

The 2018 OA Planbook

Echeconnee Lodge 358



Central Georgia Council 96, BSA

Presented By

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Introduction by the Lodge Chief

It is a pleasure to present you with the 2018 Echeconnee Lodge OA Planbook. This Planbook and your *Order of the Arrow Handbook* will provide you with the tools needed to plan your Scouting activities during 2018.

An important feature of the plan book is the Lodge bylaws. These rules govern how our lodge functions. If you have any questions about how the Lodge works, you can look at the bylaws and find an answer.

Another feature in the Planbook is the page on Lodge history. This is a brief summary of some of the history of the Lodge. Many accomplishments of the Lodge are not included. If you have any additions to this summary, please take a moment to write them down and send them to me.

I wish you all a successful year on the scouting trail. I would like to also remind you of the words of E. Urner Goodman, "I must do something' solves more problems than 'something must be done.'"

Yours in a life of cheerful service,

Ben Lilley

2018 Lodge Chief



Officers and Advisers

Officers:

Lodge Chief	Ben Lilley	LodgeChief@echeconnee.org
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2018 LODGE GOALS

The Executive Committee set the primary goal of earning Gold level in the Journey to Excellence recognition. To help accomplish this, we will achieve the following objectives.

1. Increase membership by 20% over the number chartered during December 2017.
2. Induct at least 26% of the eligible Ordeal members into the Brotherhood.
3. Conduct lodge officer & adviser training using current materials.
4. Send 4 people to an OA event supported by Lodge scholarships.
5. Have 17% of members attend all Lodge events excluding the following Lodge events; LLD, COC, and any LEC.
 - a. Meet NOAC goal of 11 youth and 3 adults
6. Contribute quarterly to the Council newsletter and website.
7. Use the Elangomat program and Clan system during Induction Weekends.
 - a. Continue to use the National Guidelines for Extended Elangomat Program.
 - b. Have at least one Elangomat training day throughout the year.
8. Ensure each LEC member, including each Chapter Chief, has an adult adviser.
9. Improve communication between LEC members and members of the Lodge.
 - a. Ensure LEC notes posted on the website within one week of each LEC.
 - b. Issue four Deer Path newsletters, each at least 30 days prior to the event.
10. Provide three service projects for Camp Benjamin Hawkins in addition to Induction weekends.
11. Develop a system to efficiently track and promote the OA Troop Representative program within the Lodge.
 - a. Provide at least one training session for OA Troop Representatives.

12. Retain 75% of the members that were re-chartered in 2017.
13. Have 70% of elected candidates complete their Ordeal.
14. Start a can recycling program that will take effect at Camp Benjamin Hawkins during lodge functions.
15. Have ceremony teams compete in one competition at the 2018 SR-9 Heartland Gathering in April.
16. Have Echeconnee Lodge members assist the Central Georgia Council Scouting Program 3 various ways when requested.
17. Have at least one meeting per chapter with Chapter Chiefs and Advisers in the year of 2018.
18. Have the LEC review and evaluate goals stated in the Planbook four times during the year.
19. Visit 60% of the troops.
20. Send two LEC members to NLS/DYLC in 2018.



2018 LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
January 20	Annual Banquet	Forest Hills UMC
February 2-4	Indian Winter	Black Creek SR Sylvania GA
March 9-11	Spring Induction Weekend	Camp Benjamin Hawkins
April 20-22	Section SR-9 Heartland Gathering	Camp Comer Mentone AL
May 19 (proposed)	Whitewater rafting	
May	CBH Workdays TBA	
July 30- August 4	NOAC	Indiana Univ. Bloomington IN
September 8	Council Camporee	Camp Benjamin Hawkins
September 15-16	Service Project	Ocmulgee Indian Mounds
September 21-23	Fall Induction Weekend	Camp Benjamin Hawkins
October 13-14 (Proposed)	Climbing weekend	
November 2-4	Fall Fellowship	Camp Benjamin Hawkins
December 8-9	LLD	Adams' Farm
December 28	Winter Camp Cracker Barrel	Camp Benjamin Hawkins
January 19, 2019	Lodge Banquet	Forest Hills UMC

LODGE ACTIVITIES

The Annual Lodge Banquet, held in January/February each year, is a time when Arrowmen and their families gather together for awards, fellowship, and fine dining. Some awards announced at the Banquet include: the James E. West Fellowship Award, the Founders Award, the Lodge Chief's Awards, and the Lodge Adviser's Awards. Members of the Lodge Ceremony Team induct the Lodge officers during an impressive ceremony. The Vigil Honor recipients are recognized at the banquet.

