

## **How to assemble and use this Elangomat Guidebook:**

This guidebook is designed to be given to Elangomats just prior to starting their weekend with their clan, perhaps at a brief meeting of Elangomats on Friday afternoon just before the Ordeal is to begin. As such, this is not an exhaustive manual covering everything an Elangomat should do and be; rather, it is a brief, “just-in-time” reminder of the responsibility they have chosen to accept for that weekend, and the basic expectations of their weekend in a step-by-step outline. Hand it out at the Friday afternoon Elangomat meeting, and ask them to read it prior to starting the meeting.

The Guidebook should be assembled so that it is an 8 page booklet, measuring 5” x 8½” (half page size), using 4 sheets of paper, front and back. This way, it is easy for the Elangomat to carry for the weekend. To assemble the Guidebook, follow these steps:

- 1) First, personalize it with your Lodge and Council name, and totem or other image (on the cover page). Also, read it carefully and make any changes that are needed relative to your particular ordeal schedule. If you have an Elangomat Award with requirements, change this to fit your specifics. If not, you may want to use the back page for clan contact information, and encourage the Elangomat to use this for follow-up in encouraging his clan members toward Brotherhood, or perhaps print your Ordeal weekend schedule on the back page.
- 2) Print out the 4 sheets below, and arrange the sheets such that you create a half-page size folded pamphlet, with the Guidebook pages reading in the following order when folded:

Front Page: Cover page with totem image

Inside Cover / Second page: Page with Name/Date of Ordeal/Place of Ordeal

Third Page: Chapter 1 - Remembering Your Ordeal

Fourth Page: Chapter 2 - A Friend in need...

Fifth Page: Chapter 3 - A Step-by-Step Guide for the Elangomat

Sixth Page: continuation of Chapter 3, “Saturday”

Seventh Page: continuation of Saturday, “The \_\_\_\_\_ Elangomat Award”

Back Page/Eighth Page: Elangomat Award Requirements, Names of Clan members

With this booklet as a template, you can now print the Guidebook using both sides of the paper so that, when arranged and folded, it reads as above. If you have any questions on this process, email [drflatt@aol.com](mailto:drflatt@aol.com) for help.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge  
*Order of the Arrow*  
*Elangomat Guidebook*

As a \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge Elangomat**, you have the opportunity to make the Ordeal experience more meaningful to the candidates you serve, and make new friends at the same time. This pamphlet will help you in your responsibility this weekend. Please safeguard it as you would any Order of the Arrow Ceremonial literature, and carry it with you for reference this weekend.

Elangomat: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ordeal: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Ordeal: \_\_\_\_\_



Stay on schedule, and bring your clan back to the specified area for lunch.

After lunch, discuss with your clan some of the history and purpose of the Order of the Arrow, then resume your work project as directed by the Ordeal Master. The weekend schedule will instruct you as to what time to finish, and allow your clan to clean up and change into their class A uniform.

At the specified time, assemble your clan for the Ordeal ceremony, and accompany them in the journey to the circle. Stand behind your clan during the ceremony, and assist the ceremonialists as they place the Ordeal sash on each of the members of your clan. Congratulate them after the ceremony, and lead them back to the dining hall. Help them with their gear, and instruct them in the rest of the weekend schedule, including the orientation session Sunday morning.

**The \_\_\_\_\_ Elangomat Award**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Elangomat Award recognizes Lodge Elangomats who complete the following requirements:

- 1) Serves as an Elangomat on 2 occasions
- 2) Serves with the Brotherhood Testing team at one Lodge function.

The award will consist of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. A checklist for this award is on the back of this pamphlet.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Elangomat Award**

Requirements:

**1. Serve as an Elangomat on 2 occasions at a Lodge Ordeal.**

Date Served	Approved by ( <i>Ordealmaster</i> )
1.	
2.	

