

2023



*Amangi Nacha Lodge*

Lodge Plan Book

# Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, WIMACHTENDIENK, WINGOLAUCHSIK, WITAHemui. I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

# Song

Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man.

Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link that binds us in brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

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*Amangi Nacha Lodge #47*

*Golden Empire Council*

Noble Mahan

Lodge Chief

Ron Cowen

Lodge Adviser



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## Amangi Nacha Lodge #47 Golden Empire Council

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## 2023 Amangi Nacha Lodge Calendar

Council of Chiefs (COC) is the Monthly Lodge Meeting

All Arrowmen are invited to attend this as all Arrowmen are Lodge Members

Date / Date	Event	Location	Time
Wed Jan 1	Youth Elections Start		Midnight
Fri Jan 6	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat Jan 7	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Sat Jan 14-Sun Jan 15	Section G17N Retreat	TBD	TBD
Sat Jan 21-Sun Jan 22	Sportsman's Expo	Cal Expo	
Fri Feb 3	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat Feb 4	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Sat Feb 4	Council Dinner Hilton	Sacramento Arden West	6PM
Sat Mar 4	Section G17N Training	TBD	
Sun Mar 5	Section G17N COC	TBD	10AM
Fri Mar 10	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat Mar 11	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Fri Mar 24 - Sun Mar 26	Winter Fellowship	NorCal	6PM
Fri Mar 31	Adult Nomination Close		Midnight
Fri Mar 30 - Sat Apr 1	Vigil Weekend (Primary)	NorCal	8PM
Sat Apr 1	Council of Chiefs (COC)	NorCal	10AM
Sat Apr 1	Adult Selection Committee	NorCal	12PM
Sat Apr 1 - Sun Apr 2	Honor the Brotherhood	NorCal	2PM
Sun Apr 30	Youth Elections Completed		Midnight
Fri May 5	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat May 6	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Sat May 6	Section G17N COC	Conclave Site	10AM
Fri May 12 - Sun May 14	Lassen Induction Weekend	Camp Lassen	6PM
TBD	Section G17N COC	Conclave Site	
Fri May 26	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat May 27	Council of Chiefs (COC)	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Fri Jun 9 - Sun Jun 11	Winton Induction Weekend	Camp Winton	6PM
Fri Jun 30	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat Jul 1	Council of Chiefs (COC)	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Fri Aug 4	Lodge Executive Council	Woodland Scout Cabin	7PM
Sat Aug 5	Council of Chiefs (COC)	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Sun Aug 13	Section G17N COC	Zoom	10AM
Fri Aug 18 - Sat Aug 29	Vigil Weekend (Secondary)	NorCal	10PM
Fri Aug 18 - Sun Aug 20	Induction Weekend	TBD	6PM
Fri Aug 25	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat Aug 26	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Fri Sep 15 - Sun Sept 17	Section G17N Conclave	Soda Springs	6PM
Fri Sep 29 - Sun Oct 1	Fall Fellowship	Camp Lassen	6PM
Sat Sep 30	Council of Chiefs (COC)	Camp Lassen	
Sat Sep 30	Vigil Selection Committee	Camp Lassen	10AM
Sat Oct 28	University of Scouting	TBD	8AM
Sat Nov 11	Takachsin	Woodland Scout Cabin	8AM
Sat Nov 11	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	4PM
Sat Nov 11	Lodge Dinner	Woodland Scout Cabin	6PM
Fri Dec 1	Lodge Executive Council	Zoom	7PM
Sat Dec 2	Council of Chiefs (COC)*	Woodland Scout Cabin	10AM
Fri Dec 8 - Sat Dec 9	Lodge Officer Retreat	Woodland Scout Cabin	6PM

Dear Amangi Nacha Lodge,

Welcome to the 2023 term, our 31st year as the Amangi Nacha Lodge. I am thrilled and honored to be your Lodge Chief this year and I know that we will make it a memorable one. You have an amazing team of Scouts and Scouters who are willing to take time out of their lives to make your experience in the Order of the Arrow the best it can possibly be. So make sure that if you have thoughts or feedback on how this year is going, reach out to them or myself.

Speaking of this year, we have great events planned. We have two Fellowships, one at Nor Cal in the Winter and the other in the Fall at a different location. We have three ordeals this year including one at a different camp, so look forward to that. And of course Conclave in Soda Springs in September. Your chapters will also be putting on exciting chapter meetings, Camporees, and Klondikes, so get ready!

The purpose of Order of the Arrow is to serve our units, to give back. And that is what we will be doing this year. Please remember your Obligation to lead in cheerful service as you help your units with their elections, crossover ceremonies, and other events. Set an example in your troops, your fellow scouts look to you for guidance. Show everyone the responsibility and respect that Order of the Arrow members carry themselves with. You are representing our lodge and Order of the Arrow as a whole everytime you put on that sash.

I look forward to a wonderful year of making new friends, inducting more brothers, and having fun filled events. Don't be afraid to come talk, I would love to talk with any of my fellow Arrowmen and our team would love to as well. I will see you at the next event!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Noble Mahan  
2023 Amangi Nacha Lodge Chief

# Lodge Leadership

## Youth

Chief: Noble M.

VC Program: Alex H.

Secretary: Elizabeth R.

VC Inductions: Lauren S.

VC Camping: Noah N.

VC Ceremonies: Noah K.

VC Dance & Drum: Eric B.

VC Finance: Ryan J.

VC Training:

VC NOAC:

Vigil Chief: Matthew K.

Immediate Past Chief: Evan S.

