

Marnoc Lodge #151 Election Packet 2011

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Election Q&A

ABOUT THE ORDER OF THE ARROW:

Q – What is the Order of the Arrow?

A – Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society.

Q – What is the Order of the Arrow's purpose?

A – Recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Such recognition is awarded in hopes that it may cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote camping and to crystallize the habit of helpfulness in a life purpose.

Q – How can a youth become a member of the OA?

A – The only way for a youth to become a member of the OA is to be elected by his peers during his Troop/Team's election.

DATES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MARNOC'S ELECTIONS:

Q – What date must our Troop Elections be done by?

A – Elections should be held by April 15, 2011. After this date, your newly elected candidates can not be guaranteed a spot in any Marnoc Lodge Ordeal this year.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Notification of Unit Elections form?

A – If you are running an “Independent Unit Election” (meaning you are running an election with OA members in your Troop) or an “Unit Election with Lodge Representative” (meaning you would like a Lodge member who is not from your Troop to oversee your election), you need to turn in your Troop's Notification of Unit Elections form by March 1st, 2011.

If you are running an “Unit Election run by Lodge Election Teams” (meaning you would like a Lodge Election team to come to your Troop meeting to run your elections), you need to turn in your Troop's Notification of Unit Elections form by February 1st, 2011.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Unit Elections Report form?

A – By April 15th, 2011.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Adult Nomination Form?

A – By April 15th, 2011 to be guaranteed a spot in Marnoc Lodge's 2011 Ordeal. Note that you must also turn in the Ordeal Reservation Form with the Adult Nomination Form.

Q – When do I need to turn in the Ordeal Reservation Form?

A – By April 15th, 2011 to be guaranteed a spot in Marnoc Lodge's 2011 Ordeal. It is highly recommended that the election occurs early in the Troop meeting so elected candidates may contact family and determine availability for Ordeal dates before the end of the meeting.

Q – How do I contact Unit Relations if I have a question or a concern?

A – You can contact us at unit_elections@marnoc.org or barrythebluebear@juno.com.

ABOUT THE ORDEAL:

Q – What is the cost of the Ordeal?

A – The cost for the Ordeal is \$37. Whether paid for by the unit or by the individual scout, the fee is required and must be paid at the Ordeal in cash or check. If a scout in your unit has a campership for camp, please let us know and we will adjust the price of the Ordeal accordingly. The cost of the Ordeal also covers your Marnoc Lodge dues for the year you were elected.

Q – What will the OA candidate receive in his new member packet after completing his Ordeal?

A – All candidates will receive an Order of the Arrow Handbook; a sash, to be worn at Order of the Arrow events; a pocket rocket, worn on the uniform to show active membership for the year; and a lodge flap, to show membership to the Order of the Arrow and Marnoc Lodge.

Notification of Unit Election

Marnoc Lodge, #151

Unit #: _____ District: _____ Date of Election: _____

Independent Unit Election

With this option, the Lodge will not send anyone to your unit's election, and you are responsible for using the attached script for the election, and ensuring that all election materials are in order and received by the Lodge no later than April 15, 2010.

Please be aware that due to the nature of the Election Ceremony, if your troop does not have at least three youth arrowmen to conduct the Ceremony properly, you should not consider this option. The ceremonies of the Lodge are an important part of the customs and traditions of the Order. If you do not have enough arrowmen to fulfill this requirement, you may still have an election, but please select one of the following options below.

Unit Election with Lodge Representative

With this option, the Lodge will send a representative to your unit's elections to oversee their conduct and collect your election results. The representative will collect your election results the night of the election. The representative will also act as "OA member C" in your election. Please ensure that all paperwork is in order according to the checklist on page 3 in order for an easier election process. If choosing this option, make sure you complete the election data/time information below.

Be sure your Troop has at least two arrowmen to conduct the Ceremony properly, otherwise you should not consider this option. If you do not have enough youth arrowmen to fulfill this requirement, please select the "Unit Elections run by Lodge Elections Team" option.

Unit Election run by Lodge Elections Team

With this option, the Lodge will send an Election Team to run your Unit Election. A group of three youth arrowmen will arrive at the designated time and conduct the election per the attached script. The Lodge Election Team will also collect your election results the night of the election. Please ensure that all paperwork is in order according to the checklist on page 3 of this packet in order for an easier election process. If choosing this option, make sure you complete the election date/time information below.

Please provide the following additional information regarding your election if you choose the 2nd or 3rd option:

Location of Election: _____ Time*: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Scout Contact Name & Phone #: _____

*The Lodge Election Team will arrive approximately 15 minutes before this time.

This form must be postmarked by March 1, 2011 (February 1, 2011 if election team needed) in order for your candidates to be guaranteed a spot in the 2011 Ordeal.

