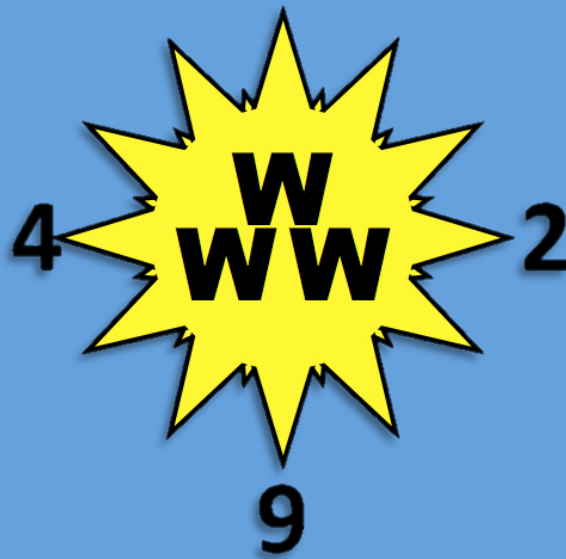


Welcome to the  
**Golden Sun**  
**Lodge**  
of the  
Cornhusker Council



Orientation Guide &  
New Member Manual



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# Congratulations!

You have just become one of the newest members of Golden Sun Lodge. The Ordeal weekend through which you have passed was filled with new experiences and a lot of information. This guide will show you what lies ahead on the exciting journey that you have begun.

## What has happened?

There have been many events leading up to your membership in the Lodge:

- **Unit Elections**

The first step in your induction was your unit election. You were chosen by the members of your unit because of something they saw in you. Allowat Sakima, the mighty Chief, talked of the election in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony:

*"As the warrior draws he arrow  
most trustworthy from the quiver,  
you were drawn from many others."*

This was the first indication of your worthiness to be inducted to the Order.

- **The Call-Out Ceremony**

The next step in your induction was the Call-Out Ceremony. At this ceremony, you were officially recognized as a candidate. Achgiguwen called you up from your seat and Allouchsit gave you a token as an outward symbol you have been chosen. Only then were you judged worthy to pass onto the trail. Along the trail you found three fires symbolizing the three points of the Scout Oath (duty to others, self, and God). You were given information about the Ordeal.

- **The Ordeal Experience**

When you arrived at our Ordeal, you were curious. Many questions floated in your head. Soon after you arrived, you were introduced to your Elangomat and the members of your clan. The Elangomat would be your friend throughout your Ordeal Experience. He is a member of the Lodge who would experience all the things you would during the Ordeal. If you have questions please feel free to contact him. Even though the weekend is complete he is still around to guide you.

- **The Pre-Ordeal Ceremony**

The first glimpse of the Pre-Ordeal ring was undoubtedly breathtaking. Fifteen small fires circled an unlit fire lay. The fifteen fires represent the twelve points of the Scout Law and the three points of the Scout Oath. One at a time, you met the four ceremonial principals. They encouraged you and presented you with a challenge.

- **The Obligation**

The most important moment of the Ordeal is when you took upon yourself the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow. This solemn obligation is the very heart of what the OA is all about:

*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 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.*

The Obligation can also be found on the back of your membership card and in your Order of the Arrow Handbook. When you sign the back of your membership card, you reaffirm this obligation and again pledge yourself to live by it.

## Questions and Answers:

**Question:** Who is Kichkinet? Nutiket? Meteu? Allowat Sakima?

**Answer:** Kichkinet is your guide in the ceremonies. He symbolizes helpfulness and friendliness. Nutiket is the guard of the circle. He upholds the tradition of cheerfulness. Meteu is the Medicine Man and representative of Brotherhood. He reminds us of our need to love one another. Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief, symbolizes service. From him you accepted the Obligation of the Order.

**Question:** What tokens did the four ceremonial principles reveal to you in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, and what did they represent?

**Answer:** Nutiket gave the bow to Allowat Sakima as a token of liveliness and flexibility under stress, the principle of cheerfulness. Meteu gave the bowstring to Allowat Sakima as a token of the ties of Brotherhood also symbolized by the rope in the Ordeal ceremony. Allowat Sakima strung the bow uniting brotherhood and cheerfulness for service, and drew an arrow from a quiver as a token that your election separated you from your fellows for something higher. Allowat Sakima asked you to test the bow as a sign of willingness to test the dedication to Scout ideas that led to your election. Lastly, Kichkinet shot the arrow upward, symbolizing the pathway you will follow if your dedication is unwavering.