Trading Post

Staff Adviser

Supreme Chief of the Fire

## Adviser

Ron Cowen

Ann Kantola

Mike Gaffney

Bill Heberger

Robert Rhymes

Kevin Mahan

David Thompson

Steve Anderson

Mark Liechty

Christina Yeung

Ed Gibson

John Ganaway

Terry Tocci

David Hagar

James Rhodes-Dreyer



# Chapter Information

## Achach / Yolano District

Chief: Noah Kincaid

Adviser: Matt Latham

Meeting: First Thursday at 7:00PM; Location - 209 N Jefferson St, Dixon, CA

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## Aihamuk / Placer District

Chief: Ronan McCreary

Adviser: Vacant

Meeting: Third Thursday at 7:00PM; Location - 5480 5th St, Rocklin, CA

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## Cha-Pa-Di / American River District

Chief: Noah Nason

Adviser: Brian Wegesser

Meeting: Second Thursday at 7:00PM; Location - 2380 Merrychase Dr, Cameron Park, CA

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## Histum Yani / Buttes Area District

Chief:

Adviser: Henry Carlson

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## Nisenan / Pioneer Express District

Chief: Andrew McCarthy

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## Teleeka Liwa / Three Rivers District

Chief: Tim Bogue

Adviser: Mike Bouge

Meeting: Fourth Thursday at 6:30PM; Location - 2720 Kilgore Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA / Zoom

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## Wintun / Northern Rivers District

Chief:

Adviser: James Alspach

Meeting: First Wednesday at 7:00PM; Location - 2800 Rupert Rd, Anderson, CA

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# Lodge / Chapter Map



*Note that some district names look a little different, the map was created before renaming. Discovery - Placer; El Dorado - American River; Capital City/SE/Amador - Three Rivers\**

# Lodge Events

## **Ordeals**

The lodge holds three induction weekends called Ordeals every year. The first one is in May at Camp Lassen. The second one is in June at Camp Winton. The third ordeal is in August at NorCal Adventure Area. Ordeals may have a Brotherhood ceremony. All OA members are strongly encouraged to attend and support the candidates.

## **Fall Fellowship**

Fall Fellowship is an event put on every year, usually the first weekend in October, where all the Arrowmen in the lodge get together for fun and fellowship. There are many chapter and lodge competitions and other fun activities for people to participate in. This event also holds a Brotherhood ceremony. At this event, we elect our lodge officers for the next year. All OA members are strongly encouraged to attend.

## **Winter Fellowship**

Winter Fellowship is an event put on every year in March where Arrowmen in the lodge get together for fun, fellowship, and learning more about American Indian Culture. Arrowment can learn things like dance and drum, how to do ceremonies, and regalia. This event also holds a Brotherhood ceremony. All OA members are strongly encouraged to attend.

## **Lodge Annual Dinner**

Each year the lodge holds its annual dinner on the first Saturday of November. It is a time to review the past year and promote upcoming events. Lodge Awards are handed out and the installation of the next year's lodge officers takes place. All Arrowmen and their families are welcome to attend.

## **Takachsin**

Takachsin is the annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) put on by the outgoing lodge leadership. It is held on the first Saturday of November before the Lodge Dinner at the same location that evening. The event trains all lodge and chapter officers and advisers. All lodge and chapter officers and advisers are required to attend, all Arrowmen are encouraged to attend.

## **Lodge Council of Chiefs**

The monthly Council of Chiefs (COC) meeting happens on the first Saturday of every month where all lodge and chapter leaderships get together to give reports on what happened in the past month and what is upcoming. These meetings are where policies are set, event planning happens, and where finances are controlled. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend. These meetings are run by the Lodge Chief.

## **Chapter Meetings/Events**

Chapter meetings and events put on by the chapters.

# Section & National Events

## **Section Conclave**

Amangi Nacha Lodge is one of the five lodges in Section G17N. Each year in September (usually second or third weekend), all the lodges in the section get together for a weekend of fun and training while building the bonds of brotherhood with people from other lodges/councils as well as ones on their own. This is where the next year's section officers are elected and installed.

## **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)**

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is typically attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope.

## **National Leadership Seminar (NLS)**

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.



# Amangi Nacha Lodge #47 History

In 1992, the Buttes Area Council, Golden Empire Council, and the Mount Lassen Area Council merged as a result of Western Region reorganization. The new Council was given the name of the "Golden Empire Council". The council's headquarters was established in Sacramento, California, with field offices established in Redding, California; Chico, California; and Marysville, California.

As a result of this merger, the national office of The Order of the Arrow dictated that the new council would have until January 1, 1993, to merge the 3 lodges. Wil Conner was named as the Lodge Adviser for the new lodge. To prepare for the upcoming merger, Wil Conner, lodge adviser, drew up five merger agreements. Each merger agreement was distributed to the individual lodges (Kowaunkamish Lodge, Mayi Lodge, and Tehama Lodge). Each lodge was given time to review the agreements before scheduling a meeting. Several meetings were held where the agreements were discussed and plans were made to hold a work fellowship at Beale Air Force Base to approve and accept the merger.

The work fellowship was scheduled for October 1992 with Matt Conner selected as the Fellowship Chairman and Frank Glick was appointed as the Fellowship Adviser. The fellowship was later rescheduled for December 11, 12, 13, 1992 due to arising conflicts with schedules, facilities, and planning. Frank Glick designed and ordered a patch for the fellowship. It served as a reminder of the three lodges that were merging and the formation of the new lodge #47.

One hundred fifty scouts and scouters converged on Beale Air Force Base to take part in the new lodge's first fellowship. Mayi Lodge served as the host lodge. After several meetings on Friday night and Saturday morning, a merger agreement was announced and approved by the three existing lodge council of chiefs. It detailed out a one-year plan to integrate the three lodges into one "super lodge." Each of the existing lodges would be renamed as tribes, with the tribe chiefs serving with the elected lodge chiefs to form the lodge council of chiefs. Each tribe would be further broken down into chapters and the chapters had the opportunity to divide into clans. The clans would service the rural areas where travel distances would prohibit members from participating in chapter events.

