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Boston Minuteman Council

Dear Ordeal Candidates,

Congratulations for your election as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow in the Spring of 2010. To re-iterate the election team that visited your unit, the Order of the Arrow, or OA, is Scouting's National Honor Society, which recognizes Scouting ideals of camping and cheerful service to others. Those who know you best, your peers, elected you because you exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.

Moswetuset Lodge is the local representation of the OA program. The Lodge has two Ordeal-service weekends per year to help our camps provide a quality outdoor program. We also have fun at events such as our Fellowship Weekend, Annual Banquet, and the Section Conclave (a gathering of nearly 300 Scouts and Scouters from around New England) and sponsor the OA Day at Summer Camp. OA Membership also provides access to national Scouting events and programs such as the OA Service Corps at the National Jamboree and special OA weeks at Philmont, Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier high adventure programs. But most importantly the Lodge provides leadership opportunities to Scouts in all of its endeavors – the Order of the Arrow is a youth-led organization.

As a candidate, your next step is to complete an Ordeal. There is one Ordeal opportunity left in 2010:
September 24th – 26th at Camp Massasoit, in Plymouth, MA.

The Ordeal offers a unique opportunity to reflect on your Scouting experiences, and it is an experience shared by every member. Candidates have only 1 year from their election to attend an Ordeal which begins their membership in the OA – after that year has passed, if you have not attended an Ordeal, you must once again be elected by your unit before you will be invited to attend another Ordeal. *The Fall Ordeal is the last Ordeal before the next election season and the expiration of your candidacy.*

The Candidate's cost for the Spring Ordeal is **\$46** and must be paid in full prior to your arrival at camp either by registering online at <http://events.lobsterlodge.org/> or mailing or faxing (if paying by credit card) the registration-form. A late fee should be included if payment is not received by the early registration deadline. Checks should be made payable to **Moswetuset Lodge #52, BSA**. All Ordeal candidates must pre-register. No candidate registrations will be accepted at camp. The Ordeal fee includes the cost of the weekend and your Lodge dues for 2010, OA Sash, OA Handbook, and a pocket flap patch.

The Participant/Parental Release Form **must** be completed, signed, and on-file at check-in, or **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN CAMP**, especially if registering online (fax or bring the signed form with you). It **must** include a Parent or Guardian signature and emergency contact information for minors. Please be sure to list any medications you may be taking, drug or food allergies, or any other medical or religious considerations you believe we should be made aware of.

Fall Registration begins on **Friday at 7:00pm** (at the Handicraft Building at Massasoit). Attendees should have already eaten; Dinner will not be served. The Ordeal will conclude on **Sunday at 10:00 am** after a new member orientation and brief meeting. Parents/Leaders may pick up/pack up after this meeting.

Yours in the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service,

Joshua Kline

Moswetuset Lodge Secretary 2010-2011