**Question:** What are the tests of Ordeal, and what do they illustrate?

**Answer:** 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 our course will set you apart from your friends to the extent of isolation, but you must act according to your resolution regardless of what others do or fail to do. Your **pledge of silence** emphasizes the continuing need for you to spend time in thoughtful silence. Difficult decisions will face you now and in the

future, and you will need to search your heart and spirit deeply to find the resolution that will guide you onward successfully. The **scant food** test illustrates self-denial. Often you will find it necessary to abandon mere personal comfort or desires if you are to fulfill your Obligation. The **day of work** indicates your willingness to give service, even when this service involves hardship and toil. In the Ordeal, you worked with the help and cooperation of other candidates and members, but now you must be ready to serve without the help and cooperation of others.

**Question:** What is the tradition given to us by Uncas as described in the legend?

**Answer:** 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 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-scarification service given by Uncas and Chingachgook is said to have saved the tribe from annihilation.

You were challenged, but your resolution and faithfulness in time of testing enabled you to go forward. You will find this to be true also in the experiences ahead. By striving to fulfill your Obligation, you will provide the higher vision of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service to your fellow Scouts, even as Uncas did for his tribe.

**Question:** What is the significance of Allowat Sakim's description of the Arrow in the Ordeal Ceremony?

**Answer:** The chief stated that the various qualities attributed to the Arrow are ingredients of leadership. His discussion is a continuation of Meteu's comments about the Arrow in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. The Ordeal asks each one to act according to his highest sense of right, regardless of the attitudes or actions of others. The four tests and the Obligation point the way, and Allowat Sakima reveals his way as one of real leadership. Any member who understands his Obligation and is striving to fulfill it inevitably becomes a center of strength in his Troop. His example sets the pace in cheerful service, and his dedication has a rich effect on those who know him. Although wearing a sash identifies a Scout as a member of the Order, it is his efforts to fulfill his Obligation that truly distinguishes him and provides others with the glimpses of the Arrow.

**Question:** What is Ordeal membership?

**Answer:** Like the Ordeal, it is a time of trial, during which your understanding of the traditions of the Arrow will be put to the test. In the Ordeal ceremony, each advancement you made into the circle.

**Question:** When are you ready to accept Brotherhood membership in the Order?

**Answer:** Successfully meeting the demands of the Obligation is usually rather hard for the first several months. Gradually, however your dedication to it will bring about changes that will make it easier for you. Eventually, the Spirit of Cheerful Service will become almost second nature to you, and you will be fulfilling the Obligation and hardly even thinking about it. As this experience develops, you begin to see the Arrow, and you are ready for Brotherhood.

## **History & Traditions of the Golden Sun Lodge**

The history of the Golden Sun Lodge begins in 1923, as you heard at your **callout ceremony**:

The history of the Golden Sun Lodge begins in 1923 with an organization that truly had its roots in the Order of the Arrow. Legend has it that, "On a summer's evening at Camp Quivera near Louisville, Nebraska, during the summer of 1923, a scout came stumbling into the headquarters tent of the great chief. He had traveled far and he carried with him what appeared to be the torn shreds of a ritual. He unfolded the worn and dirty scraps before the chief. They divulged some of the secret and inside stuff concerning an organization of braves back in Pennsylvania. And from these shreds was born the Order of the Golden Suns of the Tribe of the Quivera."

The Order of the Golden Suns of the Tribe of the Quivera continued until 1953. It was then decided, after three ballots at three different events, that it was time to join the nationally recognized organization of the Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow. At this time, the three tribes at Lincoln, Grand Island and North Platte became the Golden Sun Lodge 492.

Since that time the three tribes separated and we, in Southeast Nebraska retained the Golden Sun Lodge name.

### **The Medicine Pouch**

Another tradition of The Order of the Golden Suns was The Medicine Pouch and the Sunrise Ceremony. We carry this tradition on as we induct new brothers into our lodge during the Ordeal weekend.

