



## Pocumtuc Lodge

May 25, 2011

To All Order of the Arrow Candidates:

Congratulations on your election as a candidate to become a member of the Pocumtuc Lodge, Order of the Arrow. As you may know you must participate in an Ordeal Weekend in order to become a Lodge member. The Lodge will conduct 2 Ordeal induction weekends, one in June and one in September. The Next Ordeal weekend will be June 17-18 at Moses Scout Reservation. The last Ordeal of the year will be held September 16-18 at the Chesterfield Scout Reservation. You must attend one of these weekends in order to complete your induction. Failure to do so will require your re-election in 2012. Enclosed you will find additional information about the weekend as well as a registration form and a medical consent form. These forms must be completed and returned to Heidi Atanian 146 Spear Rd. Springfield, Ma 01119 in order to register for the either of the Ordeals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Heidi Atanian at 413-782-7531. We look forward to seeing you at the Ordeal.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Mitchell Heisler*

**Lodge Chief**



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

The June Ordeal weekend will be at The Moses Scout Reservation on  
June 17, 18 & 19, 2011

The September Ordeal weekend will be at The Chesterfield Scout Reservation on  
September 16, 17 & 18, 2011

**REGISTRATION:** Candidates must complete and mail this registration form **NO LATER THAN June 9, 2011**

**INDUCTION FEE:** The induction fee of **\$35.00** must accompany this registration form. **Do not send cash. Do not send to Council office.** Make checks or money orders payable to: POCUMTUC LODGE. Your fee covers your OA Sash, OA Patch, OA handbook, membership card, weekend meals and other items and materials required for your induction.

**WHAT TO BRING:** You will be sleeping out under the stars on Friday night. You will be allowed to have with you only those items you will need overnight. We suggest you pack these items separate from your other gear which should include a tent for Saturday night. Your Friday night gear should include a sleeping bag, a ground cloth, flashlight, pocketknife, rain gear, and water bottle. Plan on wearing work cloths on Saturday and bring a jacket/rain gear, work shoes, etc. Your **Scout uniform is required for Saturday night**. Do not bring your Merit Badge sashes to camp.

**ARRIVAL:** Plan to arrive in camp between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday night. Park at normal camp parking lot. Check in at the Dining Hall. You will be given further instructions then. Candidate's orientation session will begin at 8:00 PM.

**THE ORDEAL:** The ordeal will start on Friday night with a pre-ordeal ceremony and individual camp out and will continue through the day on Saturday. You will be assigned to some challenging tasks in the service of your Scout camp. The ordeal will end on Sunday morning after a short Lodge session. Departure is scheduled for 10:00 AM. Make your arrangements for transportation for this time.



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## REGISTRATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE MAY OR JUNE ORDEAL WEEKENDS

PLEASE SELECT:

JUNE 17, 18 & 19 \_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER 16,17 &18 \_\_\_\_\_

Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** all Information!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State) (Zip Code)

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ (As of the Ordeal Weekend) EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ POST ROAD \_\_\_\_\_ KNOX TRAIL

\_\_\_\_\_ SPRING/CHIC \_\_\_\_\_ APP TRAIL \_\_\_\_\_ METACOMET

POSITION HELD IN THE UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you are an adult and are not registered with a unit, fill in registration status and indicate in what capacity you are registered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical or Physical Limitations:** Please indicate any limitations or concerns that we should be made aware of for the Ordeal Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of **\$35.00** as required to cover cost of all items during the Ordeal Weekend. I will attend and do wish to be a member of the Order of the Arrow. Make check payable to: **Pocumtuc Lodge.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be **UNABLE** to attend (please state reason on reverse side of this form).

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to accept membership at any time. (Please state reason on reverse side of this form.)

Mail this form **NO LATER THAN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **June 9, 2011** \_\_\_\_\_

To: Mr. Heidi Atanian  
146 Spear Rd.  
Springfield, MA 01119  
413-782-7531

Additional Questions Or Comments You May Have  
May Be Written On The Reverse Side Of This Form.  
Check Here If Comment \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please complete & mail this form even if you do not intend to participate at the Ordeal Weekend! \*\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ TROOP/CREW NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY – NOTIFY:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ or PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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HEALTH HISTORY

**You may use the back to explain any conditions**

ASTHMA     FAINTING SPELLS     CONVULSIONS     DIABETES (  INSULIN)

HEART TROUBLE     HIGH B/P     RESPIRATORY ILLNESS     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGY TO:

FOOD \_\_\_\_\_

INSECT \_\_\_\_\_     PLANT \_\_\_\_\_

DRUG \_\_\_\_\_

REGULAR / EMERGENCY MEDICATION(S) \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE THIS WITH YOU?     Yes     No     Not Applicable

ANY RESTRICTION OF ACTIVITY FOR MEDICAL REASONS?     Yes     No

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ADULT/PARENT AUTHORIZATION: This information is correct so far as I know, and the person described is able to participate in all Lodge activities, except as noted and 1) I give permission to use any photos made at Lodge/Section events for promotion of the Lodge/Section through various media and 2) In the event I cannot respond, (or cannot be reached if I am the parent/guardian) in an emergency by reason of accident, illness or injury, I hereby give my permission to the physician, selected by the leader in charge, to provide any character of medical treatment deemed necessary, including hospitalization, anesthesia, injection, surgery and all diagnostic procedures or drugs related thereto for the above named participant.

Signature of participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_



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## MR. G'S TRADING POST

Pocumtuc Lodge and National Order of the Arrow items are available for purchase from Mr. G's Trading Post during Ordeal weekends!

Lodge Flaps and Patches

Lodge T-shirts

Order of the Arrow Bolo Ties

Order of the Arrow Hat Pins

Order of the Arrow Coins

And Much More!

SO HELP SUPPORT YOUR LODGE AND BRING SOME SPENDING MONEY WITH YOU TO THE ORDEAL!

SEE YOU THERE!



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## WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE ARROW?

The Order of the Arrow is the Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America and a brotherhood of honored campers. It is a society of Boy Scouts and Scouters that function as a part of the regular camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Its foremost purpose is to promote and enrich Scout camping.

The Arrow members in a local Scout council form a lodge (used as in Native American tradition in the sense of the hunting lodge or the council lodge).

Elements of Native American tradition are used in Order of the Arrow ceremonies, for the dramatic effort. However, the Native American aspects of the Order should never obscure its objectives.

**“ONE BECOMES A MEMBER NOT SO MUCH FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE, BUT FOR WHAT HE IS EXPECTED TO DO.”**

## PURPOSE OF OUR ORDER

\*Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition causes other to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.

\*Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spurt and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting and ultimately our nation.

\*Promote Scout camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp..

\*Crystallize the scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

## PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER

Our Order exists primarily as a service organization and especially emphasizes cheerful spirit in the camping part of the program. It is democratic in character: boys are elected to membership by the boys in their own Scout Troop. They elect their own officers, plan their own programs, and carry it out under their own leadership. Adults act as advisers or councilors, but do not run the affairs of the local lodges. Membership is granted to boys and adults “not so much for what they have done, but for what they are expected to do” in service to their fellow man.

Membership in the Order stems from the local unit and serves to strengthen a member's responsibility to his own unit rather than to draw him away in another program of activities and service projects.

The Order of the Arrow is not a secret society; an air of mystery does surround its ceremonies and meetings, but this is done because of its appeal to boys. Membership in the Order is dependent upon membership in the Boy Scouts of America. Members wishing to be active in the Order must maintain their registrations.