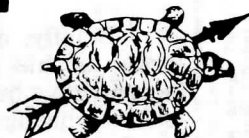


VOICE OF THE TURTLE

UNAMI LODGE -



ORDER OF THE ARROW

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPERATES UNAMI UNDER REVISED RULES

Approved by Local and National Councils

Historical Background

Unami Lodge, Wimachtendienk W. W., came into being at Treasure Island Camp in the summer of 1915 under the leadership of E. Urner Goodman and the program was so rich in experience that other scout camps adopted the idea. One of these was our own Camp Biddle in Broomall which started the Unalachtigo Lodge with the turkey as its totem. By 1921, enough camps had lodges to warrant creation of a National Lodge which held its first meeting at Treasure Island. Further expansion caused the National Council to have the Lodge become an official program experiment in 1922, an official part of its program in 1934, and a completely integrated program in 1948.

A letter on July 9, 1934, from Chief Scout Executive James E. West to the Director of Camping in Philadelphia—in part—"I have been given to understand that your Committee has been entirely cooperative in their willingness to adopt the present set-up of the organization to the new plan of supervision by the National Council and has done everything in the adjustment of ceremony and ritual to meet the need."

During the growth years, many changes were made. Wimachtendienk W. W. became Order of the Arrow. Local Councils were limited to one lodge for all camps in the Council. The smaller Unalachtigo Lodge then merged with Unami to serve Biddle, Treasure Island, and the new Hart Scout Reservation. "Under 21" became the rule for Lodge officers. Unami kept pace with these changes but found difficulty in some areas because of its size compared to the average Lodge across the country. Many changes were made and finally, in 1961, a revised set of rules were approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

After discussion, and some changes, these rules were approved on a tentative basis by the Council Camping Committee for final approval by the Philadelphia Council and the National Council. Certain items were not approved and the Lodge was instructed to change these items. Many months passed without action and, in October, 1962, a schedule was set up for making the revisions necessary for approval. The original tentative approval by the Council Camping Committee was withdrawn and a special committee, appointed by the Lodge Chief, worked out a proposed set of rules.

The then existing Lodge Executive Committee would act on the proposed revision and did not accompany the Staff and Lodge Advisors to the National Council Office for discussion of the changes required by national policy. After all changes were made, the Lodge Executive Committee still would not discuss or take action within the original time schedule and, at this point, with national approval and by virtue of their authority, the revised

rules were approved by the jurisdictional bodies of the Philadelphia Council and declared to be operative as of January 1, 1963—the date set in the rules.

During the past two months, a number of meetings were held to bring about a complete understanding of the changes in the new rules. Both the 1962 and 1963 Lodge Administrations refused to act on the acceptance of these rules. At this point, on advice of the National Camping Service, the Council Executive Board authorized the Scout Executive, as Supreme Chief-of-the-Fire, to appoint a Lodge Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to return the Lodge to normal operation within the shortest period of time. This will be accomplished by:

(a) Distribution to the Lodge membership of the revised rules with an explanation of the changes and the reasons for these changes.

(b) The audit of all Lodge funds and properties and the setting up of new procedures as prescribed by the revised rules.

(c) Appointment of temporary officers and arrangements for new elections to be held at an early date in order to apply for renewal of the Lodge Charter.

Joseph N. Pattison, III, is Chairman of this committee which includes George W. Chapman, Roland E. Dubree, Sr., Donald H. Ewing, Herbert F. Hertz, Dr. Frank B. Johnston, George H. Keller, George I. Oeste, and Louis R. Spealler. Members of this committee represent past Lodge Chiefs over a long period of years while Brothers Pattison, Hertz, Johnston, Keller, and Spealler, are also members of the Council Camping Committee. All agree that Unami Lodge will not operate under an administration in violation of basic Scouting policies.

OFFICIAL LODGE MEETINGS AND UNIT ELECTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS MAY NOT BE HELD WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY JOSEPH N. PATTISON, III, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TEMPORARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Lodge Activities and Operation:

An announcement to the Lodge membership will be made prior to April 1 concerning Lodge scheduled activities, spring meeting, split chapter weekend.

Ordeal Elections will be scheduled through the Advisory Committee. Request should be made in writing addressed to Advisory Committee, c/o Camping Service.

Lodge Dues can be paid in Camping Service. All Lodge members registered with the Boy Scouts of America are eligible to pay 1963 Lodge Dues.

