

# **BYLAWS OF ILLINI LODGE #55**

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

### **ARTICLE 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.

### **ARTICLE II. USE OF TERMS**

As used in these bylaws the following designated terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“Active Youth Member” shall mean a Youth Member whose dues to the Lodge are paid up to date;

“Adviser” shall mean the adult volunteer named by the Council Scout Executive to act as Lodge Adviser of Illini Lodge, Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America;

“Adult Member” shall mean a man or woman 21 years of age or older who is a member of the Lodge;

“Council” shall mean the Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America;

“Lodge” shall mean the Illini Lodge, Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America;

“National Policy” shall mean any official pronouncement of Order of the Arrow policy in whatever form issued by the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow, or its successors and includes but is not limited to the Order of the Arrow Handbook, the Guide for Officers and Advisors and the Field Operations Guide;

“Scout Executive” shall mean the Council Scout Executive of the Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America;

“Staff Adviser” shall mean the professional scout executive designated by the Council Scout Executive to act as Lodge Staff Adviser of Illini Lodge, Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America;

“Youth Member” shall mean a young man under the age of 21 who is a member of the Lodge.

### **ARTICLE III. NAME & AFFILIATION**

**Section 1. Name.** The official name of the Lodge shall be “Illini Lodge, Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America”, but for convenience the Lodge may be commonly known and designated as “Illini Lodge” or “Illini Lodge #55” or “Illini Lodge #55 W.W.W.” or any similar designation.

**Section 2. Local Affiliation.** The Lodge is chartered to the Prairielands Council No. 117, Boy Scouts of America. The Lodge shall be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Council Scout Executive.

**Section 3. National Affiliation.** The Lodge is the local subdivision of the Order of the Arrow. The Lodge operates under the auspices of the Order of the Arrow. All policies, rules, procedures and regulations of the Lodge as contained in these bylaws, or otherwise, are required to be in accordance with and consistent with National Policy.

### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Classification of Members.** All members of the Lodge are either Youth Members or Adult Members.

**Section 2. Qualifications of Youth Members.** Youth Members must be under 21 years of age and a registered member of the Boys Scouts of America.

**Section 3. Election of Youth Members.** Youth Members shall be elected from Boy Scout troops or Varsity teams in accordance with National Policy.

**Section 4. Qualification of Adult Members.** Adult Members are men or women 21 years of age or older and registered as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Section 5. Election of Adult Members.** Adult leaders in Boy Scout troops or Varsity teams may be nominated for membership in the Lodge in accordance with National Policy. Other adult volunteers may be nominated for membership in the Lodge in accordance with National Policy. Adults in the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America in the Council shall be considered to be *ex officio* members of the Lodge by reason of their professional position with the Council.

**Section 6. Honorary or Lifetime Membership.** No honorary or lifetime memberships shall be recognized by the Lodge.

**Section 7. Voting.** Each Active Youth Member of the Lodge shall be entitled to one vote on all matters that come

before the Lodge membership for approval. Adult Members are not entitled to vote upon any matters that come before the Lodge membership for approval and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Youth Members only.

**Section 8. Degrees of Membership.** Youth and adults selected for membership in the Lodge shall be candidates for, and shall be admitted to, Ordeal membership in the Lodge upon completion of all requirements therefore prescribed by National Policy. Youth and Adult Members of the Lodge may be admitted to Brotherhood membership upon completion of all the requirements therefore prescribed by National Policy. Those Youth and Adult Brotherhood members of the Lodge shall be eligible for selection for the Vigil Honor upon qualifying therefore and being selected thereto as prescribed by National Policy. No other or different degrees of membership shall be recognized by the Lodge.

## **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Designation of Lodge Offices.** The officers of the Lodge shall be a Lodge Chief, a Vice Chief of Administration, a Vice Chief of Activities, a Vice Chief of Inductions, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Section 2. Election & Term of Office.** Lodge officers shall be elected annually by the Active Youth Members of the Lodge. Such election shall take place at a properly convened business meeting of the Active Youth Members held at the Fall Pow Wow. The Lodge operating year shall be the calendar year and officers shall serve from January 1 to December 31 each year. Officers shall be installed in office at the Winter Banquet for the ensuing year. Each Lodge officer shall hold office until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

**Section 3. Removal.** Any officer may be removed from office for improper actions, abandonment of office or other sufficient reason by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee with the concurrence of the Adviser and Staff Adviser.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** A vacancy in office, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee with the concurrence of the Adviser and Staff Adviser.

