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The *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, *Guide for Officers and Advisers (GOA)*, and *Field Operations Guide (FOG)* have been updated. Since the BSA Supply Group needed to print more copies of the *Handbook*, an opportunity presented itself to revise a few pages. Reprints of the *Handbook* will be issued when existing stock is depleted. The new *GOA* and *FOG* are presently available for download and printing at the Order's official Web site: <http://www.aa-bsa.org>.

All three publications have been brought in line with the recent BSA organizational and title changes as well as the closure of the region service centers. Tables of contents, indexes, and numbers have been updated throughout. The listings of programs of emphasis, attendance figures, and national chiefs / vice chiefs have been updated in the *GOA* and *Handbook*.

The organization of the national Order of the Arrow committee and its steering committee has been updated in all three publications. The region chiefs and region staff advisers are no longer assigned to the national committee and the founders council has been dissolved. The region organization and region chief responsibilities have been updated.

The *Order of the Arrow Handbook* has a better definition of the OA handclasp along with a picture and caption. The chief and vice chief signatures and induction dates have been added.

The *Guide for Officers and Advisers* has added an inductions committee to the list of basic lodge operating committees. The paragraphs describing the *National Bulletin* have been updated, eliminating subscriptions and hardcopy distribution to councils. In the future the *Bulletin* will be posted to the official Web site. OA LodgeMaster has been incorporated in the membership records section as the preferred OA membership management system for councils. Email addresses need to be added to the membership records. The mission statement has been updated in the standard lodge rules. A number of updates have been made to the paragraphs on ceremony teams, approved ceremonies, and call-outs. An updated chart showing the placement of the Order of the Arrow in the new national Scouting organization is also included.

The *Field Operations Guide* has a new Appendix 3 - Ceremony Team Evaluation and Competition. This replacement appendix allows both evaluation and competition to occur at the section conclave and provides a new score sheet to assist in the event. A new fill-able Section Conclave Report reflecting the evaluation and competition is available for download at the official Web site. The section rules have been clarified so that only councils assigned to the section may vote.