The original Sunrise Ceremony gave the legend of "Chief Golden Sun". It told the story of his life as a young boy and his journey to become a brave in the tribe. The legend talked of how Golden Sun grew up and learned many things with the help of everyone in his tribe. It tells of how he took a Blood Brother and went out to live in the forest to prove they were worthy of becoming warriors and of how the support of the stronger brother



helped a weaker one. Following many worthy principles; principles not unlike the twelve points of the Scout Law.

On the evening of their last night before returning to the tribe, Golden Sun had a dream – a vision of his mother who told him how proud she was of him, how he had lived a life. She reminded him of how others had helped him along the way, how they had all pulled together for the good of the tribe, and how the Great Spirit had looked upon them and provided for them – thus, reminding him of our duty to others, duty to our nation, and duty to God.

When he awoke from the dream, Golden Sun collected together several items—a piece of grass, a rock, a feather, the air and these he put into a small pouch to wear around his neck to remind him of the vision. It was his “good medicine”.

Today, we in the Golden Sun Lodge, carry on the tradition of the Medicine Pouch. You built a medicine pouch with the materials that will be given you at the Sunrise Ceremony. During the day, you found some “good medicine” to put in the pouch. Something that has meaning to you and that will remind you of this experience and your resolution to live up to the Scout Oath and Law. You carved a small arrow and attached it to the front of the pouch with the point aiming up and to your right. Now that you have completed it, wear it around your neck as it represents a truly great achievement. As you continue along the scouting trail you will most certainly realize many more successes. Some of these accomplishments are of such significance you are authorized to wear various types of coup beads. See the Lodge web site for a description of these:

[www.cornhuskerconcil.org/oa](http://www.cornhuskerconcil.org/oa)

## **What's It All About?**

The Order of the Arrow is

### **"Scouting's National Honor Society"**

#### **Purpose of the Order**

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

## Membership

During your Ordeal weekend, you were inducted into the Golden Sun Lodge. During the Ordeal Ceremony, you became an **Ordeal Member**. As you were told, you have all of the rights and privileges of the Order of the Arrow.

The National Order of the Arrow has a website dedicated to new members like you; it's called "Jumpstart". It's a great way to start your OA career: <http://jumpstart.oa-bsa.org/>

The Order does not have ranks like in Scouting; rather, it has levels of membership. However, these levels do not cause one Arrowman to be superior to another, for we are all brothers. After you have been active as an Arrowman in the Lodge for 10 months, you are eligible to become a **Brotherhood Member**. This involves a ceremony similar to that of the Ordeal. The Brotherhood Ceremony builds upon some of the occurrences in the Ordeal Ceremony. This is an important step that you should plan to take. By becoming a Brotherhood member, you seal your membership in the Order. You must meet a few more challenges regarding the customs, tradition, and obligations of the Order.