Ron Cowen was selected as the Kowaunkamish Tribe Adviser, Richard Lozano was selected as the Mayi Tribe Adviser, and Bob Nelson was selected as the Tehama Tribe Adviser.

One of the major concerns addressed at the fellowship was the distribution of the existing lodge's funds and how to fund the new lodge. It was agreed that each of the existing lodges would give a portion of their funds to the new lodge. The existing lodges would keep the funds in a chapter account for their membership's use. All money would be controlled through the lodge adviser for finance.

Saturday night of the fellowship the first lodge officers were elected. Each of the existing lodges would have a block of votes they could cast in any way they saw fit. P.T. McEwen, Section W3B Chief, Wil Conner, Lodge Adviser, and Jim McDaniel, Section W3B Adviser were present to officiate the election.

Brian Osterhout was elected as the first lodge chief. Dan Householder was elected as the Vice-Chief for Program. Coady Pruett was elected as the Vice-Chief for Communication. Ketan Patel was elected as the

Lodge Secretary/Treasurer. The lodge council of chiefs was convened on Sunday morning and the by-laws were approved.

The council of chiefs set future meeting dates and elected to extend the period for nominations for lodge name, newspaper name, and totem. In January, the lodge council of chiefs elected to name the new lodge "Amangi Nacha" with the Quail as the totem. The newspaper was named "Se-Kah-Ke Squawks." Gerry Albright was named as the first adviser. It was a bi-monthly newspaper printed at Herburger Publishing in Galt, California.

The lodge printed two press runs of the flap. The S-1 was a fundraiser flap. It was larger than the general press run and was limited in its production. The S-3 was a general issue flap to be worn by all members. Wil Conner appointed his advisers to help him serve the lodge. They were: Bob Nelson, Administration Adviser; Frank Glick, Trading Post Adviser; Matt Conner, Newspaper Adviser; Craig Tanner, Inductions Adviser; and Bill Rogers, Camping Adviser.

The lodge held its first officer training in 1993 at Camp Pollock. It was called the "Takachsin." The training was modeled after the Mayi Lodge's "Takachsin" program and the National Leadership Seminar outline.

Adam Craig was elected as the second lodge chief at the fellowship held at Beale Air Force Base and Doug Wacker was appointed as the Lodge Program Adviser. On August 28, 1994, the lodge Council of Chiefs voted to change the lodge by-laws and restructure the lodge. The tribe system was discontinued. This was done to "bring the chapters closer" to the lodge and facilitate the process. The lodge was now composed of 13 chapters.

Doug Wacker was selected as the next Lodge Adviser in October 1995. Also in October 1995, Greg Frith was elected as the lodge chief. Bob Nelson was appointed as the Lodge Finance Adviser and Larry Frith was appointed as the Lodge Program Adviser.

In October 1996, Josh Ramsey was elected as the lodge chief, and Bob Nelson was named as the new Lodge Adviser. In October 1997 Jeff Allen was elected as the lodge chief with Bob Nelson continuing as Lodge Adviser.

In October 1998, Carl Krigbaum was elected as the lodge chief, with Bob Nelson continuing as Lodge Adviser. Then in October 1999, Lewis McCrary was elected as the lodge chief, and Larry Frith was named the new Lodge Adviser.

In January 2019, two of the Golden Empire Councils District geographic boundaries were merged. The Trailblazer District and the Yolo District were merged to form the Yolano District. The current count of 12 districts was reduced to 11 districts. In August 2019, the Curahee Chapter and the Tito-Wa Chapter merged to create a new Chapter, named "Achach", with a chapter totem of a Yellow-billed Magpie, transitioning from 12 chapters to 11 chapters. In the same year, Amangi Nacha Lodge welcomed their first female youth arrowmen.

In January 2020, the Golden Empire Councils District geographic boundaries changed. The current count of 11 districts was reduced to 7 districts. In August 2020, the Council of Chiefs transitioned the chapters from 11 chapters to 7 chapters. Each chapter discussed options for new chapter names, chapter totems, and chapter meeting locations.

**Amangi Nacha Lodge #47 Chiefs & Advisers**

2023	Noble Mahan	Ron Cowen
2022	Evan Schilling	Ron Cowen
2021	Jackson Reid	John Ganaway
2020	Charlie Lovell	John Ganaway
2019	Tyler Tocci	John Ganaway
2018	Ryan Thomure	Don Wersky
2017	Cole Wersky	Don Wersky
2016	Stephen Liechty	Mike Chinn
2015	Thomas Gibson	Mike Chinn
2014	Matthew Long	Phil Haley
2013	Matthew Blackburn	Phil Haley
2012	Kris Moen Chinn	Wil Conner
2011	Taylor LaRue	Wil Conner
2010	Connor Shinn	Ken Arndt
2009	Connor Shinn	Ken Arndt
2008	Anthony Colombo	Teddy Green
2007	Scott Inman	Teddy Green
2006	Stephen Arndt	Gilbert Canady
2005	Josh Green	Gilbert Canady
2004	Alex Zakrzewski	Mike Gaffney
2003	JP Jones	Mike Gaffney
2002	JP Jones	Mike Gaffney
2001	David Butler	Larry Frith
2000	Lewis McCrary	Larry Frith
1999	Carl Krigbaum	Bob Nelson
1998	Jeff Allen	Bob Nelson
1997	Josh Ramsey	Doug Wacker
1996	Greg Frith	Doug Wacker
1995	Cody Pruett	Wil Conner
1994	Adam Craig	Wil Conner
1993	Brian Osterhout	Wil Conner

## Kowaunkamish Lodge History



Buttes Area Council First chartered its Order of the Arrow Lodge on June 1, 1948. The original name of the lodge was Tribe of La Porte, which was taken from the camp honor society it replaced.

