

## Lodge By-Laws

### Statement of Purpose

We of the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge #188, Order of the Arrow W.W.W. in order to recognize those campers, Scouts, and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves as to warrant such recognition, to promote Scout camping which reaches its greatest effectiveness as part of the unit's camping program, and to help strengthen the district's and council's camping program both year round and in the summer camp, as directed by the Council Camping Committee, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others, do hereby ordain and establish these Lodge Rules for the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge #188, Order of the Arrow W.W.W.

Article I. Name and affiliation of Lodge

Section 1.01 \*The name and number of this lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be Itibapishe Iti Hollo #188.

Section 1.02 The Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge shall be affiliated with the Central North Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, and shall be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.

Section 1.03 The totem of the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge shall be that of a Creek Indian wearing one feather.

Section 1.04 The lodge flap shall depict a one feather Creek Indian in a canoe. The fleur-de-lis shall appear on the patch. Itibapishe Iti Hollo shall appear on the patch. WWW shall appear on the patch.

- (a) The official lodge flap is not to be resold. It is to be worn only by eligible members of Itibapishe Iti Hollo.
- (b) Special lodge flaps may be made for various events. Designs for these flaps may be submitted to the Lodge Treasurer at any time. Any decisions regarding final flap designs will be made by the Lodge Executive Committee.

Article II. E. Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge shall be divided into seven chapters. These Chapters shall be Anson, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, and Union. Election of membership

Section 2.01 \*The requirements for membership in the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge and procedures for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 2.02 All final elections results must be approved by the Lodge Key Three.

Article III. Officers

Section 3.01 \*The officers of Itibapishe Iti Hollo shall be Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer. These officers must be under twenty-one years of age for their entire term of office.

Section 3.02 The officers of each chapter of Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge shall be at the discretion of the Chapter Chief but should at least consist of Chapter Chief and Chapter Vice-Chief. These elected officers must be under twenty-one years of age for their entire term of office. The Chapter Chief shall appoint such operating committees as may be required from time to time with the approval of the Chapter Key Three. The chairmen shall be under twenty-one years of age the entire term of office.

Section 3.03 Lodge officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the Fall Fellowship. Candidates must be nominated in writing. All nominations are turned into the Lodge Adviser by the Friday night check-in of the Fall Fellowship. In the event no one has been nominated by self-motion or

by a floor nomination, the Lodge Executive Committee has the power to appoint officers. Election shall be by a simple majority of those voting. Write-in votes will be permitted. No absentee ballots will be accepted. The term of office shall be from Fall Fellowship to Fall Fellowship. Lodge officers shall be officially installed at the Lodge Executive Committee meeting on Saturday night of the Fall Fellowship.

Section 3.04 \*The Lodge Executive Committee shall be composed of the four elected officers, the immediate Past Lodge Chief, the Lodge Operating Committee Chairmen, the Lodge Adviser, the Associate Lodge Adviser, a member of the Council Camping and Activities Committee, the Chapter Chiefs, the advisers of each chapter, the Scout Executive, and the Lodge Staff Adviser.

Section 3.05 \*The Lodge Adviser and Chapter Advisers shall be appointed by the Scout Executive in consultation with the related Council Camping and Activities Chairmen.

Section 3.06 The duties of the officials of the Itibapishé Iti Hollo Lodge are updated as needed by the Lodge Executive Committee, and the current edition is found on the lodge website.

Section 3.07 Upon the resignation of any lodge officer, the Lodge Executive Committee shall elect his replacement, one which fulfills all the requirements for being elected to that office. This person shall serve in that capacity until the remainder of the term of office is completed.

Section 3.08 The Lodge Executive Committee has the power to remove any lodge officer from his elected or appointed office, who, in their eyes, has not performed his duties adequately, only after approval of the Lodge Key Three. A successor to any office of the lodge prior to the completion of that term will be in accordance with Article III Section 3.07 of the Lodge By-laws.

Section 3.09 In the event of the lodge chief being elected to section office, the new lodge chief will be selected by a simple majority vote of the Lodge Executive Committee, with the approval of the lodge adviser and staff adviser.

