

# Kansas District Hawken Rifle Chapter Chapter Constitution and Bylaws

## Article I

**Name** This organization shall be known as the Hawken Rifle Chapter of the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God (hereafter known as Kansas District) Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship.

## Article II

### **Purpose and Nature of FCF**

#### **Purposes:**

To give recognition to boys and men who have shown exceptional interest and outstanding achievement in the Royal Rangers program and in Royal Rangers Camp Craft.

To build a brotherhood of “top-notch boys ” and men who will, over the years, continue to be Royal Rangers program and camping enthusiasts.

To emphasize the importance of involvement in the advancement program, development of Camp Craft skills, and completion of the leadership training programs.

To develop a corps of proven Royal Rangers who will strive to be the very best in Christian example and leadership.

To encourage the boys and men of Royal Rangers to always prefer others above themselves and to let their leadership be by example.

To show a spirit of servant hood, willing to give of time and energy above and beyond what is expected for Royal Rangers.

### **Nature of FCF:**

The Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship is a service organization. The members are encouraged to become absorbed in the Royal Rangers program on the level where they are most needed. They can contribute a great deal to the program by being an example in enthusiasm and involvement. However, because of the caliber of the membership, many members will no doubt be asked to assist in various outreaches of the Royal Rangers program on a sectional and district level.

The FCF Chapter will develop most of its own activities and projects. These are not designed primarily for FCF members only, but occasionally will also be expanded to include non- members (family, guest speakers, visitors, etc.)

The Chapter may also be assigned special duties by the chairman to aid him in carrying out the goals of the overall Royal Rangers program at Pow Wow, camp-outs, training courses, and other times deemed necessary.

## **Article III**

### **Membership**

#### **Basic Requirements for Membership:**

#### **BOTH BOYS AND MEN**

1. Earn the following merit awards: Rope Craft, Fire Craft, Cooking, Compass, Lashing, First Aid Skills, Camping, and Tool Craft.
2. Explain the plan of salvation.
3. Explain the meaning of the four red points, four gold points, and eight blue points of the Royal Rangers Emblem.
4. After earning all eight required merits, a boy or man has earned the Grizzly Trail FCF Merit Award and is eligible to participate in the Frontier Adventure.

## **BOYS**

1. Be at least eleven years old and at least an Adventure Ranger.
2. Be recommended by the outpost commander.

## **LEADERS**

1. Complete the Ranger Basics module of the Leadership Training Academy.
2. Be a Royal Rangers leader in good standing with your church.

## **Entrance Policy**

Membership in the chapter is open to any boy or man who meets the above requirements. There will be a \$35 fee for participating in the Frontier Adventure.

## **Public Selection Ceremony**

A public ceremony should take place but is not limited to taking place during the District PowWow. It should include: an explanation of the 5 logs and the 6 purposes, an explanation of some aspect of frontier history and a listing of the names of those candidates who have qualified to participate in the Frontier Adventure.

## **Frontier Adventure**

The Frontier Adventure call-out will take place at the District PowWow. However, the Frontier Adventure may take place at another time. The Frontier Adventure is not to be kept a secret from anyone. There will not be any harassment of Greenhorns. Neither will there be any shameful, harmful, or degrading acts during the Frontier Adventure. Members are reminded that we are a corps of brothers in Christ.

Greenhorns are to spend the night in the FCF village to begin their Frontier Adventure. The next day's schedule will be from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It will consist of 6 classes covering outfits, shelters, flint & steel, trapping, hawk & knife and black powder firearms. Each class will have a test and must be passed to earn a bead. Greenhorns must earn 3 beads to be accepted into FCF.

## **Steps of Recognition:**

### **Frontiersmen**

Must successfully complete the Frontier Adventure.

### **Buckskin Frontiersmen**

Requirement for boys:

1. Earn the Bronze Medal or one Expedition Ranger Medal.

Requirements for men:

1. Sponsor a boy into FCF.

2. Earn the Leader's Medal of Achievement.

Requirements for boys and men:

1. Earn the following merit awards: Church, Knife and Hawk, and Black Powder or Archery.

2. Participate in at least one additional FCF Frontier Adventure.

3. Make, trade, or purchase a complete FCF outfit.

4. Recite from memory the FCF pledge.

5. Explain the meaning of the FCF Symbol.

6. State the vision and purpose of FCF.

7. Make an FCF identification staff.

8. Select a frontier-related craft or skill to develop.

9. Select an FCF name.

10. Complete the Buckskin workbook.

11. Be an active member in good standing for at least one year.

Sponsors: An FCF member wishing to advance to Buckskin must obtain a sponsor. The sponsor may be a Buckskin or Wilderness member. They are responsible for seeing that the candidate has met the requirements.