The Lodge renewed its lapsed charter in 1950, and changed its name to Kowaunkamish, meaning "my service to you" in the language of the Narragansett Indians. The Lodge totem, the river devil (spirit), represents camping, hiking, wildlife, Scouting skills, and service to others. The Lodge served a small Council territory consisting of Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, and southern Butte counties. The Lodge newspaper was called "Drum Beat."

Among the highlights of Kowaunkamish Lodge history are the 12-C Conferences it hosted in 1959 at Beale Air Force Base; in 1964 at the Colusa Fairgrounds; and in 1972 at Beale Air Force Base.

In 1983, Kowaunkamish Lodge went to a 3 chapter system. Until this time they were the only Lodge in the Section without chapters. In 1984, they changed their Lodge flap to meet national standards. Also in 1984, Kowaunkamish was one of 2 Lodges within Section W3B to obtain the Brotherhood Attainment Award.

## Mayi Lodge History

From 1926 to 1941, Camp Audrain near Echo Summit served as the summer camp for the Golden Empire Council. The camp honor society used at Camp Audrain was called the Tribe of Tahoe. Members included Braves, Warriors, Medicine men and Chiefs. The Tribe of Tahoe conducted all of its activities at camp, so when Camp Audrain was closed because of World War II, the Tribe of Tahoe was effectively disbanded.

In the fall of 1946, Field Scout Executive Jim Wright called a meeting of Perry Baker, Karl Kuhn, Charles McClung, Frank Palmer, Del Springer, and Charles Thomas, adults who were all Chiefs in the Tribe of Tahoe. At this meeting, the Order of the Arrow program was introduced and explained. The organizing committee learned that National leaders were recommending the program to all Councils. The committee decided to adopt the Order of the Arrow as our Council's honor camping society, and began work in forming the new lodge. Steve Cannon, Bob Martin, and Norman Kuhn, all young men, were selected as the Lodge's first candidates, and that fall went throughout their Ordeal at a Stockton Conclave. In the Spring of 1947, the six adults on the organizing committee with other young men, underwent the Ordeal.

The new Lodge chose the leaping Chinook salmon as its totem and the name Mayi, which means Salmon in the language of the Maidu. The name and totem were chosen because they would be representative of the Indian background of the area, the Salmon being a principal food source of the native Maidu Indians.

Mayi Lodge grew quickly as more units elected candidates and the Scouting program grew overall in members. The Lodge organized 2 Ordeals a year, one in late spring, and one in early fall. As more candidates were elected, it was decided to split the spring Ordeal into 2 and add more spring Ordeals.

In the early years, members concentrated on activities utilizing Indian Lore such as ceremonies and dancing. MI members built complete outfits, typically of the Plains Indian variety. Indian dancing was a primary activity for the Lodge and Chapters.

Mayi Lodge strived to make the operation of Area 12-C successful in the 1950's. Our members served as area officers and advisers and the Lodge hosted five area conferences (1954, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1969). The Lodge also held several Lodge-wide activities beginning in the late 1950's, including the Father and Son Dinner (now the Lodge Dinner), the Camp rally and the Arrowmen's Ball.

In the 1960's our Lodge became increasingly concerned with meeting the goal of camp promotion. Lodge leaders organized projects providing service to the camping program, and produced camping promotion aids like the cooking contest, "Where to go Camping booklet," and the camp promotion slideshow.

The merger of Canaku Lodge #511 into Mayi Lodge pushed the size of the Lodge to a peak of 20 chapters and over 1600 active members. Then membership in the Lodge and Scouting began to drop. Chapters which were split and merged again. The membership drop was so great that it reached a low of about 500 members in December 1976.

In the mid and late 1970's, Mayi Lodge started to improve its program in three areas: induction, training, and communications. In the induction process, unnecessary ritual was replaced with a more meaningful Ordeal. A comprehensive training program for Chapter leaders was created in 1977 called Takachsin training. Communications were improved through the improvement of the Mayi Lodge newsletter, Smoke Signals, which became better written, more frequently used and more attractively designed.

## Tehama Lodge History

Tehama Lodge #485 has been an active lodge from the very beginning. It hosted the 1952 Area 12-C Conference at Camp Lassen, even before its first charter was issued (December 30). Tehama was the name of the Copenhan Indian Tribe: the name given to the extinct volcano that once existed where Mount Lassen has since risen. The Lodge totem was Mount Lassen, a currently existing, dormant volcano.

Since 1952, Tehama has hosted 2 major inter-Lodge activities. The 1970 Area 12-C Conference, at Bristow Hood Scout Reservation, and the fourth annual Section W3B Conclave, in 1976 at Camp Lassen.

Tehama Lodge is divided into three Chapters: Maidu, Wintun, and Yana (The three local Indian Tribes). The Lodge newsletter was named "Brave Talk." The Lodge was chartered by the Mount Lassen Area Council, which served Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity Counties.

## Canaku Lodge History

Canaku Lodge #511 was the Order of the Arrow Lodge formed in 1955 by the Tahoe Area Council. The Council Headquarters was in Auburn, CA and serviced Boy Scouts living in Placer and Nevada Counties. Canaku hosted Area 12-C Conclaves in 1963 and 1968. The Order of the Arrow started rather late because the Council had the Tribe of Pahatsi (at Camp Pahatsi which started around 1922) as its Honor Camper Society. This Tribe concept had four levels: Brave, Warrior, Medicine Man and Chief.

The Canaku totem was the Acorn; however around 1966 to 1968 no Lodge Flaps were available. In 1968 there was a patch design contest. The Scout Executive wanted the Sugar Pine Cone as the totem (but the Lodge never approved this change) and asked that all patch designs have that on the patch.