The Lodge Induction Weekends are the Lodge's two most important functions. Candidates elected to the Order of the Arrow need to attend one of the two Induction Weekends held during the year. All Echeconnee Lodge members are encouraged to attend and support the new members. At these weekends, Arrowmen can rededicate themselves to the principles of our Order and those eligible may complete their induction sequence in the Order by accepting the Brotherhood conversion challenge.

The Section SR-9 Heartland Gathering (aka Conclave) is packed with fun, fellowship, and training. Competitive events testing both physical and scout skills are held between lodges. Lodges elect Section officers at the event. Each year, a different Lodge in the section hosts the conclave. The 2018 Gathering is held at Camp Comer sponsored by this years' service lodge, Coosa.

Fall Fellowship is a time of brotherhood and fellowship. It is the first Lodge event many new Arrowmen attend. There are competitive events Saturday. Eligible Ordeal members can accept the Brotherhood challenge and participate in the Brotherhood Ceremony. Vigil Honor candidates are called-out in an impressive ceremony Friday night. A Vigil breakfast is held Saturday morning. There is a public recognition ceremony Saturday before lunch. Arrowmen elect Lodge officers for the next year.

Lodge Leadership Development is in December, when the current Lodge leaders and the newly elected leaders come together to create continuity of Lodge leadership. The format has been identified as a "Best Practice" by National Order of the Arrow and consists of teaching, fellowship, and food.

2018 LODGE BUDGET

INCOME \$8557.00

Dues	\$3000.00
Lodge Events	\$4032.00
<i>Lodge Banquet</i>	\$300.00
<i>Spring Induction</i>	\$1200.00
<i>Fall Induction</i>	\$1200.00
<i>Fall Fellowship</i>	\$1332.00
Scholarship Donations	\$250.00
Trading Post Sales	\$1275.00

EXPENSES \$8557.00

National/Sectional Fees	\$600.00
Council Fellowship	\$1550.00
Lodge Events	\$4379.00
<i>Lodge Banquet</i>	\$645.00
<i>Spring Induction</i>	\$946.00
<i>SR-9 Gathering</i>	\$190.00
<i>Fall Induction</i>	\$946.00
<i>Fall Fellowship</i>	\$1252.00
<i>COC Meetings</i>	\$100.00
Trading Post	\$478.50
Ceremonies	\$250.00
Printing/Mailing	\$574.00
Training	\$150.00
Scholarship	\$336.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00

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BRIEF HISTORY of ECHECONNEE LODGE

Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson founded the Order of the Arrow (O.A.) in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and an approved part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the O.A., recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1947, the Central Georgia Council became the 358th council to charter an O.A. Lodge and held its first induction at Camp Benjamin Hawkins May 24, 1947, selecting Billy Rice as Lodge Chief. Echeconnee Creek is a prominent land feature near Camp Benjamin Hawkins, and members of the Lodge incorporated this and # 358 into the lodge name Echeconnee Lodge # 358 W.W.W. Echeconnee is a Creek Indian word meaning "Deer Trap Creek," from *echo*, "deer," and *conna*, "trap." It was so named because deer that came to drink from Echeconnee creek were attacked by Indians before they could escape up the steep banks.

Arrowmen chose the deer as the official totem of the lodge. In 1952, the O.A. national committee asked the BSA to approve a lodge emblem that would fit the right pocket flap of the uniform. In 2010, O.A. national required Echeconnee to design a new lodge flap. Lodge members based the design of our lodge flap on the totem of the Lodge. The border represents a pottery design used by the Creek Nation, the deer in the foreground represents the totem of our Lodge, and the creek in the background symbolizes Echeconnee Creek, after which our Lodge is named.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 from the need to honor those Arrowmen who rendered exceptional service to the Order beyond the lodge. The first Distinguished Service Awards were then presented at Camp Twin Echo in Pennsylvania to E. Urner Goodman, Carroll A. Edson and nine others.