**Section 5. Lodge Chief.** The Lodge Chief shall be the principal executive officer of the Lodge and supervise and control the day to day business and affairs of the Lodge. The Lodge Chief will preside at all meetings of the Youth Members of the Lodge and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Lodge Chief shall represent the Lodge at Council events, Section Council of Chiefs meetings, and other local, section, region and national events. The Lodge Chief, together with the Lodge Secretary or other appropriate Lodge officer, may sign documents in the name of and on behalf of the Lodge. The Lodge Chief, with the advice of the Vice Chiefs and with the concurrence of the Adviser and Staff Adviser, shall appoint a chairman for each standing committee of the Lodge and for any *ad hoc* committees of the Lodge that may exist from time to time. The Lodge Chief shall appoint a chairman for the Vigil Committee and such person shall be directly responsible to and shall report directly to the Lodge Chief.

**Section 6. Vice Chief of Administration.** The Vice Chief of Administration shall be responsible for the administrative functions of the Lodge and shall oversee all standing committees with such responsibilities. In the absence of the Lodge Chief, he shall preside at meetings of the Lodge or the Executive Committee. In the absence of the Lodge Chief, he shall represent the Lodge at Council events, Section Council of Chiefs meetings or other local, section, region or national events. The Vice Chief of Administration shall revise the Lodge Plan Book as needed and shall present the revised version of the Lodge Plan Book to the Lodge membership at the Winter Banquet. The committee chairmen of the Camp Promotions, Cub Scout Relations, Lodge Structure, Troop Representatives and Unit Elections committees shall report to him and he shall be responsible for those committees. The Vice Chief of Administration shall have such other duties as assigned to him by the Lodge Chief or the Executive Committee.

**Section 7. Vice Chief of Activities.** The Vice Chief of Activities shall be responsible for all the program functions of the Lodge and shall oversee all standing committees with such responsibilities. He shall be responsible to see that all Lodge activities are properly planned and carried out including the Fall Pow Wow, Winter Banquet and Spring Fellowship. He shall be responsible to see that all service projects of the Lodge are properly planned and carried out. The committee chairmen of the Activities, Lodge Leadership Development, Section, Region and National Events, Service and Trail committees shall report to him and he shall be responsible for those committees. The Vice Chief of Activities shall have such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Lodge Chief or the Executive Committee.

**Section 8. Vice Chief of Inductions.** The Vice Chief of Inductions shall be responsible for all membership induction functions of the Lodge and shall oversee the standing committees with such responsibilities. He shall be responsible for the Call Out, Ordeal process and Brotherhood conversion process. The committee chairmen of the Brotherhood, Ceremonies and Ordeal committees shall report to him and he shall be responsible for those committees. The Vice Chief of Inductions shall have such other duties as assigned to him by the Lodge Chief or the Executive Committee.

**Section 9. Secretary.** The Secretary will keep all minutes of the meetings of the Lodge and the Executive Committee. He will see that reasonable notice is given of all Lodge meetings and all Executive Committee meetings. He shall be the keeper of all the official records of the Lodge and shall see that they are properly maintained and preserved. The Secretary shall sign membership cards of members and sign other documents on behalf of the Lodge when appropriate. He shall be responsible for membership retention and record-keeping. The Secretary shall perform all other duties normally and usually incident to the office of secretary and any other duties as may be assigned to him by the Lodge Chief or the Executive Committee. The committee chairman of the Communications committee shall report to the Secretary and he shall be responsible for that committee.

**Section 10. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds of the Lodge, shall receive and give receipts for money or property of the Lodge, and shall deposit all monies received by him in appropriate accounts of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Finance committee and shall be responsible for that committee. He shall encourage and promote financial responsibility by the Lodge through the finance and budgeting process. He shall oversee the stocking of Lodge merchandise maintained for sale and shall provide for adequate personnel to sell merchandise of the Lodge at Lodge activities and other appropriate events. He shall be responsible to send dues notices to members, to collect and receipt for dues paid and to contact members whose dues are unpaid and encourage payment. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties normally and usually incident to the office of treasurer and any other duties as may be assigned to him by the Lodge Chief or the Executive Committee.