In January 1971, the Tahoe Area Council merged with the Golden Empire Council and the Canaku Lodge was merged into Mayi Lodge.

## By-Laws

### **1. Article I: NAME, AFFILIATION, AND INSIGNIA OF THE LODGE**

- A. The name of Lodge #47 *of* the Order *of* the Arrow shall be Amangi Nacha which means "Big Three" in Lenni Lenape.

- B. The Amangi Nacha Lodge shall be affiliated with the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts *of* America, and shall be under the supervision and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.
- C. The totem of this Lodge shall be the California Valley Quail called the Se-Kah-Ke in Maidu.
- D. The sash is worn at Order *of* the Arrow functions and special Scouting activities, including Courts of Honor and on occasions when members need to be identified as Arrowmen rendering special service.

## **2. ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Requirements for membership in this Lodge shall be as prescribed in the current edition of the Order *of* the Arrow Handbook.
- B. Members of the Boys Scouts of America who apply for transfer from another Lodge of the Order *of* the Arrow shall be accepted as members of the Amangi Nacha Lodge upon verification either by a letter *of* transfer or a membership card and payment of current dues in the Amangi Nacha Lodge.
- C. All membership elections for the Order *of* the Arrow must be held in the Scout(er)'s Golden Empire Council registered unit. The elections must be conducted by a trained election team appointed by the Lodge and/or Chapter chiefs from the Amangi Nacha Lodge. Elections conducted by other than the Amangi Nacha Lodge are invalid.
- D. Ordeal candidates from the Golden Empire Council may not attend Ordeal ceremonies conducted by other than the Amangi Nacha Lodge unless written permission is given by the Amangi Nacha Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser, or their designee(s). If permission is given, the fee charged to Ordeal candidates who attend Ordeals outside of the Lodge will be equal to the fee charged for Amangi Nacha Lodge Ordeals.
- E. Dues
  - a. Yearly Lodge dues will be determined by the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  - b. The Lodge year is from January 1 through December 31.
  - c. To encourage on time dues payment, the Council of Chiefs may establish incentive programs.
  - d. For inactive members and Arrowmen transferring from another Lodge, dues will not be prorated. The dues will be equal to the full year's dues.
  - e. There shall be a Lodge induction fee, payable at the time of induction into the Order of the Arrow. The Lodge Council of Chiefs will establish an equitable fee for the entire Lodge.
- F. Classes of membership
  - a. Active membership: an active member of the Amangi Nacha Lodge shall be defined as one who has paid his/her current dues.
  - b. Inactive membership: an inactive member of the Amangi Nacha Lodge shall be one who has not paid his/her current dues. Inactive members have no voting power, cannot be officers/advisers, will not receive Lodge publications, and cannot wear the Amangi Nacha Lodge pocket flaps.
- G. Procedures for Brotherhood eligibility and membership shall be as specified in the current Order of the Arrow Handbook.
- H. All pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Ceremonies shall be as printed in the current Order of the Arrow pamphlet for each ceremony.
- I. Vigil Honor attainment and membership procedures shall be described in the Guide for Officers and Advisers.

## **3. ARTICLE III: STRUCTURE OF THE LODGE**

- A. The boundaries of the Lodge will be equal to those of the Golden Empire Council.
- B. The Chapter is a subdivision of the Lodge and is normally equal to the boundaries of Districts but may be adjusted by the Lodge.

## **4. ARTICLE IV: LODGE ROLE**

- A. The role of the Lodge is to monitor and coordinate the activities of the Chapters, and to do those things that must be managed by the Lodge and the Council.

- B. The Lodge is responsible for the financial integrity of the Lodge and the Chapters.
- C. The Lodge will supervise the Trading Post. The Lodge will purchase and distribute items to the Lodge Trading Post.
- D. The Lodge is responsible for producing a newsletter.
- E. It is suggested that the lodge conduct the following events on an annual basis:
  - a. Two Fellowships
  - b. Three Ordeals
  - c. Takachsin
  - d. Lodge Banquet
- F. The Lodge will be responsible for training Lodge and Chapter Officers and Advisers.
- G. The Lodge will be responsible for Vigil Honor recognition.
- H. The Lodge will be responsible for the Founder's Award.
- I. The Lodge will be responsible for the James E West Recognition.
- J. The Lodge will be responsible for supporting Golden Empire Council events as requested.
- K. The Lodge is responsible for supporting the Section Conclave.
- L. Hold a monthly Council of Chiefs (Lodge Business meetings).

## **5. ARTICLE V: LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- A. General election rules:
  - a. Elections will be held at the Fall Fellowship,
  - b. Terms of office will be from Lodge Dinner to Lodge Dinner.
  - c. The only adults allowed at the election are the Lodge Adviser, the Staff Adviser, and Council Executive. Others may be invited upon the discretion of the Lodge Adviser.
  - d. All Lodge Officers shall be under 21 years of age throughout their term of office.
  - e. Only registered youth members of the Amangi Nacha Lodge may endorse, campaign, and vote for candidates.
  - f. The Lodge is not responsible for campaign expenses of candidates.
  - g. Any Lodge facilities, publication, etc. made available to any candidate for campaign purposes shall be made available to all candidates.
- B. Election through a nominating process at a Lodge event.
  - a. The elections will start with the Lodge Chief.
  - b. Unsuccessful candidates may run for another office of their choice. They do not have to be re-nominated.
  - c. The Lodge Chief may appoint the Vice-Chiefs to specific positions if all of the Vice-Chief nominees and a simple majority of the voters agree.
  - d. If there are Vice-Chief elections, the sequence of the elections will be as follows:
    - i. Vice-Chief for Program
    - ii. Lodge Secretary
    - iii. Vice-Chief for Inductions
  - e. If there are insufficient candidates to fill all of the offices, by a simple majority vote, members may vote to accept or reject each candidate while all of the nominees are outside
  - f. A simple majority is required to win any election.
  - g. If no candidate receives a majority, then the two candidates with the highest percentage will be involved in a run-off election.
  - h. If only one candidate is nominated for a position, he must be voted upon.
  - i. If no candidate for an office receives a simple majority after three rounds of voting, the Lodge Council of Chiefs will determine the winner by a simple majority vote.
- C. The Lodge Chief will appoint the following roles:
  - a. Vice Chief of Camping

