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MEMORANDUM

TO: National Chairman, National Director, National Chief, National Vice Chief, Region Committee Members, and Sections E15, E16, & E20 Lodge Key 3's.

FROM: Don Hough, Order of the Arrow Region Chairman *DH*

DATE: August 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Realignment of Sections E15, E16, and E20 for August 2024

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 on Monday, August 19, 2024:

- Section E16 will dissolve at the conclusion of the upcoming August 16-18, 2024 conclave.
- Ohkwaliha-ka Lodge of Leatherstocking Council #400, based in Utica, New York, and Otahnagon Lodge of Baden-Powell Council #368, based in Binghamton, New York, will join Section E15. George Bacalles of Five Rivers Council #375 will continue serving as Section Adviser for E15.
- Kittan Lodge of Twin Rivers Council #364, based in Albany, New York, and Ajapeu Lodge of Green Mountain Council #592, based in Waterbury, Vermont, will join Section E20. Lloyd Gallup of Connecticut Yankee Council #72 will continue serving as a Section Adviser for E20.
- The election for youth Section Officers will take place at the E16 conclave. Upon realignment for the 2024-2025 conclave cycle, those officers will retain their positions as co-officers with their elected counterparts in Sections E15 and E20.

The division of financial and material resources will be handled according to the Field Operations Handbook. The E16 numerical designation will be skipped, and no broader Section renumbering will be required.

While this decision was not made lightly, it is evident that the existing relationships and historical context strongly support the conclusion that consolidation of



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resources would greatly benefit the affected lodges, their youth leaders, and the leadership of each corresponding section.

The Eastern Region is unwavering in its commitment to assisting our youth leaders and their advisers and 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 contact me as soon as possible.