

These proposed Bylaw Amendments were approved by the LEC on 12/02/2023 and are to be reviewed and voted on by the General Membership of the Lodge at our Winter Banquet, 01/06/2024.

### **Amendment 1**

#### Section III- Additional Article

Proposal: Other than by Sash and any memorabilia sold through the National Scout Store, no member of the Lodge shall be able to have the level of their membership identified by an outside item or article of clothing.

Explanation: This means that our Lodge will nor produce any items that distinguish Honor, and no items not produced and sold by the National Scout Store that distinguish honor are to be worn on the uniform.

### **Amendment 2**

#### Section IV- Title

Current: Officers

Proposed Amendment: Officers and Advisors

Explanation: Updates the Bylaw Section to to include rules regarding Advisors

### **Amendment 3**

#### Section IV, Article A- Additional Clause

Proposal: No Lodge Officer shall hold any other position in the Lodge, elected or otherwise, for the duration of their term. If an Officer holds a position prior to their election, they must step down from that position upon their election and find a suitable replacement with the approval of the Lodge Chief.

Explanation: Restricts Lodge Officers from holding other positions during their term.

### **Amendment 4**

#### Section IV, Article B

Current: The officers of each Chapter shall be the Chapter Chief and any Vice Chiefs they decide to appoint. Vice Chapter Chiefs shall report directly to the Chapter Chief.

Proposed Amendment: The officers of each Chapter shall be the Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice Chief and Chapter Secretary, to be elected by their respective Chapter members at the Fall Fellowship of Our Lodge. Vice Chapter Chiefs and Chapter Secretaries shall report directly to the Chapter Chief.

Explanation: Vice Chapter Chiefs will be elected, each chapter will also elect a Secretary

## **Amendment 5**

### Section IV, Article C

Current: Lodge and Chapter Officers will be elected at Lodge Fall Fellowship. The Chapters will meet and vote for their officers sometime after the Lodge officer elections, but before the Winter Banquet. The term of the Lodge and Chapter officers shall be one year. The officers will be installed at the Lodge Fall Fellowship.

Proposed Amendment: Lodge and Chapter Officers will be elected at Lodge Fall Fellowship. The Chapters will meet and vote for their officers following the Lodge officer elections. The term of the Lodge and Chapter officers shall be one year, beginning on the Monday following Fall Fellowship and ending the Sunday of the next year's Fall Fellowship.

Explanation: Changes the term date for Lodge officers, creating a "Lame Duck" period for the previous Officers to finish running Fall Fellowship.

## **Amendment 6**

### Article IV, Section G

Current: If a Lodge Officer is found unfit for office or cannot complete their duties, the Lodge Chief shall appoint another LEC member to take their place with the approval of the LEC. If a Chapter officer is found unfit for office or cannot complete their duties, the Lodge Chief shall appoint another Lodge member in their place with the approval of the LEC. If the Lodge Chief is found unfit for office or cannot complete their duties, the Vice Chief of Program shall take their place with approval from the LEC. If the Lodge Chief cannot complete their duties they may recommend a replacement with approval from the LEC.

Proposed Amendment: If a Lodge Officer is found unable to complete their duties, the Lodge Chief shall appoint another eligible LEC member to take their place with the approval of the LEC. If a Chapter officer is found unable to complete their duties, the Lodge Chief shall appoint another eligible Lodge member in their place with the approval of the LEC. If the Lodge Chief cannot complete their duties they may recommend a replacement with approval from the LEC. If a Committee Chair is found unable to complete their duties, the Lodge Chief shall appoint a member of the Lodge to take their place with the approval of the LEC.

Explanation: Allows for Committee Chairs to be replaced.

### **Amendment 7**

#### Section IV - Additional Article

Proposal: In the event that an elected Lodge Officer or Chapter Officer shall commit gross misconduct inconsistent with the standard of behavior of a member of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow, or fails to perform the duties of their office after receiving warning from their Advisor they shall be subject to removal from office under the discretion of the Lodge Advisor and Supreme Chief of the Fire (Council Scout Executive).

Explanation: Sets standard for removal of a Lodge Officer.

### **Amendment 8**

#### Section IV - Additional Article

Proposal: The Council Scout Executive shall appoint the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser annually in accordance with the "Handbook for Officers and Advisers". All advisers shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

Explanation: Requires that Advisors be at least 21.

### **Amendment 9**

#### Section IV - Additional Article

Proposal: The Lodge Adviser appoints an adult adviser to each Lodge officer and committee chair annually at Fall Fellowship, in consultation with the Lodge Chief and staff adviser. All advisers shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

Explanation: Explains how Advisors are appointed.

## **Amendment 10**

### Section V, Article A

Current: An Election Chairman shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief to run the Lodge officer's election. Each Chapter Chief will appoint an election chairperson for their Chapter as well, with approval of the Lodge Chief.

Proposed Amendment: A temporary Officer Election Chairperson shall be appointed by the Lodge Adviser to run the Lodge officers' election. Each Chapter Advisor shall appoint an election chairperson for their Chapter as well.

Explanation: Creates a position to facilitate the Lodge elections.

## **Amendment 11**

### Section V, Article B

Current: Candidates for Lodge Officer positions must have submitted their name to the election chairmen before the election so the chairman can validate their eligibility to run for office. The candidate must then be nominated by another Lodge member.