- b. Vice Chief of Training
  - c. Vice Chief of Finance
  - d. Vice Chief of Ceremonies
  - e. Vice Chief of Dance & Drum
  - f. Vice Chief of NOAC
  - g. Lodge Vigil Chief
- D. Vacancies on the Lodge Executive Council will be filled by the Lodge Council of Chiefs by a simple majority vote.
  - a. In the event of a vacancy in any elected lodge office, the Lodge Chief will appoint, subject to the approval of the Lodge Council of Chiefs, a qualified person to fill the unexpired term of office. A simple majority vote of the Lodge Council of Chiefs is required.
  - b. In the event of a vacancy in any appointed lodge office, the Lodge Chief will appoint, subject to the approval of the Lodge Adviser, a qualified person to fill the unexpired term of office.
  - c. Any Lodge Officer may resign from their position upon giving notification to their adviser and the Lodge Chief.
  - d. The Lodge Chief may remove any Lodge officer with the advice and consent of the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Staff Adviser. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to the following:
    - i. Unexcused absences from two meetings.
    - ii. Conduct unbecoming an Arrowman repeatedly.
    - iii. Breaking a major BSA, National Order of the Arrow, or Council rule
- E. The Lodge Council of Chiefs may remove any Lodge officer with a 2/3 vote. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Unexcused absences from two meetings.
  - b. Conduct unbecoming of an Arrowman repeatedly.
  - c. Breaking a major BSA, National Order of the Arrow, or Council rule.
- F. Adult leadership
  - a. The Lodge Adviser shall be appointed based on the rules by the current Field Operations Guide, as released by National Order of the Arrow BSA.
  - b. The Lodge Adviser shall appoint all Lodge Associate Advisers.
  - c. The Lodge Adviser shall appoint Chapter Advisers who will appoint Chapter Associate Advisers.
  - d. The Lodge Adviser has veto power over all actions and decisions of the Lodge, and Chapters.
  - e. The Chapter Adviser has veto power over all actions and decisions of the Chapter.

## **6. ARTICLE VI CHAPTER MEETINGS**

- A. Chapter meetings will occur monthly at a location and time decided by the Chapter Council of Chiefs.

## **7. ARTICLE VII: LODGE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- A. The Lodge Executive Council shall consist of the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief's, the Immediate Past Lodge Chief, Staff Adviser, and Lodge Adviser.
- B. All youth members of the Lodge Executive Council shall have one vote each on emergency business as determined by the Lodge Chief and Adviser, The Lodge Chief will vote in case of a tie.
- C. Voting in the Lodge Executive Council
  - a. A quorum is at least half of the Lodge Executive Council
  - b. A quorum must be present to take a vote.
  - c. A simple majority of those present will determine the outcome of a vote unless otherwise stated in the Lodge rules. The Lodge Adviser, or his designee, must be present.
  - d. The Lodge Chief will vote only in case of a tie vote.

## **8. ARTICLE VIII: LODGE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS**

- A. The Lodge Council of Chiefs will be composed of the Lodge Executive Council and the Chief of each Chapter. The immediate past Lodge Chief is a member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
- B. The Lodge Council of Chiefs will be the legislative and executive body of the Lodge.
- C. The Lodge Council of Chiefs will meet monthly
- D. Special meetings of the Lodge Council of Chiefs may be called by the Lodge Chief.
- E. Adult members (21 + years old) of the Order of the Arrow shall have no vote. Adults will be advisers only.
- F. Admittance to the meeting shall be by the use of the admonition.
- G. Voting in the Lodge Council of Chiefs meetings:
  - a. A quorum is at least half of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  - b. A quorum must be present to take a vote.
  - c. A simple majority of those present will determine the outcome of a vote unless otherwise stated in the Lodge rules. The Lodge Adviser, or his designee, must be present.
  - d. Each person in one of the Lodge offices and each Chapter Chief has one vote. The immediate past Chief (if under 21) has one vote.
  - e. The Lodge Chief will vote only in case of a tie vote.
- H. If a Chapter Chief is not present for a Council of Chiefs or a vote, they may send a youth representative in their place

## **9. ARTICLE IX: LODGE FINANCE**

- A. Financial responsibility for the Lodge is retained by the Lodge.
- B. The Lodge Chief, in consultation with the Vice-Chief for Finance and Advisers, will submit a budget no later than the first Lodge Council of Chiefs meeting in the Lodge calendar year.
- C. Chapters will submit an itemized budget to the Lodge Council of Chiefs no later than the first Lodge Council of Chiefs in the Lodge calendar year.
- D. The Lodge and Chapters will submit revisions of their budgets four and eight months after the initial budget.
- E. The Council of Chiefs will decide the distribution of the funds based on the needs presented in those budgets.
- F. The Vice-Chief for Finance and Associate Adviser will monitor these accounts and report to the Lodge and the Chapter at every Lodge Council of Chiefs meeting.
- G. Fund raiser money will be kept by the fund raising group in their Lodge account.
- H. Expenditure of non-budgeted funds must be approved by the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
- I. The Vice Chief of Finance and the Adviser will review all check requests against the Lodge or Chapter Budgets and Minutes
- J. Unauthorized purchases will not be reimbursed.

