

We, the members of Wetassa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, realize the weight of our responsibilities as Scout Scouts and Honor Campers, hereby endorse and verify this, our constitution for the better government of our Lodge, bearing in mind that the purpose of our Order is to promote camping, to support Scouting, and to uphold the ideals as presented to us as a part of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

ARTICLE 1 - LODGE NAME AND AFFILIATION:

- A. The name of this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be the Wetassa Lodge (#227) - W.W.W. Wetassa shall be translated as _____.
- B. The Lodge shall be affiliated with U.S. Grant Council, Boy Scouts of America and shall operate within the sphere of authority of the Council camping and activities committee and the administrative advisement of the Scout Executive.
- C. This Lodge shall be divided into Chapters corresponding to the number and geographical division of the Council districts.
- D. The totem of this Lodge shall be the white bone and the red bead on a rawhide thong.
- E. The Thunderbird shall be the official symbol of this Lodge.

ARTICLE 2 - ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP:

- A. The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as required in THE ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK.
- B. Procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK.
- C. All elections must clear through Election Committees in a manner specified by the Chief of the Lodge, and as outlined in Order of the Arrow literature.

ARTICLE 3 - OFFICERS:

- A. The officers of this Lodge shall be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief, and Lodge Secretary. These elected officers must be under twenty-one years of age when elected to office and shall be elected by procedures outlined in the by-laws.
 1. The Chief of the Lodge shall be the Executive Officer of the Lodge, and shall plan and conduct all Lodge activities. He shall be responsible for the finances, ceremonies, and elections of the Lodge.
 2. The Vice-Chief of the Lodge shall assume the duties of the Chief should the Chief be unable to serve. The Vice-Chief shall also be responsible for the publications of the Lodge.

3. The Lodge Secretary shall be responsible for all of the records of the Lodge and for all of the Lodge supplies.
- B. The Officers of each Chapter of this Lodge shall be Chapter Chief, Vice-chief, and Secretary. These elected officers must be under twenty-one years of age when elected to office.
1. The Chapter Chief shall be responsible to the Lodge Chief for all Order of the Arrow functions in the Chapters. He shall plan and conduct all Chapter activities.
 2. The Vice-Chief shall assist the Chapter Chief in the discharge of his duties, and shall assume those duties in the event of the Chief's disability.
 3. The Chapter Secretary shall be in charge of all mailings and records in the Chapter.
 4. The Chapter shall enter into no financial enterprises nor incur any debts without the permission of the Executive Committee, The Lodge Chief, And the Scout Executive of the U.S. Grant Council.
- C. Lodge Officers shall be elected at the fall meeting of the Lodge. The term of all Chapter and Lodge Officers shall be from the fall meeting of election to the next fall meeting.
- D. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four elected Lodge officers; the four elected Chapter Chiefs; the Chairman of the Vigil Committee; the Lodge Lay Advisor; the Lodge Professional Advisor; the Scout Executive. Non-voting members shall consist of all past Lodge Chiefs and all Vigil Honor members.
- E. The various Lodge and Chapter Lay Advisors shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Lodge.
- F. The Lodge Chief shall appoint such operating committees as may be required from time to time. All chairmen except the Chairman of the Vigil Committee shall be under twenty-one.

ARTICLE 4 - DUES

- A. All dues and purchases shall be certified and handled by the Executive Committee. Their decisions may be appealed at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge, and overridden by a simple majority.
- B. The dues of the Lodge shall be collected by the Lodge Secretary.
- C. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council office and go through all normal accounting procedures used by the Council.
- D. Inactive members may be restored to active status by paying back dues for one year and current dues.
- E. This Lodge shall grant life memberships pursuant with provisions made in the by-laws..

ARTICLE 5 - AMENDMENTS

This constitution 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 and that due notice has been sent to all active members at least ten days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required. No persons, however, shall be entitled to a vote on any issue who is over the age of twenty-one.

ARTICLE 6 - RATIFICATION

For ratification, this constitution shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge.

RATIFIED:

(date)

Chief

Vice-Chief

Secretary

Lay Advisor

Professional Advisor

Scout Executive

THE ORDER OF THE ARROW WETASSA LODGE

PREAMBLE

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1. Lodge Name and Affiliation:

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2. Election to Membership:

- A. The requirements for membership in this Lodge are as required in THE ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK.
- B. Procedure for the ordeal shall be as stated in the Order of The Arrow Handbook.
- C. All elections must clear through Election Committees in a manner specified by the Chief of the Lodge, and as outlined in Order of The Arrow literature.

