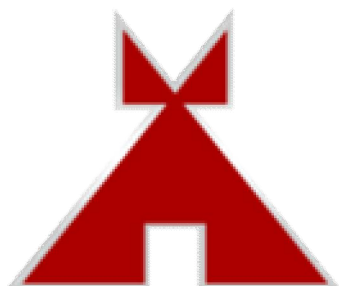




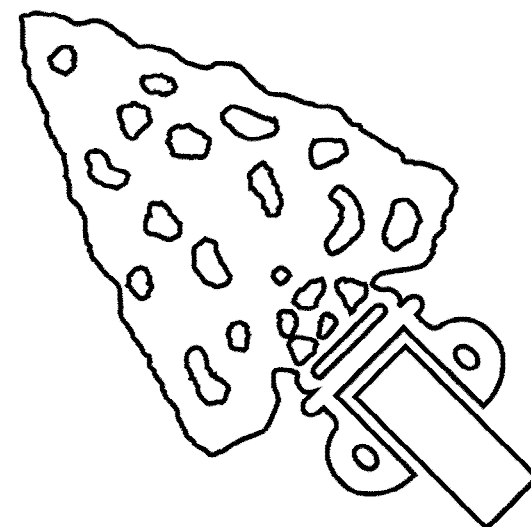
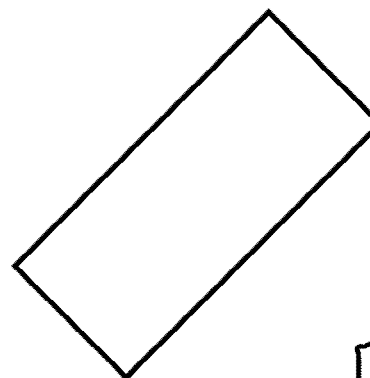
# Brotherhood Manual

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## FOREWORD

This pamphlet has been prepared as a resource to Arrowmen wishing to pursue Brotherhood. The information contained within this booklet is but a summary. If you wish to know more about the Ordeal and the Order of the Arrow, consult your OA handbook, as well as the "History of the Order of the Arrow."

## SPECIAL NOTE

There are no ranks in the Order of the Arrow, only levels of understanding. Every Member's first obligation is to his Scouting unit. Brotherhood Membership is for those Ordeal members who wish to make a further commitment to the Lodge. The Vigil Honor recognizes those Arrowmen whose service remains for many years "above and beyond the call of duty." The Vigil Honor is not earned but presented to those who exemplify qualities cherished by the Order of the Arrow.

## ADULT ROLE

Adults are elected to the Order of the Arrow not for recognition or as an honor but rather for their ability to serve the youth of the Order. Although some adults bear the title of Adviser, all adults in the Order are enablers to the youth.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Upon sealing your membership in the Order, Brotherhood members are held to another level of responsibility to not only return in service, but to also provide leadership in service to their Brothers in the Order.

**Elangomat** - Elangomats selflessly go through the Ordeal again to lead their future Brothers through this important experience, providing role model examples of Arrowmen.

**Ceremonies Committee** – There are many helpful ways to serve on the ceremonies committee, such as becoming a Principal, a torchbearer, or helping maintain the ceremonies rings.

**Unit Elections Team** - Members of the Unit Elections Team are responsible for conducting elections for the Order of the Arrow in units desiring them.

**Camp Promotions Team** - Members of the Camp Promotion Teams visit troops with the Summer Camp Video and information packet. They can also teach camping skills and inform units of new and interesting places to go camping.

**Committee Chairman** - A Committee Chairman's job is to coordinate the members of his committee toward the committee's specific goal.

**Chapter Historian** - The Chapter Historian maintains records of Chapter activities and meetings, and takes note of important events within the Chapter.

**Chapter Secretary** - The Chapter Secretary takes notes at meetings, and is responsible for getting information to the members of the Chapter.

**Chapter Chief or Vice Chief** - Chapter Chiefs oversee the operation of their Chapter. They run the Chapter as a service to its members. Working with their officers, they create Chapter Goals. The Vice Chief is responsible for overseeing special projects and committees as well as running the Chapter in the Chief's absence.

## ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

### The Election to the Order of the Arrow

Your election to the Order of the Arrow was unique in that the Order of the Arrow is the only organization in the world that allows nonmembers to elect members.

### The Call-Out

Between your election and the Ordeal, you probably participated in a call-out ceremony. The call-out ceremony publically recognizes your election to the Order of the Arrow.

### The Clan

At the Ordeal, you were assigned to a Clan of other candidates not from your troop. You worked with these Scouts during the Ordeal alongside an Elangomat.

### The Elangomat

An Elangomat is an Arrowman who volunteers to undergo the Ordeal with a clan of candidates as a “friend.” Although he had already been through the Ordeal, he felt it was important to set an example for the new members.

### The Sash

Wear the sash over your right shoulder, with the head pointing, upward as a token of your new obligation to lead in cheerful service.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout’s experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.



## Requirements

Time - You must have been an Ordeal Member for at least 10 months.

Dues - Your lodge dues must be current.

Fees - Your Brotherhood fee must be paid. This fee includes the current cost of a Brotherhood sash.

Letter - You must write a letter to the Lodge Secretary addressing the following questions:

- What have you done for your unit since your election?
- How will you serve your lodge and chapter as a Brotherhood Member?
- What does the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow mean to you?