**Section 11. Advisers.** The Council Executive as Supreme Chief of the Fire has final responsibility for all activities and affairs of the Lodge. The Council Executive shall appoint an adult volunteer to serve as Adviser who shall be the Deputy Supreme Chief of the Fire and shall advise the Lodge officers and membership on all matters related to the Lodge. The Council Executive may serve as Staff Adviser to the Lodge or may appoint another professional scout executive of the Council to serve in such capacity and as Chief of the Fire. The Staff Adviser in conjunction with the Adviser shall advise the officers and members of the Lodge. The Council Executive in conjunction with the Adviser may appoint one or more Associate Lodge Advisers to assist the Adviser in his duties. The Adviser shall act as adviser to the Lodge Chief. The Adviser may select qualified Adult Members to act as advisers to the other Lodge officers.

**Section 12. Resident Camp.** At all times when the Council is operating resident summer camp, the activities of the Lodge at camp shall be conducted as provided by this section. Day to day Lodge operations at camp shall be directed by the Camp Chief. If the Lodge Chief is a member of the resident summer camp staff, then he shall be the Camp Chief. If the Lodge Chief is not a member of the resident summer camp staff, then the Lodge Chief, with the concurrence of the Adviser and the Staff Adviser, shall select an appropriate Lodge member serving on the resident summer camp staff to serve as Camp Chief. The Camp Director shall be the Camp Chief of the Fire and shall advise the day to day operations of the Lodge at camp. Members of the lodge Executive Committee serving on the resident summer camp staff shall constitute the Camp Council and shall make decisions for the Lodge at camp. The duties of the Camp Chief, Camp Chief of the Fire and Camp Council shall terminate at the end of the resident summer camp.

## **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Executive Committee.** The management and conduct of the business of the Lodge shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Lodge Chief, the immediate past Lodge Chief, the Vice Chief of Administration, the Vice Chief of Activities, the Vice Chief of Inductions, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the chairmen of each of the standing committees of the Lodge. The Executive Committee may act by unanimous agreement of its members, or by majority vote of its members at any regularly called meeting for which all members have had reasonable notice. A majority of those persons serving on the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the vote of a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any action except where a greater vote is required by these bylaws.

**Section 2. Standing Committees.** The Lodge shall have such regular standing committees as may be necessary to effectively carry out the business of the Lodge. The following standing committees are authorized: Activities, Brotherhood, Camp Promotions, Ceremonies, Communications, Cub Scout Relations, Finance, Lodge Leadership Development, Lodge Structure, Ordeal, Section, Region, and National Events, Service, Trail, Troop Representatives, Unit Elections and Vigil. Additional standing committees may be authorized from time to time by the Executive Committee. Existing standing committees may be dissolved and their duties assigned to another standing committee as the Executive Committee may authorize.

**Section 3. Activities Committee.** The Activities committee shall be responsible to plan and carry out all activities of the Lodge including but not limited to the Fall Pow Wow, Winter Banquet, and Spring Fellowship. The Activities committee shall prepare a proposed budget in advance for each activity and have it approved by the Adviser and Staff Adviser. The Activities committee shall be responsible to obtain persons to staff each activity and to handle such responsibilities as registration, food service, trading post, training, events and any other need. The Activities committee shall see that adequate notice of each activity is given to all Lodge members to insure participation.

**Section 4. Brotherhood Committee.** The Brotherhood committee shall be responsible for that part of the induction process beginning with completion of the Ordeal ceremony through and including completion of the Brotherhood ceremony. Specifically the Brotherhood committee shall maintain a list of those Ordeal members eligible to receive Brotherhood membership and shall notify such members of their eligibility. The Brotherhood committee shall keep eligible Ordeal members advised of opportunities to receive Brotherhood membership. The Brotherhood committee shall conduct Brotherhood interviews, the Brotherhood hike and oversee all other aspects of the Brotherhood induction process to insure maximum conversion of Ordeal members to Brotherhood membership. The Brotherhood committee shall train sufficient Brotherhood members to assist in the performance of its duties. The Brotherhood committee shall monitor Brotherhood conversion rates for the Lodge and help the Lodge achieve Quality Lodge status each year.