**Wilderness Frontiersmen** Requirements for boys:

1. Earn the Silver Medal or a second Expedition Ranger Medal.
2. Sponsor a boy into FCF.
3. Participate in at least two Frontier Adventures, and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Requirements for men:

1. Attend and complete a National Training Camp.
2. Sponsor an additional boy into FCF.
3. Participate in at least four Frontier Adventures, and be an active member in good standing for at least two years.

Requirements for boys and men:

1. Complete the following merit awards: Christian Service, Wilderness Survival, Primitive Snares, and Primitive Shelters.
2. Complete the Wilderness workbook.
3. After submitting your application for advancement to Wilderness to the district FCF office, wear the Wilderness Pouch until the Vigil is completed.

**Active / Inactive Membership:**

Annual membership dues are \$10 for young bucks and \$20 for old timers. They are due at the beginning of each year. An FCF member may obtain a lifetime membership by paying \$250 ( one time payment ). A partial refund may be available in the event member leaves the district.

An active member is one who pays his annual membership dues and is actively engaged in some aspect of the Royal Rangers program in the district. An inactive member is one who fails to do one or both of these. Any member who has been inactive for 3 successive years will be dropped from

the membership list. He may become active again by reearning the 8 required merit awards for membership and by paying his back dues. He must also be active in the Royal Rangers program in order to reactivate their membership. A member who has been inactive for less than 3 years may become active by paying his membership dues for the current year in addition to the previous years.

#### Reinstating an inactive Hawken Rifle Chapter FCF Member

Definition of Inactive member:

- Dues not paid for a period of 3 years.
- Not participating in at least 2 FCF events per year for the last 3 years.

Steps for reinstating membership:

- Pay Reinstatement Fee of \$20.00
- Pay yearly dues (Old timers – \$20.00 Youngbucks-\$10.00)  
(If member has lifetime card, yearly dues are not required)
- Member needs to teach or earn merits of the Trail of the Grizzly
- Member needs to attend a frontier adventure.

After inactive member has completed the above steps the member will be reinstated at the level the member was at time of inactivity.

Any person who is an active member of another chapter that moves to the Kansas District and wishes to become active will be accepted for membership. He will have a grace period of the remainder of the calendar year in which he transfers to the chapter before he will be required to pay membership dues. During this time, it is necessary for the transferring member to have an official Letter of Confirmation sent from the former district's scribe to the Kansas District scribe. Failure to provide this letter will automatically result in an inactive status and the same guidelines already mentioned will apply.

Any member who becomes inactive due to being transferred out of the district by the military or because he is attending college outside the district, is considered excused inactive. They will not be required to pay membership dues for the year, but they will have all the rights and privileges due to an active member. There is no limit to the number of years a member may be excused inactive, but if he elects not to return to the district or he

becomes active in another chapter, he should request a transfer of his membership.

## **Article IV**

### **Rules of Order**

The work of the Hawken Rifle Chapter, Kansas District FCF, shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as set forth in the current edition of "*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*," keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It shall come under the auspices of the Royal Rangers department of the Kansas District and shall be amendable to the District Council Constitution and Bylaws.

## **Article V**

### **Officers**

#### Chapter officers shall include:

Chairman  
President  
Vice-President (company captains)  
Scribe  
Trappers Brigade Coordinator  
District Scout  
Two Assistant District Scouts  
Wilderness Representative  
Buckskin Representative  
Historian

#### Qualifications for chapter officers:

- 1) Must be a member of the Kansas District for no less than 1 year.
- 2) Must be spirit filled and their life consistent with the guidelines for deacon as set for in 1 Timothy 3:1-13.
- 3) Highly recommended by his pastor.

#### Selection of chapter officers:

- 1) Nominations for president will be made by the district staff and presented to the District Commander. Upon approval, letters will be mailed to the active members of the Kansas Chapter to notify of the new president
- 2) The district scout and the one assistant scout will be selected at the Winter' Trace in even-numbered years, following the current FCF Scout selection guidelines as established by the national Royal Rangers office.
- 3) All other officers will be appointed by the district staff with the approval of the district commander.
- 4) The term of office for the president and vice-president shall be for two years, and shall run concurrently with the term of the district commander, and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms, except as deemed necessary by the Executive Presbytery.

Vacancies:

- 1) In the event of office of president or vice president becomes vacant during a term, the district commander will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term, with the approval of the Executive Presbytery.
- 2) Vacant offices of the district scout and the assistant scout shall be filled by the district staff and the term of office shall be until the next Winter in an even numbered year.
- 3) All other vacated offices shall be filled by the district staff.
- 4) All appointees to vacated offices must be approved by the district commander.

