



Dear Candidate –

Congratulations on being elected by your fellow Scouts as a candidate to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. Through your dedication to the ideals of Scouting, and your exemplification of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life, you have the opportunity to join this prestigious organization.

Since 1915, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has honored and recognized Scouts and Scouters for their steadfast dedication to the principles of Scouting. Nentico Lodge 12 represents OA in Baltimore Area Council. OA is a great experience for all Scouts and Scouters who become involved. Once a member, you will find many new opportunities available to you: including the National Order of the Arrow Conference, service opportunities at the four National High Adventure Bases, Section Conclaves, Lodge Fellowship Weekends, and other Lodge service and social events.

In order to be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, you must undertake a series of challenges, called an Ordeal, just as all OA members have done before you. Although this might sound daunting, these tasks are very much within your capabilities. Do not let others shake your confidence. The Ordeal is a personal experience and will show you much about yourself.

You have 18 months from the time of your election to complete your Ordeal. If you do not complete your Ordeal in that time, you must be re-elected by your unit. Nentico Lodge hosts several Ordeal Inductions Weekends each year at Broad Creek Scout Reservation. You are free to attend any of the weekends. The dates are listed on the lodge's website, www.nentico.org

After completing your Ordeal, and earning the sash and distinctive pocket flap which identify our members, you are not only a member of the Order of the Arrow, you are identified as a model Scout and leader within the Scouting program. We encourage new Arrowmen to supplement their activity in their home unit by becoming active in the Lodge and its programs.

Once again, I congratulate you on your election as a candidate. Through this unique experience, you will better understand the meaning of service to others. I look forward to having you as a fellow brother in the Order of the Arrow.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at chief@nentico.org or the inductions team at inductions@nentico.org.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

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