



Dear Candidate,

It almost seems like yesterday I was going through the process of being elected, called-out, and inducted into the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow or OA for short has played a huge role in my life while being a part of the Scouting Movement. In the OA, I have gotten to experience moments where I had to step up and step forward for my peers in different ways. I think it's fair to say that one of the reasons why you were chosen to be elected into the OA was for the same reason. In your troop, you were able to step up as leaders which made you stand out to not only them but us as well. The OA will give you more opportunities to do the same and develop even further. As a future member of the Order, you will have numerous opportunities to do amazing things that not even your classmates, friends, parents, and others will get to do. One example is going to National High Adventure Bases through the OA. Another great opportunity is to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference or NOAC. You will be able to make lifelong friends and connections. I have gotten to make those connections by taking the opportunities that were in front of me. This is one of those moments for you. After going through your induction, you might consider never coming back. However, before you decide to "Sash and Dash" you should give us a chance. The Order of the Arrow is so much more than getting a sash to show off to the troop.

After the Ordeal, there are multiple opportunities to get involved so don't stop once you get your sash. Be involved on a Ceremony team, a member of the Lodge Executive Committee or LEC, or even the next National Chief. Reach high and dream big. I never thought I would become a Lodge Chief, but here I am writing to you now. The Order of the Arrow is based on service. Service that is done out of pure heart, joy, and cheerfulness. You know that real good feeling after you get done doing a service project with your troop? We aim for that. We encourage you as the leaders of our Chapters, Lodges, Sections, and Nation of tomorrow to step up and step forward to build a better tomorrow with us. Dare to do to keep the momentum on our upward journey like our sashes for a better society and world as well.

To attend the ordeal, you will need to bring a few items: Work Clothes, Work Gloves, Water Bottle, bed roll, Sleeping Bag, tent for Saturday night, Face Masks/Coverings, Health Forms, and Field Uniform. We will be following Guidelines and Recommendations for COVID set by the Council, States of Nebraska and Iowa while at all of our Induction Locations throughout the year. You have 3 options to complete your Ordeal this year. Please mark these down on your calendars and try to attend at least one of these for your Ordeal. **Registration Details can be found on the lodge website at lodge97.org.**

Ordeal and Induction dates are:

- Spring induction: May 7th-9th at Little Sioux
- Summer Induction: August 13th-15th at Camp Cedars
- Fall Induction: October 8th-10th at Camp Eagle

Yours in Brotherhood,

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