Duties of Chapter Officers: **Chairman**

The district commander will serve as the chairman of the



chapter. He is the senior officer in the Fellowship and will chair all business meetings and staff meetings, and will be responsible for coordinating FCF activities into the overall district Royal Rangers program.

### **President**

- 1) Wears the Silver Oak Leaf
- 2) Must be active in the Royal Rangers program.
- 3) Cooperate and work closely with the chairman.
- 4) Will be the focal point of all FCF activities.
- 5) Encourages outposts to select candidates for FCF.
- 6) Maintains contact with members.
- 7) Will develop ways and means for perpetuating the chapter.
- 8) Arranges FCF public selection ceremonies and Frontier Adventures. These events will probably be directed by the chairman, but the president is responsible for making the arrangements.
- 9) He must inform the chairman of all things that must be brought up at meetings and all other activities pertaining to FCF within the district.
- 10) Must demonstrate a high degree of expertise and involvement in the program.
- 11) Keep the membership aware of its role in the Royal Rangers program.
- 12) Will attend all National, Regional, and District Royal Rangers Councils as a voting member, as well as attend all national, territorial, district and FCF events.

### **Vice-President (company captain)**

The vice-president wears the Gold Oak Leaf and must carry the same qualifications as the president. He will be actively assisting the president in his responsibilities. If the president is not present, the vice-president will assume the duties of the president. He should attend as many of the national, regional, and district events as possible but will be a non-voting member.

### **Scribe**

- 1) Wear the gold oak leaf insignia.
- 2) Will be appointed by the district staff.
- 3) The term of office is the same as the president's.
- 4) Will be responsible for keeping FCF chapter records.
- 5) He will be responsible for correspondence as directed by the president or chairman.
- 6) Will be responsible for all FCF chapter funds.
- 7) He will attend all FCF chapter staff meetings and participate in all FCF chapter activities.

### **Wilderness / Trappers Brigade Representative**

- 1) Will wear the gold oak leaf insignia.
- 2) Will make periodic surveys in his chapter to determine if there are members qualified for Wilderness status in FCF.
- 3) He will encourage Buckskin members to advance to Wilderness.
- 4) He should rally Wilderness members to play an active part in service to the district.
- 5) He will assist the territorial FCF rep in conducting Wilderness Vigils in the territory.
- 6) He will promote the Trappers Brigade advancement in his chapter.
- 7) He will review all Trappers Brigade applications for points and approve or disapprove with counsel from the president if needed.
- 8) Must be a Wilderness member.
- 9) He will ensure that all steps and paper work required are carried through by the FCF staff.
- 10) He will attend all FCF chapter staff meetings and

participate in all FCF chapter activities.

### **Buckskin Representative**

- 1) Will wear the gold oak leaf insignia.
- 2) Will make periodic surveys in his chapter to determine if there are members qualified for Buckskin status in FCF.
- 3) He will encourage Frontiersmen to advance to Buckskin.
- 4) He will ensure that all steps and paper work required are carried through by the FCF staff.
- 5) Must be a Buckskin member.
- 6) Will help set up the Buckskin Ceremony.
- 7) He will attend all FCF chapter staff meetings and participate in all FCF chapter activities.

### **Historian**

- 1) Will wear the gold oak leaf insignia.
- 2) He is responsible for compiling a historical log for his chapter. This log should include photos and other information about the major FCF events and personalities in his chapter. The log should be displayed at all FCF events. Photos and reports about events should also be submitted to the district web master for publication on the district web site.
- 3) He should share photos and other information with the national FCF historian.
- 4) He will attend all FCF chapter staff meetings and participate in all FCF chapter activities.

### **Scouts**

- 1) Are the boy representatives on the FCF chapter staff?
- 2) They should endeavor to express the viewpoint of the

other boys in FCF in regard to plans for events and activities.

- 3) They should cultivate friendship and understanding among other members by personal example and other means.
- 4) They will attend all FCF chapter staff meetings and participate in all FCF chapter activities.

## **Article VI**

### **Annual Business Meeting**

The membership of the chapter shall meet every year at Winter trace for their annual business meeting. A quorum of no less than one-third (1/3) of the active membership shall be required. Before participating in any business meeting, a member's dues for the current year must be paid and he must be a chartered member of a local outpost.

### **Special Business Meetings**

The chairman may, from time to time, call a special business meeting of the membership. The announcement for a special business meeting shall be communicated, in writing, to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the special business meeting. Publication of notice on the Hawken Rifle website will be sufficient, provided it is posted at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

### **Amendments**

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a simple majority at the annual business meeting, or at a special meeting of the FCF membership. The suggested amendment must have been presented to and approved by the District Executive Staff no less than thirty days prior to date of consideration by the membership. Once approved by the District Executive Staff, the proposed amendment shall be sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

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