



T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge Rules

Article I. The Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

Section I.1 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.

Article II. Mission

Section II.1 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.

Section II.2 The mission of this lodge is to achieve the purposes 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.3 The lodge shall be governed by policy statements as published by the national Order of the Arrow committee, the Constitution and Bylaws of the council, and these Lodge Rules. The lodge shall be guided by the most current printings of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*, *Guide to Inductions*, *Lodge Finance Manual*, and *Field Operations Guide*.

Article III. Name and Affiliation of the Lodge

Section III.1 The lodge shall be known as: T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge No. 502, Chief Seattle Council No. 609, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of the Scout executive.

Article IV. Election to Membership

Section IV.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 Advisers*.

Article V. Officers

Section V.1 The officers of this lodge shall be lodge chief, lodge secretary, lodge treasurer, lodge activities vice chief, lodge inductions vice chief, and lodge service vice chief. These elected officers must be members in good standing with the lodge and younger than 21 during their entire term of office.

Section V.2 The term of office for all lodge officers shall be from July 1 until the following June 30.

Section V.3 The yell of the lodge shall be "Hyas Kloshe, Okok, T'Kope Kwiskwis", which means "How mighty is the Silver Marmot" in Chinook Jargon.

Section V.4 The yell of the lodge shall only be instigated by the lodge chief or their designee with "Aha."



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Article VI. Election, Vacancy, and Removal of Officers

- Section VI.1 Arrowmen wishing to run for lodge chief must submit a plan book to the lodge adviser for review by 8:00 PM of the night before the election. The plan book must include their goals for the upcoming year and commentary about how they would like to see the programs of the lodge run.
- Section VI.2 The date of the election of lodge officers must be announced at least two (2) lodge executive committee meetings in advance of the election.
- Section VI.3 At the election of the lodge officers, a majority of the chapters must be present. No less than twenty (20) youth members in good standing with the lodge must also be present at the election.
- Section VI.4 Any youth member in good standing with the lodge present at the election may vote for lodge officer candidates.
- Section VI.5 A successful candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by the youth members at the election.
- Section VI.6 The lodge chief must resign any non-unit position within the BSA before the beginning of their term of office unless approved by the lodge key three as established in Article VIII, Section VIII.1. If required, the previous past lodge chief would take their place in the lodge key three.
- Section VI.7 Any lodge officer may be removed, and their office declared vacant by a vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the voting members of the lodge executive committee as established in Article VIII, Section VII.6. A youth in good standing with the lodge may propose a vote of no confidence in a lodge officer to their adviser, who will then bring it to the lodge advisor. The lodge adviser will then present the proposal to the lodge executive committee. The written secret ballots shall be counted by the lodge adviser and lodge staff adviser.
- Section VI.8 In the event the office of the lodge chief is vacated, the office shall be filled in the order listed in Section V.1, starting with the lodge secretary, who shall assume their duties until a replacement is elected.
- Section VI.9 Lodge officer vacancies, except for that of the lodge chief (See Section VI.8), shall be filled by the lodge chief, with the approval of the lodge adviser and lodge staff adviser. The appointee shall take immediate office until they can be confirmed by a simple majority of the lodge executive committee.

Article VII. Advisers

- Section VII.1 The lodge shall have a lodge adviser who is an adult member in good standing with the lodge. The lodge adviser shall be appointed by the Scout executive.
- Section VII.2 The lodge shall have a lodge staff adviser who is a member of the council's professional staff. The lodge staff adviser shall be appointed by the Scout executive.
- Section VII.3 Every lodge officer shall have an adult member in good standing with the lodge for an adviser. These advisers shall be appointed by the lodge adviser with the approval of the lodge staff adviser.



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Article VIII. Lodge Executive Committee

- Section VIII.1 The lodge chief, lodge adviser, and lodge staff adviser are the lodge key three. The lodge key three, in addition to the Scout executive, have the final say on all matters of lodge business and activities.
- Section VIII.2 The lodge executive committee shall be composed of the elected lodge officers, immediate past lodge chief, chapter chiefs, lodge operating committee chairmen, lodge adviser, associate lodge advisers, council camping chair, chapter advisers, Scout executive, and lodge staff adviser.
- Section VIII.3 The lodge chief, or in their absence, the lodge secretary, shall preside at all meetings of the lodge.
- Section VIII.4 All lodge executive committee meetings shall open with the Order of the Arrow Obligation and close with the Order of the Arrow song.
- Section VIII.5 Business at lodge executive committee meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner.
- Section VIII.6 Voting members of the lodge executive committee shall be the lodge officers and chapter chiefs, or in their absence, their designee. The lodge chief shall only vote on matters of lodge business if it is necessary for them to break a tie.
- Section VIII.7 A majority of the voting members of the lodge executive committee shall constitute a quorum, and only youth lodge executive committee members in good standing with the lodge may vote on items of lodge business.
- Section VIII.8 Lodge executive committee meetings shall be called by the lodge chief, lodge adviser, lodge staff adviser, or Scout executive as needed.
- Section VIII.9 Lodge events shall be scheduled, planned, and carried out by the lodge executive committee. Lodge events shall be reported on at lodge executive committee meetings.
- Section VIII.10 Lodge executive committee meetings are open to all Order of the Arrow members.
- Section VIII.11 At the first lodge executive committee meeting of the lodge year, the lodge executive committee shall set comprehensive goals regarding the Performance Measurement Program (PMP) and Service awards for the upcoming year to ensure that the lodge achieves at a minimum Thriving Lodge performance.

