



PA-HIN LODGE

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

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Welcome!



Congratulations on your achievement of Ordeal membership! You are now entitled to all rights and privileges of the Order of the Arrow. Being a member of the Northern Lights Council, you are now a member of Pa-Hin Lodge. This Lodge Supplement was developed to assist you in becoming familiar with the Order and the Lodge in eastern Minnesota, North Dakota, northeastern South Dakota and Montana. In here, you should find all of the materials needed to help you continue your "long and tiresome journey" which you started during your Ordeal. Your election into the Order is unique and rare. For you were elected "not only for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do in the future". There is no other organization in which its members are elected from those that are not members.

The Order is a thing of the spirit and the individual. In many cases, it is just like Scouting: you get what you give. For some, the Order will be the fire of Cheerfulness and burn brighter than the sun throughout their lives. For others, the Order might shine and then fall to ashes. The essence of our existence is that we must be those scouts and campers- Scout, Venturer, Sea Scout, or Scouter- who best exemplifies the living of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by conduct cause others to do the same. "We who bear the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow, mindful of our high traditions pledge ourselves to Cheerful Service." This Lodge Supplement is by no means the only publication to assist you in your journey. The Order of the Arrow Handbook, which you were given after your Ordeal, is an excellent resource to help you.

We look forward to seeing you at future events and meetings! Your toilsome work of the Ordeal is complete, but your Brothers and fellow Scouts expect you to continue your work as an Arrowman with unselfing service to others. In six months time, you will be eligible to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood, the next step of membership in the Order of the Arrow. Every member has the potential to be a chapter chief, lodge chief, section chief, and even the national chief.

See you on the trail,
Pa-Hin Lodge Executive Committee

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Brief history of Pa-Hin Lodge

Pa-Hin Lodge #27 was officially formed in 1977. The formation came about after discussions in 1976 of combining the four existing Lodges in the newly formed Northern Lights Council into a single Lodge. The four Lodges were:

Chan-O-Wapi Lodge #52 (Missouri Valley Council #432 - based in Bismarck/ Mandan)

Chatoka Lodge #183 (Great Plains Area Council #431 - based in Western ND/MT)

Thunderbird Lodge #371 (Lake Agassiz Council #430 - based in Grand Forks/East Grand Forks)

Minniduta Lodge #176 (Red River Valley Council #429 - based in Fargo/Moorhead)

From 1977 until approximately 1980, the former Lodges continued to conduct operations as tribes and chapters (example: the Thunderbird Tribe), holding conclaves and OA events along the old Lodge lines.

Around 1980, the tribes structure was discontinued and operations were continued as chapters and Lodge, aligning chapters based on the Districts structure established by the Northern Lights Council.

The Lodge currently (as of 2022) has a total of 7 Chapters covering 2 time zones (Central and Mountain), 4 States (MT, ND, SD, MN) and 76 Counties. The 2022 roster count was 324 registered members.

Vision for the Order of the Arrow

To be recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society and an integral part of every council. Our service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults, are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, and help extend Scouting to America's youth.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

To recognize those campers– Scouts and Scouters– who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit. To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Mission of the Lodge

It is the mission of the lodge to achieve the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America in the council through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Chapters of Pa-Hin Lodge

Chapters are what drive the Lodge. They help deliver the program in your local communities. Attending a chapter meeting is a great first step to being an active Arrowman. Find information on your chapter's meeting on the lodge website, pahinlodge.org. There are seven chapters in Pa-Hin Lodge, they are:

Chapter Name	District Name	Communities
Chapter 2	Prairie Fire	Fergus Falls, Alexandria
Chapter 5	Northern Sky	FM Area, Jamestown, DL
Chapter 7	Northern Lakes	Bemidji, Bagley
Chapter 8	Lake Agassiz	Grand Forks, Thief River Falls
Chapter 10	Roughrider	Dickinson
Chapter 11	Tomahawk	Minot, Devils Lake
Chapter 13	Frontier Trails	Bismarck, Mandan
Chapter 14	Great Plains	Williston

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Lodge Events & Meetings

Pa-Hin Lodge regularly hosts events to encourage its members, including you, to develop their leadership skills, provide service to your Council camps, and share in fellowship with your Brothers in the Order of the Arrow. Below are our main events and meetings held throughout the year. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend all events.

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings (LEC Meetings)

The executive committee is the legislative body of the lodge. It is comprised of the lodge officers, lodge committee chairmen, chapter chiefs, and their advisers. The committee meets twelve times a year, usually on the second Sunday of each month, to discuss matters that are important to the well-being of the lodge and to make policy decisions. They are held via Zoom due to the vast size of our lodge.

Conclaves

Every spring and fall, we hold our most important lodge events of the year. The Spring and Fall Conclaves are held at various council camps and is when we induct new members into the Order with the Ordeal, conduct Brotherhood ceremonies, and recognize Arrowmen with the Vigil Honor. Check the calendar at pahinlodge.org/calendar for dates and locations.