You must memorize the following:

- The Obligation of the Order of the Arrow
- The Song of the Order of the Arrow
- The Admonition of the Order of the Arrow
- The Handclasp of the Order of the Arrow

You should also understand the purpose and intent of the Ordeal and its ceremonies. Specifically, the elements listed herein.

## Sign of Ordeal Membership

The Sign of Ordeal membership made by moving the right hand over the left shoulder, as if drawing an arrow from a quiver.

## The Legend of the Order of the Arrow

The Legend tells the tale of the Chief of the Lenni Lenape tribe of the Delaware Indians, Chingachgook and his son, Uncas.

When the tribe's hunting grounds were invaded, Chingachgook approached the members of the tribe and asked for volunteers to warn the other villages of the danger that threatened the Delaware Nation. Only the Chief's son, Uncas, would risk his life to travel through enemy territory to visit and unite the other tribes.

Together, Chingachgook and Uncas traveled to each village and gathered other selfless volunteers to give of themselves for the sake of others. With braves from each of the villages, the enemy was defeated and forced to withdraw from the valley.

After peace was declared, Chingachgook bound these warriors, as brothers, into a great and honored order, thus creating the tradition that we, as Arrowmen, uphold to this day. He called this order, in Lenni Lenape, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. This translates to mean: The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.



## The Three Symbolic Preparations Before Undertaking The Obligation

**Hand on shoulder.** Placing your left hand on the shoulder of the Candidate in front of you shows your commitment to return in service to your unit.

**Right hand bound with rope.** Being bound by rope symbolizes the ties of Brotherhood that join you with the other candidates prior to taking the Obligation of the Order.

**Advancing three steps toward the Fire of**

**Cheerfulness.** Taking three steps toward the Fire of Cheerfulness demonstrates your willingness to accept the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

## Symbols of the Ordeal Ceremony

During the Ordeal Ceremony, the unlit fire from the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony is now blazing brightly, demonstrating the spirit of Cheerfulness that now burns fully within each member.

As he enters the circle, Kichkinet greets each of the other Principals with **three taps** on the shoulder, representing the **three points of the Scout Oath**. The other Principals reply with **one tap followed by two taps**, representing the **twelve points of the Scout Law**.

The **fifteen blazes** of the Pre-Ordeal are now represented by the **twelve candles** and the **three candles** around the back of the ceremony ring.

## The 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, Wingolauch-sik, 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.

## The Song of the Order

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.

## The Admonition

### Ahoalton

- Pronounced: ah-ho-all-ton
- Meaning: "to love one another"
- When spoken, it should only be whispered into the ear.

## The Handclasp

The handclasp of the Order is made by interlocking the pinky and ring fingers of the left hand. The interlocking of these two fingers symbolizes the bonds of Brotherhood that all members of the Order share.

## Principals, Roles, Tokens, & Challenges

Principal	Role	Token	Challenge
Nutiket	Guard	Unstrung Bow	Scant Food
Meteu	Medicine Man	Bowstring	Silence
Allowat Sakima	Mighty Chief	Quiver	Cheerful Service
Kichkinet	Guide	Arrow	Night Alone

## Symbols in the Pre-Ordeal

The **unstrung bow** represents the ability to endure the strain of daily life and remain optimistic and cheerful even in times of trial.

The **bowstring** represents the ties of Brotherhood that bind the members of the Order. These ties are found in the Obligation in which we all pledge to serve our fellow man.

The **quiver** represents the service that the Ordeal member is expected to perform... to return to his unit (quiver) among his fellow Scouts (the other arrows not yet drawn out), and serve as an example so that they too will be chosen.

The **arrow** is the symbol of the Order. It not only represents the individual member of the Order but is also a calling to us all to remain true and focused on our purpose, even in times of trial, indecision, and uncertainty.

The **fifteen blazes** surrounding the principals represent the twelve points of the Scout Law and the three points of the Scout Oath.

The **unlit fire** in the center of the Pre-Ordeal ceremony ring represents the Fire of Cheerfulness that has yet to be ignited by the spark of Brotherhood found in Service.

## Virtues of the Order

- **Brotherhood**  
The obvious unselfish leadership all members of the order share.
- **Cheerfulness**  
The strength of character to remain resilient when encountering negative ideals and face every problem with courage.
- **Service**  
The giving of one's time and abilities for the sake and benefit of others, cheerfully and unselfishly.

## Principals

**Nutiket**, as the Guard, represents Cheerfulness. He describes how the bowwood, when bent, does not break under stress. Similarly, when we face hardship with a cheerful spirit, it is easier to endure the strain.

**Meteu**, as the Medicine Man, explains that Brotherhood must be a thing of the spirit in action and that true understanding can only be gained through inward contemplation, not conversation.

**Allowat Sakima**, the Mighty Chief, represents the virtue of Service in the Order of the Arrow. He describes qualities of a member of the Order of the Arrow as those of an arrow, "straight and true." By drawing an Arrow from the quiver, he reminds us of our special election to the Order. It is Allowat Sakima who symbolically unites Brotherhood and Cheerfulness through Service by stringing the Bowwood with the Bowstring.

**Kichkinet**, as the Guide, sets an example for the candidates to follow. He shoots the Arrow from the strung bow, demonstrating that candidates are embarking on a journey inside themselves. To help on this journey, Kichkinet himself goes through the Ordeal as well.