**2. Serve as a Brotherhood tester at one Lodge function.**

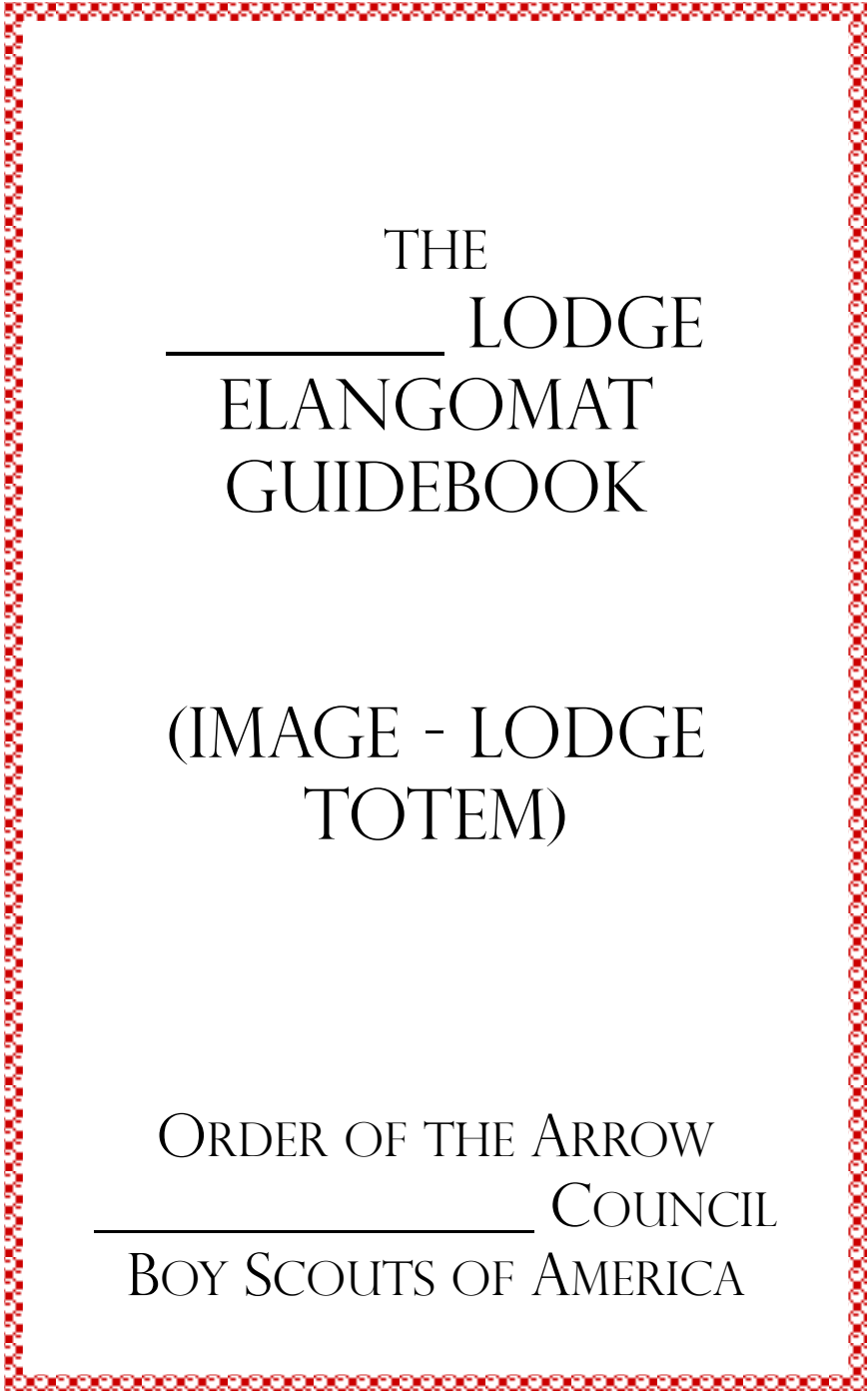
Date Served	Approved by

*You are encouraged to keep in touch with the members of your Elangomat Clan, and help them to achieve the Brotherhood Honor! Use this table to record their names and contact information.*

*Name*

*Email address and Phone*


*Present this completed form to the Lodge Chief or Vice Chief of Inductions at any Lodge Function to receive your award.*



## Chapter 2

### A Friend in need....

*“I don’t have an older brother, but my Elangomat is what I would expect him to be.”*

Elangomat is the Lenni-Lenape word for friend. “Being a friend” can take on several meanings, especially since you may not know any of your clan members before this Ordeal. As a result, you have the opportunity to make new friends in the best possible way, by helping them achieve the task that is before them this weekend.

Although these new candidates may be strangers to you now, remember that you all have several things in common: Each one here is a Scout, elected by his troop for his service to his fellow Scouts, and his leadership in Scout camping and the outdoors. Use these similarities to break the ice as you show them that you are their friend – they will be looking to you for guidance this weekend, and beyond.



## Chapter 3

### A step-by-step guide for the Elangomat

#### Friday Night

You will be paired with your clan members as they arrive – from this point on, **you** are their *guide* for the weekend – they will look to you for instruction and understanding. Immediately introduce yourself and establish that you are their friend, not their taskmaster, by helping each one of them with their gear as they arrive. Escort them to the area where your clan will start from, and make sure that each candidate has the necessary items for the Ordeal, but nothing else. Help them store their gear in the specified place, and allow them to change clothes if they want.

Once all the members of your clan have arrived, take time to introduce them to each other, and write their name and address information in the back of this booklet for your future reference. Please state the following to them:

*As your Elangomat, I will be your guide and friend for the weekend. If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to come to me.*

*If you have any medical problems that limit your physical abilities, activities, or diet, please let me know now.*

*I will be with you throughout your Ordeal, and will awaken you tomorrow morning.*

If you have time, allow each candidate to carve an arrow to hang around his neck with a piece of string.

Go with them to their pre-Ordeal ceremony, and participate in the ceremony right by their side, “testing the bow” as you did before, to show them that you will be beside them throughout their Ordeal.

After the ceremony, place your candidates out for the night, all within a radius of yourself. Make sure they all know where you are in case of emergency. Remind them not to move from their spot, notify you in case of emergency, and that you will wake them in the morning.

### Saturday

Kitchkinet will awaken you, and bring the second Spirit of the Arrow booklet. Awaken your clan, and give them the booklet – read it silently along with them, then rise and pack your gear. Help your clan to pack, all the while maintaining the example of silence as much as is possible. Bring them to the specified place for breakfast, pick up breakfast from the kitchen, and distribute breakfast to your clan. Keep your clan separate from the other clans.

The Ordeal Master will give you your clan’s work assignment, and give you direction as to where to go, and what tools you will need. Remember to keep silence, give occasional water breaks, and report back to the Ordeal Master if you need anything.

## *Chapter 1*

### **Remembering your Ordeal**

What do you remember of your Ordeal? Very little detail, I’d imagine, but we all remember how relieved and proud we were the moment they placed that crisp, new white OA sash on our shoulder – it was a symbol of achievement – we’d made it! No doubt, most of us remember very little of the pre-Ordeal ceremony, where they challenged us with the four tests of the Ordeal:

“Sleep alone upon your groundsheet”

“Eat you nothing but the scant food you’ll be given”

“Strictly keep a pledge of silence”

“Spend the day in arduous labor”

Even still, most of us had no idea of what these tests represented at the time. Sadly, many Ordeal members finish their weekend and their time in Scouting never really understanding the purposes behind these tests. Here’s where your service as an Elangomat is important to the members of your clan!

Your responsibility this weekend is to help these candidates experience the most they can out of the Ordeal. To do this, ***you will become their friend...***