**Section 5. Camp Promotions Committee.** The Camp Promotions committee promotes all aspects of Cub Scout and Boy Scout camping throughout the year. The Camp Promotions committee collects information, photographs, video

footage and other material to aid in promoting camp. The committee is responsible to prepare and distribute promotional materials to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the Council. The committee provides assistance in promoting resident summer camp and Cub Scout Day Camp. The committee is responsible to update and periodically publish a new "Where To Go Camping" booklet for the Lodge. The committee chairman shall appoint District sub-chairmen for each District to assist with conducting camp promotions nights in local units.

**Section 6. Ceremonies Committee.** The Ceremonies committee is responsible for that part of the induction process that relates to the ceremonies required including but not limited to the Call Out, the Pre-Ordeal, the Ordeal and the Brotherhood ceremonies. The Ceremonies committee shall also be responsible for other ceremonial presentations to groups other than Lodge members. The Ceremonies committee shall have charge of the Awosagame or any other building designated for ceremonies purposes and for the ceremonial grounds of the Lodge. The committee shall maintain and repair these facilities as needed and shall locate and prepare new ceremonial grounds as required. The committee shall keep and maintain all regalia, props, supplies and materials used for ceremony purposes. The committee shall train its members and assure that those members participating in ceremonies of the Lodge have memorized their parts and are prepared to present the ceremonies in proper fashion. The committee shall acquire new regalia, props, supplies and materials as needed with the approval of the Adviser or Staff Adviser.

**Section 7. Communications Committee.** The Communications committee shall be responsible to assure the smooth flow of information to all Lodge members. The committee shall design, establish and maintain an appropriate website for the Lodge. The committee will compile and maintain an e-mail list of Lodge members' e-mail addresses for the Lodge to facilitate communications with Lodge members. The Communications committee will be responsible for other announcements, notices and communications as required. The committee shall oversee the preparation and publication of the Lodge newsletter, *The Buck*, or any successor publication and see that it is made generally available to the Lodge membership and other interested persons in electronic, paper and other appropriate form. The committee shall actively promote electronic and new forms of communication as appropriate means of communication between the Lodge and its members.

**Section 8. Cub Scout Relations Committee.** The Cub Scout Relations Committee shall promote Boy Scouting to Cub Scouts in the Council. The committee shall coordinate its efforts with the Council Camping Committee. The committee will assist other Lodge committees in promoting Boy Scouting to Cub Scouts with emphasis on the Webelos to Boy Scout transition.

**Section 9. Finance Committee.** The Finance committee shall prepare an annual budget for the Lodge. The committee will plan and carry out fund-raising events during the year and will assist the Treasurer in managing Lodge finances. The committee shall be responsible to design, obtain approval for, promote and sell merchandise of all types for the Lodge to members and others, as appropriate, bearing the name and totem of the Lodge. The committee may take appropriate measures, as it sees fit, to trademark, copyright or otherwise protect the name, totem and any other unique marks or symbols of the Lodge.

**Section 10. Lodge Leadership Development.** The Lodge Leadership Development committee will plan and carry out all training and leadership development for the Lodge, both youth and adult. The committee will annually hold at least one Lodge training event that is open to all members of the Lodge and shall include information of interest to all members. The committee shall assure that adult training opportunities are available at training events to help provide adults with training to serve as advisers and for other purposes consistent with Lodge objectives.

**Section 11. Lodge Structure.** The Lodge Structure committee shall oversee, evaluate, review and recommend changes to the Lodge's organizational structure which will promote the effective and efficient operation of the Lodge at all times. The committee shall coordinate its efforts with and at the direction of the Executive Committee.

**Section 12. Ordeal Committee.** The Ordeal committee shall be responsible for that part of the induction process from the election of a candidate through the completion of the Ordeal ceremony. The committee shall plan and hold such Ordeal weekends as it deems necessary to allow the smooth and timely induction of new members into the Lodge. The committee may conduct Ordeals as a part of the resident summer camp program with the advise and consent of the Adviser, Staff Adviser, Camp Director and Camping Committee. The committee will coordinate with the Activities committee to permit induction of Ordeal candidates at the Fall Pow Wow and Spring Fellowship, if desirable. The committee will coordinate with the Ceremonies committee to assure that Call Out, Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies can be held as needed. The committee will coordinate with the Service committee, the Council Camping Committee and the Camp Ranger to assure that adequate and appropriate service projects are available for Ordeal candidates to perform. The committee will oversee the entire Ordeal process, recruit and train taskmasters and Elangomats, plan and prepare service projects and perform any other tasks necessary to a successful Ordeal.

