

# Brotherhood Manual

## Siwinis Lodge #252 Order of the Arrow



## Los Angeles Area Council Boy Scouts of America



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## Forward

There are no ranks in the Order of the Arrow, only levels of understanding. An Ordeal Member's only obligation is to their Scouting Unit. Brotherhood Membership is for those Scouts and Scouters whose primary obligation is still to their unit, but who also wish to expand their service to the Lodge. The Vigil Honor is not earned, but presented to those Arrowmen who exemplify quality cherished by the Order of the Arrow.

You, my brother, have stood the test of the Ordeal. Are you not ready to seal your membership in our great Order? You have had the opportunity to apply what you learned from the Ordeal to your life. Are you ready not to reaffirm your belief in the high purposes of our Order? You have served your unit faithfully, and have sought to fulfill the Obligation of the Order. Are you ready not to complete your journey by accepting Brotherhood Membership?

This booklet has been prepared to provide a resource to Arrowmen wishing to accept Brotherhood. The information contained within this booklet is only a summary. If you wish to know more about the Ordeal and the Order of the Arrow, consult your *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, as well as *The History of the Order of the Arrow* book.

# ***The Purpose of the Order of the Arrow***

To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best Exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

To promote Scout camping.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of Leadership in unselfish service to others.



Soon, my brother, you will have the opportunity to seal your membership in the Order by going through the Brotherhood Ceremony, and by so doing, you will have completed your Induction into the Order of the Arrow. This is an important step not only in your Scouting life, but also in your personal life, and I strongly encourage you to take this step forward.

Ours is a service organization, and ours is an obligation to promote the Scout Oath and Law, and the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. We are at our best when we promote and encourage our unit to camp, to hike, and to enjoy the great outdoors with us. These things you have done, and you must continue to do. But now I challenge you to a higher pledge, that of serving the Order, and in so doing, expanding your Scouting service to include Scouts from many other Troops, indeed, to Scouts across the boundaries of our Council.

Included in this booklet is a schedule of this year's Ordeals and the other Scouting functions where you can seal your membership in the Brotherhood Ceremony. This booklet will help you to prepare.

Come, join us in cheerful service.

## **Brotherhood Requirements**

**Time** – You must be an Ordeal member for at least 10 months.

**Dues** – Your dues must be current in the Chapter/Lodge.

**Letter** – You must write a letter to the Chapter Secretary addressing the following topics:

- ⊖ What you have done for your unit since your election and becoming an Ordeal Member.
- ⊖ Who you will serve your Chapter and Lodge as a Brotherhood member.
- ⊖ What the Obligation means to you.

**Fees** – The fee for Brotherhood is based on the current price for the Brotherhood Sash (in addition to other possible costs for the event).

**You must memorize the following:**

- ⊖ The Obligation of the Order of the Arrow
- ⊖ The Song of the Order of the Arrow
- ⊖ The Admonition of the Order of the Arrow
- ⊖ The Handclasp and Sign of the Order of the Arrow

You should understand the purpose and intent of the Ordeal and its Ceremonies. Specifically, the elements outlined in this booklet.

## **The Obligation of the Order of the Arrow**

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, Withemui. 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 the service and devotion to the welfare to others.

## **The Song of the Order of the Arrow**

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.

## **The Admonition of the Order of the Arrow**

Ask an Officer or a Vigil Member as it is always whispered into the ear.

## **The Handclasp of the Order of the Arrow**

The handclasp of the Order is made by interlocking the “pinkie” and the ring finger of the left hand. It is incorrect to interlock only the “pinkie” finger as an OA handclasp, because that is the accepted International Scouting Handclasp.

## **Principles - Roles - Tokens**

<b>Principles</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Token</b>
Nutiket	Guard	Unstrung Bow
Meteu	Medicine Man	Bowstring
Allowat Sakima	Might Chief	Strung Bow & Arrow
Kichkinet	Guide	(See below)

## **Symbols of the Pre-Ordeal**

The **Unstrung Bow** represents the ability to endure the strain of daily life and remain optimistic and cheerful in times of trial.