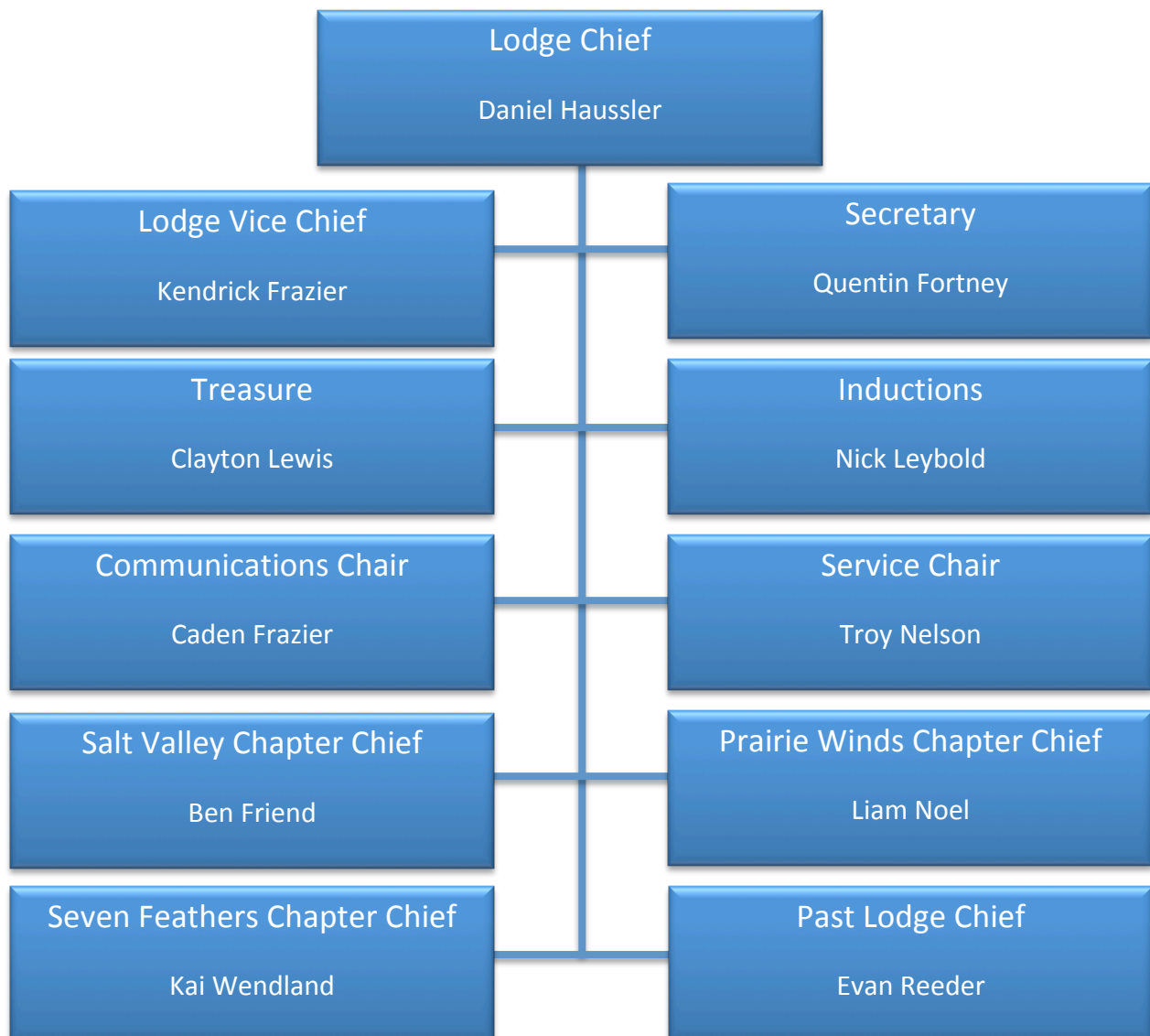
Each year the Lodge honors several Arrowmen who have held Brotherhood membership for two years with the **Vigil Honor** Membership. These Arrowmen undergo new tests and a new ceremony before receiving the Vigil Honor. A committee meets each year to select the Vigil Honor Recipients. The selections are made based on continuing service and devotion to the Order of the Arrow and Scouting

Nationally the OA has over 180,000 members located in lodges affiliated with 302 local BSA Councils.

## Lodge Leadership

### The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)

The Lodge is led by several youth Arrowmen who are responsible for conducting the program of the Lodge. 11 of these Lodge leaders comprise the Lodge Executive Committee, the decision-making body of the Lodge. The LEC is composed of the Lodge and Chapter Officers, Committee Chairmen. There are also adults who serve as advisers for just about each officer of the LEC. They are here just to guide or advise, any and all decisions are made by the youth.



## **Lodge and Chapter Officers**

The officers of the Lodge are the Chief, Vice-Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also three standing committees: Communications, Service and Inductions. Each of these have their own Chairmen who with the help of several other selected Arrowmen and three Chapter Chiefs are responsible for conducting the operations of the Lodge along with administering the Lodge program.

All three chapters (Prairie Winds, Seven Feathers and Salt Valley) also have 2 – 4 officers each. These are the Chapter Chief, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chief and Vice-Chief's of Elections, Service, Camp Promotions and Unit Relations. These youth leaders are responsible for carrying out the program at the Chapter level.

In the center of this pamphlet is an "opportunities sheet", please feel free to complete it and turn it in to any Lodge Officer.

## **Where do I fit into the big picture?**

### **Chapters**

The Golden Sun Lodge is divided up into three Chapters, similar to the Council being divided into three Districts. This is where the work really gets done.

Each Chapter has on Chief and one or more Vice-Chiefs. The Chief and a number of other Vice-Chiefs are in charge of the various chapter programs, from Camping to Service and everything in between.