**Section 13. Section, Region & National Events Committee.** The Section, Region & National Events committee shall gather information about section, region and national events of interest to Lodge members and shall make information available to Lodge members in a timely manner. The committee shall promote Section Conclaves, National Leadership Seminars, National Order of the Arrow Conferences, and other such events to the Lodge membership. The committee will have its members regularly attend the Section Council of Chiefs meetings and will assist the Lodge Chief in acting as a liaison between the Lodge and the Section. The committee will promote Council, Order of the Arrow and National High Adventure opportunities. The committee shall have such responsibilities for the annual Section Conclave as the Lodge Chief shall assign.

**Section 14. Service Committee.** The Service committee shall be responsible for all service activities of the Lodge.

The committee will plan and carry out Lodge service projects. The committee will be responsible for camp service and community service including but not limited to Tool Times and One Day of Service. The committee will assist the Ordeal committee in developing appropriate service projects for Ordeal candidates. The committee will handle requests from groups outside the Lodge for assistance in performing work or service to the camp, Scouting or the community. The committee shall promote conservation projects, assist with such projects as appropriate and emphasize outdoor ethics in its activities, as appropriate, including Leave No Trace.

**Section 15. Trail Committee.** The Trail committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Onnaqispasippi Trail at Camp Robert Drake. The committee shall promote the use of the trail to scouts and other groups using Camp Drake. The committee will plan and carry out the Trail Tromp each year and plan and carry out such other service projects for the benefit of the trial as may be desirable.

**Section 16. Troop Representatives.** The Troop Representatives committee will promote the use of the Order of the Arrow Representative program to Council Boy Scout troops and Varsity teams. The committee will maintain a current list of youth and adult Order of the Arrow representatives for all Council troops and teams and update such list as required to keep it current. The committee shall coordinate with the Lodge Leadership Development committee to offer appropriate training opportunities for youth and adult Order of the Arrow representatives. The committee will coordinate with the Communications committee to insure that effective communications takes place between the Lodge and Council troops/teams through the Order of the Arrow representatives in each unit. The committee chairman shall appoint District sub-chairmen for each District to assist with efficient committee operations.

**Section 17. Unit Elections.** The Unit Elections committee will insure that Order of the Arrow elections occur each year in all eligible troops and teams within the Council. The committee will select and train sufficient election teams in each District to hold all elections. The committee chairman shall appoint District sub-chairmen for each District to assist with efficient operations. The committee will verify election results and report them to the Executive Committee and the Council in a timely fashion so that appropriate Call Outs can be held at summer camp.

**Section 18. Vigil Committee.** The Vigil committee shall be responsible for the Vigil selection process from the nomination of candidates through the Vigil ceremony and recognition. The committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Chapel at Camp Robert Drake and shall organize and carry out such other service projects as may be desirable. The committee may plan and hold activities for Vigil members of the Lodge and do such other things as may be in furtherance of the purposes of the Vigil Honor.

**Section 19. Ad Hoc Committees.** The Executive Committee may create such *ad hoc* committees from time to time as may be desirable to handle temporary or short term matters. The Lodge Chief shall appoint a chairman for each such committee and the committee shall have the duties and responsibilities assigned to it by the Executive Committee. The Adviser may appoint an adviser for any *ad hoc* committee as he deems appropriate. All *ad hoc* committees shall report directly to the Lodge Chief unless he assigns responsibility for such committee to another officer.

**Section 20. Advisers.** The Adviser with the concurrence of the Staff Adviser will appoint appropriate Adult Members to advise each standing committee of the Lodge. Each adviser shall work with the chairman and members of his committee to assure that the committee fulfills its functions. The committee adviser will report to the Adviser or Staff Adviser as necessary.