The **Bowstring** represents the tie of Brotherhood which bind the members of the Order together. These ties are shared service and a devotion to the principles of Scouting.

The **Arrow** is the symbol of the Order. It represents the individual member of the Order.

The **Strung Bow** represents Cheerfulness and Brotherhood united in Service.

The **fifteen blazes** surrounding the Characters represent the 12 points of the Scout Law and the 3 points of the Scout Oath.

The **unlit fire** in the center of the Ceremony ring is the fire of Cheerfulness which has yet to be ignited by the spark of Brotherhood found in Service.

## **Tests and Virtues**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Virtue</b>
Scant Food	Cheerfulness
Silence	Brotherhood
Arduous Labor	Service
Night Alone	Leadership

## **Principles**

**Nutiket**, as the Guard, represents Cheerfulness. He describes how the bow-wood, when bent, does not break under stress. Similarly, when we face hardship with a cheerful spirit it is easier to endure the strain.

**Meteu**, the Medicine Man, explains that Brotherhood must be a thing of the spirit in action, and that true understanding can only be gained through inward contemplation, not conservation.

**Allowat Sakima**, as the Mighty Chief, represents the most important virtue of the Order of the Arrow, that of Service. He describes qualities of a member of the Order of the Arrow as those of an Arrow, straight and true. His drawing of the **Arrow** from his quiver represents one's special selection to the Order. It is Allowat Sakima, who unites Brotherhood and Cheerfulness to provide Service by stringing the **Bow** with the **Bowstring**.

**Kichkinet**, as the Guide, sets an example for the candidates to follow. Kichkinet shoots the **Arrow** from the **Strung Bow**, explaining that as a member of the Order, you will be seen by many others, and by example lead them. Kichkinet throughout the Ordeal is seen by the Candidates, works with the Candidates and challenges them.

## **The Three Symbolic Preparations Before Undertaking the Obligation**

**Hand on Shoulder:** Placing your left hand on the shoulder of the Candidate in front of you shows your commitment to return to service to your unit.

**Binding by Rope the Right Hand:** Being bound by rope symbolizes the ties of Brotherhood which joins you with your fellow members of the Order of the Arrow.

**Advancing Three Steps Toward the Fire of Cheerfulness:** Taking three steps toward the Fire of Cheerfulness demonstrates your willingness to accept the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

## **Symbols of the Ordeal Ceremony**

During the Ordeal Ceremony, the **unlit fire** from the Pre-Ordeal is now blazing brightly, demonstrating the spirit of Cheerfulness now burns fully within each member.

As he enters the circle, Kichkinet greets each of the other Principles with **three taps** on the shoulder, these represent the **three points of the Scout Oath**. He is recognized in turn with **one tap followed by two taps** representing the **twelve points of the Scout Law**.

The **fifteen blazes** of the Pre-Ordeal are now represented by the **Twelve Candles** and the **Three Candles** flanking the back of the Ceremony Ring.

## **The Sign of the Ordeal Membership**

Ask an Officer or a Vigil Member.

## **The Legend of the Order of the Arrow**

The Legend tells the tale of the Chief of the Lenni Lenape Tribe of the Delaware Indians, Chingachgook and his son Uncas.

When the Tribe's hunting grounds were invaded, Chingachgook approached the young men of the Tribe and asked for a volunteer to warn the other villages of the Delaware Nation. Only the Chief's son, Uncas, would risk himself to travel through enemy territory to visit and unite the other Tribes.

Together, Chingachgook and Uncas traveled to each village and gathered other volunteers together. With the braves from each of the villages, the enemy was defeated and forced to withdraw from the valley.

After peace was declared, Chingachgook bound these warriors, as brothers, into a great and honored order. Thus creating the tradition which we, as Arrowmen, uphold to this day. In Lenni Lenape, the name of the Order is **Wimachtendienk Wingoplauchsik Witahemui**. This translates to mean **The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service**.

## **Elements of Order of the Arrow**

### **The Election to the Order of the Arrow**

Your election to the Order of the Arrow was unique in that the Order of the Arrow is the only organization in the world that allows nonmembers to elect members.

