

# ORDER OF THE ARROW

## BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS



Ever since the inception of the Order of the Arrow in 1915, it was intended that all members should be equal in rank. Brotherhood membership does not provide a specific degree of rank, status, or special honor like that of the Vigil Honor.

Instead, the Brotherhood is an opportunity for members to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. The ceremony is intended as a source of inspiration that motivates brothers to give even greater service to Scouting.

An Ordeal member may become a Brotherhood member when he has completed the five **Challenges of Brotherhood Membership** below:

### 1) Memorize the signs of OA

#### **Membership: A) 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, 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.

#### **F) OA Grace**

For night alone that rests our thought  
For quite dawn that lights our trail  
For evening first that warms and cheers  
For each repast that fuels our work  
We give thanks, O Lord

## 2) Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal:

### A) The four principal character of the Ordeal Ceremony:

**Kichkinet** (Guide) – represents helpfulness and friendliness.

**Nutiket** (Guard) – represents cheerfulness.

**Meteu** (Medicine Man) – represents brotherhood & reminds us to love one another.

**Allawat Sakima** (Mighty Chief) – represents service.

### B) The four tests of the Ordeal:

- **Night Alone** – to teach you self-reliance and to show that you are set apart from your fellow Scouts for something higher.
- **24 Hours of Silence** – to turn your thoughts inward to the things of the spirit.
- **Scant Food** – to teach you the virtues of self-denial.
- **Arduous Toil for a Day** – to indicate your willingness to serve others all through your life.

### C) The Arrow (as used in the Ordeal)

- It is a **symbol of leadership**
- Worn pointed high over the right shoulder as an outward symbol indicating that he possesses the qualities of leadership that the Arrow represents.

### D) The True Name of the Order of the Arrow

- “**Wimachtendienk**”, **Wingolauchsik**, **Witahemui**,” which means “**The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**”.

## 3) Serve Your Unit

### A) Retain 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 or Post.

## 4) Plan for Service in your Lodge

### A) Retain your registration in Santee 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

### A) When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, **write a letter** to the Lodge Secretary. In this letter:

- Explain what you think the obligation means.
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.
- Describe your specific plans for continuing this service in the future.
- Tell what the Order of the Arrow means to you, and why you are seeking Brotherhood Membership.

When the five challenges have been completed, the Ordeal Member should present himself at the requested time, as a candidate for Brotherhood Membership. This may be done at any Santee lodge fellowship or activity offering Brotherhood conversion.

At this time the Brotherhood Candidate will be given the opportunity to rededicate himself to the lodge and the OA by performing cheerful service during the fellowship or activity. He will also be told the time and place of his Brotherhood Board interview.

The Brotherhood Candidate should arrive at the Brotherhood Board interview in appropriate Scout Field uniform. At this time, he should bring his letter to the Lodge Secretary as described in Challenge #5. The interview is a review of the Arrowmen's progress, and a time to ask any questions about the Brotherhood Ceremony.

Following the interview, the Brotherhood Ceremony will take place. All Ordeal Members who have successfully fulfilled the five challenges will be inducted as Brotherhood Members of the Order of the Arrow.

### **PRONUNCIATIONS**



**Wimachtendienk (Brotherhood)    Wee-mok-ten-dee-enk**

**Wingolauchsik (Cheerfulness)    Win-go-lough-sik**

**Witahemui (Service)    Wi-tah-hem-oo-ee**

**Delaware Indians    Lenni Lenape    Len-nee Len-ah-pee**

**The Chieftain    Chingachgook    Ching-gatch-gook**

**Chieftain's son    Uncas    Un-cuss**

**Mighty Chief    Allowat Sakima    Al-lo-wot Sa-kee-ma**

**Medicine Man    Meteu    Mee-tay-o**

**The Guard    Nutiket    Nu-te-ket**

**The Guide    Kichkinet    Kitch-kin-et**

**ORDER OF THE ARROW  
BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONIARE**

**THIS MATERIAL IS TO BE KNOWN BEFORE THE CEREMONY.**

1. What is the name of initial membership in the Order of the Arrow? (Ordeal membership)
2. Why is it so called?  
(Because it is preceded by a fourfold ordeal)
3. What are the four parts of this ordeal and their respective purposes?
  - ◆ A night of camping alone under the heavens, to prove my self-reliance
  - ◆ A day of arduous toil, to indicate my willingness to serve others
  - ◆ 24 hours of scant food, to demonstrate my power of self-denial
  - ◆ A like period of silence, to turn my thoughts inward
4. How were you prepared for the ordeal?  
(I was led by Kichkinet to the North end of the camp, where the significance of the Arrow was first revealed as I tested the bow.)
5. When you had completed the Ordeal, how were you dealt with?  
(I was placed on the trail which leads to the circle of the Lodge.)
6. By whom were you stopped first as you approached the circle?  
(By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if I had passed the Ordeal without flinching)
7. Who next barred your further progress?  
(Meteu, the Medicine Man, who inquired if I had been given the Admonition)
8. Had you been given the Admonition?  
(I had not, but Kichkinet, my guide, had and gave it for me)
9. Before whom did you then at last arrive?  
(Before Allowat Sakima, the chief of the fire, who asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the obligation)
10. What was Kichkinet's reply to this inquiry?  
(Only in binding them together)
11. How did Kichkinet call the attention of each of these officers to your presence?  
(By three taps of the hand on the right shoulder)
12. What did these taps represent?  
(The three parts of the Scout Oath)
13. How did each of the officers respond to Kichkinet's taps  
(By one tap, followed by two taps, on the right shoulder)
14. What did these taps represent?  
(The 12 points of the Scout Law)
15. How were you and your companions bound together?  
(By a rope, which until we took the Obligation, represented our ties to the Brotherhood)

