

KANSA LODGE
No. 198
ORDER OF THE ARROW

LODGE RULES
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Section I. MISSION OF THE LODGE

1. It is the mission of our lodge to achieve the purpose 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. NAME AND AFFILIATION OF THE LODGE

1. The name of the lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be the Kansa Lodge W.W.W.
2. The Lodge shall be affiliated with Quivira Council, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and administrative authority of its Scout executive.
3. The totem of this lodge shall be that of the Phantom Buffalo on a Black Diamond.
4. This lodge shall be divided into chapters which shall, in general, conform to the council district lines. Each chapter shall come under the supervision of the related district committee(s) and the district Scout executive(s).

Section III. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

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*.
2. Procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and *Administration Guide for the Ordeal*.
3. All elections must be cleared through the lodge elections committee.

Section IV OFFICERS

1. The elected officers of this Lodge shall be lodge chief, two lodge vice-chiefs, lodge vice-chief of inductions, lodge secretary and lodge treasurer. These elected officers must be under 21 years of age for the entire term of office.
2. The appointed officers of this lodge shall be lodge historian, lodge training committee chairman, lodge service committee chairman, lodge vigil honor committee chairman, lodge ceremonies committee chairman, lodge membership committee chairman and lodge elections committee chairman. These appointed officers must be under 21 years of age for the entire term of office.
3. The officers of each chapter shall be chapter chief, chapter vice-chiefs and chapter secretary. These are elected officers and must be under 21 years of age for the entire term of office.
4. Lodge officers shall be elected at the Fall Fellowship. The term of office for all officers, chapter and lodge, shall be from January 1 through December 31, and they shall be installed at the annual lodge dinner.
5. The executive committee shall be composed of the elected lodge officers, immediate past lodge chief, lodge operating committee chairmen, lodge advisers, member of the council camping committee, such members at large as are desirable, chapter chiefs and chapter advisers, Scout executive and lodge staff adviser.
6. The lodge adviser and chapter advisers shall be appointed by the Scout executive in consultation with the related district camping chairmen.
- 7.. Committee chairmen are appointed by the lodge chief with the approval of the lodge adviser.

8. Adult advisers are appointed to each operating committee by the lodge adviser in consultation with the lodge chief and approved by the Scout executive or lodge staff adviser.
9. The lodge chief shall appoint such ad hoc committees as may be required from time to time with the approval of the lodge executive committee. All chairmen must be under 21 years of age.

Section V. LODGE MEETINGS

1. The Lodge shall schedule lodge events as listed:
 - A. Ordeal and/or service weekends
 - B. Fall Fellowship
 - C. Annual lodge banquet
2. The executive committee of this lodge shall hold at least four meetings a year.
3. A quorum of the voting members of the LEC will be required to conduct business.
4. Special meetings with the executive committee of the lodge may be called by the lodge chief, with the approval of the Scout executive, or by the lodge adviser.
5. Each meeting of this lodge shall be opened with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.
6. Adult Scouters, age 21 or older, do not have a vote in matters of lodge business.

Section VI. DUES

1. There shall be an induction fee for each new Ordeal member, payable at the time of election. This fee covers a packet of material that each candidate will receive at his induction.
2. There shall be an annual membership dues, the amount to be set by the executive committee, which may not be increased more than 100% annually. Dues to the lodge shall be collected annually by the lodge treasurer for immediate deposit with the council office. Dues are due on January 1 and payable no earlier than the preceding Fall Fellowship.
3. In the development of the lodge annual budget, funds will be made available for chapter mailings, activities and service projects. Chapters must gain approval from the lodge treasurer and lodge financial adviser before incurring expenses. All approved bills will be paid by the council office.
4. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the council office and go through all normal accounting procedures used by the council.
5. Inactive members may be restored to active status by paying the current year's dues and a reinstatement fee equivalent to the current dues.

Section VII. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

1. Completion of the 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 VIII. THE VIGIL HONOR

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 IX. AMENDMENTS

1. 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, that due notice has been sent to all active members at least 10 days prior to such a meeting and that they do not conflict in any way with national policy. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required.