

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW (TOTANHAN NAKAHA LODGE # 16)**

### **PLAN OF OPERATION**

**2025**

#### **COMMITTEE PURPOSE:**

As a lodge, embody the mission and vision of the Order of the Arrow as defined by the National Order of the Arrow Committee. Further our impact by contributing to Northern Star Scouting in the following manner:

- Continue to provide avenues for developing youth leadership.
- Leverage the election process to ensure unit visitations and camp promotions are offered to area units.
- Working with the Activities and Civic Service Committee, ensure that service opportunities are provided to area units, as well as concerted efforts to promote environmental stewardship.
- Youth-led Lodge Executive Committee absorbs the responsibility of conducting program and induction functions.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN:**

- Facilitate a youth driven agenda for Lodge Office Committee and Lodge Executive Committee meetings.
- Assist all chapters in conducting chapter-level unit elections through a constellation (zone) framework.
- Ensure that the lodge, constellation, and its constituent chapters have a fully staffed adult volunteer adviser team, and elected youth leadership team.
- Continue to develop opportunities to support the council in terms of programming, training, and financial contribution.
- Develop a defined youth leadership pipeline to ensure that positions are being filled by qualified leaders at all levels of the organization.

#### **SUPPORT OF YOUTH AND UNITS:**

How will the committee and their actions support units?

The lodge will provide opportunities for program and youth development beyond what can be provided in the local unit, ultimately aimed at retaining and engaging older youth members.

Additionally, the lodge will seek to foster a relationship with Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships through the annual election process.

How will the committee and their actions support youth retention and/or new youth recruitment?

Through service and program events at the chapter, constellation, and lodge levels, the lodge will provide accessible opportunities for youth and adult members to enjoy fellowship and provide service to the wider Scouting organization.

Measure of success by the end of the year that demonstrate support of units and youth:

Ensure that each Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew, and Sea Scout Ship is contacted during the annual election process, and ensure a fully staffed youth and adult leadership team at the chapter, constellation, and lodge levels. Northern Star Scouting

### **COUNCIL LEVEL FUNCTION:**

The Totanhan Nakaha Lodge operates under a charter granted by the Boy Scouts of America, and the lodge must reapply annually for its renewal. In addition to operating in accordance with the policies and procedures of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, Totanhan Nakaha Lodge must also operate under the auspices and guidance of the Northern Star Scouting, Boy Scouts of America and the Scout Executive. The Scout Executive is the Supreme Chief of the Fire for the lodge and has the final authority on lodge and Order of the Arrow matters within the council. The Scout Executive has appointed a member of the professional staff to serve as adviser for day-to-day operations. The Lodge Staff Adviser, as Chief of the Fire, acts on behalf of the Scout executive in giving guidance to the lodge.

The leadership of the lodge is consolidated in the Lodge Officer Committee (LOC) and Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). It is made up of Order of the Arrow youth (under 21) elected to lodge officer positions.

### **ESTABLISHED LODGE ANNUAL ACTIVITIES:**

Lodge Leadership Development

Lodge Inductions

Fort Snelling Wreath Clean Up

Lodge Fellowships (Fall and Spring)

Lodge Vigil Induction

### **INTERMITTENT LODGE ACTIVITIES:**

Section G-11 Conclave (Sect.)

Developing Youth Leadership Conference (Nat.)

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)-next conf. 2027

**2025 MEETINGS:**

- Lodge Executive Committee (every month August - June).
- Constellation Meetings (determined at the local level).
- Chapter Meetings (determined at the local level).
- Lodge Adviser Meeting (last Wednesday each month August – June).
- National Council of Chiefs (July 2025)