

# ORDER OF THE ARROW TISQUANTUM LODGE #164

## Lodge Chief:

Ryan Palmer



## Lodge Advisor

John Larney

## Membership Requirements

### **Unit Leader approval.**

To become eligible for election, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader prior to the election. The unit leader must certify his Scout spirit, (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in his unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of this annual election.

### **Youth membership qualifications.**

All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to meeting the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America, as a minimum.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Candidates for youth membership shall be elected by other youth members in accordance with policies set forth by the National Order of the Arrow committee.

### **Scouts with special needs.**

The Order of the Arrow is committed to including Scouts and Scouters who have special needs because of a disability. In the case of special-needs troops, election teams should follow the same procedures, keeping in mind that any Scout who is classified as a youth member of a troop, regardless of age, will be considered a youth (voting) member. All other membership requirements remain the same.

When inducting a Scout or Scouter with a special need as with any candidate, lodges should make the activities challenging within the individual's limitations, and plan accordingly. Accessibility to ceremonial circles, sleeping sites, and appropriate work projects should be taken into consideration to ensure a meaningful induction.

## **Adult membership qualifications.**

All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are 21 years of age or older and who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America shall be considered adult members or candidates for adult memberships. Individuals shall be selected as candidates based on the following:

### **Adult leaders in a unit.**

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that result in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults to the lodge adult selection committee, composed of lodge adviser, the chairman of the council committee on which the lodge advisers serves, and the lodge staff adviser. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently-serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout Executive, serving as Supreme Chief of the fire, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

### **GETTING READY FOR SUMMER CAMP:**

- A roster of all registered troop members, a copy of your charter renewal form and any new boys is perfect.
- A list of all boys with the troop in camp.
- Over 50% of the registered boys **MUST BE PRESENT** to conduct an election.
- Information on eligible scouts will be needed for election forms

**There is no fixed quota on how many boys get elected. Rather, any boy who receives 50% of those ballots turned in is elected.**

### **BALLOTING IS SECRET AND IS NOT ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY.**

Elections will occur at camp every Wednesday at 1 PM in your campsite. Sign up early for the available time slots. The calling out to recognize those elected will occur on Thursday evening.