

On the Trail to Brotherhood

One of the things Shawnee Lodge lacks, is the Brotherhood conversion rate. The Lodge must "convert" 30% of the previous years new Ordeal members, to become a Quality Lodge. Since Shawnee Lodge is one of the biggest lodge, which makes it harder on us, we need you to take the next step on your journey and become a Brotherhood member while helping out the Shawnee Lodge at the same time.

You were elected by your fellow troop members to become an Ordeal member. Getting Brotherhood is a choice you can make on your own. The rest of the Order of the Arrow Honors are bestowed upon you by others.

Are you ready to take this next step? Getting brotherhood is not hard at all, but does require you to be active in Scouting, your Chapter, or Lodge. Just simply follow the requirements below.

You must get a Brotherhood Requirement card, and it needs to be signed off by any one of your chapter officers.

Every Ordeal member has the chance of earning Brotherhood at the Spring Conclave or Fall Reunion, depending if you have completed the requirements below.

Brotherhood Requirements:

1. Be currently registered in Scouting and have a minimum of 10 months active service since induction as an Ordeal member.
2. Scouts must have been in attendance at long term camp after receiving the Ordeal Honor. Explorers and adults Scouters must have completed at least (6) days and nights of camping after receiving the Ordeal Honor. These (6) days and nights of camping may be completed at either long term camp, weekend camping trips, or other approved (by unit leader) camping experience.
3. Youth members must be approved by their unit leader.
4. To be eligible for the Brotherhood Honor an Ordeal member must complete all requirements on the Brotherhood Progress Card." To complete the service requirement #3, an Ordeal member may NOT include any service project completed as a troop function at summer camp. The Chapter Chief and Chapter officers shall be the only members who may certify that the Scout has completed this requirement.
5. Memorize the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow song, and the admonition. Know the sign and hand clasp of the Order and be able to answer all questions in the official questionnaire satisfactorily to gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal.
6. Submit a written statement regarding this rededication to the principles of cheerful service to his fellow man.

Brotherhood Questions

1. What is the name of the initial honor in the Order of the Arrow?
2. What are the objectives and purpose of the Order of the Arrow?
3. What are the four parts of the Ordeal and their respective purpose?
4. Who are the four ceremonial characters and what are their offices and duties?
5. Repeat the obligation? (from memory)
6. What is the Legend of the Order? (Tell in own words)
7. How and when is the symbol of the Order of the Arrow worn?
8. Tell what the symbol of the Order is and why it was chosen?
9. Give the handclasp of the Order. How is it a modification of the Scout handclasp and what is the meaning of this modification?
10. How must the admonition of the Order always be given?
11. What is the Admonition?
12. What is the meaning of the admonition?
13. Describe and give the hailing sign of the Ordeal?
14. What is the full name of the Order?
15. In what language is it give?
16. What is its meaning in English?
17. Give the words of sing the song of the Order?
18. What is the purpose of brotherhood membership?

Write a statement of rededication. This could include what the Order of the Arrow means to you, how obtaining the Brotherhood Honor will help you as an individual, or what the words brotherhood, cheerful, and service mean to you.