

Nacha-Mawat Lodge

Bylaws

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The Order of the Arrow, W.W.W. having been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and having been integrated into the program of Scouting as the National Honor Society, and operated under the National Constitution for the Boy Scouts of America: We, the Arrowmen of the Southwest Michigan Council, do hereby adopt the following rules to be the guide in the organization and management of our Lodge, Nacha-Mawat, #373.

ARTICLE I:

NAME, TOTEM, AND AFFILIATION OF THE LODGE

- 1) The Lodge shall be affiliated with the Southwest Michigan Council #270, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the Council Board of Directors and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.
 - a) The Lodge shall also be affiliated with the Order of the Arrow Section C-2B, Central Region.
- 2) The name and number of the lodge shall be: Nacha-Mawat Lodge, #373, which shall be interpreted as “Three into One.”
- 3) The totem of the Lodge shall be the Blue Heron.
- 4) The Lodge shall be organized into four chapters. Each chapter shall correspond to the geographic service areas of the districts as defined by the Scout Executive of the Southwest Michigan Council.
 - a) The chapter numbers, names, and affiliations shall be as follows:
 - i) Chapter 2-Majacsuwi, Mawewigiwan, Matameetchen; interpreted as “Gathering on the Shores of the River,” affiliated with the Pathfinder District.
 - ii) Chapter 3-Mandoka; as named for the former Mandoka Lodge #215, affiliated with Nottawa Trails District.
 - iii) Chapter 4-Elauk; interpreted as “,” affiliated with the Newo District.
 - iv) Chapter 6-Carajou; interpreted as “Great Rolling Sands,” affiliated with the Wabano District.

ARTICLE II:
LODGE AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

- 1) Lodge Officers:
 - a) The Elected Officers of the Nacha-Mawat Lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Vice-Chief of Program, the Lodge Vice-Chief of Unit Service, the Lodge Vice-Chief of Camping Service, and the Lodge Vice-Chief of Administration.
 - b) Officers shall serve a term of one year from the Fall Fellowship of their election, until the following Fall Fellowship. Officers may be elected to serve more than one term.
 - c) Elected Lodge Officers must be registered in Scouting and be currently dues-paid in the Lodge, and under 21 years of age for the entire term of office, abiding by the limitations of the Field Operations Guide of the Order of the Arrow.
 - d) Election of Lodge Officers shall take place at the Spring Fellowship prior to the induction of new members. Nominations for candidates will be taken from the floor at that time. All dues-paid members of the lodge, except those over 21, are eligible to vote.
 - i) A Nominations committee will be comprised to ensure that at least one quality candidate is nominated for each of the Lodge's elected positions at the Spring Fellowship. All those serving on the Nominations Committee may not be nominated by the committee itself.
 - ii) Members who wish to run for Lodge office must be present to be nominated and elected to office.
 - iii) Members who wish to run for the Office of Lodge Chief must have the Council Scout Executive's approval before running.
 - e) In the absence or resignation of the Lodge Chief, the ascension of order to the Chair shall be as follows: Vice Chief of Administration Vice-Chief of Program, Vice-Chief of Unit Service, and Vice-Chief of Camping Service. The term of ascension, shall be determined by the Lodge Advisor, Lodge Staff Advisor, and the Council Scout Executive.
 - f) The removal of an elected officer shall be under the supervision of the Lodge Chief, with the consultation of the Lodge Advisor, Lodge Staff Advisor, and the officer to be removed. The removal of the Lodge Chief shall be under the supervision of the Lodge Advisor, Lodge Staff Advisor, and the Council Scout Executive.
 - i) Upon the removal of an elected officer, the Lodge Chief may temporarily appoint an Arrowman, with Lodge Executive Committee approval to serve the remainder of the term.
- 2) Chapter Officers:
 - a) The Elected Officers of the Chapter shall be: the Chapter Chief, the Chapter Vice-Chief, and the Chapter Secretary. The eligibility, election, and term of office of the Chapter Officers shall correspond with the Elected Lodge Officers.
 - b) The Chapter Chief may appoint other chairman, as deemed necessary in the operation of the chapter. Chairman must be under 21 years of age for the entire term of their appointment.

