



Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge #24
Brooklyn, New York

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Dear Ordeal Member,

It has been 10 months since you first wore the sash of our Order. We trust that in that time you have continued to represent the ideals for which it stands, and have continued to faithfully serve your fellow man. You may seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow through the Brotherhood Ceremony, if you have completed the following requirements (*Note: you should be prepared to share your knowledge of each requirement immediately upon arrival at camp.*)

- Ten months' service as an Ordeal member
- Registered active membership in your Troop
- Registered active membership in the OA (*if your dues have lapsed, dues are \$12 and should be sent along with your Brotherhood Candidate registration – see reverse side*)
- Memorized the Obligation of the Order, the OA Official Song, the handclasp, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Admonition (*each of which can be found in the OA Handbook or the Ordeal Ceremony Book which you received at the Ordeal.*)

It is important that you not only meet the above requirements, but that you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood. In choosing to seal your membership in the Brotherhood, you are committing yourself to active service in your Chapter and the Lodge. If so, you must write a letter **only** to the Lodge Secretary expressing your feelings. In your letter, you must:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your Troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the traditions of the Ordeal to aid in your service.
- **Describe the specific plans you have for rendering service to the Chapter and Lodge in fulfilment of the new pledge you expect to take.**

To be a valid Brotherhood Candidate, all letters **must** be received only by the Brotherhood Committee, **postmarked by May 1st**. Fees are due in advance to be returned along with your letter to the Brotherhood Committee (*mailing address, fees and other information is listed on the reverse side.*)

We look forward to seeing you at the Brotherhood Ceremony as you seal your membership in the Order. Congratulations on this opportunity.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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