Revision Highlights

The present rules do two things: first, they include the changes required to meet national and local policies and, second, they present a more orderly pattern by moving certain clauses or combining others to provide clarity. They are not intended to cover all operating details; these will be included in a revised operating manual by the new administration.

Art. I, Sec. 4, Clause A, is amended to provide the Lodge Executive Committee with advance notice by the Council for changes in organization which would affect chapters or divisions.

Art. II, Sec. 2, is amended by previous decision of the Lodge Executive Committee to clear non-unit elections through the Staff Advisor. Further, after discussion with the Lodge Ordeal Committee, this section now provides for a return to the "Hare and Ware" system of election as used for many years in the past to minimize a tendency for popularity contests.

Art. III, Sec. 1, is amended to include the provision of two Vice-Chiefs as previously approved by the Lodge Executive Committee and to include the national requirement that the Lodge Scribe and Treasurer be elected by the Lodge and that they be under 21 at the time of election. The growth of Unami requires much time on the part of the Chief and, with four operating sections, their supervision can now be carried on with the two Vice-Chiefs in more detail than was possible with one—plus the fact that this system will provide better training and added challenge to the job of Vice-Chief.

Art. III, Sec. 1, Clause C, of this section provides that the general Lodge funds be placed in a designated Lodge account in the Council Depository as one of the national requirements. This does not remove control of these funds from the Lodge Executive Committee which is responsible for the annual budget. In the past, the Lodge Treasurer signed disbursement checks which were to be countersigned. Now this procedure will apply to vouchers and the checks will be drawn on the designated account and signed by two people designated by the Council Finance Committee. Check issuance is automatic on receipt of the voucher, which the Treasurer has previously verified as a proper budget expense.

Art. III, Sec. 4, has been amended to permit each District Chapter to elect the same four basic officers as set up for the Lodge proper. This will provide training opportunities to enable brothers to advance in these positions from the chapter level to the lodge level. At the same time, the maximum age level for Chapter officers was raised from 18 to 21 to make possible a wider selection than could be done under the lower limit. Past experience has indicated leadership problems between the ages of 18 to 21 when so many potential leaders are inactive because of school and commercial activities and because many at 18 assume important time-consuming positions of leadership in their own units.

An example: two scouts to be chosen, four were nominated and eleven scouts voted as follows:

Sample: 11 Scouts' Record of Voting.....

SCOUT A		3	1	1	4	1	2	1	1	2	3	1
SCOUT B		1	3	4	2	3	4	4	4	3	4	3
SCOUT C		4	4	2	3	4	3	2	3	4	1	2
SCOUT D		2	2	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	4

Scores: Scout A, 20; Scout B, 35; Scout C, 32; Scout D, 23. Elected: Scouts A and D.

Briefly, each scout has voted for each candidate in order of his choice and the candidates with the lowest scores have been elected as representing a higher order of choice, brought about by making the voter come to a preferential decision rather than a pure popularity decision.

Art. III, Sec. 2, adds provision for meetings of the entire Lodge membership; provides for a Lodge Scribe Advisor to assist and counsel with the Lodge Scribe. Clause B covers the operation of the Lodge Trustees Committee and is **APPLICABLE ONLY TO UNAMI LODGE** by special permission of the National Council in recognition of a procedure in effect prior to adoption of the Order by the national program. Here again, the investments of this committee are placed in the Council Depository but the Trustees are in control of these funds within legal limits of investment by chartered organizations.

Clauses D, E, and F, were amended to meet national requirements that advisors be appointed by the Scout Executive **IN CONSULTATION WITH LODGE AND COUNCIL OFFICIALS**. It is hard to conceive that any Scout Executive would not confer with the proper people before making an appointment—this is standard procedure for appointment of most adult scouters.

Art. IV was coordinated and amended to provide basic changes in the nominating and election procedures. As revised and approved by the Lodge Executive Committee, the Nominations Committee was made a year round committee to add the responsibility of searching for brothers capable of potential leadership through early service in various Lodge functions. As further approved, the method of election was changed to balloting by mail in order to give **EVERY** brother an opportunity to vote rather than limiting the vote to those attending the annual meeting. Further, this eliminated the long delay and late adjournment at the annual dinner which was caused by the length of time needed to count the ballots.

Art. IV further provides for the Lodge officers and Executive Committee to take over on January 1 instead of March 1. This has given rise to a two-month "lame duck" operation in the past—with the outgoing administration losing interest and the incoming administration unable to act. On suggestion, the balloting by mail was moved back to November to permit the new Chief to organize his administration during the month of December and to provide for an orderly transition with training before January 1. District Chapter elections are then geared into this program.