### **The Call-Out**

Between your election and the Ordeal you should have participated in a Call-Out Ceremony. The Call-Out Ceremony publicly recognizes your election into the Order.

### **The Clan**

At the Ordeal, you were assigned to a Clan of other candidates not from your Scout Unit. You worked with your fellow clan members during the Ordeal alongside an Elangomat

### **The Elangomat**

An Elangomat is an Arrowman who volunteers to undergo the Ordeal with a Clan of candidates as a friend. Although he had already been through the Ordeal, he felt it was important to set an example for new members.

### **The Sash**

The sash is worn as an outward sign of the dedication each Arrowman has to the Scout Oath and Law. It serves as a reminder of our obligation to the Purposes of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, as well as to set an example in our daily lives.

## **Appendix A**

### **Opportunities to Serve**

It is expected of a new Brotherhood member to take on new responsibility in their Chapter and Lodge. Some of the opportunities for both youth and adult members to look forward to are listed below.

#### **Elangomat**

Elangomats provide examples to candidates of the Order of the Arrow during the Ordeal. They undergo the Ordeal voluntarily to show the new members what it means to be a member of the Order of the Arrow. The Elangomat also serves as a friend and coach to the New Member after the Ordeal, and for at least the next 10 months. The Elangomat calls the New Member periodically to check on his progress as an Arrowman and keeps him abreast of Chapter and Lodge activities. He encourages his Scouting Unit, but he also encourages Chapter and Lodge service and his membership conversion to the Brotherhood.

#### **Ceremonies Team**

Youth members of the Ceremonies Team can be Principles, Seconds for Principles, Torchbearers, or other helpers. Adult members may be coaches or helpers.

#### **Unit Election Teams**

Members of the Unit Election Teams are responsible for conducting Election of the Order of the Arrow in the eligible Units.

## **Dance Teams**

Members have the opportunity to display their ability to do Authentic Indian Dancing. You will be able to establish dance clothing that accurately reflects Native American Heritage and have fun while performing at Pow Wows, community events, Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs.

## **Service Teams**

You will have the opportunity to assist our local Scout Camps or work within the community to help carry out their chartered objectives. Some of the service performed may be a long lasting construction project or it may be helping at District or Council events.

## Appendix B

### Pronunciation Guide

Allowat Sakima	Al'-lo-wot Sa-kee'-ma
Chingachgook	Ching'-gatch-gook
Elangomat	Ee-lan'-go-mat
Kichkinet	Kitch'-ken-et
Lenni Lenape	Len'-nee Len-ah'-pee
Meteu	Mee-tay'-o
Nutiket	Nu-te'-ket
Uncas	Un'-cuss
Wimachtendienk	Wee-mok'-ten'-dee-enk
Wingolauchsik	Win'-go-louch-sick
Witahemui	Wi'-tah-hem'-oo-ee

From the back of the Ordeal Ceremony Booklet.

## **NOTES**

**Siwinis Lodge #252 -- Order of the Arrow  
Los Angeles Area Council  
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<b>Lodge Name</b>	Siwinis Lodge #252
<b>Chapter Name</b>	_____
<b>Lodge Totem</b>	Pine Tree
<b>Chapter Totem</b>	_____
<b>Lodge Newsletter</b>	The Totem
<b>Chapter Newsletter</b>	_____
<b>Lodge Meeting Night</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. of each Mo. (except July/August)
<b>Chapter Meeting Night</b>	_____

**Lodge and Chapter Officers for the Year \_\_\_\_\_**

<u>Chapter</u>		<u>Lodge</u>
_____	<b>Chief</b>	_____
_____	Phone #	_____
_____	<b>Exec VC</b>	_____
_____	Phone #	_____
_____	<b>Service VC</b>	_____
_____	Phone #	_____
_____	<b>Promo VC</b>	_____
_____	Phone #	_____
_____	<b>Member VC</b>	_____
_____	Phone #	_____
_____	<b>Adviser</b>	_____
_____	Phone #	_____