

About OA – Brotherhood Information



This page provides background information for Ordeal members interested in sealing their membership in OA through Brotherhood conversion. It sounds like a lot, but many members have done all the requirements while at a fellowship.

Why Brotherhood?

It is said, "In the Ordeal, the Order of the Arrow accepts the new member. In the Brotherhood, the individual accepts the lodge and the ideals of the Order." As an Ordeal member of the lodge, service to the troop is of utmost importance. Brotherhood membership in the lodge can be attained after completing ten months as an Ordeal member, and gaining an understanding of the lodge program. Advancement to Brotherhood membership is a personal decision, and we recommend that you look over the information on this page, and then refer to your *Order of the Arrow Handbook* for further detail.

Where/When?

Brotherhood Enrichment Classes and Ceremonies are held at Spring and Summer Ordeals, Fall Fellowship, & Spring Fellowship.

Requirements for Brotherhood Membership

Be an Ordeal member for at least ten months.

Be an active member of your Scout unit.

Be an active, paid member of Tsali Lodge.

Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary.

Pay the Brotherhood fee.

Participate in a Brotherhood Enrichment class and Brotherhood Ceremony.

Know the signs that show your membership within the Order of the Arrow:

- The Obligation (p. 10, OA Handbook)
- The Admonition
- The OA Song (p. 13, OA Handbook)
- The OA Handclasp (p. 27, OA Handbook)
- The Sign of Ordeal Membership

To gain a better understanding of the Ordeal, review the questions found on pages 52-54 of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*

Once you have reviewed the above items, thought about what you have learned, done, and planned to do, write a letter to the Lodge Secretary.

The Letter

Once you feel prepared to attain Brotherhood Membership, you must write a letter to the Lodge Secretary that includes the following:

Explain what you think the Obligation means.

Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the ordeal to aid in this service.

Describe your specific plans to give service in the lodge program.