Lodge Events

Pa-Hin Lodge holds two lodge events each year: Winter Fellowship and Pa Hin Par-T (LLD). Winter Fellowship is a fellowship event designed to foster Brotherhood and Cheerfulness. Lodge officer elections occur at Fall Conclave and marks the end of the lodge year as we celebrate the past year's officers and advisers.

Section Conclave

Pa-Hin Lodge is a member of Section G-11 which covers Arrowmen across northeast Montana, North and South Dakotas, Minnesota, and eastern Wisconsin. Each year during the first weekend of October, the seven lodges of Section G-11 gather to promote Brotherhood, develop leadership skills, and have fun as well as elect new Section Officers.

Insignia

Sashes

The sash of the Order of the Arrow (white cloth with red Arrow) may only be worn with the official Class A uniform, Scouter's Official dress, Elangomats during the Ordeal, and Arrowmen in ceremonial attire. It is worn over the right shoulder placed under the epaulet running diagonally across the body. No alterations are to be made to the sash (legends, pins, signatures, etc.) except the 50th and 60th Anniversary and Centennial awards which may be worn above the top bar of the sash by those that earned it. The sash may be worn at Order of the Arrow functions, and other Scout events where the wearer is representing the Order of the Arrow such as a unit election or Court of Honor where the wearer is presenting on behalf of the Order.

Flaps

Pa-Hin Lodge produces Lodge flaps for its members to wear. They are to be worn on the flap of the wearer's right breast pocket. Flaps may be purchased at a Bay-Lakes Council Center for Scouting.

Universal Arrow Ribbon

The universal arrow badge is a silver arrow suspended from a red and white ribbon. It is worn hanging from the right breast pocket of the uniform. It is to be worn only with the official Scout Uniform.

Elangomats

Elangomat is the Lenni Lenape word meaning "friend". They are the member of the Order put with a clan of candidates and sets the example of Brotherhood while participating in the Ordeal working next to them. It is a crucial part of the induction experience for both the candidate and Elangomat that the Elangomat be sought out and trained prior to the Ordeal. An Elangomat must have the qualities of a good friend and have an understanding of the Ordeal procedures prior to their clan's arrival. After the Ordeal, they are to remain in contact with their clan and encourage them to attend events with the chapter and lodge, and on to Brotherhood.

Lodge Organization

Lodge Key-3

The Lodge Key-3 are the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and Lodge Staff Adviser. Those three individuals are ultimately responsible for the operation of the lodge.

Lodge Officers

In addition to the Lodge Chief, Pa-Hin Lodge has four officers who assist the Lodge Chief in administering the goals and objectives of the Lodge. They are: Vice Chief of Committees, Vice Chief of Chapters, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each lodge officer has an appointed adult adviser.

Lodge Executive Committee

The Lodge Chief presides over the Lodge Executive Committee under the advisement of the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Staff Adviser. In Pa-Hin Lodge, each chapter has representation in the form of an elected chapter chief, each of whom is entitled to a vote. Each chapter chief has an appointed adult adviser who is an ex officio member of the LEC. Additionally, the LEC has a number of standing committees to help administrate the happenings of the Lodge, which include: Activities and Training, Ceremonies, Communications, Awards and Honors, Finance, Membership, Service, and Unit Relations. The Lodge Chief may appoint additional committees as necessary, but those chair positions shall not have a vote on the LEC.

Chapter Officers & Chairs

Each chapter is responsible for administering the goals and objectives of the Lodge and as such usually has an officer or chairs for administering those goals and objectives within the chapter. Standard positions in each chapter include chapter chief, chapter vice chief, and secretary.

So Now What?

The Order of the Arrow handbook outlines six waypoints for finding your bearings in the Order. Those are key points that will help you to continue to provide service to your unit, your council, your camps, Scouting, and community.

You've already completed your Ordeal, and likely already attended your new member orientation. The next step is to attend an event. A great starting point for your membership is the annual Section Conclave held each October. It's a weekend of fellowship, learning, development, and other opportunities.

Membership dues for this year and the immediately year following were included in your Ordeal registration fee. Dues are due each December 31st for the following calendar year. Dues provide you access to leadership trainings, fellowship, tools, and resources you can bring back to your unit and community.

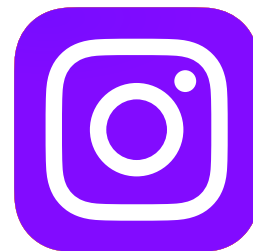
In the next six months, look for opportunities to provide service to your unit and fellow Scouts. At the end of the 6 months, you will be eligible for completing your Brotherhood, which is the next step in membership in the Order.

Let's Stay Connected

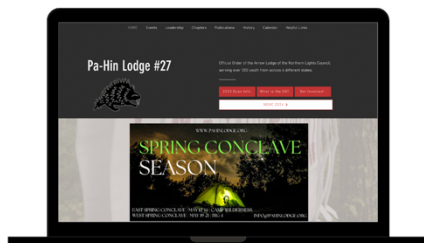
Pa-Hin Lodge has communication tools to keep connected with what's going on in the Lodge.



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