Mail to:

Marnoc Lodge, GTC, ATTN: Unit Relations Committee, P.O. Box 68, Akron, Ohio 44309-0068

Unit Adult Candidate Recommendation

We understand that Election into the Order of the Arrow of an adult scouter (21 or older) shall take place only when the adult's role in Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, or Exploring will make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth (under the age of 21) membership. Selection of an adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purposes, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and position. At least one youth must be elected from our unit before we may nominate an adult. *All items below must be completed.* Our unit committee would like to recommend the following adult for consideration:

Name: _____ Unit Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

- 1) The camping requirement, which must be fulfilled: a minimum of 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scout of America, including six consecutive days and nights of long term camping, accomplished within the last two years.
- 2) What abilities/resources does this adult have that will help the Lodge fulfill its mission of service?

<input type="checkbox"/> OA adult contact for the unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Painting/staining
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/woodworking	<input type="checkbox"/> Masonry
<input type="checkbox"/> Roofing	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/planting
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____	
- 3) Selection of the adult is based upon their ability to perform the requisite functions including current or prior achievement and position. They are:

- 4) This adult will be an asset to the Order of the Arrow due to demonstrated skills and abilities, which fulfill the purpose of the Order of the Arrow because:

We hereby affirm that we understand the above information and the aforementioned adult leader has fulfilled the above requirements and is duly recommended for membership in the Order of the Arrow. We also understand this nomination form is an application for candidacy, and the nominee must first be approved by the Scout Executive and others before he/she is considered a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Date: _____ Committee Chair: _____

Date: _____ Unit Leader: _____
Print Name *Signature*

The Adult Nomination Committee's decision will be mailed to the Unit Committee Chairman on file with Great Trail Council. This form should accompany the Marnoc Lodge Ordeal Reservation Form and be complete by the unit's youth election.

Unit Election Report

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Unit #: _____ District: _____ Date of Election: _____

Number of registered active youth: _____ Number present at elections: _____

At least half of the registered active youth unit members must be present to hold an election.

Fill in the names and ranks of eligible youth before election.

Check the names of elected youth. Strike through the names of non-elected youth.

Name	Rank	Check if Elected	Name	Rank	Check if Elected
1			10		
2			11		
3			12		
4			13		
5			14		
6			15		
7			16		
8			17		
9			18		

I certify that the above youth are eligible and approve them as nominees for the election.

Unit Leader / Designate

Number of Troop members under 21: _____

Number of above in attendance: _____

Number of votes required to be elected: _____

Number of ballots cast: _____

Number of youth elected: _____

Election team members' printed names:

Election team members' signatures:

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative:

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative's signature:

Lodge Representative / Unit Leader:

Lodge Representative / Unit Leader signature:

By completing this form **on time**, if elected, you are **guaranteed a spot at one of the five Ordeals**. This form should be completed by the conclusion of your unit elections and be ready for the Marnoc Lodge representative before he leaves your election.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Unit #: _____
 District: _____ Council: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

Please list your preferences below. Marnoc Lodge will do it's best to accommodate everyone.

2011 Ordeal Dates:	Your Preference (circle your selection):					
Ordeal 1 – June 3 rd and 4 th	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Can't Attend
Ordeal 2 – June 29 th and 30 th	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Can't Attend
Ordeal 3 – July 13 th and 14 th	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Can't Attend
Ordeal 4 – July 27 th and 28 th	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Can't Attend
Ordeal 5 – August 12 th and 13 th	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Can't Attend

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OA Troop/Team Representative

Registration Form for the OA Troop/Team Representative

Date of Submission: ____/____/____

Term of Office: ____/____ to ____/____

Name: _____ Troop/Team #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Circle One: Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil

Scouting Experiences: _____

OA Experiences: _____

Please list the three Marnoc Lodge Executive Counsel committees that you would like to serve on in order of your preference. You can find a list of committees on www.marnoc.org:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

If you are unfamiliar with the Marnoc Lodge Executive Counsel (LEC), we would like to invite you to come to one of the meetings. The LEC is open to any Marnoc Lodge OA member to come and see how Marnoc Lodge get things done.

Check the Marnoc Lodge Calendar on our website: www.marnoc.org for dates and times of LEC meetings.

To view the job description for an OA Troop/Team Representative, please visit our web site at www.marnoc.org.

Election Ceremony

OA Member A:

Fellow Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Its purpose is to recognize and honor those campers who best live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives and to guide them in expanding the service that has made them outstanding. The order promotes Scout camping and maintains camping traditions and spirit. It emphasizes that the good Scout camper is not only skilled in Scoutcraft, but also true to the ideals of Scouting and its tradition of the daily Good Turn.

The only way that a Scout can become a member of the Order of the arrow is to be elected for this honor by the members of his unit. To be eligible for election, a youth must fulfill the camping requirement and hold the First Class rank.

