



Dear Scout,

2008

Congratulations! You have been selected by your fellow scouts to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. We are 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 it's 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, return the form 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.

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 a Cradle of Liberty Council Camp (Treasure Island or Resica Falls). **If your unit is attending another Scout camp then you should plan to Ordeal at one of the four provisional opportunities at Treasure Island in the summer.** This means arriving at Treasure Island on a Wednesday Evening and being dismissed after the Ceremony on a Thursday Evening. Finally, as a third option, you can take your Ordeal on one of the three Lodge Service Weekends held in 2008. Please keep in mind that these weekends will be limited to the first 50 candidates registered. To be considered registered, you must 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 for 2008 are \$27 if you Ordeal at one of the Lodge Weekends or as part of the Provisional Ordeals **OR** \$20 if you Ordeal while with your unit at summer camp. Do **NOT** send any money when you are returning the enclosed Ordeal Opportunity Form unless you are registering for a Lodge Weekend. If you plan to Ordeal at Summer Camp with your unit or as part of the Provisional Ordeal program you should plan to pay at the time you participate.

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

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