## **ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Principal Activities.** The Lodge shall hold three main activities each year as follows: the Winter Banquet to be held the first Saturday in January each year or at such other time as the Executive Committee authorizes; the Spring Fellowship to be held as a weekend camp out during the Spring of each year; and the Fall Pow Wow to be held as a weekend camp out during the Fall of each year. The Executive Committee may authorize and provide for additional activities as it shall decide is best. A business meeting of the Youth Members of the Lodge shall be held at the Spring Fellowship and Fall Pow Wow.

**Section 2. Lodge Meetings.** General business meetings of the members of the Lodge shall be held, in addition to those at the Spring Fellowship and Fall Pow Wow, in the months of December, February and June. The Executive Committee may call other meetings of the Lodge membership as it sees fit.

**Section 3. Executive Committee Meetings.** The Executive Committee shall meet four times per year during the months of March, May, September and November and at such other times as the Executive Committee may decide.

**Section 4. Procedure.** Meetings shall generally be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*. Votes may be by roll call or by secret ballot. Meetings shall be opened with the Obligation and closed with the singing of the Order of the Arrow song.

**Section 5. Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Lodge or the Executive Committee may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Adviser, Staff Adviser or Scout Executive. Notice of such meetings shall be given in such a manner and at such a time as to insure the attendance of as many members as possible.

## ARTICLE VIII. FINANCE

**Section 1. Annual Budget.** An annual budget shall be prepared for the Lodge by the Finance committee and shall be presented to the Executive Committee in January each year for approval. The Lodge shall operate on such budget for the year unless the budget is amended by the Executive Committee.

**Section 2. Dues.** Each member of the Lodge shall be required to pay annual dues to the Lodge in order to remain an active member of the Lodge. The Executive Committee shall set the amount of the annual dues to be paid by each member. Dues shall be payable no later than the Winter Banquet and shall be for the succeeding calendar year. Any member who fails to pay his dues in any year may be reinstated to active membership by payment of the dues unpaid and payment of the current year's dues. Any member who fails to pay his dues for two or more years may be reinstated to active membership by payment of two years back dues and the current year's dues. Any member who fails to pay dues for more than two consecutive years shall be removed from the roll of active members of the Lodge.

**Section 3. Fees.** The Executive Committee shall establish initiation fees to be paid by candidates for Ordeal membership. Such fees shall include the cost of a handbook, lodge flap, sash, meals, pro-rata dues and any other items that the Executive Committee deems proper. The Executive Committee shall establish fees for candidates for Brotherhood membership. Such fees shall include the cost of a sash, meals and any other items deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may establish fees for candidates for the Vigil Honor and such fees shall include costs associated with Vigil membership.

**Section 4. Accounts.** All Lodge funds shall be held by the Council in one or more custodial accounts for the use and benefit of the Lodge. All Lodge funds shall be accounted for by the Council in the name of the Lodge as a part of the Council's accounting procedures.

**Section 5. Expenditures.** The expenditure of Lodge funds shall be approved by the Lodge Chief and the Staff Advisor. Any expenditure of funds in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IX. INSIGNIA

**Section 1. Totem.** The totem of the Lodge shall be the whitetail deer. Upon qualifying for Ordeal membership each member shall be given a one inch piece of deer antler suspended on a leather thong which shall be worn around the neck to signify membership in the Lodge. Upon attaining Brotherhood membership the two ends of the leather thong shall be tied in figure 8 knots. Upon attaining Vigil Honor membership a piece of deer antler tip shall be added to the leather thong to create a triangle configuration.

**Section 2. Flap Patch.** The Executive Committee of the Lodge shall authorize the issuance of one or more flap patches which will be sold to Lodge members and may be worn on the scout uniform.

**Section 3. Other Insignia.** The Executive Committee may authorize the issuance of other insignia for the Lodge which may include patches, pins, shirts, hats or other items bearing the name and/or totem of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

**Section 1. Amendments.** These bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Youth Members of the Lodge present at any regular or special meeting of the Lodge.

**Section 2. National Policy.** These bylaws are intended to conform to National Policy. To the extent that any provision of the bylaws is contrary to National Policy, then National Policy shall apply. In the event of any change in National Policy which thereby makes any provision of these bylaws contrary to such policy, then to that extent only these bylaws shall be superseded by such change in policy.