



GOLDEN SUN LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



THE HANDSHAKE

The handshake is given by shaking with your left hand and interlocking the pinky and ring fingers. This is the same handshake the 4 principles would have greeted you with after inducting you into the lodge. This is the proper way to greet a fellow Arrowmen so it is important that you remember it.

THE ADMONITION

This may have been hard to understand when you first heard it as it was whispered in your ear during your induction ceremony. This is a Native American word meaning “To love one another”. If you do not remember it you should contact your Brotherhood Chairman who will gladly remind you, or ask another member. You can use this to identify other Arrowmen, almost like a password. **THIS IS ONLY SPOKEN AND IS NEVER WRITTEN!**

THE OBLIGATION

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.

PRONUNCIATION

Wimachtendienk	wee-MOK-TEN-dee-enk
Wingolauchsik	WIN-go-louch-sik
Witahemui	WIT-ah-HEM-oo-ee

THE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THE OA PRINCIPLES

Kichkinet: (KITCH-kin-et)	Kichkinet was the first principle you met on the night of your Ordeal. He served as your Guide , leading you to the circle to meet the others. Kichkinet represents helpfulness and friendliness. He is the youngest of the principles and fairly new to this position as the Guide.
Nutiket: (noo-TEE-ket)	When you approached the circle you met Nutiket, the Guard . He symbolizes bravery and cheerfulness. He guards the circle and only opens it to those who are ready.
Meteu: (meh-TAY-oh)	The third principle you met was Meteu, the wise Medicine Man . He reminds us of our need to love one another and to remain reverent.
Allowat Sakima:	The final principle you met was Allowat Sakima, the Mighty Chief . He

(AH-lo-wot sah-KEE-me) represents leadership and our duty to God and County.

THE TOKENS

1. The Bow: Give by Nutiket, the bow represents **liveliness and flexibility under stress**.
2. The Bowstring: Given to Allowat by Meteu, it represents the **ties of Brotherhood**.
3. The Arrow: Given by Allowat, it represents that you were once **set apart from your fellow Scouts for something higher, and that your path should remain straight and true**. He asked you to test the bow as a **sign of willingness to test the dedication to Scout ideals that led to your election**.
4. The "Action": Not so much a token as much as an action, which was when 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 is 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.
2. The Night Alone: This was to symbolize that you were **set apart from your fellow Scouts for reason**, it also helped you to understand that you were meant to contemplate on yourself during this time.
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.

THE LEGEND

The legend describes how the peaceful lives of the Lenni Lenape Tribe were threatened by neighboring tribes and distant enemies. The Legend is told to you by Meteu during the Ordeal Ceremony. He tells you that Chingachgook's call was met with indifference from his tribal members. Uncus, the son of the Chief, bravely offered to help despite the negative reaction from those around him. He selflessly worked to protect his tribe even though they would not do the same for him. He had a higher purpose and saw that he could make a difference, ultimately saving his tribe from total destruction.

THE THREE W'S

The original name of the Order of the Arrow was Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. These come from the Lenni Lenape language and translates to "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".

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 a Scouts BSA rank and/or a merit badge.

THE SONG

ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG

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Firm bound in bro-ther-hood, Ga - ther the



clan 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.