

# **MIGISI OPAWGAN LODGE #162**

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

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To the candidate's parents:

Congratulations! Your son was elected by his peers as a candidate for the honorary camping society of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow (O-A). The O-A is a national brotherhood of honor Scouts that originated in 1915. The purposes of the O-A are: to recognize the those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit within Scouting units, to promote Scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your son was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by his peers, we are sure that he is well worthy of this honor.

Your son must now participate in an induction Ordeal weekend (conclave) within one year of the date of his election. Our Lodge has three induction conclave weekends per year: spring at D-A or Cole Canoe Base and fall at D-A. The induction conclaves offer a unique opportunity for him to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. The weekends will also allow him to become acquainted with the principles and purposes of the Order of the Arrow. The induction conclave must be completed by each new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not be soon forgotten.

Induction into the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for your son. Our Lodge participates in many events every year such as the Lincoln Pilgrimage, O-A section conclaves, National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), and various fellowship weekends. In addition, the O-A provides some of the most valuable youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge your son has already received during his Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for you and your son. Once again, congratulations. If you have any questions, please have your son contact his appropriate Chapter Chief (listed on your son's letter).

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