Between 1940 and the first national Order of the Arrow conference in 1948, the DSA was presented at national meetings as deserving individuals were identified. Thereafter, the Award became a traditional part of the pageantry and ceremony of the national conference.

Since the time of the first Distinguished Service Awards in 1940, fewer than 1000 DSA's have been presented. This alone is testament to its standard of excellence.

The award is a sterling silver arrowhead bearing an arrow pointing up and to the wearer's right. The award is suspended from a white neck-ribbon on which red arrows are embroidered. A white square knot embroidered on red cloth is available for uniform wear and a silver arrowhead lapel pin is available for civilian wear.

Three brothers of Echeconnee Lodge have received the Distinguished Service Award. Past Lodge Chief **Larry Mobley** received the DSA at the 1988 National OA Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. Past Lodge Chief **Devlin Cooper** received the Award at the 2002 National OA Conference in Bloomington, Indiana. Past Lodge Chief **Tyler Stepanek** received the Award at the 2015 National OA Conference in Lansing, Michigan.

ECHECONNIE LODGE FOUNDER'S AWARD

Presentation at Fall Fellowship or Lodge banquet for the preceding year. Year listed is for the preceding year regardless of the date of presentation.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Awarded on:</u>
2017	Garyn Schlageter	Andy Walton	Jan 20, 2018
2016	Harrison Booth	Leon Lovett	Jan 21, 2017
2015	Alex Boland	David Lee	Jan 23, 2016
2014	Kenny Higginbotham	Bradley Shimmel	Jan 24, 2015
2013	Billy Jones	Charles "Chip" Greene	Jan 25, 2014
2012	Robert Sweat	Paul van Loenen	Jan 26, 2013
2011	Tyler Stepanek	Ross Adams	Jan 28, 2012
2010	Tyler Johnson	James Y Proctor	Jan 29, 2011
2000	Carr Jones		Jan 23, 2010
2009	Luke van Loenen		Jan 23, 2010
2008	Billy Phillips III	Billy Phillips Jr.	Feb 20, 2009
2007	Nathan van Loenen	Ron Wagner	Nov 6, 2010
2006	Tyler Adsit		Jan 27, 2007
2006	Derek Brown		Jan 27, 2007
2005	Joshua Basilio		Jan 28, 2006
2005	Ben Smith		Jan 28, 2006
2004	Jonathan Personius	Hank Personius	Jan 22, 2005
2003	William Tanner II		Jan 24, 2004
2003	Trae Weaver		Jan 24, 2004
2002	Thomas Christian	John Mullis	Jan 25, 2003
2001	Jared Bertram	Chuck Bertram	Jan 19, 2002
2000	Dwight McGee		Jan 20, 2000
2000	Joey Jones		Jan 20, 2000
1999	Kevin Wright	Craig Rotter	Jan 8, 2000
1998	Jeremy Stinson	Mike Land	Jan 9, 1999
1997	Devlin Cooper	Bill Jones	Jan 10, 1998
1996	Dean Ryan Simpson	Ross D. Cooper	Jan 11, 1997
1995	Kristoffer Berry	Kathleen Cooper	Jan 6, 1996
1994	William "Will" J. Hall	Troy C. Gay	Jan 7, 1995
1993		No Nominations/Recipients	
1992	Clinton D. Pearce	David Rodriguez	Nov 14, 1992
1991	Bradford Mate	David M. Fonda	Oct 11, 1991
1990	Chuck Rice		Nov 4, 1990
1989		Melvyn F. Wenner	Jan 29, 1989
1983-1988		No Known Nominations/Recipients	
1982	Larry A. Mobley	Bill Barron	Nov 14, 1982