Proposed Amendment: Candidates for Lodge Officer positions must have an official petition to run for office, signed by the Lodge Adviser, turned into the Officer Election Chairperson at least 24 hours prior to the Lodge Elections. The candidate must then be nominated by another Lodge member. Another Lodge member is then required to second the nomination.

Explanation: Requires a petition for anyone to run for Lodge Office.

## **Amendment 12**

### Section V, Article E

Current: The Chapter Election Chairman may review the decisions of the Chapter nominations and may recommend reconsideration. The Lodge Chief shall appoint the Chapter Chief if the Chapter fails to elect one.

Proposed Amendment: In the case that a Chapter fails to elect a Chief the Lodge Chief shall appoint one.

Explanation: Removes the ability for the Chapter Election Chairperson to veto the chapter vote.

### **Amendment 13**

#### Section VI, Article C

Current: No written statement from a candidate is required for them to be elected, although the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser retain the option of having a discussion with the candidate before the election to review the candidate's vision for the Lodge and their desired position.

Proposed Amendment: Candidates for elected office must have a signed petition from the Lodge Advisor to be elected, the Lodge Advisor retains the option to require a discussion with the candidate before the election to review the candidate's vision for the Lodge and their desired position. If the candidate fails to attend this discussion, they may not be eligible for the desired position.

Explanation: Requires a petition to run for Lodge Office and gives Lodge Advisor the ability to meet with candidates before the election.

### **Amendment 14**

#### Section VI, Article E

Current: Following each candidate's speech, there will be time for members to ask questions of the candidate, followed by an optional five minute pro-con session after all candidates have left the room, where voting for members of the Lodge can state facts on or voice opinions on each candidate. If needed, there may be a maximum ten-minute discussion on all candidates following the pro-con session.

Proposed Amendment: Following each candidate's speech, there will be time for members to ask questions to the candidate.

Explanation: Removes pro/con session and discussion period.

### **Amendment 15**

Section VI, Article F, Clause B

Current: Have acquired the status of Brotherhood.

Proposed Amendment: Have acquired the status of Brotherhood, or will by the end of the Lodge event in which the current election is taking place.

Explanation: Allows ordeal members that will be completing their Brotherhood the same night to still run for Lodge Office.

### **Amendment 16**

Section VIII, Article A- Additional Clause

Proposal: Elections for candidates for the Vigil honor shall be held no more than three weeks after the Spring Fellowship of our Lodge.

Explanation: Requires that

### **Amendment 17**

Section VIII, Article A- Additional Clause

Proposal: The Vigil Honor selection committee shall be composed of the Vigil Chair, the Vigil Advisor and eight Lodge members selected by the Lodge Chief. The Lodge Chief shall make every effort to ensure equal representation from each chapter when possible. The committee members will be recommended by each respective Chapter Chief and approved by the Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisor, and Supreme Chief of the Fire. It is the responsibility of the Lodge Chief, Lodge Advisor, and Supreme Chief of the Fire to recommend alterations to the committee in the case there are any observed or potential biases in the selection of the committee members. The role of the Vigil Chair and Advisor during the selection process will be as an impartial facilitator, except in the case of a vote, to guide the selection process. They will not voice opinions on the Vigil Honor candidates. No member of the committee shall be eligible for the Vigil Honor. It should be ensured that all BSA Youth Protection Guidelines are being upheld during the selection process.

Explanation: Sets expectations for the Vigil Selection Committee as well as expectations for the role of the Vigil Chair and Advisor.

### **Amendment 18**

#### Section IX, Article A- Additional Clause

Proposal: Lodge Leadership Development

Explanation: Adds LLD to the list of annual events to be put on by the lodge.

### **Amendment 19**

#### Section IX, Article C- Additional Clause

Proposal: A roll will be called after the opening of every Lodge Executive Committee meeting for the presence of youth LEC members. It will then be announced whether or not a quorum has been met, determining whether or not issues may be voted on during that meeting. The results will be recorded in the meeting's minutes.

Explanation: Requires a roll call at the beginning of every LEC meeting to determine a quorum.

### **Amendment 20**

#### Section IX, Article D

Current: One half of the voting membership of the Lodge Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, then the Lodge Executive Committee may not vote on issues.

Proposed Amendment: More than one half of the membership of the Lodge Executive Committee must be present to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, then the Lodge Executive Committee may not vote on issues. All general members of the Lodge may attend Lodge Executive Committee Meetings as observers, they may not vote on any issues presented at any given meeting.

Explanation: Explains the requirements for a quorum as well as removes the ability for general members to vote in an LEC meeting in accordance to the HOA.

### **Amendment 21**

Section IX- Additional Article

Proposal: Accurate minutes are to be taken at every meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee. These minutes shall be made available to the general membership of the Lodge through the Lodge website within one week of the closing of the meeting.

Explanation: Requires minutes at LEC meetings to be taken and made available to the general membership of the Lodge.

**Amendment 22**

Section XIII- Additional Article

Proposal: The current version of the Lodge Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be made available to the General Membership of the Lodge through the Lodge Website. In the case that the Bylaws and/or Standing Rules are amended or changed, the website version must be updated to reflect this within one week.

Explanation: Requires that the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Lodge be made available to the general membership of the Lodge through the website.