

## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** National Chairman, National Director, National Chief, National Vice Chief, Region Committee Members, and Sections E11, E12, & E14 Key-3

FROM: Don Hough, Region Chairman DH

**DATE:** May 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Realignment of Sections E11, E12, and E14 for June 2025

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To better serve the youth of the Order of the Arrow, and following extensive deliberation and input from numerous stakeholders, the following section realignments will become effective in June 2025:

- Sections E12 and E14 will merge into a single section after the June 2025 conclaves.
  The newly formed section will elect a single set of officers to serve the 2025-2026 term.
- Wyona Lodge of the Columbia-Montour Council #504 and Woapeu Sisilija Lodge of the Susquehanna Council #533 will join Section E11 after the E14 conclave in June 2025. If any youth from either of these councils should be elected to serve as a section officer in the 2025-2026 term at the E14 conclave, they shall retain their position in E11 with the potential to have co-officers in the 2025-2025 term.

The division of financial and material resources will be handled according to the Field Operations Handbook. The region will determine a numerical designation for the newly merged Section E12/14 with a recommendation from the youth leadership of the new section.

While this decision was not made lightly, it is evident that the existing relationships and historical context strongly support the conclusion that consolidation of resources would greatly benefit the affected lodges, their youth leaders, and the leadership of each corresponding section.

The Eastern Region is unwavering in our commitment to assist our youth leaders and their advisers, ensuring that all programmatic and operational decisions are made in the program's best interest. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this realignment, please get in touch with me at your convenience.