



BROTHERHOOD STUDY GUIDE

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.

FOUR PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDEAL:

CHARACTER	ROLE	PRINCIPLE
Kichkinet	The guide	Helpfulness and Friendliness
Nutiket	The guard	Cheerfulness
Meteu	The medicine man	Brotherhood
Allawat Sakima	The mighty Chief	Service

PURPOSE OF THE ARROW IN THE CEREMONY

The Arrow is a symbol of leadership. Arrowmen wear an arrow pointed high over their right shoulder as an outward symbol that they possess the qualities of leadership. (Good to know, but you don't need to memorize)

WRITE A LETTER TO THE LODGE BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE

- Reflect on the ideals of Brotherhood Cheerfulness and Service. What does each mean to you?
- How have the lessons that you learned in your Ordeal guided your choices during your Quest for the Arrow?
- What do you intend to do after completing your Induction?

CHECK WITH THE LODGE ABOUT WHAT YOUR LETTER SHOULD CONTAIN

You should receive an email (If you register for the Ordeal) that will be from the lodge. This email will contain all of the information about the letter and how they would like you to write it.

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.

TRUE NAME OF OA: THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHEERFUL SERVICE

Wimachtendienk - Brotherhood - Wee-mok'ten-dee-enk
Wingolauchsik - Cheerful - Win'-go-lau'-sik
Witahemui - Service - Wi'-tah-hem'-oo-ee

FOUR TESTS OF THE ORDEAL:

THE NIGHT ALONE - To teach you self-reliance
24 HOURS OF SILENCE - To turn your thoughts inward
SCANT FOOD - to teach you the virtues of self-denial
DAY OF SERVICE - To indicate your willingness to serve others

OTHER THINGS TO MEMORIZE

- The Admonition
- The OA handshake - left hand with lower two fingers interlocked
- The OA Hailing sign - drawing an arrow from a quiver

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