older have no vote in any decisions of the lodge.

V. DUES AND FINANCIAL POLICY

- A. Dues shall be paid in the amount set by the Executive Board at their September meeting. Members who do not pay their dues by February 28th shall be deprived of all privileges.
- B. There shall be an induction fee, payable at the time of induction, in the sum determined by the Lodge Executive Committee. For this, the member shall receive the sash, membership card, Handbook, and lodge flap.
- C. New member's dues are included in their induction fee.
- D. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council office and go through all normal accounting procedures used by the Council.
- E. Inactive members may be restored to active status by paying back dues for one year and current dues.
- F. An Arrowman transferring into the lodge who holds a current membership in his former lodge shall pay the current year's dues only. Other transfers shall pay one year's back dues and current dues.

VI. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

- A. Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

VII. VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

VIII. FOUNDER'S AWARD

- A. Founder's Award recipients shall be chosen annually by mutual agreement of the Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Staff Adviser (Key 3).

IX. AMENDMENTS

- A. With due notification.
- B. These rules shall be subject to amendment at any regular or special meeting of this Lodge provided such amendment has been submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least one month prior to such meeting and that due notice has been sent to all active members at least 10 days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required.