

The Symbolism of the Arrow

"As the symbol of our Order, the arrow has been fitly chosen. It must be straight, its point keen. Aimed high, its course is undeviating, its direction onward and upward."

You are the Arrow! You were chosen from many others, just as the warrior draws his most trustworthy arrow from the quiver.

Just as the arrow is aimed high, your journey on the path of cheerful service should always continue onward and upward.

"Wear the sash, therefore, over your right shoulder with the head pointing upward as a token of your new obligation to lead in cheerful service."

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Congratulations on Your Induction into the Order of the Arrow!

In the Ordeal Ceremony, Allowat Sakima said, "I congratulate you, my brothers, on your achievement of Ordeal membership. You are now entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Order of the Arrow, but you must remember that this obligates you to a life of cheerful service, and that membership in our Order is given, not only for what you have done but for what you are expected to do in the future, for your journey is just beginning."

"Awake, my friends. You are now starting on a long and toilsome journey."

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Challenge

Allowat Sakima has challenged you!

"Strengthen the ties of brotherhood. Build upon the fire of cheerfulness. Ease the burdens from the shoulders of your fellow Scouts! When you have done these things, you will again find yourself before me, prepared to see the full meaning of the Arrow."

"Let us try to find the Arrow!"

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Your journey is just beginning

This Ordeal is just the beginning of your journey. Continue on the path of cheerful service.

There are so many opportunities before you! Get involved with the Order of the Arrow. Seek to understand the full meaning of the Arrow!

If you love Brotherhood and Cheerfulness, you should definitely come to your chapter's next chapter meeting! These meetings are fun and often involve food, fun programs, and much more!

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Reflection questions

1. Are you going to your next chapter meeting?
2. Are you going to try to gain the Brotherhood Honor?
3. Are you willing to dedicate yourself to a life of cheerful service?
4. What do Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service mean?

"This Ordeal is but a shadow of the rigors of the journey but its joys are also shadows of the brighter, greater beauty in a life of cheerful service."

Your journey towards Brotherhood.

The three honors of the Order of the Arrow are Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. You are currently an Ordeal member! To become Brotherhood, you must complete the requirements on the Brotherhood card!

Becoming Brotherhood is not hard and it only takes 1 year! There are only 5 requirements!

- 1. Attend 2 chapter meetings
- 2. Attend a service project
- 3. 6 days and nights of camping
- 4. Attend a Fall Reunion, Spring Conclave, or the Lodge Banquet
- 5. Participate in a camp promotion, Elangomat, dance team, or Ordeal team.

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Understanding the Arrow

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The Admonition of the Order of the Arrow

The word admonition means counsel, advice, or caution.

As you were entering the circle of our lodge, Meteu asked, "Have they been given the admonition?"

The admonition encompasses all three principles of the Order of the Arrow which include Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Living the admonition will lead to life of greater beauty in cheerful service.

The admonition is "Ahoalton", meaning "to love one another".

Remember that the admonition is only to be spoken in a whisper!

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