Article IX. Committees

- Section IX.1 The committees of the lodge shall include the Ceremonies Committee, Public Relations Committee, Brotherhood Committee, Vigil Honor Selection Committee, and other committees as the lodge chief sees fit.
- Section IX.2 Committees shall be led by a committee chairman who is (1) a youth, (2) a member in good standing with the lodge, and (3) appointed by the lodge chief.
- Section IX.3 Committee chairmen shall be advised by an adult committee adviser that is appointed by the lodge adviser.
- Section IX.4 The lodge chief may remove or replace committee chairmen or committee members for good cause at any time.
- Section IX.5 The lodge chief shall be an ex officio member of all operating committees except the (1) Vigil Honor Selection Committee if the lodge chief is eligible for the Vigil Honor, and (2) the Founder's Award Committee if they have not received the Founder's Award.



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Article X.

Chapters

- Section X.1 The lodge shall be divided into chapters that correspond with the districts in the council.
- Section X.2 If a chapter fails to meet standards of performance and activity, the lodge key three may dissolve the chapter and include the Arrowmen from that locality in a neighboring chapter.
- Section X.3 The chapters shall adopt Northwest Coast Indian names and totems.
- Section X.4 Each chapter shall have a chapter chief and chapter adviser, and any other officers and advisers as deemed appropriate by using the current lodge organization chart.
- Section X.5 All chapter officers shall be youth members in good standing with the lodge for the duration of their terms.
- Section X.6 To ensure quality programs and continuation of the Order, the lodge shall strive to be high performing according to the national organization's Performance Measurement Program (PMP). Chapters will, in turn, contribute to the lodge's effort to be high performing.

Article XI.

Newsletter

- Section XI.1 The newsletter of the lodge shall be the "Marmot's Whistle."
- Section XI.2 The newsletter shall be published at least quarterly for the information and inspiration of members, and to further the program of the lodge.

Article XII.

Finances

- Section XII.1 Chief Seattle Council Commissioned Staff and Camp Directors/Camp Rangers, who are Arrowmen, will have their annual dues paid by the lodge during their tenure.

Article XIII.

Service

- Section XIII.1 The lodge shall provide some type of yearly service to the council. The minimum value of the materials for this service will be determined by the Performance Measurement Program requirement.
- Section XIII.2 The lodge will provide volunteer staff for each weekend of winter camp at Camp Sheppard as designated by the lodge executive committee.
- Section XIII.3 The lodge executive committee shall determine which chapters are to provide winter camp staff for the designated winter camp weekends.

Article XIV.

Ceremonies

- Section XIV.1 The Lodge respects and adopts for study and ceremonial use the language, costumes, regalia, dances, and customs of the Northwest Coast Indians.
- Section XIV.2 Arrowmen wearing or displaying regalia while representing the Boy Scouts of America shall wear their ceremonial uniform. When appropriate, they will wear their Order of the Arrow sash.
- Section XIV.3 All lodge regalia should be in accordance with the Lodge Regalia Policy as detailed in the Regalia Rules and Guidelines handbook.

Article XV.

Ordeal

- Section XV.1 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*.



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- Section XV.2 Each chapter chief shall ensure that an election of candidates for the Order of the Arrow is held in every eligible unit in their chapter that desires an election. Youth Arrowmen in good standing with the lodge, trained in proper procedures, shall conduct unit elections. Elections shall be conducted after the annual lodge unit elections training and before the April lodge executive committee meeting each lodge year.
- Section XV.3 A candidate is only eligible to attend Ordeals within one year of election in accordance with the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.
- Section XV.4 Successful candidates to the Order of the Arrow shall receive a membership card, Ordeal sash, lodge pocket flap, *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, and T'Kope Kwiskwis New Member Pamphlet.

Article XVI. Brotherhood Membership

- Section XVI.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 Advisers*.
- Section XVI.2 Successful Brotherhood candidates shall receive a membership card and Brotherhood sash.
- Section XVI.3 Fees for Brotherhood membership shall be included in the Ordeal fees.

Article XVII. Vigil Honor

- Section XVII.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 Advisers*.
- Section XVII.2 Successful Vigil Honor candidates shall receive a membership card and Vigil Honor sash.
- Section XVII.3 No fees shall be levied against Vigil Honor candidates for their Vigil Honor ceremony.

Article XVIII. Insignia

- Section XVIII.1 The totem of the lodge shall be the Silver Marmot.
- Section XVIII.2 As a traditional recognition of the position of lodge chief, a beaded sash will be used to install each new lodge chief. Beaded sashes for lodge chiefs are the property of the lodge and no other lodge member may use or wear a beaded sash.
- Section XVIII.3 The design of all lodge pocket flaps shall be selected after a lodge-wide competition lasting at least two (2) months. The competition shall only be held when the lodge officer committee deems it necessary.
- Section XVIII.4 Adult members in good standing with the lodge may propose lodge pocket flaps, but only youth members in good standing with the lodge may submit and speak on behalf of proposed lodge pocket flaps.
- Section XVIII.5 Insignia of the lodge shall be worn by dues paid members only.
- Section XVIII.6 The mascot of the lodge shall be "Perry the Marmot", a marmot stuffed toy.

Article XIX. Amendments

- Section XIX.1 Any changes or amendments to these rules must be proposed at a meeting of the lodge executive committee at least one month prior to voting on the amendment. Final passage of any changes or amendments to these rules must secure the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the lodge executive committee.



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- Section XIX.2 Any decision by the national Order of the Arrow committee or directives issued by the national OA director that would alter or contradict any part of this body of rules shall be immediately and automatically incorporated herein.
- Section XIX.3 The lodge shall update and maintain a log of changes to the rules.



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Enabling Clause

These Lodge Rules, as amended upon May 3rd, 2023, passed by the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee on May 3rd, 2023 and designed to become effective May 3rd, 2023, supersede any and all previous Lodge Rules.