## Section

There are 6 Lodges in the Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa area which are grouped together to make up the **Section C5-A**.

### Tatanka Anpetu Wi Lodge



Overland Trails Council, Grand Island, NE

### Kit Ke Hak O Kut Lodge



Mid America Council, Omaha, NE

### Kidi Kidish Lodge



Coronado Area Council, Salina, KS

### Mandan Lodge



Santa Fe Trail Council, Garden City, KS

### Kansa Lodge

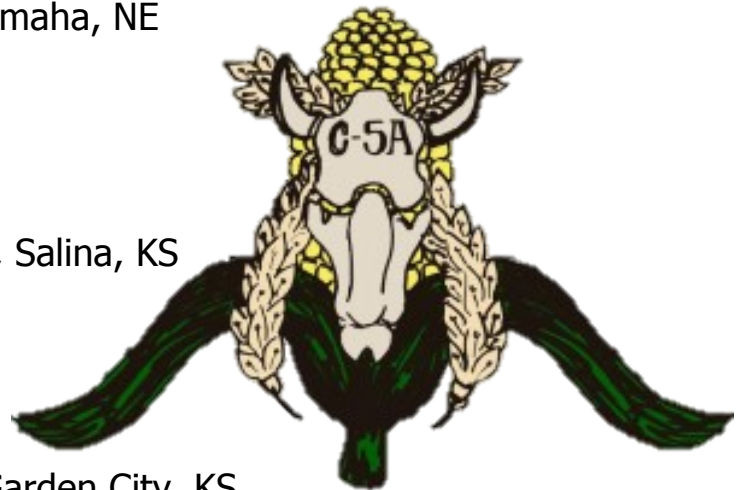


Quivira Council, Wichita, KS

### Golden Sun Lodge



Cornhusker Council, Lincoln, NE



## **The Vision for the Order of the Arrow:**

### **National**

As Scouting's National Honor Society and as an integral part of every council, our service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults, will be models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich the lives of our members and help extend Scouting to America's youth.

### **Golden Sun Lodge 2014 - 2015 Vision**

By accomplishing our goals we will improve our ceremonies, promote national events, and be more successful at inductions. We will be proactive in our council and influence leadership throughout our lodge.

With these common ideals we will unite the lodge to help us grow in brotherhood while helping scouting to flourish throughout the council.



## Adults in the OA

The role of the adults in the Order of the Arrow is the same as it is throughout Scouting-to help young men grow through a program that the youth plan and run. This help can sometimes include training, counseling, and advising leaders or the individual member.

There are however, some practical differences. In the troop, there are fewer adult leaders than youth leaders, so each Scouter is kept busy with the advising of several Scouts. On the other hand, at Order of the Arrow events there are usually far more Scouters present than elected lodge leaders. Thus most of the Scouters present must take a back-seat role.

As a Scouter, you wear the arrow to make it more significant to Scouts. If you were selected as an adult, it was for this reason, rather than as an honor or an award. If you were elected to the OA as a youth member, but have reached the age of 21 or beyond, it is necessary for you to make a smooth transition to an adult adviser to preserve the aims of the program. Nonetheless, your own induction into the Order can be a great opportunity for your own personal growth. Furthermore, you must remember that you are observed by younger Arrowmen and must be an exemplary participant.

There are two distinct Scouter roles in the Order: that of the adviser appointed for a particular youth leader, and that of other Scouters. Each adviser in the Order is responsible for the program under his jurisdiction. It is inappropriate for the adviser to run the program, however, he should always make sure that he is informed about the decisions being made by the youth. It is your task to make sure that the young men succeed. This can include training, transportation, and always staying involved and informed.

A Scouter without an adviser position has his main responsibility outside of the Order-in his troop. His main responsibility within the Order is to support its program in his Scouting position.



## What's In It For Me?

The Order of the Arrow has a lot to offer you, from activities to leadership and service opportunities.

### Activities

Each activity is promoted in the Lodge Newsletter "The Sundial", and online at [www.cornhuskerCouncil.org/oa](http://www.cornhuskerCouncil.org/oa), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). You will now be receiving the Sundial via email. Pay attention to the articles so you don't miss registration deadlines and other important information.

**LLD (Lodge Leadership Development)**- Annually the Lodge holds a training session for anyone who wants to learn about the Lodge or if they want to become more active. Typically held on a Saturday in October, it is the main training event of the year for the Lodge.