1982 was first year of presentation of the Founder's Award

Past Lodge Chiefs

2017	Mark Donnell	1981	Charles "Chip" E. Greene
2016	Harrison Booth	1980	Larry Mobley
2015	Robert Sweat	1979	H. Clack Aiken
2014	Robert Sweat	1978	Bradley "Brad" Shimmel
2013	Kenny Higginbotham	1977	J. Ross Adams, Jr.
2012	Tyler Stepanek & Kenny Higginbotham	1976	Richard A. Boyd
2011	Tyler Stepanek	1975	Robert "Bobby" A. Boyd
2010	Tyler Stepanek	1974	Randy Sherrill
2009	Derek Brown & Jacob Walton	1973	Kenneth Thompson
2008	Billy Phillips III	1972	McKinley A. King
2007	Tyler Adsit	1971	Sam James
2006	Tyler Adsit	1970	Charles Crawley
2005	Joshua Basilio	1969	Stephen M. Shimmel
2004	Thomas Christian	1968	Hurburt "Hu" Hamilton
2003	Thomas Christian	1967	Sandy Johnson
2002	Jeremy Stinson	1966	Harry "Jimmy" Glenn III
2001	Jeremy Stinson	1965	Manley L. "Sonny" Carter
2000	Jeremy Stinson	1964	David A. Vaughan
1999	Devlin Cooper & Kevin Wright	1963	Rick Edwards
1998	Devlin Cooper	1962	Phillip "Flip" Parrish
1997	Devlin Cooper	1961	J. Charlie "Hook" Burns
1996	William J. Hall	1960	James Ben Whatley
1995	William J. Hall	1959	Phil Brown
1994	Andy Bacon	1958	Francis G. Clark, Jr
1993	William Schwartz	1957	Frank W. Armstrong
1992	Shannon Fonda	1956	Joe Smaha
1991	Charles "Chuck" Miller	1955	David Richardson
1990	Clifford Fonda	1954	Henry McKay
1989	Louis M. Napolitano III	1953	Billy Shaffer
1988	Louis M. Napolitano III	1952	Billy Shaffer
1987	Daniel Sanders	1951	Peter "Pike" Neilson
1986	Samual J. Waller	1950	Jim "Trail" Trimble
1985	Samual J. Waller	1949	Tommy Torbert III
1984	Craig Rotter	1948	Tommy Torbert III
1983	David Shelton	1947	Billy Rice
1982	Stewart C. McLamb		

Echeconnee Lodge

Lodge Bylaws

Last revised: March 26, 2007

Trading Post:

This year we introduced the 2018 NOAC Fundraiser Flap. NOAC will be held at Indiana University in July 2018. There were only 200 of these flaps made and are available to dues paid Lodge Members for \$5 each.



I. NAME AND AFFILIATION OF THE LODGE

- A. The lodge shall be known as Echeconnee Lodge, Central Georgia Council No. 96, Boy Scouts of America.
- B. The lodge shall be under the supervision of the council camping committee and the administrative authority of the Scout Executive.
- C. The totem of the Echeconnee Lodge shall be that of a deer.
- D. The lodge may be divided into chapters, whose borders and names are to be synonymous to the districts within the council. Procedures/policies outlined in the current *OA Guide for Officers and Advisers* are to be followed.
- E. The mission of our 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.

II. ECHECONNIE LODGE INSIGNIA POLICIES

- A. In order to purchase restricted items exclusively of the Echeconnee Lodge; one must show a current dues paid membership card of Echeconnee Lodge. Any patch that does not have to be earned by a Lodge member pursuant to Paragraph C below can be sold to OA members outside of Echeconnee Lodge, except for Event Passes, which must have been issued three or more years ago. The price of such patches will be double that for members of other lodges.
- B. The procedures for changing the lodge flap, lodge jacket patch, or the lodge neckerchief shall be the same as the procedure to change the lodge rules.
- C. Ceremonial, Dance (Drum), and Elangomat team flap requirements.
 1. The standard Echeconnee Lodge dance/drum team flap shall be restricted to those members of the lodge who fulfill the following first two requirements or the third requirement.

