

The Journey to Brotherhood 'From the beginning of the Order in 1915, all members have been equal. There are no ranks. An Ordeal member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Order. Yet, so important is the induction sequence that the Order strengthened it by creating Brotherhood membership. It is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting and to the lodge since their Ordeal induction. Brotherhood membership is sought by Arrowmen seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. Before becoming a Brotherhood member, each Arrowman makes a special effort to serve his troop and to learn about the Order. Each Brotherhood member commits himself to even more service to Scouting through the Order....Brotherhood membership marks the completion of your induction into the Order of the Arrow. After at least 10 months of active service you are eligible to seal your membership in the Brotherhood ceremony.

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of the Brotherhood. When you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four, then complete the fifth challenge.

1. **Memorize the signs of Arrow membership.** Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the membership card). Also memorize the Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
2. **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.
3. **Serve your unit.** 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.
4. **Plan for service in your lodge.** Retain your registration in your lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance or Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.
5. **Review your progress.** When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge secretary. In this letter: i, Explain what you think the Obligation means; ii, 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; & iii, Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program. From the *ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK*, 1992 Ed. **Klahican Lodge will conduct a Brotherhood ceremony at the Spring Fellowship, March 14-16, 2003. If you are satisfied that you are ready to seal your membership in the Order, please use the form here to notify the lodge secretary of your intention to attend. You may bring the form with you to the weekend.**

BROTHERHOOD CERTIFICATION

Print name:

Print Lodge and Chapter:

1. I have memorized the following:
 - ___ a. The Order of the Arrow Obligation.
 - ___ b. The Order of the Arrow Song.
 - ___ c. The Admonition.
 - ___ d. The sign of Ordeal membership.
 - ___ e. The Order of the Arrow handclasp.
2. ___ I have reviewed the Order of the Arrow Handbook. I have thought deeply about what the Ordeal and ceremonies mean to me.
3. I am actively registered in Scouting in _____
(Give unit # or reg. position)
4. ___ I have participated in camping trips with my troop, patrol or team since my Ordeal. (Venturers and Scouters may include any Scouting related camping which is not an "OA" activity.)
5. On the back of this page, do the following: 1) explain what you think the Obligation means; 2) describe how you have fulfilled this Obligation in your unit, in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service; 3) describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.

I certify that I have met all these requirements for Brotherhood membership and I am ready to seal my membership in the Lodge in the Brotherhood ceremony.