



Brotherhood Membership

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What is Brotherhood Membership?

Since the beginning of the Order of the Arrow, in 1915, all members have been equal, with no ranks of membership. The Order strengthened the principles of the induction by creating the Brotherhood Membership.

Brotherhood membership is sought by Arrowmen seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. Before

becoming a Brotherhood member, each Arrowman makes a special effort to serve the troop or team and to learn about the Order. Each Brotherhood member commits to even more service to Scouting through the Order.

Brotherhood membership marks the completion of your induction into the Order of the Arrow. *(Paraphrased from the OA Handbook)*

Where can I become a Brotherhood member?

- At Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan
Workers' Weekend—May 28
Ordeal Weekends—July 2, 16 & 30
- Fall Conclave—October 1

How do I become a Brotherhood Member?

There are five challenges of Brotherhood Membership:

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow Membership: Obligation, Song, Admonition, Sign of Ordeal membership, and Handclasp.
2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.
3. Serve your unit for 10 months after becoming an Ordeal member.

4. Plan service in your Lodge.
5. Write a letter to the Lodge Brotherhood Chairman stating what the Obligation means to you, how you have been fulfilling it, and how you plan to serve the Lodge.

More information can be found in the OA Handbook or on the Jumpstart Website (see below).

What should you do now?

Now is the best time to begin preparing for Brotherhood Membership.

- Think about the Brotherhood challenges and how they apply to you.
- Talk to other Ordeal members in your unit—invite them to work on Brotherhood with you. You can earn it individually or you can all plan for the same weekend session.
- Invite the adult OA members to work on Brotherhood with you, too. Maybe, if you ask nicely, they will even drive!
- Continue serving your Troop and encourage more Ordeal members to become Brotherhood members.

Becoming a Brotherhood member strengthens You, your Troop, and your Lodge:

You—by reinforcing your commitment to Scouting

Your Troop—through your renewed commitment to their program

Your Lodge—through your promise of service and by helping achieve membership goals

Why Brotherhood?

- Arrowmen want to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order.
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- Brotherhood membership marks the completion of your induction into the Order of the Arrow

Don't Forget:

- Share this information with all the Ordeal members you know.
- Review the Order of the Arrow Handbook and visit the OA Jump Start Website at: <http://www.jumpstart.oe-bsa.org>
- Review the challenges, memorize the signs of membership, submit your letter, and sign up for a Brotherhood Weekend.
- Get ready for a weekend of service and fellowship.