

Totanha Nakaha Lodge Memorabilia Policy

This document contains guidelines and requirements pertinent to use of logos and totems on custom designed items approved for production by the Totanha Nakaha Lodge Executive Committee, and manufactured for use.

DEFINITIONS:

Lodge memorabilia – Any custom designed item approved for production by the Lodge Executive Committee, and manufactured for use by the Totanha Nakaha Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Northern Star Council, inc., Boy Scouts of America. This includes such items as patches, Lodge flaps, T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, mugs, neckerchiefs, and other such items that might fall into this category.

Lodge Flaps – Patches that identify the specific Order of the Arrow lodge. To be a Lodge Flap, the patch must be shaped to fit the pocket flap of the Official Boy Scout Uniform.

Totem - an object, usually an animal or plant, which is honored by members of the lodge, because of the relationship that exists with that group. The totem, or rather, the spirit it embodies, represents the bond of unity within the lodge.

GENERAL POLICY:

- I. All Lodge memorabilia items shall be approved at the LEC meeting by motion, or delegated to appropriate committee by motion. Any memorabilia not produced in accordance with the Lodge Memorabilia Policy will not be endorsed by the Lodge.
- II. Chapters may also create their own memorabilia items with the exception of Lodge flap type patches. Chapter items shall be approved by the general chapter membership at a regular chapter meeting. Profits from the sale of chapter memorabilia items shall be allocated as chapter reserve money and shall fall subject to Lodge Finance Policies.
- III. **Lodge Totems**
 - A. Source
 1. The Lodge Totems are found in the Lodge's Legend. The Lodge Legend was a gift to the lodge. Totanha Nakaha's totems are the Native American Tribal Leader and the bear.
 - B. Characterization - When appearing as a 'logo' for the lodge on Lodge memorabilia, there are certain criteria that must be met in the appearance of the totems, to be respectful:
 1. One entity - The totems must be depicted as one entity.
 2. Restrictions - There are restrictions that apply to how the totems are depicted:
 - a. General - Neither part of the entity may appear as spirit, in fire, smoke, clouds, mist, shadow, or fog.
 - b. Tribal Leader
 - 1) No facepaint is permissible on the face of the Tribal Leader.
 - 2) Feathers are not recommended as adornments on the Tribal Leader. This includes war bonnets.
 - 3) If depicted as a whole being, the Tribal Leader must have foot coverings.

Guidelines: There are a few options recommended. Any other option must be approved by Lodge Executive Committee.

- a. *Overlay: The image of the Tribal Leader over the bear or the image of the bear over the Tribal Leader.*
- b. *Split image: Half Tribal Leader, half bear.*
- c. *Transformational: Showing the Tribal Leader changing into the bear.*
- d. *Reflection: Showing the Tribal Leader looking into the water, and seeing a reflection that is the bear.*

IV. **Prohibited Totems**

- A. There are certain images that are never allowed as items with the lodge totems. They include:
 1. Pipes – **Native Americans consider pipes as sacred objects.**
 2. Images of women – **This is not meant to slight women. Native Americans hold women in particular sacred regard as the source of life.**

V. **Lodge Pocket Flaps**

- A. To be a Lodge Pocket Flap, the patch must be in the shape of the pocket flap of the official Boy Scout uniform.
- B. In Totanhan Nakaha Lodge, Lodge flaps include:
 - 1. The Standard Lodge Flap (worn by all members), and
 - 2. Lodge Fellowship Flaps (this includes the two-part National Order of the Arrow Conference flap set, event advance-registration flaps, Lodge anniversary flap, Jamboree flaps, etc.),
- C. The price and distribution of all Lodge flaps shall be determined by the LEC or delegated to an appropriate committee. The price for all Lodge flaps shall be determined and based upon the production costs. They will not be used as fund-raisers. For distribution, all Lodge flaps will be sold at the above mentioned reasonable price and will be available to all Lodge members as stated here.
- D. Required elements on all Lodge flaps include:
 - 1. Totanhan Nakaha
 - 2. Totem (see above)
 - 3. A fleur-de-lis or "BSA."
 - 4. WWW

Guidelines: Recommended elements include:

- 1. *A Northern Star Council Logo. There are no requirements for this, however, the affiliation is recognized and encouraged.*
- 2. *"16." This is the historic Lodge number. Although there is no National organization significance to this number, serious patch collectors consider the Lodge number important..*

VI. **Other Patches**

- A. Other patches may also be issued by the Lodge. This includes:
 - 1. Lodge Identity Patches, such as Back Patches for Scout Jackets. These patches must follow the same rules and guidelines as the Lodge Flap.
 - 2. Activity/Event patches - These patches do not require the lodge totems. Examples include:
 - a. Fall Fellowship, Winter Banquet, Spring and Fall Conclaves, etc.
 - b. National events such as national service projects, and National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).

Guidelines: Activity/Event patches can be any shape; however, there are recommendations that should be considered for certain shapes of patches.

- 1) *Round patches: Round items have specific significance in Native American Tradition. As such, it is recommended that round patches are adorned with the colors and positions matching the medicine wheel.*
 - 2) *Pocket shaped patches: The patch is in the shape of the pocket of the Boy Scout uniform. There are no specific appearance criteria for this type of patch.*
 - a) *This would include any patches that are designed as two-piece patches like those developed for NOAC. The lower portion of the NOAC flap set fits below the pocket flap.*
 - b) *Other Lodge flaps and patches might require additional items such as "National Order of the Arrow Conference" or "NOAC," year (20XX), anniversary information. Items may be added with LEC recommendation or approval.*
- B. The price and distribution of the all other patches shall be as designated by the LEC or delegated to an appropriate committee. They can be used as fund-raisers.