

## Rankings and Requirements for Senior Cadets/Adults

For Cadets entering into the Senior Patrols, whether a former Junior Cadet, a new youth member, or an adult member, we require that ALL mandatory requirements of Saint George's Dragon Slayers are completed prior to receiving the Saint George Dragon Slayer patch, a Senior Cadet patrol patch, silver AC stars, or leadership roles. All Senior Cadets should be in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or 11 years old and older, adults are included).

### Ranking System for Senior Cadets (6<sup>th</sup> grade and 11 years and up)

1 Star Cadet = 4 Achievement Courses completed

2 Star Cadet = 8 Achievement Courses completed

3 Star Cadet = 12 Achievement Courses completed

4 Star Cadet = 16 Achievement Courses completed

In keeping with the father/male guardian and son Troops of Saint George mission, as a father/male guardian completes the Achievement Course requirements alongside his son(s), the youth cadet will receive a silver Achievement Course Star patch with a Gold border for every 4 Achievement Courses completed together to signify to all their partnership. To secure this special award, the father/male guardian must participate in ALL 4 Achievement Courses completed for each star awarded.

## Tribunes of Saint George for our Supreme Pontiff Requirements

*(Tribuni Sancti Georgii pro Pontifice Maximo Nostro)*

The Tribune is the Highest Rank awarded to members of the Troops of Saint George.

### Why Tribunes?

Saint George had reached the rank of Tribune before his martyrdom.

The Order of Tribunes is a membership society that you cannot buy yourself into. A man must earn it and prove himself worthy. He will receive the Tribune patch and medal, which he will be able to wear with his uniform.

### Who is Eligible?

The Tribune rank is attainable by men and boys. The Tribune's award (known as the fibula) will consist of a red ribbon with a purple stripe featuring a cross and the name of the Pope under which you earned your membership. There will be no honorary Tribunes, as membership must be earned in ALL cases.

### What MUST be accomplished in order to be considered a Tribune?

First, a Senior Cadet/Dragon Slayer or adult member (father/male guardian) **must complete 16 Achievement Courses** (8 mandatory and 8 elective) and then complete the following final tasks:

1. Tribunal Project
2. Survival Ordeal

## **Tribunal Project**

Complete a major project to include fundraising and the recruitment of a team of volunteers from within your troop to complete. A father/male guardian seeking the Tribune is highly encouraged to partner with their son on this project.

Examples:

- Landscape the grounds of your parish with flowers, shrubbery, new trees, and statues of the saints.
- Erect an impressive outdoor Stations of the Cross.
- Erect a noble outdoor shrine to Saint Joseph, Our Blessed Mother, or another saint.
- Replace and install new pews in your parish.

## **Tribune's Survival Ordeal**

This 24-hour ordeal for the young man or man tests the Tribune Candidate's knowledge of the Achievement Courses which he has completed. It consists of Day 1, Night, and Day 2. On the day his Ordeal is to begin and within health limitations, the candidate's lunch with his troop should end by 1 p.m. before his Ordeal begins that afternoon (Day 1).

In preparation for the Ordeal, the Tribune Candidate gathers the following 12 items in addition to standard uniform items (i.e. Rosary, paper/pen and pocket knife):

1. Bible
2. A metal cup
3. Flint and steel
4. Drier lint or charred cloth
5. Tarp no bigger than 10 feet by 10 feet
6. Fishing line and one hook
7. 2 canteens full of water
8. Roll of duct tape
9. Roll of string
10. 1 hot dog to be used as food, fish bait, or for trapping
11. First Aid Kit
12. Foghorn

For the duration of the Ordeal, the Tribune candidate camps a safe distance from the troop and independently completes the Ordeal requirements with adult supervision. The adult supervision is present only to ensure the safety of the candidate. The candidate must complete the Ordeal requirements on his own without assistance from anyone or else forfeit the attempt to complete the Ordeal.

The youth candidate's father/male guardian, who would like to complete the Tribune's Survival Ordeal, is highly encouraged to accompany his son for the Ordeal and complete the Survival Ordeal requirements. If the father/male guardian joins his son for the Tribune's Survival Ordeal, the father/male guardian and son candidates should setup camp a safe distance from the troop and independently complete the Ordeal requirements with adult supervision from other adult leaders. The adult supervision is present only to ensure the safety of the candidates. Each candidate must

complete the Ordeal requirements on his own without assistance from anyone or else forfeit the attempt to complete the Ordeal.

