Lodge Ordeal: September 14-16 at Camp Belzer

Were you unable to attend one of the Area Ordeals? Are you looking to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood? Have you been called by the Vigil Honor? Or maybe you just want to cheerfully serve your fellow man?

The Lodge Ordeal is approaching fast! This year’s Ordeal will be held from September 14th to 16th at Camp Belzer.

We are expecting a large number of Ordeal candidates to attend this event. As such, we will definitely need all the help we can get to help staff the Ordeal, so please come and help out!

The Ordeal weekend is also a good opportunity for newer Arrowmen to go for their Brotherhood and for those more experienced Arrowmen to stand their Vigil if they have received the call.

Lastly, we will be holding Lodge officer elections on Sunday. If you would like to run for an office, make sure you turn in the nomination form by Saturday at lunch.

Click here to learn more or register online at www.jaccostownelodge.org today.
Greetings! This is the beginning of my last quarter as Lodge Adviser—at times it has felt like I just started my 2 years and others like it has been 10 years! I have enjoyed my service to Jaccos Towne Lodge and the people from across our Lodge, and all over the country, that I have been able to meet. This was reinforced at NOAC when I was able to get together with other adults and advisers from the Symposium that was held at Philmont last year.

With that being said, we can’t forget what still needs to be accomplished for the balance of 2018! We have the 2018 Lodge Ordeal and Vigil class in September, LEC in October, and LLD/Banquet in November. We need everyone to help by paying your 2018 dues if you haven’t already done so as our dues paid members for 2018 is low. Also, our Vigil slots and Founder’s Awards are computed from that number. Lastly, we need to get that number up to be able to reach our Journey to Excellence (JTE) goals.

If you have someone in your Troop that has been elected this year to go thru Ordeal, please help them get there. Please also encourage all Ordeal members that are eligible to seal their membership, go thru Brotherhood. We need all of the members of Jaccos Towne Lodge to attend the Lodge Ordeal – whether you are an Ordeal, Brotherhood or Vigil member – September 14-16 at Belzer Scout Camp. More hands for the weekend will make it an enjoyable weekend for all involved. Election of new officers will also be held that weekend and will determine the leadership of the Lodge for 2019.

Hope to see you soon,
Eric Wickizer

Summary of 2018 Area Ordeals
In the second year of Area Ordeals, the Ordeals went well. We had a grand total of 174 new Ordeal members and 55 new Brotherhood members.

The breakdown was as follows:

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Dairy Bar Fundraiser

Thank you to all who made it out to help us with the State Fair Dairy Bar fundraiser! We had roughly 20 volunteers come out throughout the day to help us serve items like milkshakes and grilled cheese to fairgoers.

The profits made from this event will fund Ordeal Scholarships and trips to Section Conclave for youth members next year!

A special thank you to Anne Phillips who did much of the organizing of this fundraiser behind the scenes. It would not have possible without her!

2018 NOAC at Indiana

We hope that the 20+ members of our contingent for the 2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) had a blast the week that they were at Indiana University!

Some of the highlights were: the Central Region and Section C-6A Gatherings, the Wayfinder Festival, and all the shows.

We are excited to go back to Michigan State for NOAC 2020!

Founder’s Award Nominations

The Founder’s Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the Lodge and who have demonstrated that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A. Edson.

Download the form here and be sure to turn it in by the September LEC to nominate someone.
**Lodge Ordeal Schedule**

**FRIDAY**
- 5:00 - 5:30PM: Staff arrival & setup
- 6:30PM: Registration starts
- 7:45PM: Elangomat training & meeting
- 8:30PM: Orientation
- 9:00PM: Vigil begins
- 10:45PM: Staff meeting & cracker barrel
- 12:30AM: Lights out

**SATURDAY**
- 7:00AM: Vigil ceremony
- 7:45AM: Ordeal candidates wake & breakfast
- 8:00AM: Members wake
- 8:45AM: Members breakfast
- 9:30AM: Flags & announcements
- 10:45AM: Service projects begin
- 11:30AM: Service projects end
- 12:00PM: Lunch
- 1:00PM: Service projects resume
- 4:00PM: Brotherhood reviews begin
- 5:00PM: Service projects end
- 5:15PM: Candidates shower
- 5:30PM: Brotherhood candidates gather
- 5:35PM: Brotherhood walk begins
- 5:50PM: Brotherhood spectators to ceremony ring
- 6:00PM: Brotherhood ceremony
- 6:25PM: Ordeal candidates meditate
- 6:35PM: Ordeal candidates assemble & spectators to ceremony ring
- 6:55PM: Ordeal candidates leave
- 7:45PM: Ordeal ceremony
- 8:45PM: Celebration dinner & Lodge trading post
- 1:00AM: Lights out

**SUNDAY**
- 7:30AM: Everyone wakes
- 8:00AM: Breakfast
- 8:30AM: Scouts Own, Lodge elections & camp cleanup
- 10:00AM: LEC

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

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**Lodge Officer Elections**

If you wish to run for a Lodge Officer position, please make sure that you turn in your nomination form to the Lodge Adviser by Saturday lunch or you will not be eligible to run. Click here to download the fillable form.

**LLD & Lodge Banquet**

Our annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) will take place November 9-11th at Camp Belzer. This is a good weekend of training for any new officers especially, but is open to any Arrowman wishing to attend. Good time for fellowship and Leadership Development!

We will also be hosting our annual Lodge Banquet on Saturday the 10th at 6:00PM. Feel free to come for the entire weekend or just the Banquet if you wish; however, we ask that you please register online regardless.
Seal Your Membership

Have you been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months? If so, then you have the opportunity to seal your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member. Attend any Ordeal or even go for it at summer camp! You simply need to have completed the following requirements:

• Maintained your registered membership in Scouting,
• Maintained your registered membership in the Order of the Arrow,
• Memorized the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp, and
• Gained a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

To signify your desire to seal your membership as a Brotherhood member, please write a letter to the Lodge expressing your feelings. Be sure to: explain what you think the Obligation means, describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, describe how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service, and describe your specific plans for giving future service to the Lodge program. Once your letter has been turned in, all that remains is your Brotherhood Knowledge Review and Brotherhood Hike.

Visit JumpStart or review your Order of the Arrow Handbook for assistance. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership & Brotherhood Committee by email at membership@jaccostownelodge.org