



Letter to Ordeal Candidates

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To My Fellow Scouters,

First of all, let me congratulate you in being nominated for membership into the Order of the Arrow, or commonly called the OA. As a candidate for the Ordeal membership, you are now faced with many new responsibilities. Your unit chose you because they believed you best lived up to the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life and desired to recognize you for your contributions to your unit and to the Boy Scouts of America.

But to become a member into the Scouting honor society, you must first complete the Ordeal induction weekend. You are asked to be at the Inductions in May or September and take your Ordeal. After completing the Ordeal process, you will now have several more responsibilities to strive for. You will then be placed in an OA chapter. This chapter meets regularly to help promote Scout camping and to plan service projects. By going to the chapter meetings you will be able to expand your service to the Order. You may also consider running for a chapter office. By expanding your service and developing a habit of cheerfulness and brotherhood, you can fully become a member of the OA. The demands are great, and sometimes you will be tested in which you may lose sight of what is expected of you. So think hard and consider all the aspects of the OA and what your peers expect from you. Only then will you be able to make a wise decision on whether Ordeal membership is right for you. Welcome and we hope that you will complete the ordeal and begin a lifelong membership in the Order while continuing in your dedicated service to scouting here in Occoneechee Council.

Opportunities to complete your Ordeal are offered on the third weekend of both May and September. For exact dates and further information, please visit our website, www.Lodge104.com.

Yours in the Order,

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Scout Executive