

GULF STREAM COUNCIL

January/February, 2011

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your election as a Candidate for the Order of the Arrow! You should take great pride in being elected. However, your Journey has not yet begun, and you are not yet a member in the Order. A greater thrill awaits you when you become a member, are decorated with the Order of the Arrow sash, and the history that goes with it is unveiled to you. This happens when you have completed the Ordeal of the Order of the Arrow successfully.

You will have two opportunities to complete your Ordeal. The first opportunity is March 4-6, 2011 at Camp Tanah Keeta. Your second and only remaining opportunity will be in September, 2011 (most likely September 9-11; the Council Calendar has not yet been set), again at Camp Tanah Keeta. There will be no additional opportunities to make-up your Ordeal. If you fail complete your Ordeal at either of these two weekends, then you will have missed your chance to become a member in the Order of the Arrow in the 2011 election year, and must be re-elected again by your unit. I urge you to accept the Ordeal and not let this opportunity pass you by. Please arrange your schedule now so you can take advantage of this life changing opportunity.

The fee for the Ordeal is \$55 per candidate, and is broken down as follows:

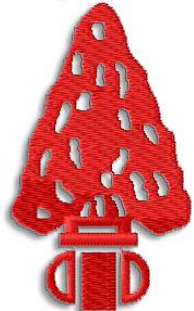
- 1) Ordeal Weekend Fee - \$20. All Lodge members pay this fee. Includes camping fees, food, and event patch.
2) OA Sash - \$14. The white sash you wear with you Class A uniform.
3) 2011 Dues - \$10. OA dues are \$10 per year. This payment fulfills your registration through the end of the 2011 calendar year. If your dues are not paid then you will not receive Lodge mailings, nor may you attend OA events.
4) OA Handbook - \$6. Official National OA publication.
5) Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237 Once-In-A-Lifetime Uniform Flap - \$5.

The \$55 fee must be paid in full no later than your arrival at TK on Friday, March 4, or Friday September 9, 2011. The pre-registration deadlines are the close of business Tuesday, March 1, and September 6, 2011, respectively. After these deadlines a \$5 late fee applies to account for having to purchase your food locally. Available payment methods include cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discovery, or American Express. You can register in person at the Council office; by phone with Kelsey Cupples at Council; through registration tab on www.aal-pa-tah237.org; or by mailing a check to Council.

We want you to have an exciting and safe experience. Please bring emergency contact information with you (family contact information; physician's contact information; health insurance policy information). Additionally, please bring a copy of your BSA health form. In your Ordeal, you will leave the comforts of home behind and you will be tested by exerting yourself physically on a restricted diet. If you have a permanent physical or medical problem that could limit your participation, please notify us immediately; we would like to make advance plans so that you can have the very best experience possible.



2010-2011 Lodge Officers



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At the end of this letter, you will find a list of items to bring - please review it carefully. This is the only reminder you will receive of your *Ordeal*. It is up to you to make sure that you register for this weekend.

Additionally, we highly encourage you to attend the March Ordeal. April 8-10, 2011, Aal-Pa-Tah will be hosting the **Section S-4 Section Conference** at TK. Section Conference is an exciting annual event that rotates its host location from year to year. This year, it will bring between 1,100 and 1,400 Arrowmen to TK. Typically, Aal-Pa-Tah only gets to host Section Conference at TK every 8 years. This means that hosting a Section Conference typically occurs only once in each Scout's youth career. If you attend the March *Ordeal*, this means you will be able to attend Section Conference as member at TK! In fact, Aal-Pa-Tah moved up its elections schedule, and moved its *Ordeal* from June to March, just so YOU can be a part of our amazing Section Conference! Please do not pass up this opportunity. For more information, please visit: <http://aal-pa-tah237.org/2011/>

Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns regarding Aal-Pa-Tah's planned events, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, you can find more information about Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at www.aal-pa-tah237.org. I look forward to opening the circle of our Brothers to you.

Yours in Scouting,

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Note: You should also receive this letter via email and U.S. mail both by March 1, 2011. If either does not reach you, please go to the red "Update Contact Info" tab on <http://aal-pa-tah237.org/> and provide your correct information.

Items to Bring to Your Ordeal:

◆ **Emergency Contact Information** (family contact information; physician's contact information; health insurance policy information; BSA health form) ◆ **Medical Needs** (any serious conditions, i.e. heart problems, diabetes, asthma, etc.; dietary needs) ◆ **Class "A" Uniform** (wear it to camp on Friday night) ◆ **Canteen/Water Bottle** ◆ **Two sets of sleeping equipment** (it is suggested that you bring just a ground roll of some sort for Friday night) ◆ **A set of work clothes** ◆ **Two pairs of closed-toe shoes** ◆ **Tent** ◆ **Bathing Suit** ◆ **Toiletry Items** ◆ **Knife** ◆ **Any other camping items that you would normally bring on a campout** ◆

Arrive at Tanah Keeta promptly by 7:00p.m. Friday Night

Important safety information: At any Lodge event, if you require assistance from a representative of the Lodge at any point during the event, please contact the following people in order: (1) Lodge Chief Elliot Taft: 561.676.5910; (2) Lodge Advisor Amanda Pantone: 561.324.9120.; (3) Lodge Staff Advisor Steve Steinmetz: 561.307.9013; and (4) Associate Lodge Advisor Bradley Ellis: 561.267.8658.

Talent Release - By participating in any Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge activity, the participant, and the participant's legal guardian when the participant is a minor, grants Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge and Gulf Stream Council - and their officers, employees, agents, licensees, representatives, or assigns - permission and consent, to copyright, use, publish, exhibit, display, broadcast, or otherwise disseminate via any medium: film, video, kinescope, audio, still pictures, slides, or any other type of recording, which includes the participant's name, voice, and/or image or likeness. The participant and/or legal guardian waives any and all rights to inspection or approval of the final product. The participant and/or legal guardian waives any all rights to remuneration for uses consistent with this waiver. The participant and/or legal guardian further releases Aal-Pa-Lodge and Gulf Stream Council - and their officers, employees, agents, licensees, representatives, or assigns - from any liability arising out of uses consistent with this waiver, including but not limited to claims of misrepresentation or false light. Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge and Gulf Stream Council warrants they shall conduct all uses in manners consistent with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.



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