

Why should I complete Brotherhood?

• You fulfill the **commitment** you made during the Ordeal ceremony to **conclude** the induction process that you started when you were called-out as a candidate for the Ordeal!



- You gain further awareness of the Order's purpose.
- You learn the other part of the *Legend*... about Uncas' challenge while helping the Lenâpé force back the fierce marauders.
- You will meet new friends outside your troop.
- You discover what "service to others" really means.
- You rededicate yourself to the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.
- You learn the symbolism behind the **two bars** on the Brotherhood sash.
- You set the example that other Arrowmen should follow.
- You gain a sense of belonging to something greater than yourself.



- It is a personal growth experience.
- It teaches the value of leading by example.
- It renews your enthusiasm for Scouting.
- "It is a rewarding experience!"

See the back of this flyer for additional information.

Octoraro Lodge 22 needs You!!!

For the attention of ALL Ordeal members:

Remember how cheerful **you** felt on being called-out as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow? Remember how **you** were referred to as a "friend" at the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, but were called a "brother" at the conclusion of the Ordeal ceremony? Even if you did not realize it, **you** started upon a journey when you took the Ordeal — the journey to discover the true *Spirit of the Arrow*. However, **your** journey is **NOT** finished until you have **sealed** your membership in the Order by participating in the Brotherhood ceremony.

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The *Brotherhood Experience* will clarify your understanding of the **true** purpose of the Order of the Arrow. You will learn more about Uncas and his place in the *Legend*. The bars on your new Brotherhood sash will signify your **commitment** to those traditions. Your understanding of leadership in service to others will grow while the links of friendship with your brothers in the lodge will be welded stronger. Also, by completing Brotherhood **you** express your gratitude to those who saw your potential and elected you to the Order.

Moreover, you help your fellow Arrowmen in the Octoraro Lodge 22. By completing *your* Brotherhood, you help the lodge earn the *Journey to Excellence* award, which signifies to the greater community what the brothers in our lodge already know: that Octoraro Lodge 22 achieves excellence in both program and service to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Additionally, earning the *Journey to Excellence* award allows the lodge to apply for grants from the national organization for matching funds for vital improvement projects at both Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware III. Can the lodge count on *your* support?

ADULTS: The *Journey to Excellence* program does <u>NOT</u> distinguish between youth and adult members. Please support the youth by completing *your* Brotherhood.

Am I eligible to complete Brotherhood?

- → If you took your Ordeal at *or* before the June 2015 service weekend, then you are eligible to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony at **ANY** of the opportunities listed below.
- → If **you** took your Ordeal at the September 2015 fellowship weekend, then **you** are eligible to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony at the September 2016 fellowship weekend or at the 2016 *Brotherhood Blitz*.

The *only* other requirement is that your lodge dues are PAID for 2016.

Brotherhood is FREE!!!

How much does it cost?

You paid for *your* Brotherhood when you paid for your Ordeal.

2016 Brotherhood Opportunities

The Brotherhood Experience and the Brotherhood ceremony are offered four times during 2016:

April Service Weekend......April 29–May 1, 2016

June Service Weekend......June 10–12, 2016

Fall Fellowship Weekend.....September 23–25, 2016

Brotherhood Blitz......November 12, 2016

Make plans now to seal *your* membership in the Order of the Arrow in 2016 by completing Brotherhood.