- a. Compete or perform twice for the lodge or with the lodge dance/drum team on the local level as a dancer, singer, or drummer.
 - b. Compete or perform once on the sectional, regional, or national level as a dancer, singer, or drummer.
 - c. Provide active support to the lodge dance/drum program in an advisory capacity for at least two years.
2. The standard Echeconnee Lodge ceremonies team flap shall be restricted to those members of the lodge who fulfill any of the following requirements:
- a. Perform two speaking parts at approved ceremonies of Echeconnee Lodge.
 - b. Perform five non-speaking parts at approved ceremonies of Echeconnee Lodge. Change to “Compete or perform once on the sectional, regional, or national level”
 - c. Provide active support to the lodge ceremonies program in an advisory capacity for at least two years.
3. Both the dance/drum team flap and the ceremonies team flaps are restricted to three per life. Two flaps may be purchased when the above requirements are met. A third flap may be purchased after the above requirements are met for the second time.
4. Members may only purchase a dance team flap or ceremonies team patch with the approval of the Lodge Second Vice-Chief, Dance or Ceremonies Adviser, and the Lodge Chief.
5. The standard Echeconnee Lodge Elangomat team flap shall be restricted to those members of the lodge who fulfill all of the following requirements.
- a. Attend and complete the lodge Elangomat training course.
 - b. Become an active Brotherhood member prior to becoming a lodge Elangomat.
 - c. Be active at no less than three ordeals, one of which he serves as an EIT (Elangomat in Training), two of which he serves as an Elangomat.
 - d. Perform the duties as Elangomat as prescribed by the current Lodge Chief’s requirements.
 - e. The Elangomat flap can be purchased through the Lodge Treasurer, with the approval of the Lodge Chief, First Vice-Chief, or First Vice-Chief’s Adviser.

- f. The Elangomat team flap is restricted to three per life. Two flaps may be purchased when the above requirements are met. A third flap may be purchased after the above requirements are met for the second time.
- D. The Executive Committee has the authority to issue a commemorative trading flap(s)

III. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

- A. The requirements for membership in this lodge are as stated in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.
- B. The procedure for the Ordeal shall be as stated in the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and *The Guide for Inductions*.
- C. All unit elections will be conducted as outlined in the current *OA Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

IV. BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

- A. Completion of Brotherhood membership shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.
- B. The lodge shall provide the membership with the opportunity to obtain Brotherhood membership at the minimum of once a year

V. THE VIGIL HONOR

Attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be in accordance with the requirements in the current printing of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook* and the *Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers*.

VI. LODGE FINANCES

- A. There shall be an induction fee payable at the time of induction to be determined by the Executive Committee each year as necessary. For such, each new Ordeal member shall receive:
 - 1. A current dues paid membership card and pin;
 - 2. An Ordeal sash;
 - 3. A lodge flap;
 - 4. An Order of the Arrow Handbook;
 - 5. A Universal Arrow ribbon;
 - 6. A water bottle

