



# Sac-N-Fox #108 Winnebago Council



## The Challenges 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 your handbook). Also, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official 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. See “The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal” in your handbook.
3. **Serve your unit.** Maintain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 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.** Pay your dues in your Order of the Arrow 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 or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service, and
  - Describe your specific plans for giving future service in the lodge program.

Include with this letter your advance registration application and fees for the next Brotherhood ceremony according to the instructions given by the lodge. Brotherhood membership can only be conferred by an Arrowman’s home lodge—the lodge that serves the council in which the Arrowman’s unit is chartered.



# Brotherhood Questionnaire

- What is the name of the initial membership in the Order of the Arrow?
  - Ordeal membership
- Why is it so called?
  - It is preceded by a fourfold ordeal.
- What are the four parts of the Ordeal and their purpose?
  - A night of camping under the heavens, to prove my self-reliance.
  - A day of arduous toil, to indicate my willingness to serve others.
  - Twenty-four hours of scant food, to demonstrate my power of self-denial.
  - A like period of silence, to turn my thoughts inward.
- How were you prepared for the Ordeal?
  - I was lead by Kichkinet to the north end of camp where the significance of the Arrow was revealed as I tested the bow.
- When you completed the Ordeal, how were you dealt with?
  - I was placed on the trail which leads to the Circle of the Lodge.
- By whom were you first stopped as you approached?
  - By Nutiket, the Guard, who asked if I had passed the Ordeal without flinching.
- Who next barred your further progression?
  - Meteu, who inquired if I had been given the Admonition.
- Had you been given the Admonition?
  - I had not, but Kichkinet, my Guide, had and gave it for me.
- Before whom did you last arrive?
  - Before Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief, whop asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the Obligation.
- What was Kichkinet's reply to this inquiry?
  - Only in the binding of them all together
- How did Kichkinet call the attention of each of the officers to your presence?
  - By three taps of the hand upon the shoulder of the Officer.
- What did these three taps represent?
  - The three parts of the Scout Oath.
- How did each of the officers respond to Kichkinet's taps?
  - By one tap, followed by two taps, on the right shoulder of Kichkinet.
- What did these taps represent?
  - The twelve points of the Scout Law.
- How and why were you and your companions bound together?
  - By a rope, which represented our tie to Brotherhood until we took the Obligation.
- How was your preparation for the Obligation?
  - Nutiket directed me to hold my hand in the Scout Sign and repeat the Obligation after Allowat Sakima.
- Repeat 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, Wingolauchsik, Wita-hemui. 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.
- In what did Meteu then instruct you?
  - In the legend upon which our Lodge is founded.
- Who are the central figures in that legend?
  - The Aged Chieftain, Chingachgook, and his son, Uncas, who by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service are said to have saved the Delaware Lodge from annihilation.
- What did Allowat Sakima then give you?
  - The symbol of the handclasp of the Order, the Admonition, and the sign of the Ordeal membership.
- What is the symbol of the Order?
  - The Arrow, whose undeviating course, when aimed high, is a token of leadership.
- How is the Sash worn?
  - With the Arrow pointing up over the right shoulder.
- Give me the handclasp of the Order.
  - (Give it to your counselor.)
- How must the Admonition always be given?
  - Whispered in the right year.
- What is the Admonition?
  - (Give it to your counselor.)
- What does it mean?
  - To love one another.
- What is the sign of the Ordeal?
  - (Give it to your counselor.)
- What is the principles and full name of the Order, what language is it, and what is its meaning in English?
  - Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Wita-hemui.
  - In the language of the Delaware Indians, the Lenni Lenape.
  - The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service
- Repeat the official Order of the Arrow Song.
  - Refer to your Order of the Arrow handbook.

