

Paugasset Lodge 553

Order of the Arrow Information



ON THE TRAIL TO BROTHERHOOD

Your completion of the Ordeal sets you on the path of an exciting adventure. After at least 10 months of active service to your unit, you will be eligible to seal your membership in the Brotherhood ceremony.

The Ordeal has introduced you to the mysteries of the Order. Now, during the service to your unit as an Ordeal member, you have ample opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Arrow and to make it work for you.

This handbook provides all the basic information you will need during this important time. Your brothers in the Order stand ready to help also, and you should take advantage of their support whenever possible.

THE CHALLENGES (*requirements*) OF BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of the Brotherhood:

1. **Memorize the signs of Arrow membership.** Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card and in the Order of the Arrow handbook). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Order of the Arrow handclasp.
2. **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. See "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal" in Order of the Arrow handbook.
3. **Serve your unit.** Maintain 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.** Pay your dues in the Paugasset lodge. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of future 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 or chapter secretary (depending on who is administering the induction). In this letter:
 - 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 your service
 - Describe your specific plans for giving future service in the lodge program.