



AJAPEU LODGE - BROTHERHOOD STUDY GUIDE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

There are five challenges for Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow.

1. Know and understand the following:
 - a. You must know the Admonition, which is only repeated verbally and should never be written down.
 - b. You must memorize the Obligation of the Order which was given to you by Allowat Sakima.
 - c. You must know the words to the official song, and remember that your right hand goes over your left in the song circle.
 - d. You must also know the sign of the Ordeal membership and the Order of the Arrow handclasp.

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 Song (See attached) -

Firm bound in brotherhood, gather the clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man. Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link that binds us in brotherhood, Wimachtendienk.

2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. You must gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. This includes the tasks presented to you at the pre-ordeal ceremony, the final ceremony, and the purpose of the ordeal overall.

3. You must serve your unit. Retain membership in Scouting. During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your obligation by continuing to expand your service to your troop.
4. Do service in our lodge. Retain your registration in your OA lodge and keep your dues paid. Attend chapter meetings. Be aware that the brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop an idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.
5. Review your progress. When you feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter addressed to our current lodge secretary.

In this letter you need to:

- a. Explain what you think the obligation means
- b. Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation to your troop in your daily life and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to help in this service.
- c. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.

Ideally, you should complete your letter (before) and submit it the Lodge Chief upon arrival at the ordeal of your choice. If you would like to submit it earlier, you may email them at chief@ajapeu351.org. Having it completed at the event is not a problem, but can slow down the process. Make your best effort to submit it in a timely manner.

You will be interviewed by the lodge's leadership (Lodge Chief / Adviser). Often Chapter Chiefs / Advisers sit in on interviews. If you have questions about the interview process, contact the Lodge Chief / Adviser via email at chief@ajapeu351.org and cc lodgeadviser@ajapeu351.org

Additional information:

The four Native Americans you met during the pre-ordeal and ordeal ceremonies were;

Kichkinet - He was your guide. He symbolizes leadership and is an example of helpfulness and friendliness.

Nutiket - He is the guard of our circle. He upholds the tradition of cheerfulness.

Meteu - He is the medicine man and represents brotherhood. He reminds us of our need to love one another.

Allowat Sakima - He is the mighty chief and symbolizes service. From him, you accepted the Obligation of the Order.

Symbols of the Pre-Ordeal:

Bow - Represents liveliness and flexibility under stress; the symbol of cheerfulness.

Bow String - Meteu gave the bow string to Allowat Sakima as a token of the ties of brotherhood. Allowat Sakima strung the bow uniting brotherhood and cheerfulness together for service.

Arrow - Allowat Sakima drew the arrow from the quiver as a token that your election separated you from your fellow Scouts for something higher. The qualities of the arrow are ingredients of leadership.

Testing the Bow - A sign of willingness to test your dedication to Scout ideals which led to your election.


Shooting the Arrow upward - Symbolizes the pathway you will follow if your dedication is unwavering.

Order of the Arrow Official Song

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Alexi Lovi


Voice



Firm bound in bro - ther-hood, Ga - ther the clan That cheer-ful serv - ice brings To

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Vo.



fel - low man. Cir - cle our coun - cil fire, Weld tight - ly ev - 'ry link That binds us in

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Vo.



bro - ther - hood, Wi - mach - ten - dienk.