

OA Brotherhood Membership Requirements Guide

Refer to OA Handbook "Ties of Brotherhood" section. In particular, review "Brotherhood Membership," "On the Trail to Brotherhood," "The Challenges of Brotherhood Membership," and "The Custom and Traditions of the Ordeal" on pages 47-54. The following points are in "The Challenges of Brotherhood Membership" on page 50. (All page numbers refer to the 2002 Revision of the OA Handbook, but should be very close to the same in other editions.)

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership.

- a. Memorize the OA Obligation.
- b. Memorize the OA song.
- c. Know the Admonition.
- d. Know the sign of Ordeal membership.
- e. Know the Arrow handclasp.

2. Advance your understanding of the Ordeal.

Refer to "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal," Questions and Answers, on pages 52-54. Know the answers to all these questions.

3. Serve your unit.

Maintain active status in your Troop. Must be at least 10 months since your Ordeal.

4. Plan for service in your Lodge.

Insure your dues are paid up through this year. Think about how you can fulfill a pledge of service to the Lodge.

5. Review Your Progress.

Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary. Make this letter one typewritten or neatly handwritten page on lined notebook paper. Date it at the top, address it to "Catawba Lodge Secretary," and sign it at the bottom. Be sure to cover the points requested in item 5 on page 50.

ORDER OF THE ARROW OBLIGATION

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG

5 6 6 5 3 1 8 7 6 5
Firm bound in brotherhood, Gather the clan
6 4 5 3 3 3 5- 5 5- 3
That cheerful service brings To fellow man.
4 3 2 3 3 3 3 8 7 6 5+ 6
Circle our council fire, Weld tightly ev'ry link
5 8 7 6 5 3 1 4 3 2 1
That binds us in brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

Music: Russian Hymn, Alexis F. Lvov, 1833, God the Omnipotent
Contains strains of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture
and the Marseillaise, the French National Anthem.