Art. V, Sec. 1, Clause C is **APPLICABLE ONLY TO UNAMI LODGE** by special permission of the National Council in recognition of a procedure in effect prior to adoption of the Order by the national program.

Art. VI provides for annual chartering of District and Unit Chapters—includes an expiration date for such charters.

Art. VII provides that future rule changes must be approved by the Lodge membership rather than approval by the Lodge Executive Committee. This was Unami's practice for many years and is suggested by the National Council for a more democratic operation.

The following pages then show the Lodge Rules **NOW IN EFFECT** as of January 1, 1963. **ALL** previous rules have been rescinded and may no longer be used in the name of Unami Lodge, Order of the Arrow—an integrated program of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America which exercises legal jurisdiction over this program.

UNAMI LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW - RULES

EFFECTIVE - JANUARY 1, 1963

ARTICLE I Name, Affiliation, Totem and Organization

Section 1 - The name of this Lodge of the Order of the Arrow shall be the Unami Lodge, Number One, Wimahtendlenk W. W.

Section 2 - The Lodge shall be affiliated with Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America, under the jurisdiction of the Council, Camping Committee and the administrative authority of the Council Executive.

Section 3 - The Totem of this Lodge shall be the Turtle and may be displayed on certain approved insignia.

Clause A - Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members, during their lifetime, shall be entitled to only two of the special Lodge Patch, obtainable from the Lodge Scribe.

Clause B - Members may obtain only one official Lodge neckerchief each year. The Lodge neckerchief and sash shall be worn only at Order of the Arrow functions.

Clause C - Members may obtain other Lodge insignia from the Lodge Properties Committee or its designated agents as needed.

Section 4 - The Lodge shall consist of Divisions which correspond to the Council geographic divisions. Each Division shall consist of District Chapters which correspond to the Council Districts.

Clause A - Lodge Divisions and District Chapters shall change on the effective date of similar Council changes. Advance preparations for these changes shall be based on prior notification by the Lodge Staff Advisor.



ARTICLE II Requirements and Procedure for Election of Membership

Section 1 - The requirements for membership in this Lodge, the procedure for the Ordeal, completion of Brotherhood membership and attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accord with the current Order of the Arrow handbook.

Section 2 - The Lodge Ordeal Committee shall be responsible for all unit elections to membership; the Lodge Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the Lodge Staff Advisor, shall be responsible for all non-unit elections. All elections shall be held in accord with the general procedure in the current Order of the Arrow handbook. Balloting shall be by the Hare and Ware System with results to be announced at the time of election or within a period of one month at the discretion of the unit leader.

Section 3 - Unit and District registration shall determine membership of a District Chapter. Multiple registration shall require of member to indicate his preference of District Chapter to the Lodge Scribe.

ARTICLE III Officers, Executive Committee and Trustees

Section 1 - The officers of this Lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, two Lodge Vice-Chiefs, the Lodge Scribe and the Lodge Treasurer. These are the elected officers of the Lodge and shall not have reached their twenty-first birthday when elected.

Clause A - The Lodge Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Lodge and of the Lodge Executive Committee. He shall appoint all Lodge Section Chairmen and the Lodge Committee Chairmen. He shall consult with the Lodge and Staff Advisors prior to making the foregoing appointments. He shall be an ex-officio member of all Lodge committees. He shall call special meetings of the Lodge and/or the Lodge Executive Committee when necessary.

Clause B - One of the Lodge Vice-Chiefs, in consultation with the Lodge Advisor, presides at meetings of the Lodge and of the Lodge Executive Committee in the absence of the Lodge Chief. Both shall perform such duties as assigned to them by the Lodge Chief. One shall be elected by the Lodge Executive Committee to assume the office of Lodge Chief to fulfill the unexpired term should that office become vacant.

Clause C - The Lodge Treasurer shall be responsible to see that all monies of the Lodge shall be included in the Council treasury and subject to council regulations and auditing procedure. All disbursements from these monies shall be initiated by voucher signed by the Lodge Treasurer and countersigned by the Lodge or Staff Advisor. Checks will be prepared and signed in accord with regular Council procedure.

