

Brotherhood Study Sheet

1. Memorize the Signs of OA membership

a. **Obligation:**

I, (your name), 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.

b. **OA Song:**

“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.”

c. **Admonition:**

Never said above a whisper. If you need your memory refreshed, check with a lodge officer or ceremonial team

d. **Sign of Ordeal Membership:**

Drawing an arrow from a quiver over the left shoulder with right arm

e. **OA Handclasp:**

Done with the left hand, lower two fingers interlocked

2. **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** Gain an understanding of the Ordeal you have passed. Think back to the events that took place.

3. **Serve your unit.** Retain your membership 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 or team.

4. **Plan for service in your lodge.** Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of 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. Be sure to include the following:

a. Explain what you think the Obligation means

b. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service

c. A description of your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.