



Dear Scout,

Congratulations! You have been selected by your fellow scouts to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, the official honor society of Boy Scouts of America. Upon admission, you will become part of **Unami Lodge, One**. As the founding Lodge of the Order, our history is full of service, tradition, and ceremony. Through more than nine decades, we have built a rich record of service to our council and its camps. Our members are among the most prominent citizens in the community. Now, we look forward to having you join our brotherhood, but before you can enjoy the privileges of membership, you must participate in the Ordeal. This is an overnight event in which you will demonstrate your sincerity and desire to join our honored Order. After the Ordeal, you will be welcomed into the Order of the Arrow in a formal, time-ripened ceremony.

Enclosed with this letter is a form which lists the many opportunities available for you to complete your Ordeal. **Once you have chosen an Ordeal date, go to www.unamilodge.org, then go to the Elected Candidate button and pick your choice of which event you would like to take your ordeal or return the form with fee included to the address requested.** Also enclosed is an equipment list for the Ordeal. It shows you how to prepare your gear into the required horseshoe pack. Any equipment that you bring for use after the Ordeal should be stored in a separate pack. You must appear in a complete Class A uniform and please arrive at the Service weekends by Friday night at 7pm

Here are some things that you should keep in mind. **You have exactly 1 year of eligibility from the date of your election (see your unit leader) to complete your Ordeal.** After that date, you must stand for election again, provided you still meet the membership requirements. The Lodge **strongly encourages** you to plan to take your Ordeal while your unit attends summer camp - provided your unit is attending the Cradle of Liberty Council Camp, Resica Falls. **If your unit is attending another Scout camp then you should plan to Ordeal at one of the four provisional opportunities at Resica Falls in the summer.** This means arriving at Resica on a Wednesday Evening, before 7pm and being dismissed after the Ceremony on a Thursday Evening around 10pm. Finally, as a third option, you can take your Ordeal on one of the three Lodge Service Weekends. Please keep in mind that at the Spring Service 1 and 2 weekends will be limited to the first 90 candidates registered. To be considered registered, you must go to www.unamilodge.org, then go to the Elected Candidate button and pick your choice of which event you would like to take your ordeal or send a completed weekend registration with payment to the Council Office by the appropriate deadline. Forms for these weekends can be printed off the lodge website on the forms link at www.unamilodge.org. Finally, remember that you may not Ordeal at any other Council's camps or weekends. The induction fees are \$30 if you Ordeal at one of the Lodge Weekends or as part of the Provisional Ordeals **OR** \$25 if you Ordeal while with your unit at summer camp.

Again congratulations, we look forward to having you become a member of our Lodge.

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