Clause D - When an office becomes vacant, the Lodge Executive Committee shall move to fill that vacancy for the unexpired term; except when the position of a Lodge Trustee is vacant, they shall elect a successor who shall serve until the next annual Lodge election, at which time the Lodge membership shall elect a successor to fulfill the unexpired term.

Section 2 - The Lodge Executive Committee shall consist of the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Vice-Chiefs, the Lodge Scribe, the Lodge Treasurer, the Senior Trustee, the four Operating Section Chairmen, each Division Chief, the Lodge and Staff Advisors and the immediate Past Lodge Chief. All administrative decisions of Unami Lodge shall be made by this committee. The Lodge Executive Committee shall meet monthly, eleven times a year. Nine members of the Lodge Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting. Special meetings of the Lodge and/or the Lodge Executive Committee may be called at the discretion of the Lodge Chief or the Council Executive. One hundred members of the Lodge shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a membership meeting.

Clause A - The Lodge Scribe shall be responsible for the following records: Membership, Minutes of Lodge and Lodge Executive Committee meetings, Archives, Rules of the Lodge, Operating Manuals and Dues Payment. He shall be responsible for the collection of dues and shall forward the dues to the Lodge Treasury. He shall issue all membership cards. He shall be assisted by the Lodge Scribe Advisor.

Clause B - THIS CLAUSE IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO UNAMI LODGE ON THE BASIS OF COMMITMENTS MADE PRIOR TO INTEGRATION OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW INTO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL PROGRAM.

There shall be a Lodge Trustees Committee of three members of at least twenty-one years of age elected by the membership. This committee shall be responsible for the Lodge Endowment Fund which includes the assets now in the Fund together with such additions that may be derived from approved sources. This committee shall have the power to invest or change investments from time to time in accordance with the investment program of the Philadelphia Council under supervision of the Council Finance Committee. All securities shall be registered in accordance with policies of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America and shall be kept in the custody of the Council. All income from the Endowment Fund shall be placed in the Lodge Treasury for general lodge use. The Lodge Trustees Committee shall submit a complete detailed report of the Lodge Endowment Fund to the Lodge Executive Committee, semi-annually, in May and November.

Clause C - The four Lodge Operating Sections shall be as follows:

- a - Administration - Lodge Scribe, Lodge Scribe Advisor, Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Trustees Committee, Lodge Publications Committee, Lodge Nominations Committee, Lodge Elections Committee, Lodge Properties Committee, Lodge Audit and Budget Committee.
- b - Program - Lodge Activities Committee, Lodge Service Committee, Lodge Camp Promotions Committee
- c - Membership - Lodge Ordeal Committee, Lodge Brotherhood Committee, Lodge Vigil Honor Committee, Lodge Costumes Committee, Lodge Ceremonial Teams Committee.
- d - Division - Each Council Division (covering all Chapters)

Clause D - The Lodge Advisor shall be appointed by the Council Executive in consultation with the Lodge Chief and the Council Camping Committee Chairman.

Clause E - The Lodge Staff Advisor shall be appointed by the Council Executive.

Clause F - On recommendation by the respective Lodge Operating Section Chairmen, the

Lodge Committee Chairmen, District Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen, the Lodge Chief appoints the respective Adult Advisors after approval by the Council Executive in consultation with the Lodge and Staff Advisors and with the appropriate Staff Advisors and Camping Committee Chairmen. All Advisor appointments expire Dec. 31.

Section 3 - Each Lodge Division shall have a Division Chief as an elected officer. The Division Chief shall not have reached his twentieth (20th) birthday at the time of election. He coordinates the program of the District Chapters of his Division with the program of the Lodge and shall represent his Division on the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 4 - Each District Chapter shall have as elected officers a District Chapter Chief, a District Chapter Vice-Chief, a District Chapter Scribe and a District Chapter Treasurer. These officers shall not have reached their twenty-first birthday at the time of election.



ARTICLE IV Elections and Meetings

Section 1 - The Lodge Chief, the Lodge Vice-Chiefs, the Lodge Scribe and the Lodge Treasurer shall be elected by the membership by mail in November for a term of office of one year beginning the following Jan. 1.

Clause A - The District Chapter Chief shall preside at all meetings of the District Chapter and of the District Chapter Executive Committee. He shall appoint two representatives to serve as electors of the Lodge Division Chief. He shall consult with the District Chapter Advisor and the District Chapter Staff Advisor prior to making the foregoing appointments. He shall be an ex-officio member of all District Chapter Committees.