Section 3.10 In the event of the Lodge Chief resigning, incapacity to discharge his office, or being removed from office, the Lodge Vice Chief assumes the office of Lodge Chief, and the other officers will have the option of moving up to the next office, staying in their current office, or leaving the Lodge Executive Committee, before new elections are conducted in accordance with Article III Section 3.07 of the Lodge By-laws.

Section 3.11 There shall be no double representation by a member on the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 3.12 Chapter and committee representation on the Lodge Executive Board is by membership only.

#### Article IV. Committees

Section 4.01 There shall be three outstanding operating committees of the Lodge, each with a chairman under twenty-one years of age and an adult adviser.

- (i) Inductions Committee

(ii) Communications Committee

(iii) Finance Committee

Section 4.02 The Lodge Chief will appoint operating committee chairmen in consultation of the lodge officers. All appointments shall be approved by the Lodge Key Three. The chairmen shall be under twenty-one years of age for the entire appointment.

Article V. Lodge Meetings

Section 5.01 The lodge shall schedule at least five events a year.

(i) Lodge Training/Winter Banquet

(ii) Spring Fellowship

(iii) Spring Ordeal

(iv) Fall Ordeal

(v) Fall Fellowship

Section 5.02 The Lodge Executive Committee of the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge shall hold at least four meetings annually.

Section 5.03 Special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Lodge Adviser and Staff Adviser, and may also be called into session by a quorum of 15% of the active youth membership.

Section 5.04 Each meeting of the lodge shall be opened with the Obligation and closed with the Order of the Arrow Song.

Section 5.05 Members of the Order twenty-one years of age or older shall have no vote in any decisions of the lodge.

Section 5.06 At regularly scheduled Lodge Executive Committee meetings, a simple majority shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Dues

Section 6.01 There shall be an induction fee, exclusive to the cost of the event fee, variable at the time of induction. For such, each new Ordeal member shall receive the following:

(i) One membership card

(ii) One Order of the Arrow sash

(iii) One Order of the Arrow handbook

(iv) One Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge flap

(v) One copy of the Witschewan

Section 6.02 Dues shall be paid annually to the Council Office at a rate set by the Lodge Key Three. The fee is subject to change; the current fee is published in the Witschewan.

Section 6.03 In the event of rejection from the lodge, these dues shall be nonrefundable.

Section 6.04 All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council Office and go through all normal accounting procedures used by the council.

Article VII. Brotherhood Membership

Section 7.01 \*Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 7.02 Brotherhood Ceremonies shall be held at the discretion of the Lodge Officers.

Article VIII. Vigil Honor

Section 8.01 \*Attainment of Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Section 8.02 Vigil Honor ceremonies shall be held whenever called for by an appointed Vigil Honor Ad-Hoc Committee

Article IX. Amendments to Lodge Rules

Section 9.01 These rules shall be subject to amendment at any regular or special meeting of this lodge provided such amendment has been presented in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee at least one month prior to such a meeting and that due notice has been sent to all active members at least ten days prior to such a meeting.

Section 9.02 In the event of the need for immediate change of the Lodge By-Laws, the Lodge Key Three will discuss such changes with the Scout Executive or their designee and such person will make the immediate changes to these by-laws. fit. To be approved, amendments must be passed by a simple majority of those voting.

Section 9.03 In the event of the need to change minor spelling or grammatical errors, they shall be corrected without discussion or voting.

Section 9.04 In the event any of the Lodge By-laws are no longer in tandem with council or national Order of the Arrow policies they will be changed effective of the date of such council or national policy change.

Article X. Acceptance

Section 10.01 That this document, the “Standard Local Council Lodge Rules” for the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge, take place immediately.

Section 10.02 Ratification shall be a simple majority of those voting.

Section 10.03 These lodge rules for the Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge supersedes any similar documents that have been previously accepted for the lodge to this date of acceptance, November 10, 2007.

Section 10.04 Date of original ratification is September 23, 1972.

\*These rules are set by National Council and cannot be changed by the lodge.