

Your Guide to Brotherhood

Do the following to meet the 5 challenges of Brotherhood Membership.

1) Memorize these signs of membership.

- The Obligation. Can be found on the back of your membership card, and in your Order of the Arrow Handbook.
- The Order of the Arrow Official Song can be found in your Order of the Arrow Handbook.
- The handclasp of the Order is made with the left hand intertwining the ring and little fingers.
- The Admonition is a very sacred element in the Order of the Arrow. So sacred is the Lenni Lenape word that it is only printed in ceremonial booklets. It appears nowhere else in print. The word is only to be whispered between brothers during ceremonies and to verify OA membership; it is never to be spoken out loud. The meaning, however, can be shared: "To love one another". If you need to be reminded of what the Admonition is, ask a fellow Arrowman who can tell you.

2) To further your understanding of the Ordeal, please study the answers to these questions found in your Order of the Arrow Handbook.

- Who is Kichkinet? Nutiket? Meteu? Allowat Sakima?
- What tokens did the four ceremonial principals reveal to you in the Pre-Ordeal, and what did they represent?
- What are the tests of the Ordeal, and what do they illustrate?
- What are the three symbolic preparations for the Obligation in the Ordeal Ceremony?
- What is the tradition given us by Uncas as described in the legend?
- What is the significance of Allowat Sakima's description of the Arrow in the Ordeal Ceremony?
- What is Ordeal Membership
 - When are you ready to accept Brotherhood Membership in the Order?

3) Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop. An Arrowman's greatest obligation in Scouting does not belong to the Order of the Arrow; rather, it lies in service to the Troop.

4) Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow Lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the Lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge. Attending events is a great way to develop an idea of how you can serve the Lodge.

5) Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary (or Chapter Associate Adviser). This letter is for you to explain your journey in the Order thus far. It should be brought with you to the weekend of your Brotherhood Ceremony. In it include:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your Troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.
- Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge & Chapter program.

Email your intent to complete your Brotherhood conversion and the letter noted in #5 above to Ms. Janet West, Membership Adviser at Janet.west@us.army.mil by the registration deadline.