



# OPERATIONS UPDATE

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The Order of the Arrow policy on lodge pocket flaps appears on page 58 of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*. Several clarifications have been added to this policy. The following revised text will appear in future printings of the *Handbook*:

**Lodge pocket flap.** Cloth lodge emblems (“flaps”) are made available by most lodges. National policy requires that these pocket flap patches be made of, and embroidered on, cloth, and must be of a size and shape so as to cover the right breast pocket flap and not extend beyond the outer edge of the uniform pocket flap. They usually show the lodge name and totem. All OA patches must include “BSA” or the Boy Scout emblem in their patch designs. Chapter or clan flaps are not permitted. There will be no honor distinction denoted by the flap or flap border.

Beading of flaps is against uniform and insignia policy. The national Order of the Arrow committee recommends that no restrictions be placed on the purchase of lodge flap patches. *Members may only wear the lodge pocket flap of the lodge where their dues are paid.*

If the lodge has been certified as a National Quality Lodge, members of the lodge may wear a Quality Lodge pin on the pocket flap. *Only the most recent pin awarded may be worn*, and it must be mounted against the left vertical border of the flap.

The clarifications are in the last sentence of the first paragraph and in the third paragraph. These policy clarifications are effective immediately.