After being elected, the Scout must complete the Ordeal, which is a series of tests of his sincere dedication to the high ideals of Scouting and the Order. If he is faithful in performing the tests, he takes a solemn pledge of service and is admitted into the Order. A long period of self-improvement and service then follows.

The lodge flap, Universal Arrow ribbon, and the distinctive sash identify the Order of the Arrow member. They are symbols of service. Our lodge has its own activities and projects, but our program does not replace the member's responsibility to his unit. Indeed, each Arrowman is expected to give richer service to his own troop or team in return for the honor his unit extended to him.

American Indian lore is an attractive sideline in our Order. American Indian dances and ceremonies add color to our program of service, and members often make American Indian lore their hobby. However, one does not need American Indian attire or skill in American Indian lore to become a valuable member of the Order of the Arrow.

Scouts, you will elect representatives to our brotherhood of cheerful service, and we are here to assist you in the election. All registered active

members of this troop or team, except those 21 or older, are entitled to vote.

All those who receive votes from at least half of those who turn in ballots are elected. The number of candidates you elect will depend on how your votes agree with votes of other members of your unit.

Remember that an Order of the Arrow election is not a popularity contest! Don't vote for a Scout just because he is your friend or just because he is a good athlete or because he is older than the rest. What really counts is his loyalty to the Scout Oath and Law.

Campaigning in an Order of the Arrow election is not permitted. You are expected to think for yourself; do not let others influence your decision. The election is by secret ballot and no discussion will be permitted, so no one will know for whom you are voting. This important decision about your fellow Scouts is entirely up to you.

Before we announce the names of those eligible and begin the election, are there any questions?

(Answer any questions about the nature and purpose of the Order of the Arrow and the election procedure.)

OA Member B:

The following members of this unit have met the camping and advancement requirements and are eligible for election, as certified by your unit leader. Will you stand and form a line over here (*point*) as your names are called?

(Point out a place to line up and read the list slowly. Arrange the candidates in a line facing the voters at the place indicated; the line can be semicircular if the eligible group is large. Write each name on the chalkboard or flip chart as called.)

Scouts, you should now answer each of the following questions to yourself; your answers will help you to make the right selections.

OA Member C:

Who in this group is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout? Who is pleasant and easy to get along with? Is he kind and helpful? In all, if you were a Tenderfoot Scout, would you like to hike and camp with him?

Who is cheerful, even when he has many tiresome jobs to do? Who smiles whenever he can? Who obeys promptly and cheerfully? Does he control his temper? If you were at camp with him for several weeks, do you think you would enjoy it?

Who is always ready to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others? Who, in serving others, can forget his own desires and interests? Who has served your unit all year round, faithfully attending your meetings and helping with your service projects? Do you think he will continue his service in the future? If you were his patrol leader, could you depend on him?

In all, ask yourselves: Who in this group, by living up to the Scout Oath, serves your fellow Scouts with such an example of brotherhood and cheerfulness that you look up to him with deep respect and admiration?

OA Member B:

Scouts, on the ballot you will be given, print the first and last names of the candidates who, in your opinion, have set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Vote only for those you believe will continue in unselfish service to your troop. If you feel that no one is worthy, turn in an unmarked ballot. If you are new in the troop or team and do not know the candidates well enough to vote wisely, you may abstain by not turning in a ballot to all, and this will not affect the final result. Those eligible for election also vote, and they may vote for themselves if they feel they are worthy.

The names of the eligible candidates are listed on this chalkboard (flip chart, poster, etc.). When you are finished, fold the ballot only once and give the pencil and ballot to any member of the election team.

(Distribute election ballots and pencils.)

(Collect ballots and pencils. Count the votes in private with the unit leader. The following text should be used whenever there is no formal calling-out ceremony planned.)

OA Member A:

The following have been elected to the Order of the Arrow. Will you please come forward as your leader calls your name? *(Name those elected.)*

This concludes the election. Thank you for your cooperation. Good camping and good night (day).

(Elected candidates and any Arrowmen within the unit who can be spared are taken into a separate room where the election team records necessary data and instructs the candidates as to the date, time, and place of the beginning of the Ordeal. The following paragraphs should then be presented as a charge to the candidates and present Order of the Arrow members.)

OA Member B:

That you, my fellow campers, have been chosen by your companions to become members of the Order of the Arrow reflects great credit upon you, and I congratulate you upon your election. You have impressed upon those who have lived closest to you the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath. The judgment of your fellows could hardly have been mistaken.

In a short time, you will take upon yourselves another solemn obligation to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. Your fellow Scouts elected you because they felt that you would continue your service. Do not let them down.

OA Member C:

My brothers in the Order, you have proved during the past year that the traditions of our brotherhood are not a collection of meaningless words. As we welcome these new candidates (the new candidate) on our journey, let us be mindful of our obligation to help and guide them (him) during the trails that lie ahead.