



# Pa-Hin Lodge #27

## Order of the Arrow

### Northern Lights Council, BSA

301 South 7th Street  
Fargo, ND 58103

Dear Ordeal Candidate:

Congratulations! You have been approved by your Scoutmaster and elected by the Scouts of your troop to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. Membership in the Order of the Arrow not only marks you as one of the best in Scouting, but opens up additional Scouting opportunities for you including National Conferences, Training, High Adventure Opportunities, and new leadership experiences.

Your election was the first step in your induction into the OA. Your next step is to complete the Ordeal. The Ordeal is a 24-hour test of your strength and will. The Ordeal is not a test to see if you are worthy for membership in the Order, you've passed that test already by being elected by your fellow Scouts.

Your next opportunity to undergo the Ordeal is at the Fall Conclave, August 14-16 at Camp Wilderness. If you do not complete the Ordeal within one year from your election, you will have to be elected by your troop again.

If you attend Conclave plan to arrive Friday night beginning at 6:00, but no later than 9pm. Immediately upon arrival you should register at the Black Building. There will be no dinner served on Friday evening, so you should eat before checking in. Ask your Scoutmaster if others were elected in your troop so you can arrange carpooling if you want.

The Lodge Annual Business Meeting will occur on Sunday Morning. Camp Cleanup will follow the meeting -- you may depart once camp cleanup is completed (around 11am - noon). There will be worship services held during the weekend.

Come prepared to spend the first night of your Ordeal under the stars. You will not be allowed to have a fire Friday night, so don't bring matches or lighters with you. You will need a sleeping bag, ground cloth (plastic tarp), and your raincoat or poncho. The weather can vary greatly from very cold to very warm. Check the weather forecast and bring enough clothing. During the Ordeal you will be expected to do physical labor, this may involve lifting, walking, reaching and other strenuous activity. If you are physically incapable or concerned about performing these activities, please contact the Health Officer upon your check-in Friday night and we'll make adjustments as needed. We are asking that you bring your health form. Please also let the health officer know at check-in if you brought medications with you.

You should bring a tent for Saturday night or plan to tent with a buddy. You will want to wear old work clothes Friday night and Saturday, but you will need your Scout uniform for Saturday evening and Sunday. A pair of work gloves for Saturday is strongly suggested. Showers are available and all eating utensils, plates are provided.

The total cost for the August Conclave is \$40 if pre-registered by August 1 (\$45 otherwise). The cost includes your: food, OA Handbook, Lodge Flap (patch), conclave patch, Ordeal Sash, induction costs, Pa-Hin Lodge Dues, 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, and other goods.

Please fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it, with your check payable to Northern Lights Council, to  
Northern Lights Council  
301 South 7th Street  
Fargo, ND 58102

Here is a list of items you should, 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.

### **Things You Should Bring**

- Class 'A' Scout Uniform
- Sleeping Bag
- Ground Cloth/Plastic Tarp
- Rain gear
- Cold weather gear
- Tent
- Shower Kit
- Work Clothes
- Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Good boots
- Flashlights
- Prescription Medicine in original container

### **Things You Shouldn't Bring**

- Food/Snacks
- Matches or Lighter – you will not be allowed to have a fire Friday night
- Portable Electronics – like iPods, video games, etc
- Cell Phones are discouraged
- Sheath knives
- Hatchets, axes, tools

### **Things you Might want to Bring**

- Camera – limited opportunities to use though
- Air or Foam mattress
- Day Pack or regular Backpack –may be easier to carry your sleeping bag and ground cloth Friday
- Notebook, pencil, pen

Also enclosed is a “Spirit of the Arrow” booklet. Please read this carefully before arriving at the conclave.

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

Yours in the Brotherhood,

Mathias Staricka  
Pa-Hin Lodge Secretary

Lodge Website: [www.Pa-Hin.com](http://www.Pa-Hin.com)



## Pa-Hin Lodge Fall Conclave

### Aug 14 - 16 @ Camp Wilderness

Conclave runs Friday Night (registration opens at 6pm) through Sunday Morning at approximately noon. Chapel will be held on Sunday.

Ordeal Candidates should arrive no later than 9pm. Please see the Ordeal Candidate letter for materials to bring

The Lodge Annual Business meeting will be held on Sunday Morning. At the Lodge Business Meeting, we will be conducting Lodge Business and holding elections for Lodge Officers. The Lodge Annual Business Meeting is very important to attend, as this meeting reviews the Lodge Program for the year and sets who the officers will be for 2010.

Elangomats should submit the full payment of \$28; You will be refunded the \$10 discount at registration.

Regular Members Can expect a Fun-Filled Day at Fall Conclave:

**Learn how to Set-Up a Tipi    Tomahawk Throwing    Moccasin Making    Iron Arrowman**

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with this registration form.

Please choose the event(s) you will be attending.	Pre-Registration Cost <b>Register by Aug 1</b>	At-the-Door Registration Cost <b>(after Aug 1)</b>
<b>Fall Conclave - August 14 - 16, 2009</b>		
Ordeal Candidate (includes 2010 Dues)	\$40	\$45
Regular Member	\$28	\$33
Brotherhood Candidate	\$28	\$33
Elangomat -- Special Discount!!	\$18	\$23
<b><u>Included are my Lodge dues for 2010</u></b> <i>(Required -- except Ordeal Candidates)</i>	<b><u>\$12</u></b>	<b><u>\$12</u></b>
<b>Total Included</b>		

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or District # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following Allergies, Medical Constraints, Dietary Requests, Other Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Upon a Lofty Journey



Save this booklet for future reference, and *bring it with you to your Ordeal.*

## Ponder my words carefully.

In a short time you will be given the opportunity to undergo an *Ordeal* — your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

This will test not only your physical strength, but your inner strength.

But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit... *the ones who chose you.*

Who am I?

For the moment, that is less important than what I represent.

It is enough to say that I am a friend you have probably known for a long time.

Right now, what *is* important is that you commit yourself to taking the first step.

My friend, I congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a day of beginnings.

The honor you have received is truly a great one, for it is bestowed upon you by your peers — the members of your unit.

But, such an honor is not without its price.

Those who chose you are *watching*.

They have *faith* in you.

Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have challenged you to do so.

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken.

Along its path lies true Brotherhood.

However, this destination is many months — maybe even years — away.

I am here to help you find your way as you travel — as an arrow driven skyward — along this lofty journey...

I am here to help you prove to yourself your *worthiness* for the honor your unit has bestowed upon you.