On Day 1, between 1pm and sundown, the Tribune Candidate is taken by his father/male guardian and his peers to a location that is a safe distance from the troop's campground where the candidate will setup camp and complete the Ordeal requirements on his own while under adult supervision.

During his 24-hour Ordeal, the Tribune Candidate should:

1. Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on both Days 1 and 2.
2. Formally consecrate himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary (*ideally using the 33 day preparation of Saint Louis de Montfort prior to his Ordeal*).
3. Read Sacred Scripture, preferably readings from Proverbs and the four Gospels. Readings from that day's Mass and the Divine Office are suggested readings to meditate upon.

In the morning/early afternoon of Day 2, the candidate must compose a personal reflection of his time in seclusion in the wilderness. He can share it or keep it private. He should keep this reflection as a special testimony of his time with God in nature.

After sundown on Day 2, the candidate may stalk up on the troop's campground where his troop will be conducting normal affairs. To the best of his ability, he must sneak into the camp and reveal himself alive to the troop. He will reveal himself by shouting "Saint George!" and the troop will respond "Pray for us!" and will congratulate and celebrate him and his accomplishment.

Immediately after being celebrated, his father/male guardian and peers will award him through serving him dinner and dessert (a fine time for a grilled steak).

The Captain will promise him the rank of Tribune, as his Tribunal Project is also complete, and welcome him into the Order of Tribunes.

An official ceremony will be held soon after at the local parish or at an appropriate setting where the man's family and friends can be present. Ideally, the rank and membership should be conferred after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If the new Tribune would like to share his Ordeal reflection, this would be the occasion for him to do so.

Please notify the Troops of Saint George Headquarters as all Tribune requirements have been met with full names and date of completion. TSG Headquarters will have the Tribune Medal engraved and mailed out with the uniform patch.

## Achievement Course (AC) List

16 Achievement Courses are required to take the next steps as a Tribune Candidate.

### **Mandatory AC's:**

Apologetics AC  
Camping AC  
Financial Stewardship AC  
First Aid-CPR AC  
Knots AC  
Latin AC  
Patriotism AC  
Strength AC

### **Elective AC's:**

Altar Service AC (*this AC is HIGHLY recommended, but not required based on regional eligibility*)  
Canoeing AC with Basic Water Skills  
Ecology AC  
Firemanship AC  
Fishing AC  
Handiwork AC  
Hunting AC  
Leather Workmanship AC  
Life and Dignity of the Human Person AC  
Machinery AC  
Orienteering AC  
Public Speaking AC  
Scholarship AC

## Junior and Senior Cadet AC Suggested Completion Plan

This outline is meant to assist TSG fathers and leaders with a plan to complete the current AC's in a way that will help them grow spiritually and physically. These suggestions are broken down by grade and age. This plan is designed to assist, not stifle, growth and formation of TSG members. All Mandatory AC's are marked with an M and elective with an E.

Junior Cadets are not required to complete AC's. The Junior members are welcome and encouraged to start on these based on their abilities. The focus of the Junior Cadets years should be on completing ranks and requirement to obtain their next Junior level. All cadets are strongly encouraged to obtain the Altar Service AC following the reception of their First Holy Communion.

### **Junior Cadets (Ages 6 – 10)**

Altar Service (E)

### **Senior Cadets (Ages 11 – 18)**

Grade Six:

- Knots (M)
- Patriotism (M)
- Ecology (E)

Grade Seven:

- Apologetics (M)
- Canoeing (E)

Grade Eight:

- First Aid-CPR (M)
- Strength (M)
- Firemanship (E)

Grade Nine:

- Camping (M)
- Fishing (E)
- Hunting (E)
- Life and Dignity of the Human Person (E)

Grade Ten:

- Financial Stewardship (M)
- Latin (M)
- Handiwork (E)
- Scholarship (E)

Grade Eleven:

- Orienteering (E)
- Public Speaking (E)

Grade Twelve:

- Leather Workmanship (E)
- Machinery (E)