



WACHTSCHU MAWACHPO LODGE 559



LODGE RULES

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I MISSION

The mission of the lodge is 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.

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II NAME AND AFFILIATION

SECTION A. Name and affiliation of lodge. The lodge shall be known as Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge, Lodge Number 559, Westark Area Council No. 16, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the council camping or Boy Scout committee and the administrative authority of the Scout executive.

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III INSIGNIA

SECTION A. The totem of the lodge shall be that of the White Oak Tree.

SECTION B. Lodge Pocket patches may be purchased, without restriction, by any active member, except that a member may not buy pocket patches of higher honor than his current OA honor. An Order of the Arrow membership card must be presented before any purchase is made.

SECTION C. The standard Lodge neckerchief shall be one approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

1. Each member may purchase only one official lodge neckerchief that is not to be traded or resold. By returning a damaged neckerchief, a member may purchase a new neckerchief.
2. Lodge neckerchiefs may be worn by a lodge member at his option when in uniform.

SECTION D. In order to be eligible to wear the Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge pocket patch and neckerchief, an arrowman must be a registered Scout, or Scouter and an active member of the Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge. If a member fails to pay his dues or he chooses to withdraw his membership, he is not allowed to wear the pocket patch, neckerchief, or sash.



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ARTICLE IV

LODGE DIVISION AND ASSOCIATION

SECTION A. There may be chapters corresponding to the Districts in the Council if deemed necessary by the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) of Wachtschu Mawachpo Lodge. Final approval of any such chapter addition proposed by the LEC is subject to a vote of the lodge membership.
(Changed October 21, 2012)

SECTION B: A chapter may change its name if approved by the LEC. (Changed October 21, 2012)

ARTICLE V

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 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*.

SECTION B. 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*.

SECTION C. Each chapter shall hold its own unit elections, with the Chapter Unit Election Committee in charge. All elections must be cleared through the Unit Elections Committee.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

SECTION A. The officers of the lodge shall be: Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief(s), Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. The number and responsibilities of Vice-Chiefs are to be determined by the Lodge Executive Committee prior to the elections. (Changed 08/17/14)

SECTION B. The officers of each chapter shall be: Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice-Chief(s), and any other positions needed as determined by the chapter. (Changed 08/17/14)

SECTION C. The term of lodge officers shall be September 1 through August 31. The length of chapter officer terms is to be decided at the discretion of the chapter. (Changed 09/04/15)



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SECTION D. Elections shall be conducted in accordance with National OA Policies.

SECTION E. The lodge executive committee shall be composed of the elected lodge officers, immediate past Lodge Chief, Lodge Operating Committee chairmen, Lodge Adviser, another member of the council camping or Boy Scout committee, Chapter Chiefs, Chapter Advisers (where applicable), Scout Executive, and Lodge Staff Adviser.

SECTION F. Voting members of the committee will be the Lodge Officers and only one vote per chapter. Only those under 21 years of age may vote.

SECTION G. Vacancy in a Lodge Office shall be filled by the Lodge Executive Committee.

SECTION H. The Lodge Adviser shall be appointed annually by the Scout Executive. Chapter Advisers shall be appointed annually by the Scout Executive in consultation with the Lodge Adviser and the District Camping Committee.

SECTION I. Omitted 10/05/14

SECTION J. The Chapter Chief(s) shall appoint such operational committees as may be required from time to time with approval of the Chapter Executive Committee; all chairmen shall be under 21 years of age for the entire term of office.

ARTICLE VII

LODGE MEETING

SECTION A. The lodge shall schedule Lodge events as needed and determined by the Executive Committee. These events shall include a Lodge Banquet, at least one Lodge Fellowship, Lodge Election, and other events as may be required.

SECTION B. The Executive Committee of the Lodge shall hold at least four meetings a year.

SECTION C. Special meetings of the Executive Committee of the Lodge may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Scout Executive or by the Scout Executive.

SECTION D. Each meeting of the Lodge shall be opened with the obligation of the Order of the Arrow.



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SECTION E. Members of the Order, 21 years of age or over, shall have no vote in any decisions of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

SECTION A. The induction fee will be determined by the Executive Committee and is payable at the time of induction. For such fee, each new Ordeal member shall receive: a membership card, an Order of the Arrow sash, an *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, a Wachtschu Mawachpo pocket patch, and one Lodgebook.

SECTION B. Dues of the Lodge shall be collected annually in the amount of \$10.00 plus the national fee per Arrowman and should be paid in full by February 15. (Changed 01/14/17)

SECTION C. In the development of the Lodge Annual Budget, funds will be made available for chapter mailings, activities, and service projects. All bills must be submitted to the Lodge Staff Adviser for approval, to be paid by the council office up to the amount of \$100.00 annually per chapter. (Changed 08/17/14)

SECTION D. Finances. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the council service center and go through all normal council accounting procedures.

SECTION E. Inactive members may be restored to active current status by paying the current dues.

ARTICLE IX BROTHERHOOD AND VIGIL HONOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Brotherhood membership. Completion of 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 B. The Vigil Honor. 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*.



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AMMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

SECTION A. These rules shall be subject to amendment at the regular or special meeting of this lodge. Amendments must be submitted in writing and/or by email to the Lodge Executive Committee and Scout Executive at least 30 days prior to an executive committee meeting and receive approval of a 2/3 majority to be taken to a general lodge vote. Once approved by the executive committee, the amendment must be sent out to all active members in writing and/or by email at least 14 days prior to a vote. (Changed 08/17/14)

SECTION B. A two-thirds majority of all voting members present shall be required to approve any amendment. (Changed 08/17/14)

SECTION C. The rules of the Lodge must be in substantial agreement with the principles found in the present and any future *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, and in the event that any substantial conflict is discovered, suitable action to modify the existing rules of this Lodge should be taken by the Lodge Executive Committee.