## **10. ARTICLE X: TRADING POST**

- A. All purchases and expenditures for the Trading Post must be approved by the Lodge Council of Chiefs. This applies to non consumable items.
- B. The Lodge Trading Post Adviser will be responsible for the purchase and distribution of the items to the Lodge Trading Posts.
- C. Chapter Trading Posts will be maintained by each Chapter.
- D. The Lodge Council of Chiefs determines the costs of Trading Post items.
- E. All patch designs will be submitted by youth members, unless the Lodge Council of Chiefs votes to open designs to the adult members.
- F. The Vice-Chief for Trading Post shall have an Associate Lodge Adviser for Trading Post appointed by the Lodge Adviser.

## **11. ARTICLE XI: LODGE PUBLICATION**

- A. The Lodge Secretary is the editor of the Se-Kaw-Ke Squawks.
- B. The official publication of the Amangi Nacha Lodge shall be called the Se-Kah-Ke Squawks.
- C. The Se-Kah-Ke Squawks will be published at least quarterly.
- D. The Editor shall appoint assistants(s) as he deems necessary.
- E. Each Lodge Officer, Chapter Chief, and Event Chairman will submit articles to the Editor at least quarterly.

## **12. ARTICLE XII: LODGE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION**

1. Lodge Chief
  - a. Act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Lodge in consultation with the Lodge Adviser.
    - a. Establish Lodge goals/Lodge Achievement Program
    - b. Establish a Chapter Achievement Program
    - c. Establish an Administrative Plan for the Lodge,
    - d. Delegate duties to each of the Lodge Officers.
    - e. Establish a budget
    - f. Establish a Lodge calendar
    - g. Collect and document Vice Chief end of term reports
  - b. Chair Lodge Council of Chiefs and Lodge Executive Council meetings and vote in case of a tie vote.
  - c. Produce and monitor the Lodge Plan Book by the first meeting in the Lodge calendar year
  - d. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Chiefs
  - e. Act as a voting member of the Section Council of Chiefs.
  - f. Create the end of term document.
2. Lodge Vice-Chief for Program:
  1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser
  2. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires
  3. Coordinate service for the Council Events
  4. Plan, Coordinate, and Execute the Lodge Winter and Fall Fellowships
  5. Coordinate the Lodge Fellowship
  6. Perform the duties of the Lodge Chief in their absence
  7. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs
  8. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser
  9. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice-Chiefs for Program
3. Lodge Vice-Chief for Inductions:
  1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser for Inductions
  2. Coordinate the Inductions Program
    - a. Coordinate the Training of Unit Election Teams for each Chapter with the Vice Chief of Training.
    - b. Work with the Vice Chief of Ceremonies to coordinate ceremonies.
  3. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice-Chiefs for Inductions
    - a. Ensure unit elections are conducted in each chapter.
    - b. Ensure chapter election teams are fully equipped to conduct unit elections.
    - c. Ensure that the ordeal master and taskmaster are fully trained and equipped for success.
    - d. Work with brotherhood eligible candidates to go through the brotherhood process.
  4. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires.
  5. Coordinate the Founder's Award.
  6. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs
  7. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser
4. Lodge Secretary



1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Advisers of Technology/Lodgemaster, and Communication.
  2. Maintain Lodge Rosters
  3. Take, publish, and file minutes of all Lodge meetings
  4. Send emails as requested by members of the Lodge Executive Council.
  5. Maintain a file of all Chapter Reports.
  6. Produce Se-Kaw-Ke Squawks quarterly along with an Ordeal Edition.
  7. Maintain the Lodge and Chapter Calendars as approved by the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  8. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice-Chiefs of Communications and/or Secretaries.
  9. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires.
  10. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  11. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
5. Lodge Vice Chief of Finance
1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser and the Trading Post Manager
  2. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires
  3. Help to promote and get members to pay their dues
  4. Coordinate with the Lodge Chief to produce the Lodge Budget
    - a. Receive, report, and maintain files of the Budget of the Lodge, Chapter, and Trading Post.
    - b. Monitor and report the Lodge and Chapter Budgets at the January and September Lodge meetings
    - c. Review all check requests against the Lodge or Chapter Budgets and Minutes.
    - d. Produce an audit report of the Lodge and Chapter inventories for the January and September Lodge Council of Chiefs Meetings.
  5. Maintain financial records of the Lodge and Chapters.
  6. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice-Chiefs for Finance
  7. Maintain the Lodge Trading Post and its contents.
  8. Inspect all supply orders for accuracy and imperfections, and shall return all unacceptable items.
  9. Document the trading post inventory and shall maintain records of all transactions.
  10. The Vice Chief shall report to the Lodge the inventory and sales of the lodge at the January and September Lodge meetings.
  11. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires.
  12. Act as a voting member *of* the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  13. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
6. Lodge Trading Post Manager
1. Removed; Integrated into the Lodge Vice Chief of Finance
7. Lodge Vice-Chief of Communication
1. Removed, Integrated into Lodge Secretary
8. Lodge Vice-Chief of Publications
1. Removed, Integrated into Lodge Secretary
9. Lodge Vice-Chief for Camping
1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser for Camping
  2. Produce the "Where to Go Camping" Booklet
  3. Produce and maintain the Camping Promotion for Lodge/ Chapter Use.
  4. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice-Chiefs for Camping.
  5. Plan Spring and Fall Service Projects.
  6. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  7. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
10. Lodge Vice Chief of Dance And Drum
1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser for Dance and Drum.

2. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice-Chiefs for Dance and Drum.
  3. Coordinate the promotion of Native American Program and Activities.
  4. Coordinate Dance and Drum Practice and Dance Competitions.
  5. Support Vice Chief of Ceremonies with drumming and regalia.
  6. Coordinate with the Vice Chief of Program on dancing and drumming activities at lodge events.
  7. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires.
  8. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  9. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
11. Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies
1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser for Ceremonies
  2. Monitor the activities of the Chapter Vice Chiefs of Ceremonies
  3. Support Ceremony Team training
  4. Oversee that the Call Outs and Arrow of Light Crossovers are following national guidelines.
  5. Coordinate Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies at Induction Weekends
  6. Coordinate Brotherhood Ceremonies at all weekend Lodge events
  7. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires
  8. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs
  9. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
12. Lodge Vice Chief of Training
1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser for Training.
  2. Advise chapters on conducting Unit Election Training.
  3. Plan, coordinate, promote, and execute:
    - a. Elangomat training
    - b. Brotherhood Classes
    - c. The Order of the Arrow courses at the Council Events
    - d. Takachsin
    - e. Any other training as required by the lodge
  4. Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)
  5. Perform such duties as the lodge requires.
  6. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  7. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
13. Lodge Vice Chief of National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)
1. Work closely with the Lodge NOAC Contingent Adviser
  2. Lead NOAC Contingent and plan pre and post NOAC activities.
  3. Host a patch design contest for the NOAC contingent and NOAC fundraiser patches.
  4. Present After Action Report at the COC following the NOAC.
  5. Perform such duties as the lodge requires.
  6. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
  7. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser.
14. Lodge Vigil Chief
1. Work closely with the Lodge Associate Adviser for Vigil.
  2. Coordinate the Vigil Induction Weekends
  3. Coordinate and run the Vigil Honors Selection at Fall Fellowship
  4. Perform such duties as the Lodge requires
  5. Act as a voting member of the Lodge Council of Chiefs
  6. Submit an end of term report to the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser
15. General:
1. All Lodge officers shall attend all Lodge Executive Council and Council of Chiefs meetings.

2. All Lodge officers shall submit a written report at the end of their term dealing with duties, accomplishments, and suggestions for the future.

### **13. ARTICLE XIII: RECOGNITION AWARDS**

1. Lodge Recognition awards will be defined in the Awards Section in the Amangi Nacha Lodge Plan Book. Changes in Awards may be made by a simple majority of the lodge Council of Chiefs.
  - a. Founders Award
  - b. James E. West Fellowship
  - c. Chief's Award
    - i. Lodge Chiefs yearly outstanding service award.
    - ii. Awarded for service above and beyond normal duty to the Lodge.
  - d. Ceremonies Recognition
    - i. Awarded in recognition of providing service to the lodge through Ceremonies. Ceremonialists are awarded the corresponding medallion of the principle the ceremonies were performed
2. Chapter recognition awards will be determined by the Chapters.

### **14. ARTICLE XIV: AMENDING THE AMANGI NACHA LODGE RULES**

1. Lodge By-laws shall only be changed by a 2/3 vote of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.
2. All amendments shall be proposed at one meeting of the Lodge Council of Chiefs, published within the 3 days following and voted on at the next meeting of the Lodge Council of Chiefs.

## **Awards**

### **Founder's Award**

The Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. Awarded based on criteria set by the selection committee.

### **James E. West Fellowship**

Name put in for contribution to the council fund after serving exceptionally to lodge.

### **Chief's Award**

Lodge Chiefs yearly outstanding service award. Awarded for service above and beyond normal duty to the Lodge. Criteria set by Lodge Chief.

### **Ceremonies Recognition**

Awarded in recognition of providing service to the lodge through Ceremonies. Ceremonialists are awarded the corresponding medallion of the principle the ceremonies were performed. Can be earned by completing ceremonies at 3 different **events**, does not extend to 3 individual ceremonies, only full events. Must be 3 events per principle per medallion. To be awarded the corresponding medallion of the principle the ceremonies were performed as.

### **Elangomat Award**

The Elangomat Award is awarded to those who; 1) Participate in the Elangomat training, 2) Perform as an Elangomat for One ordeal Clan, 3) Stay in contact with your Clan and obtain a 75% Brotherhood achievement within 12 months of their Ordeal. It will be handed out at the Lodge Dinner for the year in which criteria is completed.

## **Purpose of the Order of the Arrow**

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.

- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

## Requirements for the Order of the Arrow

Unit elections are permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units. The Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type unit in which they are being considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery rank, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

## Brotherhood Honor

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

## Vigil Honor

After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their distinguished contributions to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

## Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative serves as a communication link between the local OA lodge or chapter and the troop. They promote year-round and resident camping and participate in high-adventure programs and community service projects. They encourage Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in lodge or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the order by becoming Brotherhood members.

Try to also have for Crews and Ships too to strengthen relations.

## Role of Non-Adviser Scouters

As a scouter who has not been appointed as an adult adviser, your primary responsibilities are outside the Order of the Arrow. Your main duty in the Order of the Arrow is to support its program in your scouting position.

If you serve as a Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper, you know your attitudes will be reflected in those of your scouts. You may not have the time to attend OA activities regularly. Unit functions, roundtables, and scout leader training come first. But you can make your feelings toward the order known. Since you understand the importance of your unit to the order, you can speak well of it. As a result, your scouts will support both. Since your time is limited, encourage one of your assistants who is an Arrowman to make the order their special responsibility. Your Arrowmen will then have a source of transportation and an additional source of inspiration.

Many scouters find Order of the Arrow functions an excellent opportunity to relax, take stock, meet other scouters, and get to know their youth leaders better. Your efforts to support the order during these activities will be appreciated. Offer transportation or help with a special skill. But especially give a positive example and encouragement to all brothers.

## More Information

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GEC Website:

<https://gec-bsa.org>

Lodge Website:

[www.amanginacha.org](http://www.amanginacha.org)

National Website:

[www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