- 3) The Executive Committee:
 - a) The Lodge Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers, the operating committee chairmen and their advisors, the immediate past Lodge Chief, the Chapter Chiefs or their representatives, the Lodge Advisor, Chapter advisors, the Lodge Staff Advisor, and the Council Scout Executive.
 - b) The Lodge shall have the following operating committees: Acquisitions, Activities, Brotherhood, Camp Promotions, Ceremonies, Communications, Decoursey, Membership, OA Troop Representative, Service, Strikes-For-Scouting, Unit Elections, and Vigil.
 - i) The Lodge Chief may create committees and appoint their respective chairman as he sees fit in the administration of the Lodge.
 - c) All Chairmen shall be under 21 years of age for the entire duration of their appointment.
 - d) The ASK (Arrowmen Sharing Knowledge) program, if instituted in the Lodge, may have a coordinator over the age of 21. However, if the Coordinator is older than 21, he will have no vote in the business of the Lodge.
 - e) The Lodge and Chapter Advisors shall be appointed by the Lodge Advisor in Consultation with the Council Scout Executive and Lodge Staff Advisor.

ARTICLE III: **MEETINGS**

- 1) The Lodge Executive Committee shall hold a minimum of three meetings per year. The Lodge Chief shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Lodge between Lodge Executive Committee Meetings.
- 2) During meetings, Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed.
 - a) Adult members, with the exceptions of the Lodge Advisor, Lodge Staff Advisor, and the Council Scout Executive shall each be allotted one minute to speak on a given topic. Youth have unlimited time to speak.
- 3) To conduct official business of the Lodge, there must be a total of five youth members present, two being the Lodge Chief and another elected Lodge position, and three of the committee members or Chapter Chiefs. There must also be a total of at least two adult members, one of which must be the Lodge Advisor, Staff Advisor, or the Council Scout Executive.
 - a) During Executive Committee meetings, the Lodge Chief has no vote in matters of the Lodge, except in the circumstance of a tie vote. The Lodge Chief cannot make a motion; he may only entertain, to call for a motion.
 - b) The Lodge Chief shall have veto authority on any motion passed. This may be overturned with an immediate 3/4 appellate vote of the Lodge Executive Motion.
 - c) Adult Scouters, age 21 and older, can not vote in matters of Lodge Business.

- 4) Special meetings of the executive committee or the Lodge may be called at the request of the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Advisor, Lodge Staff Advisor, or Council Scout Executive.
- 5) Each meeting shall be opened with the recitation of the Obligation of the Order and closed with singing of the official Order of the Arrow song.

ARTICLE IV:
MEMBERSHIP

- 1) The requirements for membership in the Nacha-Mawat Lodge are as stated in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook, and Guide for Officers and Advisors.
- 2) Procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Guide for Officers and Advisors, the Guide to Inductions, and the Administration Guide for the Ordeal.
- 3) Completion of the Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow handbook, and the Guide for Officers and Advisors.
- 4) 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 Guide for Officers and Advisors.
 - a) The Vigil Committee shall approve nominations at the Spring Fellowship, conduct the ceremony during the Fall Fellowship, and present new members at the Winter Reunion.

ARTICLE V:
FINANCES

- 1) All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council Service Center and go through all normal council accounting procedures.
- 2) Chapters may not have separate treasuries, and all funds generated by the chapters shall be kept in the Lodge general fund earmarked for that chapter.
- 3) The Lodge shall make a Friends-of-Scouting contribution every year in a minimum amount of at least \$500.

ARTICLE VI:
DUES

- 1) A fee payable by the members of the Lodge to continue active status shall be set by the Lodge Executive Committee annually. Dues are to be paid before rechartering if Arrowmen are to be counted for the rechartering year.
- 2) The Price of the Fellowship shall cover the dues for the newly inducted Ordeal Members through December 31 of that year. Those new members who are inducted at the Fall Fellowship shall have their dues paid through the following year as well.

ARTICLE VII:
HAZING

- 1) In any ceremony conducted by this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, W.W.W., for the purpose of induction or nominating a candidate for membership, it is resolved that no violence of any kind will occur, no hazing or immoral practices, neither as part of the induction or nominating ceremony for the candidate, nor as a disciplinary measure for campers.

ARTICLE VIII:
AMENDMENTS

- 1) These rules shall be subject to change at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge, provided that changes have been submitted in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee, at least thirty days prior to such a meeting. Majority vote of 2/3 those present, under 21, shall be required to pass a proposed change. Such a meeting may be called upon by the executive committee or the Lodge Key Three. The appropriate text must be provided to members at the meeting in proof form, prior to the approval.
 - a) In addition, all amendments must be approved by at least two of the Lodge Advisor, Staff Advisor, or Council Scout Executive.
 - b) During acts of amendment, the veto authority of the Lodge Chief shall be suspended.