16. How was your preparation for the Obligation completed?  
(Nutiket directed me to hold my right hand at the Scout Sign and repeat the Obligation after Allowat Sakima)
17. 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, 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.")
18. In what did Meteu then instruct you?  
(In the legend on which our Order was founded)
19. Who are the central figures of 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 lodges from annihilation.)
20. What did Allowat Sakima then impart to you?  
(The symbol of the Order, the Admonition, and the sign of Ordeal membership)
21. What is the symbol of the Order?  
(The arrow, whose undeviating course when aimed high is a token of leadership)
22. How is it worn?  
(Pointing over the right shoulder)
23. Give the handclasp of the Order.
24. How must the Admonition always be given?  
(Whispered in the ear)
25. Give the Admonition.
26. What does it mean?  
(To love one another)
27. Give the sign of the Ordeal.
28. What is the full name of the Ordeal?  
(Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui)
29. In what language is it given?  
(In the language of the Delaware Indians, the Lenni Lenape)
30. What is the meaning in English?  
(The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service)
31. Give the words, or sing, 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.")

**SANTEE LODGE 116  
BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONIARE**

**THIS MATERIAL IS TO BE KNOWN BEFORE THE CEREMONY.**

In addition to the above information regarding the nature of the ceremony, and some of the basics of the order, there is additional information that may be asked during the Brotherhood Board of Review concerning Santee Lodge and further details about our order. It is important that you know of our lodge's customs and tokens as well as that of the OA as a whole, every lodge has unique characteristics and a part of becoming a full brotherhood member is engaging with them and learning what your lodge sees as important, This engagement further displays your intent of further service and shows commitment to the task you have taken upon yourself

In WWW, Nathan Arant, CVC (2021)

1. When was the Order of the Arrow founded and by who?  
(in 1915 by Dr. E Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson.)
2. Where was the Order of the Arrow founded and what is the name of the first lodge?  
(at Treasure Island Scout Camp on Treasure Island in the Delaware River)  
*\*note from CVC, the significance of the Delaware natives in the ceremonies and the use of the Lenni Lenape language is derived from the origin of the Order of the Arrow, being founded upon the Delaware they used the name, language and token of the tribes to convey the first ceremony- this being followed by the other lodges as tradition follows and arrives to today\**
3. What is the name and token of the first Lodge?  
(Unami Lodge 1 and its totem is the turtle. The lodge is still active to this day)
4. Who founded Santee Lodge and when was it founded?  
(Santee Lodge was founded in 1938 by Rucker Newberry)
5. What are the official and unofficial colors of Santee Lodge?  
(The official colors are red and black and the unofficial colors are lime green and electric blue.)
6. What is the totem of Santee Lodge?  
(Carolina Parakeet)

7. What do the abbreviations CVC and AVC stand for?

(Ceremonial Vice Chief and Administrative Vice Chief)

*\*note from CVC, every lodge is organized according to OA rules and regulations but is allowed to create their own bylaws to help organize, govern, and help provide framework and guidance to the youth within, Santee too has bylaws, updated over the years by the youth officers to better fit to our needs as a lodge, this is done via procedure following Robert's rules of order requiring a majority to amend and a quorum to vote, other lodges do not/may not have the same officer structure or the same regulations or overall organization as Santee Lodge, commonly CVC is split into 3-4 positions.\**

8. Surprise question that's not on here!!?

(Use critical thinking, analysis, possibly research in the book or online if you are dedicated, and of course, a bit of fun)

9. To what Chapter do you belong?

(Consult your area/district/other brothers)

10. Who are the current Lodge Officers, and who is the current Lodge Advisor, Staff Advisor, and Associate Lodge Advisor?

(Thomas Serviss is the Lodge Chief, BJ Hopkins is the AVC, Nathan Arant is the CVC, Zane Morris is the Secretary, Caleb Beckley is the Editor, Georgia Sander is the Iswa Chapter Chief, Noah Morris is the Taw Caw Chapter Chief, XXX is the Chicora Chapter Chief, and BJ Hopkins is the Brotherhood Chair.

Kenneth McIver is the Lodge Advisor, Tara Holberg is the Staff Lodge Advisor, and Mark Hall is the Associate Lodge Advisor.