Clause B - The District Chapter Vice-Chief presides at the District Chapter meetings and the District Chapter Executive Committee Meetings in the absence of the District Chapter Chief. He shall perform such duties as assigned to him by the District Chapter Chief. He shall assume the office of District Chapter Chief should that office become vacant.

Clause C - The District Chapter Scribe shall be responsible for all Chapter membership records, minutes of Chapter and Chapter Executive Committee meetings, Chapter Archives. He shall work closely with the Lodge Scribe in matters of Chapter records and mailings.

Clause D - The District Chapter Treasurer may accept Lodge dues on behalf of the Lodge Scribe and will issue a temporary receipt. A duplicate receipt and the money will be forwarded to the Lodge Scribe for issuance of the regular membership card. He shall forward to the Division Chief for approval by the Lodge Executive Committee all requests by the Chapter for special project funds.

Section 2 - One Lodge trustee shall be elected each year by the membership by mail in November for a term of office of three years beginning the following January 1.

Section 3 - By March 1, the Lodge Chief shall appoint for a term of one year, a chairman of the Lodge Nominations Committee, who shall have been a member of Unami Lodge for three years and a member of the Lodge Executive Committee for at least one year, and two members-at-large to serve as a nucleus of the Lodge Nominations Committee. District Chapter Chiefs of organized District Chapters shall appoint one chapter representative as a member of the Lodge Nominations Committee. The Chairman of the Lodge Nominations Committee, shall appoint in consultation with the Lodge Chief, a representative of each of the unorganized chapters as members of the Lodge Nominations Committee.

Section 4 - The Lodge Division Chiefs shall be nominated and elected at the meeting of the respective Chapter Electors, convened in December by the Lodge Division Section Chairman for a term of office of one year beginning the following January 1.

Section 5 - The District Chapter Chief, Vice-Chiefs, Scribes, and Treasurers shall be elected for a term of office of one year beginning January 1 at a regular meeting of each District Chapter during the month of November, convened by the District Chapter Chief.

Clause A - The Lodge Nominations Committee shall nominate candidates for the offices of Lodge Chief, two Lodge Vice-Chiefs, Lodge Scribe, Lodge Treasurer and a Lodge Trustee. The Lodge Nominations Committee shall give due consideration to all nominations from the membership and shall be in continuous search of suitable candidates for office and for committee membership.

Clause B - The Lodge Nominations Committee shall report its nominations to the membership by ballots mailed prior to November 1 and tallied prior to Nov. 30.

Section 6 - The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Lodge shall be held during the winter school holidays for the purpose of the transaction of business. Installation of Lodge officers and a Lodge Trustee and for general fellowship. A spring and fall meeting for the purpose of the transaction of business, shall be held in a Council Camp during a Lodge weekend.

Clause C - THIS CLAUSE IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO UNAMI LODGE ON THE BASIS OF COMMITMENTS MADE PRIOR TO INTEGRATION OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW INTO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL PROGRAM.

A member in good standing for five (5) years, upon the payment in advance of ten (10) years annual dues, shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues. This payment shall be deposited in the Lodge Endowment Fund.

Clause D - Members in the Armed Services, upon their discharge may be reinstated by the payment of current annual dues.

Clause E - A current membership card may be required of all members attending activities.

Section 2 - The following accounts shall be subject to annual audit: Lodge Trustees, Lodge Treasury, Lodge Scribe and the Lodge Properties Committee.

Section 3 - In April, the Lodge Audit and Budget Committee shall submit for approval by the Lodge Executive Committee an annual budget for the fiscal year from June 1 to May 31.

ARTICLE VI Chapter Charters

Section 1 - District Chapters shall be issued annual Charters by the Lodge on the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee.

Section 2 - Unit Chapters of three or more members shall be issued annual charters by the Lodge on the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee upon recommendation of the District Chapter.

Section 3 - District and Unit Chapter Charters expire as of December 31.

ARTICLE VII Rule Changes

Section 1 - These rules shall be subject to change at any regular or special meeting of this Lodge, provided such change has been submitted in writing to the Lodge Executive Committee at least one month prior to such meeting and that due notice has been sent to all active members at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required.

Section 2 - Rule changes must be in accord with and approved by the Council Camping Committee Chairmen, the Scout Executive and the National Committee, Order of the Arrow.

Section 3 - The foregoing rules are approved for operation of Unami Lodge after January 1, 1963.

Clause B - A delinquent member may be reinstated by payment of current year's dues and the dues of one year of the delinquent period.