



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 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.

Section III.2

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 III.3

The yell of the lodge shall only be instigated by the lodge chief or his designee with "Aha."

Section III.4

The mascot of the lodge shall be Perry the Marmot.

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



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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 lodge chief, lodge adviser, and lodge staff adviser make up the lodge key three. The lodge key three in addition to the Scout executive have the final say on any and all matters of lodge business and events.
- Section V.3 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 property of the lodge and other than the lodge chief; no other lodge member may use or wear a beaded sash.
- Section V.4 The term of office for all lodge officers shall be from July 1 until the following June 30.
- Section V.5 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. With sufficient reason, a youth may bring up a vote of no confidence to their adviser, who would then bring it to the lodge advisor who would then propose it to the lodge executive committee. The ballot shall be written and kept secret. The ballots shall be counted by the lodge adviser and lodge staff adviser.
- Section V.6 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 V.7 Vacancies of lodge officers, with the exception of the lodge chief, shall be appointed by the lodge chief, with the approval of the lodge adviser and lodge staff adviser. Such nominee shall take immediate office until they can be confirmed by a simple majority of the LEC.

Article VI. Election of officers

- Section VI.1 Arrowmen wishing to run for lodge chief must submit a planbook to the lodge adviser for review by 8:00 PM of the night before the election. The planbook 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 for Lodge officers must be announced at least two Lodge executive committee meetings in advance of the election.
- Section VI.3 Any youth member present at the election may vote for lodge officer candidates. A successful candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by youth members at the election.
- Section VI.4 At the election of the lodge officers, a majority of the chapters must be present. Also, no less than twenty (20) active youth members must be present at the election.
- Section VI.5 The lodge chief must resign any non-unit position within the BSA before the beginning of his term of office, unless approved by the lodge key three as established in Article V, Section 4. If required, the previous past lodge chief would take their place in the lodge key three.

Article VII. Advisers

- Section VII.1 The lodge shall have a lodge adviser who shall be an active adult member. 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.



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Section VII.3

Every lodge officer shall have an active adult member for an adviser. These advisers shall be appointed by the lodge adviser with the approval of the lodge staff adviser.

Article VIII.

Committees

Section VIII.1

The lodge chief shall create committees for established purposes as they see fit.

Section VIII.2

The lodge chief may appoint an active member as chairman for a committee. The lodge chief may remove or replace chairmen or members of the committees for good cause at any time.

Section VIII.3

The lodge chief shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees, except the Vigil Honor selection committee (if they are eligible for the Vigil Honor) and the Founder's Award committee if they have not received the Founder's Award.

Article IX.

Chapters

Section IX.1

The lodge shall be divided into chapters that correspond with the districts in the council.

Section IX.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 IX.3

The chapters shall adopt Northwest Coast Indian names and totems.

Section IX.4

Each chapter shall have a chapter chief and chapter adviser, and any other officers and advisers as deemed appropriate by using the lodge organization chart.

Section IX.5

All chapter officers shall be active youth members (as per sections IV.1 and Section 2.03) for the duration of their terms.

Section IX.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 X.

Service

Section X.1

Since the lodge is affiliated with the council, the lodge shall provide some type of yearly service to the council. The minimum value of materials for this service will be determined by the Performance Measurement Program requirements published by the national office each year.

Section X.2

The lodge will provide staff for each weekend of winter camp at Camp Sheppard as designated by the lodge executive committee.

Section X.3

The lodge executive committee shall determine which chapters are to provide winter camp staff for the designated winter camp weekends.

Article XI.

Lodge Executive Committee

Section XI.1

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 XI.2

The lodge chief, or in their absence, the lodge secretary, shall preside at all meetings of the lodge.



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- Section XI.3 All lodge executive committee meetings shall open with the Order of the Arrow Obligation and close with the Order of the Arrow song.
- Section XI.4 Business at lodge executive committee meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner.
- Section XI.5 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 XI.6 A majority of the voting members of the lodge executive committee shall constitute a quorum, and only active youth lodge executive committee members may vote on items of the lodge business.
- Section XI.7 Lodge executive committee meetings shall be called by the lodge chief, lodge adviser, lodge staff adviser or Scout executive as needed.
- Section XI.8 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 XI.9 Lodge executive committee meetings are open to all Order of the Arrow members.
- Section XI.10 At the first lodge executive committee meeting of the lodge year, the lodge executive committee shall set comprehensive goals regarding the Performance Measurement Program and Service awards for the upcoming year to ensure that the lodge achieves at minimum Thriving Lodge performance.

Article XII. Ceremonies

- Section XII.1 The Lodge respects and adopts for study and ceremonial use the language, costumes, regalia, dances, and customs of the Northwest Coast Indians.
- Section XII.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 XII.3 All lodge regalia should be in accordance with the Lodge Regalia Policy as detailed in the Regalia Rules and Guidelines handbook.

Article XIII. Finances

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

Article XIV. Ordeal

- Section XIV.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*.
- Section XIV.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 one. Active youth Arrowmen, 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 XIV.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*.



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Section XIV.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 XV. Brotherhood Membership

Section XV.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 XV.2 Successful candidates to the Brotherhood shall receive a membership card, and Brotherhood sash.

Section XV.3 Fees for Brotherhood membership shall be included in the Ordeal fees.

Article XVI. Vigil Honor

Section XVI.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 XVI.2 Successful candidates to the Vigil Honor shall receive a membership card and Vigil Honor sash.

Section XVI.3 No fees shall be levied against Vigil Honor candidates for their Vigil Honor ceremony.

Article XVII. Insignia

Section XVII.1 The totem of the lodge shall be the Silver Marmot.

Section XVII.2 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 needed.

Section XVII.3 Active adult members may draw proposed lodge pocket flaps, but only active youth members may submit and speak on behalf of proposed lodge pocket flaps.

Section XVII.4 Insignia of the lodge shall be worn by dues paid members only.

Article XVIII. Newsletter

Section XVIII.1 The newsletter of the lodge shall be the "Marmot's Whistle."

Section XVIII.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 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.

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 acted upon February 3rd, 2021, passed by the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee on March 3rd, 2021 and designed to become effective March 3rd, 2021, superseding any and all previous rules.