



PASSACONAWAY LODGE #220 – BROTHERHOOD STUDY GUIDE

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member and after fulfilling certain requirements, you may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. You may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony at any of Passaconaway Lodge’s Fellowship weekends. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Prior to participating in the Brotherhood ceremony, you must meet with members of the Lodge’s Nimat (the Lenni Lenape word for “Brother”) Team and complete the following challenges:

Challenge 1: Memorize the following signs of Order of the Arrow Membership:

- The Obligation of the Order
- The Order of the Arrow Official Song
- The Admonition
- The Sign of Ordeal Membership
- The Arrow Handclasp

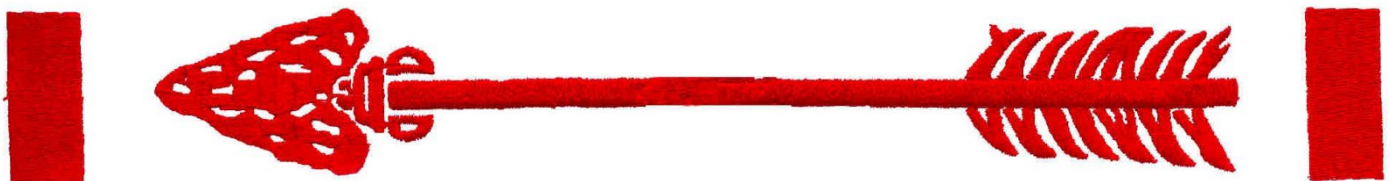
Challenge 2: Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

Challenge 3: Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting.

Challenge 4: Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow 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.

Challenge 5: When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to our Lodge secretary and give the letter, in an envelope, to a senior member of the Nimat team. The points it needs to address:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.
- A description of your specific plans for giving service to the Lodge and to your unit as a full member of the Order.
- Telling what the Order of the Arrow means to you, and why you are seeking Brotherhood membership.



THE SIGNS OF ORDER OF THE ARROW MEMBERSHIP

The Obligation of the Order

I do hereby promise, on my honor as a scout, to 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.

Pronunciations

Wimachtendienk (Wee-Mak-Ten-Dink)

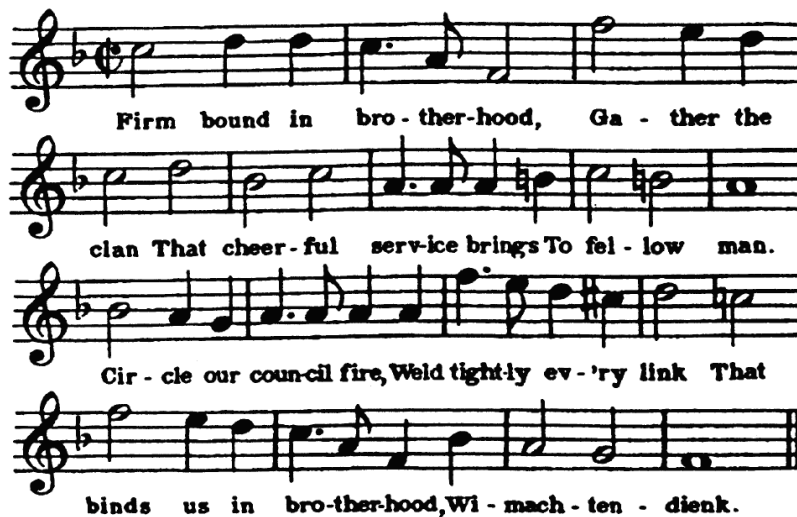
Wingolauchsik (Wing-Oh-Low-Sick)

Witahemui (Whit-Tah-Hem-Away)

You will see these words represented on OA materials as "WWW." The Three W's are the true name of the Order of the Arrow. Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui: come from the Lenni Lenape language and translate to "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".

The Order of the Arrow Official Song

Words by E. Urner Goodman, Founder of the Order of the Arrow



Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga-ther the
cian That cheer-ful serv-ice brings To fel-low man.
Cir-cle our coun-cil fire, Weld tight-ly ev-'ry link That
binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach-ten-dienk.

The Admonition

This one may have been hard to understand when you first heard it as it was whispered in your ear by Allowat Sakima (the mighty chief) during your Ordeal induction ceremony. This Lenni Lenape word and its translation are always only spoken, never written. If you do not remember it, please speak with your Chapter Chief, a member of the Lodge leadership team, or a member of the Nimat team.