**Fall Fellowship**- Also annually the Lodge holds a banquet in the fall. Typically held in the evening after the LLDC, it is the biggest social event of the year for the Lodge. Along with dinner, the banquet includes recognition of past and current officers, new Brotherhood members, and Vigil Honor recipients. The Founder's award is also presented (if someone has been selected). This is when the new youth officers are officially inducted into office. All family members are welcome to attend this event.

**Winter Event**- This activity features fun and fellowship for the Arrowmen that attend. Held at various locations usually in January, this is a great time to have fun, relax and get to know other lodge members. Typically there are several vendors for you to purchase items to start or add to your regalia.

**Spring Event**- The Spring Ordeal is held in April or May at Camp Cornhusker. This is the last time people who were elected the previous spring to take their Ordeal. Many activities are planned. Brotherhood questioning and ceremony are also held during this weekend.

**Pow Wow-** The Pow Wow is held in August at Camp Cornhusker. This is the first time people who were elected the previous spring can take their Ordeal. Many activities are planned. If eligible, Arrowmen can take Brotherhood during this weekend.

**Summer Callout Ceremonies-** Throughout the summer at Camp Cornhusker the lodge performs a spectacular call-out ceremony on Thursday evening of each week during Boy Scout summer camp. If you are at summer camp, you and your fellow youth Arrowmen can get dressed in your regalia and participate.

**Chapter Meetings-** Each Chapter meets once per month, usually at the same time as their District Roundtable Meeting, to carry out Lodge and Chapter programs and to plan for upcoming events. They carry out Chapter Events, Unit Elections, Ceremonies, Camp Promotions, and a variety of other services to the Units they serve. This is probably the easiest way to become involved.

**Council Program-** Numerous times throughout the year the lodge plays a support role in council and district events such as the Webelos Woods, Cub Scout sign up, transition nights, and camporees. Watch for details in **The Sundial**, and online at [www.cornhusercouncil.org/oa](http://www.cornhusercouncil.org/oa)

**Section Conclave-** In our sections (C-5A), we meet in September every year for a Section Conclave. All Arrowmen are welcome to attend this event and enjoy the fun, fellowship, competitions, training and the opportunity to exchange energy and ideas. A different Lodge hosts this event each year. For more information see: [www.sections5a.org](http://www.sections5a.org)

**National Leadership Seminar (NLS)**- The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. It's also a great way to meet some of the National leaders of the OA.

<http://central.oa-bsa.org/>

**National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)**- NOAC is held bi-annually on the campus of a major university. This week of training, competition, and fellowship includes Arrowmen from all over the United States. There are many opportunities at this national event.

<http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/n2015/conf/>

**OA Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey**- Spend two weeks at the Boundary Waters Canoe Base or go explore Canada. The first week you are improving portages and other areas, but then the second week you decide where you want to go, typically off the beaten path for some great high adventure fun.

**OA Trail Crew**- Similar to the Wilderness Voyage, you'll work with other Arrowmen at Philmont Scout Ranch making improvements, and then spend the second week exploring the most remote parts of the ranch.

**OA OA**- Order of the Arrow, Ocean Adventure. Spend two weeks scuba diving the Florida Keys, or other ocean adventures in and around the Florida Sea Base.

The cost for each of these OA High Adventures is extremely reasonable, typically around \$150 for two full weeks in some of the most beautiful wilderness areas you can imagine. For more information about any of these high adventure programs see: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

## OA Troop/Team Representative

Did you know that a leadership position related to the OA can exist within your troop or team? Did you know that it can fulfill the leadership position requirement for the Eagle rank? That position is the OA Troop/Team Representative, and Arrowmen serving in this capacity have the ability to have a tremendous impact on their unit. There is also an adult adviser role that needs to be filled by an adult.

In this position you will be the link between your OA lodge or chapter and the unit. In your unit, you will make sure that fellow Arrowmen know about upcoming OA events, and in turn you'll take information on how the OA could help your unit back to the lodge.

The OA Troop/Team Representative is a valuable role-one that you will enjoy and find fulfilling. It is a way to serve the lodge and your unit at the same time and on top of it all it will help the youth advance towards Eagle.

