



**PA-HIN LODGE**

# **BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATE GUIDE**

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# ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear Ordeal Member,

Congratulations! It has been at least 6 months since your induction into our Order of the Arrow (OA) lodge. You are now eligible to seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony if you have continued faithfully to serve your fellow man and have completed the following requirements:

- Complete 6 months of unit service as an Ordeal member, (which you've done!)
- Maintain your registration membership in Scouting
- Maintained your registered membership in the Order of the Arrow
- Understand the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp and
- Gained a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. (See "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal" section in the Order of the Arrow Handbook.)

It is important not only that you meet the above requirements but that you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood. Write a letter to the chapter secretary expressing your feelings. In your letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service, and
- Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the OA program.

You should bring this letter with you to either of the upcoming Conclaves. You may also mail this letter into the Fargo Scout Office (4200 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S Fargo, ND 58103) addressed to "Order of the Arrow – Brotherhood Letter".

You have an opportunity to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony to be held at our Spring Conclaves, May 8 -10, 2026, at Camp Wilderness or May 15-17 at Heart Butte Scout Reservation. Your next opportunity following will be at the Lodge Fall Conclave, August 7-9 at Camp Wilderness.

We highly recommend that you review Order of the Arrow Jumpstart website: **[www.oa-scouting.org/jumpstart](http://www.oa-scouting.org/jumpstart)**. This site is tailored for new Arrowmen and Arrowmen who are preparing for Brotherhood membership. The password is "**obligation**".

Specific information for the weekend including registration, program, officer elections, check-in/out are available below and online at [www.nlcscouting.org](http://www.nlcscouting.org) under calendar.

All members of Pa-Hin Lodge are encouraged to attend Conclaves, even if you aren't going through a ceremony.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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## 2026 Conclave Instructions:

**Medical Forms** - Per national requirement for Ordeal weekends, you must bring a current Annual Health and Medical form, with the first two parts, completed (Parts A & B), although it is **strongly** recommended that all three parts (Parts A, B, & C) are completed.

**Registration** - To register for any Conclave please visit [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org) under the calendar.

**Cost** - The total cost for the May Spring Conclave is \$55 before May 1 or August 1st, after which the price will be \$60. The cost includes food. OA handbook, lodge flap (patch), conclave patch, Ordeal sash, induction costs, and other materials. You may wish to bring extra money to purchase items at the Lodge trading post. The trading post will offer many OA items including special patches, OA shirts, fleeces, and other goods.

**Friday and Saturday** - Plan to arrive Friday night between 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you must arrive later please notify the conclave admin team at [info@pahinlodge.org](mailto:info@pahinlodge.org) or your chapters adviser and let us know your expected arrival time. Immediately upon arrival, you will register at the Black Building or main lodge at Heart Butte. There will be no dinner served on Friday evening, so you should eat before checking in. A light crackerbarrel will be served Friday evening. Ask your Scoutmaster if others were elected in your troop so you can arrange to carpool.

Saturday morning, all members will be asked to give back a few hours of their day in service to the camp. In the afternoon there will be a time to study with experienced members prior to testing.

**Check out** – Program for the weekend runs through Sunday morning. Checkout will begin at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. There will be worship services held during the weekend.

While the program does go through Sunday morning, we understand that some people will need to leave on Saturday. We will open an early checkout from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday evening at the Black Building or main lodge at Heart Butte. You must indicate at registration that you are doing an early checkout.

Here is a list of items you must bring, should not bring, and may want to bring with you on your Ordeal. Your equipment will be checked on Friday to ensure you are prepared;

**Cell Phones** – We are well aware of the functionality and ease technology brings to our lives within the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We do discourage the use of cell phones during the Ordeal process and other OA ceremonies. However, after those activities cell phone use is a regular part of other conclave activities.





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**Social Media** – Throughout the year and during conclave weekend the lodge and chapter releases vital information through our social media accounts. Please feel free to follow us on the following accounts:

- Facebook: (search) Pa-Hin Lodge
- Instagram: @pahin\_27
- Website: [www.pahinlodge.org](http://www.pahinlodge.org)

Many Chapters have their own social media accounts. Search in any app Pa-Hin Lodge Chapter (enter your chapter number).

**Parents and Non-OA Scouting Leaders** – Parents (and non-OA Scout Leaders) are welcome to stay for the weekend if they wish. They should register as a guest during registration. We do discourage them from attending ceremonies if they believe they will be a member of the OA in the future because knowing what happens ruins some of the mystery.

**Chapter Officer Elections** – During spring conclaves, many chapter host their own Chapter Officer elections. To learn more about officer positions and how to be elected reach out to your chapters officer team. General eligibility requirements are:

- You are under 21 years of age for your entire term
- You are a member of the OA (Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil) in good standing (meaning you've paid your dues)
- You are a registered member of the Scouting America

Once again, congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conclave!

If you have any questions prior to the conclave, please contact our Chief or Adviser.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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