The Sign of the Ordeal

Taught to you during your Ordeal induction ceremony by Allowat Sakima. If you do not remember it, please speak with your Chapter Chief, a member of the Lodge leadership team, or a member of the Nimat team.

The OA Handclasp

Given to you during your Ordeal induction ceremony by Allowat Sakima. It is similar to the Scout handshake, given with the left hand, and you interlock certain fingers to symbolize brotherhood. If you do not remember it, please speak with your Chapter Chief, a member of the Lodge leadership team, or a member of the Nimat team.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORDEAL

Elangomat

Lenni Lenape for “friend.” This is the brother who guided you through the Ordeal. The Elangomat is one who is fully willing to give of themselves in order to bring to others the true realization of the purpose and spirit of the Order of the Arrow. They will endure the hardships of the Ordeal again and again to help new members gain the deep and powerful experience of the Ordeal.

Who are the Four Principles?

1. Kichkinet: Kichkinet was the first principle you met on the night of your ordeal, they served as your guide, leading you to the circle to meet the others, Kichkinet represents helpfulness and friendliness. They are the youngest of the principles and is fairly new to their position as the guide.
2. Nutiket: When you approached the circle you met Nutiket, the Guard. They symbolize bravery and cheerfulness. They guard the circle and only open it to those who are ready.
3. Meteu: The third principle you met was Meteu, the wise old medicine man, symbolized brotherhood. They remind us of our need to love one another.
4. Allowat Sakima: The final principle you met was Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief. They represent leadership and service. From them you accepted the Obligation of the Order.

The Tokens

1. The Bow: Given by Nutiket to Allowat Sakima, the bow represents liveliness and flexibility under stress, the principle of cheerfulness.
2. The Bowstring: Given by Meteu to Allowat Sakima, it represents the ties of brotherhood. This is also symbolized by the rope in the Ordeal ceremony.

Allowat Sakima then strung the bow with the bowstring, uniting brotherhood and cheerfulness for service.

3. The arrow: Given by Allowat Sakima, it represents that you were set apart from your fellow Scouts for something higher. And that your path should remain straight and true. They asked you to test the bow as a symbol of your strength and dedication to the Scout ideals which led to your election.
4. Lastly, Kichkinet shot the arrow upward, symbolizing the pathway you will follow if your dedication is unwavering.

The Four Tests

1. The pledge of silence: this was meant to be a time of thoughtful reflection for you. Not being able to speak encouraged you to be alone with your thoughts so that you could truly contemplate what you were experiencing. Difficult decisions will face you now and in the future, and you will need search your heart and spirit deeply to find the resolution that will guide you onward successfully.
2. The night alone: focuses attention on your need for courage and self-reliance on the trail ahead. You must be willing to accept individual responsibility for your thoughts and actions. You will find that your course will set you apart from your friends, but you must act according to your resolution regardless of what others do or fail to do.
3. The day of labor: The labor was meant as a challenge to see that you were willing to work cheerfully for the good of others, even if it meant you had to work hard at a cost to yourself.
4. The scant food: this was meant to test your will power. It was a test of self-denial, as well as dedication to the Ordeal. Often you will find it necessary to abandon mere personal comfort or desires if you are to fulfill your Obligation.

The Legend

Told to you by Meteu, the legend tells how the peaceful lives of the Lenni-Lenape Indians were threatened by neighboring tribes and distant enemies. Chief Chingachgook's call for volunteers to go and alert other villages of the tribe was met with apathy and indifference from tribal members. Uncas cheerfully offered his help despite the negative attitudes of everyone around him. He cared enough for others that he was willing to face hardship and danger to protect them from harm. Uncas clearly saw a higher vision, and his desire for his brothers was that they could see it, too. The self-sacrificing service given by Uncas and Chingachgook is said to have saved the tribe from annihilation.

The Sash

The sash is to be worn around your body with the arrow facing up and to the right. The sash is only meant to be worn at OA events, never to show off your membership. It is not an award like Star, Life or Eagle, it is only meant to be worn out of respect for the Order.

Pronunciation Guide

Lenni Lenape, also known as the Delaware peoples: leh-NEE len-AH-pay

Elangomat: ee-LANG-o-mat

The Mighty Chief, Allowat Sakima: AH-lo-wot-sah-KEE-ma

The Medicine Man, Meteu: meh-TAY-oh

The Guard, Nutiket: noo-TEE-ket

The Guide, Kichkinet: KITCH-kin-et

From the legend:

The Chieftain, Chingachgook: CHING-GOTCH-gook

The Chieftain's Son, Uncas: UN-cuss

