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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 Spring Conclave at Camp Wilderness the weekend of May 8-10. 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 Spring Conclave, May 8-10, 2020, at Camp Wilderness. Your next opportunity will be at the Lodge Fall Conclave, August 14-16, 2020, at Heart Butte.

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

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

This year we will be conducting a special Brotherhood study session at our April Chapter meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm located at the Fargo Scout Office (4200 19<sup>th</sup> Ave S). We **highly** encourage attending this study session to better prepare yourselves for conclave weekend.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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## 2020 Chapter 5 Conclave Information:

**Registration** – Registration for Spring Conclave is available online at [www.nlcbsa.org](http://www.nlcbsa.org) under calendar. The cost for a Brotherhood Candidate for the weekend is \$50 with a late fee of \$55 after May 1st. Your registration fee includes: meals, Brotherhood sash, service project materials, program costs.

**Medical Forms** – Per national policy all those attending Conclave MUST have parts A & B of the Annual Health and Medical Form. Although it is strongly encouraged that those participating in service projects should complete all parts of the form (A, B & C).

**Elangomats** – Many members and Brotherhood candidates choose to serve as an Elangomate for the weekend. Elangomat is the Leni Lenape word for “friend”. The OA gives the title of “Elangomat” to Arrowmen who lead Ordeal candidates through the power of their example.

Elangomats volunteer to participate again in all of the test of the Ordeal along with the candidates. Elangomats spend the night alone in the same area as the candidates. They set a good example, working alongside the candidates, sharing in their scant food and silence. As the Elangomats again successfully complete the four tests of the Ordeal, they teach their candidates by example and inspired leadership. As Allowat Sakima said, “He who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them.”

Elangomats also are rewarded for their service with a discounted registration cost. Both youth and adults may serve as Elangomats. If you wish to volunteer to serve as an Elangomat, you should bring all of the things you need for your Ordeal.

**Friday and Saturday** – Registration will start at 6:00pm on Friday and will run until approximately 10:00pm. If you are unable to make it to Conclave on Friday night, you could still attend Saturday and Sunday. Ordeal Candidates however must be present on Friday evening. Please advise us if you’re planning for a Saturday arrival.

**Saturday Programs** – It’s not just a work weekend! We’ll have programs for Arrowmen to participate in including: tomahawk throwing, and other fun activities.

**Sunday Program** – New in 2020 the Brotherhood Ceremony will be held at 6:30am Sunday morning prior to Chapel.

**Checkout** – Program for the weekend runs through Sunday morning. Check out will be at 8:30am Sunday. All Arrowmen are expected to help with clean up on Sunday. There will be a worship service for 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 8:30pm to 9:00pm on Saturday evening in the Black Building. You must indicate at check-in that you are doing an early checkout.

Brotherhood ceremonies will not be completed until 6:30am Sunday morning. If a Brotherhood candidate has to leave Saturday evening, they should make prior arrangements with the Chapter Adviser.

**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.



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**Officer Elections (Chapter 5 Members)** – For youth Arrowmen from Chapter 5 we will hold our annual officer elections on Saturday evening immediately following the Ordeal Ceremony. If you win an election, you'll take office June 1<sup>st</sup>. Offices available:

- **Chapter Chief** – is the top youth leader in the District for the OA program. He sets the goals and agendas for the Chapter.
- **Chapter Vice Chief of Program**– represents the Chapter Chief when he is not present and oversees the OA Troop Representative program.
- **Chapter Vice Chief of Elections** – Over sees the Unit Election program, includes preparing materials and organizing election dates for each Scouts BSA unit within the district.
- **Chapter Secretary** - Takes minutes at Chapter meetings, submits news articles, and administrates other projects as delegated by the Chapter Chief.

The terms of office are one year; there are no term limits. Election is by majority vote of the chapter's youth membership. The only 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 Boy Scouts of America

**Sleeping Arrangements** - We will be camping outdoors, so please remember to bring a tent. Also remember that this is Minnesota spring and that all types of weather can be expected, please pack accordingly. We are able to accommodate those who **require** indoor sleeping arrangements please place this as a special need during registration and the Chapter Adviser will be in contact with you prior to the event.

We look forward to seeing you at Spring Conclave. If you have any questions, please contact the Chapter Chief or Adviser.

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