- B. Dues of the lodge shall be collected annually. The Lodge Executive Committee will approve the amount of the dues and will include it in the annual budget recommendation. Dues must be paid by December 31 of that year. If dues are not paid by December 31, the member will be considered inactive.
 - 1. Inactive members of the lodge may not participate in the functions of the lodge, may not purchase lodge goods, and may not receive the mailings of the lodge.
 - 2. Inactive members of the lodge may restore themselves to active status by paying a reinstatement fee of one dollar (\$1.00) plus the current dues.
- C. In the annual development of the lodge budget, funds shall be made available for chapter mailings, activities, and service projects. The Chapter Secretary must gain prior approval from the Lodge Executive Committee to incur expenses. All approved bills shall be paid through the council office.
- D. All Order of the Arrow funds shall be handled through the Council Service Center and go through all normal council accounting procedures. The Lodge Treasurer has the responsibility of maintaining accurate lodge financial records.
- E. The process of preparing and approving the annual budget of the lodge shall be completed by the Executive Committee no later than December 31. Following approval by the Executive Committee, the lodge budget shall go before a vote of the lodge before any expenses are incurred in that fiscal year.
- F. The lodge will prepare a council budget form for each activity/event. All approved receipts are to be turned into the Lodge Staff Adviser within 10 days after completion of the activity/event.
- G. No member of the lodge has the authority to financially obligate the lodge or council. All orders for merchandise/products must be made through the Scout Executive/Lodge Staff Adviser and the Lodge Executive Committee.
- H. Individuals are not allowed to sell any personal items or products during any lodge activity/event or council OA event/activity.
- I. The lodge Key Three has the authority to approve lodge expenditures of no more than \$50.00 to cover purchase of items needed for lodge events.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The officers of the lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chiefs, Lodge Secretary (ies), and Lodge Treasurer.
- B. The officers of each chapter of the lodge shall be the Chapter Chief, the Chapter Vice-Chief, and the Chapter Secretary.
- C. The Lodge Chief shall appoint such operating committees as deemed necessary with the approval of the Executive Committee. The various committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.
- D. The Chapter Chief shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary with the approval of the Chapter Adviser and Lodge Adviser.
- E. All lodge officers, lodge committee chairmen, chapter officers, and chapter committee chairmen shall be under 21 years of age for their entire term of office.
- F. Lodge and chapter officers shall be elected before December 1 of the previous year.
- G. The Lodge Adviser and Chapter Advisers shall be appointed by the Scout Executive. The various Committee Advisers shall be appointed by the lodge Key Three.
- H. The lodge Key Three shall consist of the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Adviser, and the Lodge Staff Adviser.
- I. The Lodge Executive Committee shall consist of the elected lodge officers, immediate past Lodge Chief, lodge operating committee chairmen, Lodge Adviser, Camping Committee member, Chapter Chief and Adviser to each chapter, Scout Executive, and Lodge Staff Adviser.
- J. The Chapter Executive Committee shall consist of the elected chapter officers, the Chapter Adviser, the chapter operating committee chairmen and advisers, the immediate past Chapter Chief, a representative of the district Camping Committee, and the District Executive.
- K. In the event of a vacancy of the lodge or chapter office by resignation or non-fulfillment of that office, the lodge Key Three is empowered to declare this need and appoint an interim officer to occupy this position until the installment of new officers. In the event of a vacancy arising in the position of the Lodge Chief, it is the duty of the First Vice-Chief to assume this position. If the Lodge

First Vice-Chief is unable to fulfill this position, the Lodge Executive Committee, with the approval of the Scout Executive, shall appoint a person to assume the duties of the Lodge Chief.

VIII. LODGE MEETINGS

- A. The lodge Key Three shall meet prior to all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the entire membership of the lodge.
- B. The Lodge Chief shall preside over all Executive Committee meetings and all lodge meetings.
- C. The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of four times a year.
- D. Special meetings of the lodge or any committee of the lodge may be called by the Lodge Chief and Scout Executive/Staff Adviser if the need arises.
- E. Each meeting of the lodge shall be opened with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow and closed with the song of the Order of the Arrow.
- F. Adult Scouters, age 21 or over, do not have a vote in matters of lodge business.

IX. AWARDS OF ECHECONEE LODGE

- A. The Lodge Chief's Award - The Lodge Chief may select a maximum of five active Arrowmen, under 21 years of age, to receive recognition for outstanding or unusual service to the lodge beyond the call of duty.
- B. The Lodge Adviser's Award - The Lodge Adviser may select a maximum of three active Arrowmen 21 years or older, to receive recognition for outstanding or unusual service to the lodge.
- C. The Silver Shaft - The Silver Shaft shall be a rotating award presented to the Chapter that wins in the "Quest for the Silver Shaft".
- D. The awards of the lodge shall be presented yearly at a time and place approved by the Executive Committee.

X. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

- A. These rules shall be subject to amendment at any regular or special meeting of the lodge provided that the amendment 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 days prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required for approval.

1. The function of the Lodge Executive Committee in the amending process shall be to review all amendments to see that they are in accordance with the existing national, council, or lodge policies and are in keeping with the "Spirit of the Arrow".
 2. The Lodge Executive Committee reserves the right to approve, disapprove, or make a recommendation to the lodge at any point during the amending process.
 3. All references within these rules to the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, *OA Guide for Officers and Advisers*, and to the *Manual for the Ordeal* refer to the current issues of these publications.
 4. This edition of the rules, upon approval, shall replace any and all previous editions of the Lodge Rules.
- B. Exceptions to the requirement for lodge rule amendments as stated immediately above in section "A" will consist of lodge rules amended by the Executive Committee in order to comply with changes in OA National Committee standards. In these cases, the lodge Key Three will forward written recommendations for change to the Executive Committee for consideration and action. These changes will be made upon approval by the Executive Committee. The changes will be published in the Deer Path.

