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Reader 2 Each troop and crew should have an Order of The Arrow Representative, a Unit leadership position. All OA Reps are encouraged to attend Chapter and LEC meetings. They are responsible for keeping your Unit up to date with OA activities.

(Identify and recognize the OA Rep at this time. Thank them for their service.)

Anyone who has completed the Ordeal can participate. We are always looking for members to help out on various committees at both the Lodge and Chapter levels. Each District in our Council has its own Chapter.

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

Reader 1 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.

(Announce each candidate - as they are listed on the ballot).

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