

Dear Newly Elected Candidate,

As the Lodge Chief of the Netopalis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge, I would like to congratulate you for being selected by your fellow scouts to be a candidate in Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. You are now eligible to take upon yourself the induction of the Ordeal and start your journey in the Order of the Arrow. Your induction must be completed within two years from the date of your election. Your 2023 induction opportunities are:

**February 12-14 @ Sid Richardson Scout Ranch**

**May 19-21 @ Worth Ranch (or...)**

**May 19-21 @ Camp Tahuaya**

**October 20-22 @ Sid Richardson Scout Ranch**

**December 1-3 @ Hills & Hollows Camp**

Induction weekends start with registration at 7:00 P.M. on Friday night. The Ordeal experience will end at approximately 8:00 PM on Saturday. New members are invited to join the fellowship activities (including games, service opportunities, and training) that are planned throughout the weekend and ending at 9:00 AM on Sunday. Food is provided throughout the weekend. For the weekend you will need:

- Personal Mask (Be prepared)
- Complete Boy Scout Uniform
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Ground Cloth/Tarp
- Rain Gear/Poncho
- Toiletries/Medications
- Change of clean clothes
- Water Bottle
- Tent for Saturday night (optional)
- Personal Hand Sanitizer
- Work Clothes:
  - Heavy Footwear (Boots)
  - Work Pants (Jeans)
  - Work Shirt
  - Work Gloves

The cost for the induction weekend will be \$60.00 which includes an Order of the Arrow sash, handbook, lodge flap, lodge dues for one year, and food. You will also need the completed Parts A & B of the latest BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form. Registration for this event can be found on the lodge website:

**[www.Netopalis.org/Events/](http://www.Netopalis.org/Events/)**

The Lodge Trading Post will be open at these events. After your induction you will have the opportunity to purchase Lodge Merchandise such as Shirts, Hats, and Patches. So, be sure to bring money with you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Once again I congratulate you on being elected. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming Induction weekends, or other lodge events.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

**Ian Wilhite** | Lodge Chief

**ORDER OF THE ARROW**  
**Netopalis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge**

## CARVING THE ARROW

### THE SYMBOL OF AN ORDEAL CANDIDATE

#### The Tradition

For over fifty years, ordeal candidates of our lodge have been presented a block of wood by their chapter as they publicly identify those candidates worthy of the Order during the call out ceremony. There are Scouts in our lodge who are third generation Arrowmen that have continued this tradition. And now you, too, have the opportunity to preserve this long standing tradition.

#### What do I do with the Block of Wood?

The block of wood contains an upward-pointing arrow within. The lodge asks that you remove the wood from the block that is not part of the arrow. Each ordeal candidate should carve the arrow on a solitary basis without the use of power tools. You are encouraged to complete this process prior to attending an ordeal; however, your arrow can be finished, but not started, during the ordeal weekend. We hope you will personalize your arrow and to make it a unique symbol of your pride in being selected from among your fellow Scouts as an ordeal candidate to Scouting's National Honor Society. If you are having difficulty with this process please seek the assistance of an experienced Scout or Scouter, preferably an OA member, to obtain guidance or to improve your wood-carving skills. After such skills instruction or guidance, we ask that you continue to carve out the arrow from your block without assistance from others.

#### What is the Purpose of this Tradition?

While carving the block of wood to produce your arrow, reflect on the honor that has been bestowed upon you by the members of your unit. These questions are a good starting point for your reflection:

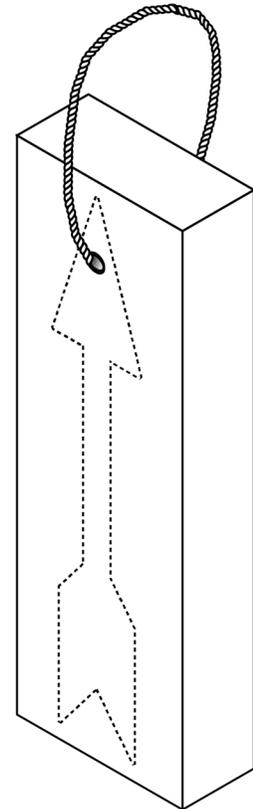
- Why were you chosen from among your peers?
- What can you do to help other Scouts to follow your example?
- What can you contribute to your unit, your chapter, the Netopalis Sipo Schipinachk lodge and the Order of the Arrow when your ordeal is completed?

Wearing your wooden arrow with the Class A Scout uniform serves to remind you, as well as other Scouts and Scouters, of your selection for this honor.

#### Whose Arrow Is This?

The arrow that you produce is yours and yours alone. No other Scout or Scouter, OA member or not, should touch the block of wood or mark the arrow in any fashion. You are asked to wear your arrow suspended from your neck at chest level and pointing upwards as a part of your Class A uniform until you complete the ordeal. The sooner you begin the process of removing the arrow from your block, the better your symbol of ordeal candidacy will appear to those around you in the Scouting program. After the ordeal is completed, the arrow will be yours to keep with your other Scouting memories.

**GOOD LUCK!**



*Your arrow is hidden within the grain of your block of wood.*