3. Officers:

- A. The Officers of this Lodge shall be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, and Lodge Secretary. These elected officers must be under twenty-one years of age when elected to office.
 - a. The Chief of the Lodge shall be the Executive Officer of the Lodge, and shall plan and conduct all Lodge activities. He shall be responsible for the finances, ceremonies and elections of the Lodge.
 - b. The Vice Chief of the Lodge shall assume the duties of the Chief should the Chief be unable to serve. The Vice Chief shall also be responsible for the publications of the Lodge.
 - c. The Lodge secretary shall be responsible for all of the non-financial records of the Lodge and for all of the Lodge supplies.

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 - a. The Chapter Chief shall be responsible to the Lodge Chief for all Order of the Arrow functions in the Chapters. He shall plan and conduct all Chapter activities.
 - b. The Vice Chief shall assist the Chapter Chief in the discharge of his duties, and shall assume those duties in the event of the Chief's disability.
 - c. The Chapter Secretary shall be in charge of all mailings and records in the Chapter.
 - d. The Chapter shall enter into no financial enterprises nor incur any debts without the permission of the Lodge Chief and the Scout Executive of the U. S. Grant Council.
 - C. Lodge Officers shall be elected at the fall meeting of the Lodge. The term of all Chapter and Lodge Officers shall be from the fall meeting of election to the next fall meeting.
 - D. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four elected Lodge Officers; the immediate Post Lodge Chief; the Chairman of the Vigil Committee; the Lodge Lay Advisers, and the Lodge Professional Executive Advisor Scout Executive.
 - E. The various Lodge and Chapter Lay Advisers shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief (in the case of the chapter) in consultation with the Lodge Chief and the elected officers of the Chapter and the District Executive of the Chapter involved.
 - F. The Lodge Chief shall appoint such operating committees as may be required from time to time. All chairmen and the Chairmen of the Vigil Committees shall be under twenty-one years of age.
4. Dues:
- A. All dues and purchases shall be certified and handled by the Executive Committee. Their decisions may be appealed at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge, and overridden by a simple majority.
 - B. The dues of the Lodge shall be collected by the Lodge Secretary.
 - C. Funds will be made available for Chapter mailings, activities, and service projects. Chapters must gain approval from the Lodge Chief before incurring expenses.
 - D. All Order of The Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council office and go through all normal accounting procedures used by the Council.
 - E. Inactive members may be restored to action status by paying back dues for one year and the current dues.

5. Their activities 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 and that due notice has been sent to all active members at least ten days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required. No persons, however, shall be entitled to a vote on any issue who is over the age of twenty-one.

THE BY-LAWS OF MELISSA LODGE, W.W.V.

I. ELECTION PROCEDURES IN TROOPS

- A. All boys having the necessary requirements shall be considered nominated, and the voting shall proceed from this.
- B. All elections shall be conducted by the Lodge. If the conditions for election specified by the Lodge are not met, the election is considered void.

II. BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

- A. Any candidate for the Brotherhood must meet the requirements in the Handbook.
- B. Any candidate for the Brotherhood must have attended three of the four Lodge functions during the year, and have this noted on the record kept by the Secretary of the Lodge. (If less than four functions are held, a candidate must attend two of three.)

LII. LODGE FUNCTIONS

- A. This Lodge shall hold at least three functions during any year. Those functions shall be: (1) a spring service project, (2) a fall conclave, (3) and a winter event.
 1. It is recommended that a fourth event- a fall service project- also be hold.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The Standing Committees of this Lodge shall be: (1) costume committee, (2) publications committee, (3) election committee, (4) ceremonies committee, (5) and vigil committee.
- B. The Lodge Chief shall appoint the Chairman of all committees. In the case of the Vigil Committee, the appointment of the Chairman shall be with the advice and consent of the Vigil Committee.
- C. The Lodge Chief may form other committees from time to time.

V. CEREMONIES

- A. The ceremonial teams shall be picked by competitive readings by the chief, or his agent, and two others appointed by the chief or his agent.
- B. The Ordeal ceremony shall be held during every summer camping period.
- C. The Brotherhood ceremony shall be held during the spring service project and the fall conclave.
- D. The Vigil ceremony shall be held when necessary.

VI. SUMMER CAMP

- A. If the Lodge Chief is unable to be in camp for the summer, he may designate a brother as his agent to handle Lodge affairs for that period.

VII. PATCHES AND NECKERCHIEFS

- A. Patches and neckerchiefs are sold only in packets of two flap patches and one neckerchief. The price shall be \$2.50, subject to cost adjustments.

VIII. LODGE HISTORY

- A. A committee shall be formed no later than August 16, 1964 to

research and write a history of Lotass Lodge. This committee shall exist no more than two years. After this time a Lodge historian shall be appointed by the Lodge chief. The historian shall keep a Lodge scrapbook making entries annually on the Lodge activities of that year.

IX

- A. This lodge shall grant lifetime membership to all those desiring such who meet the following requirements:
1. 5 yrs. membership in lodge
 2. Attainment of the Brotherhood
 3. Compliance with the requirements in the handbook.
- B. Amount of lifetime membership shall be \$