



Effective January 1, 2014, as a result of a vote of the Tamegonit Loge Executive Committee in August 2013, all attendees of official Order of the Arrow ceremonies conducted by the Tamegonit Lodge and any of the Chapters within the lodge will be expected to abide by the national Order of the Arrow's rules, reinforced by Tamegonit Lodge By-Laws, pertaining to uniforming at official Order of the Arrow ceremonies.

Those rules are as follows:

“All members attending an Order of the Arrow ceremony should wear the Order of the Arrow sash and be in correct Scout uniform. Only youth members under the age of 21 who are participating as a principal or an assistant in the ceremony are allowed to wear American Indian costumes. Youth that do not have a part in the ceremony and all adults should be in complete Scout uniform with the Order of the Arrow sash and must not be in American Indian costumes of wearing pieces of American Indian regalia.” (Guide to Inductions, 2012; pg. 32)

Tamegonit Lodge By-Laws state in Section IX, Clause B: “All ceremonies shall be conducted in accordance with National OA policies.”

The Lodge Executive Committee is reviewing the requirements for Brown Hawk and White Buffalo and will make revisions to those programs appropriate with following this lodge decision. Other programs of the lodge that this decision may have an effect on should be brought to the attention of the Lodge Executive Committee for review and adjustment.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping Tamegonit Lodge continue to uphold the highest standards of excellence in Order of the Arrow programming!