

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 1<sup>st</sup>. (The Lodge's administrative and fiscal years are the 12-month periods ending on October 31<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Kanwa tho Lodge 636**  
**Bylaw Amendment 2013-01 Proposal**  
8-26-13

**Amendment to the Bylaws by the Lodge Executive Committee to split the  
Activities and Service Committee into separate Committees.**

Whereas, The Activites portion of work and effort of the combined committee is substantial enough to serve as its own committee; and

Whereas, The Service portion of the work and effort of the combined committee is substantial enough to serve as its own committee; and

Whereas, It would be to the benefit of the functionality of the Lodge Executive Committee that this conjoined committee become separated; and

Now therefore, this proposal will be presented to the Lodge Executive Committee at the 2013 October Meeting and pending a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote, will be presented to the Lodge at the 2014 Winter Banquet, and will become adopted immediately pending a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote by all present Lodge youth members at the Winter Banquet.

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By: Lodge Chief Tyler Waiss



Attest: Lodge Secretary Dylan Jensen



**Kanwa tho Lodge 636**  
**Bylaw Amendment 2013-02 Proposal**  
9-07-2013

**Amendment to the Bylaws by the Lodge Executive Committee to permanently discontinue the Unit Relations/Elections/Camp Promotions Committee from the Lodge Executive Committee.**

Whereas, the Unit Relations committee served its purpose when Unit Relations, Election, and Camp Promotion were held at the Lodge level; and

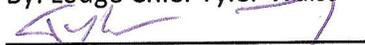
Whereas, the work that this committee does will be pushed down to the chapter level where the Chapter Chief and his committee will uphold all the tasks that this Unit Relations Committee was to perform; and

Whereas, the Chapter Chiefs report their progress of unit relations, election scheduling, and camp promotion visits to the Vice Chief of Chapters; and

Whereas continuing this committee on the Lodge level would be unnecessary because of the redundancies between the committee and the work that the Chapter Chiefs and the Vice Chief of Chapters are to be doing; and

Now therefore, this proposal will be presented to the Lodge Executive Committee at the 2013 October Meeting and pending a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote, will be presented to the Lodge at the 2014 Winter Banquet, and will become adopted immediately pending a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote by all present Lodge youth members at the Winter Banquet.

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## **Bylaw Amendment 2019-01**

### **Amendment to the Bylaws by the Lodge Executive Committee to Restructure the Chapters of the Lodge**

#### **Pre-Vote Timeline**

Proposed to the lodge executive committee August 18, 2019

Voted on by the lodge executive committee December 1, 2019

So Moved: Daniel Dyer, Vice Chief of Program

Second: Mark Greaves, Communications Chair/Recognition Chair

Discussion: Discussion was had on some minor wording altered for clarity from the original wording proposed in August. Wording was only altered to improve clarity.

Motion: Passed via hand vote, 6 yes/1 no

Proposed to the general lodge membership via email on December 4, 2019.

#### **The Words of the Amendment**

Such that Three Harbors Council has undergone redistricting, we propose that the four chapters in the lodge are disbanded; and

There will be three chapters in the lodge, each corresponding with one of the three traditional districts within Three Harbors Council\*. Names of the chapters will be determined by each chapter and noted in the operating procedures of the lodge.

\*Scouts in the Scoutreach program will attend chapter events based on their geographical region.

Submitted by Lodge Chief Nolan Tremelling

Attest: Lodge Secretary Josiah Reinholz

#### **Amendment Adoption**

The amendment was voted upon by the youth lodge members present at the annual winter banquet on January 4, 2020 at 6:20 p.m.

So Moved: Kyle Waiss, Activities Chair

Second: Daniel Dyer, Vice Chief of Program

Discussion: None

Motion: Passed via voice vote at 6:23 p.m.