As with all youth positions there is a corresponding adult position. So there is also an adult OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser. This is a great way to learn about the OA. As the Troop Rep. Adviser your responsibilities would include making sure the youth rep. keeps up with what is happening in the OA. You can help him do that by making sure he attends the Chapter Meetings, held in conjunction with the District Roundtables.



## What's Ahead?

### The Trail to Brotherhood

Your completion of the Ordeal sets you on the start of an exciting adventure. After at least 10 months of active service, you will be eligible to seal your membership with the Order in the Brotherhood Ceremony. The Ordeal has introduced you to the mysteries of the Order. Now, during your service as an Ordeal member, you have ample opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Arrow and to make it work for you. Your brothers in the Golden Sun Lodge stand ready to help you, and you should take advantage of their support whenever possible.

### The challenges of Brotherhood Membership

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood. The first of these you should meet now. The next three require steady effort over a period of months. The last challenge you must meet after you are satisfied that you are meeting the first four challenges.

- 1. Memorize the sings of Arrow Membership.** Memorize the Obligation of the Arrow, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your Membership Card, in this Guide, and in the Order of the Arrow Handbook). Also, memorized the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of the Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.
- 2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.** Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.
- 3. Serve your unit.** Retain your registration in Scouting During a period of at least 10 months; strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your won troop or team.
- 4. Plan for service in your Lodge.** 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.

**5. Review your Progress.** When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your Lodge Secretary.

### **How?**

To sign up for Brotherhood Conversion, register using the Lodge Newsletter. The Lodge offers the Brotherhood Ceremony at least twice a year. It is often held at the Spring Event and Pow Wow / Fall Event. Come to the Weekend fully prepared. The guide on the following pages will help you prepare for the next step in your journey.

## **Your Guide to Brotherhood**

Do the following to meet the 5 challenges of Brotherhood Membership.

1. Memorize these signs of membership.
  - The Obligation can be found on page 2 of this Guide, on the back of your membership card, and in your Order of the Arrow Handbook.
  - The Order of the Arrow Official Song. Can be found in your Order of the Arrow Handbook
  - The handclasp of the Order is made with the left hand intertwining the ring and little fingers.
  - The Admonition is a very sacred element in the Order of the Arrow. So sacred is the Lenni Lenape word that it is only printed in ceremonial booklets. It appears nowhere else in print. The word is only to be whispered between brothers during ceremonies and to very OA membership; it is never to be spoken out loud. If you need to be reminded of what the admonition is, ask a fellow Arrowmen who can tell you.
2. To further your understanding of the Ordeal, please study the answers to these questions found in this Guide on page 3 and in your Order of the Arrow handbook.

- Who is Kichkintet? Nutiket? Meteu? Allowat Sakima?
  - What tokens did the four ceremonial principals reveal to you in the Pre-Ordeal, and what did they represent?
  - What are the tests of the Ordeal, and what do they illustrate?
  - What are the three symbolic preparations for the Obligation in the Ordeal Ceremony?
  - What is the tradition given to us by Uncas as described in the legend?
  - What is the significance of Allowat Sakima's description of the Arrow in the Ordeal Ceremony?
  - What is Ordeal Membership?
  - When are you ready to accept Brotherhood Membership in the Order?
3. Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop. As Arrowman's greatest obligation in Scouting does not belong to the Order of the Arrow; rather, it lies in service to the Troop.
  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. Attending events is a great way to develop an idea of how you can serve the Lodge.
  5. Write a letter. This letter is for you to explain your journey in the Order thus far. It should be brought with you to the weekend of your Brotherhood Ceremony. In it include:
    - Explain what you think the Obligation means.
    - Describe how you have been fulfilling this 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 for giving service in the Lodge program.

## **My Trail to Brotherhood**

*Check off each item as you complete it.*

### **1) Memorize the following**

- \_\_\_ Obligation
- \_\_\_ Handclasp
- \_\_\_ Song
- \_\_\_ Admonition and Meaning

### **2) Further Your Understanding of the Ordeal.**

- \_\_\_ Look up answers to questions
- \_\_\_ Study questions and answers

### **3) Remain Active in Your Troop and Lodge.**

Date of Ordeal \_\_\_\_\_

Date Eligible for Brotherhood (10 Months after Ordeal)

### **4) Attend a few Lodge Functions**

Event Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_







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