

Brotherhood Membership

From the beginning of the Order in 1915, all members in the Order of the Arrow have been equal. As an Ordeal member you are entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Order. Yet, so important is the induction sequence that the Order strengthened it by creating Brotherhood membership. It is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting (camping and unit involvement) and to the lodge since their Ordeal induction. 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 and to learn about the Order. Every Brotherhood member commits to even more service to Scouting through the Order.

A Brotherhood Requirement sheet is inside this flier to help lodge members go through the process of attaining Brotherhood membership. All you need is have the requirements initialed as you complete them. Any ACTIVE Brotherhood or Vigil Honor member of the Lodge can sign you off on the requirements, and much like a merit badge blue card, they don't have to be completed in one session. The requirements can be completed at a chapter meeting, troop campout, or any other activity. When completed, just bring your requirement sheet to one of the lodge Ordeals, pay your fees, and go through the Brotherhood Ceremony. It's that simple. If you have any questions or need help, contact your local chapter chief or adviser. They will be more than happy to assist you on your trail to Brotherhood..

To learn more about the Order of the Arrow and Chumash Lodge 90, go to:

www.ChumashLodge90.org



OA Jumpstart for New Arrowmen

There is a resource for Ordeal members in the form of a web site designed specifically for them. Members are able to access information that will help them be successful in the Order of the Arrow. Items like the song, Admonition, and Obligation are presented in an interactive format that will aid those members who learn better through an interactive activity rather than studying a book.

There is information about the induction sequence, and even a sample letter to help the Ordeal member when it comes time for Brotherhood. All of this information is on the web site administered by the national Order of the Arrow web team, located at www.aa-bsa.org. Click on the **JUMPSTART** logo at the bottom of the page and then enter the password which is the fifth word of the title on page 10 of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.



Chumash Lodge 90
Los Padres Council, BSA

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MEMBERSHIP



"Firm bound in brotherhood..."



Chumash Lodge 90

Brotherhood Eligibility



Dear Ordeal Member:

It has been at least 10 months since your induction into Ordeal Membership in our Order of the Arrow Lodge. You may now seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony if you have continued faithfully to serve your fellow man and have completed the following requirements:

- ◆ Completed 10 months of unit service as an Ordeal member.
- ◆ Maintained your registered membership in Scouting.
- ◆ Maintained your registered membership in the Order of the Arrow.
- ◆ Memorized the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp, and
- ◆ Gained a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed. (See "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal" in the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*.)

It is important not only that you meet the above requirements but that you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary expressing your feelings. Bring that letter with you to the Ordeal weekend. In your letter:

- ◆ 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 your service, and
- ◆ Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the lodge programs.
- ◆ With this letter, you should include your advance registration and fees for the Brotherhood Ceremony in which you will participate. You can pay on line at the Council's website (www.lpcbsa.org); click on the OA Ordeal link in the left hand column of the home page.

With this letter, you should include your advance registration (and fees, if any) for the Brotherhood Ceremony in which you will participate.

During the Ordeal weekend on Saturday we will have our Brotherhood Walk where you and other Brotherhood candidates will have an opportunity to reflect on the ideals of the Order of the Arrow. During the day on Saturday, you and other Arrowmen will have a chance to offer service through our work on camp improvements for the Scouts of Los Padres Council. On Saturday evening you will undergo an impressive Brotherhood Ceremony in which more of the ideals and symbols of the Order will be explained.

Your first (next) opportunity will be at the Brotherhood Ceremony to be held on May 15-17 at Rancho Alegre. The next opportunity will occur at Rancho Alegre on August 28-30. If you are prepared now to make this important decision for yourself, we will welcome you at the ceremony. Please let us know of your intention so preparations can be made for all those who will attend

Yours in Brotherhood,
Alex von Dohlen
Lodge Chief