

**JERSEY SHORE COUNCIL**



**ORDER OF THE ARROW  
JAPEECHEN LODGE #341**

**TRAIL  
TO  
BROTHERHOOD  
GUIDE**



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## TRAIL TO BROTHERHOOD



Welcome to the Trail to Brotherhood! This guide has been prepared by the Japeechen Lodge Brotherhood Committee to help candidates on the journey towards Brotherhood. We hope that you will find the information that is contained within the guide helpful in your journey down the Brotherhood trail.

The challenges that are outlined in this guide will be reviewed by both you and a representative of the Brotherhood committee at a time that is chosen to take the Brotherhood Reflection. The Reflection should not be viewed as a test but in turn as an opportunity for the candidates to learn more about the Order and their renewed commitment to the Lodge. The following challenges have been selected by the Lodge's Executive Committee to represent the information and knowledge that each Brotherhood candidate must understand and know, before they continue further along the Brotherhood trail.

Once a candidate has completed the challenge outlined in this guide, he or she will be eligible to attend one of the O.A. weekends scheduled this coming year. At that time, the Brotherhood Committee and Ceremonial Team will conduct a Brotherhood hike and ceremony to complete your journey towards this honored membership.

If after reviewing this guide, you find that you still have unanswered questions about the Brotherhood Reflection, please feel free to contact one of the Committee members listed within for further assistance.



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Yours in Scouting,

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## TRAIL TO BROTHERHOOD BROTHERHOOD REFLECTION



**Repeat from memory the following:**

### **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 powers lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

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

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

**Note:** The Song is usually sung at the conclusion of any Order of the Arrow meeting or official function.

**Have an understanding and knowledge of the following questions and answers:**

***When translated, what does the Lenape words Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, and Witahemui mean?***

- Wimachtendienk (Wee-mok'-ten-dee-enk) – Brotherhood
- Wingolauchsik (Win'-go-lough-sik) – Cheerfulness
- Witahemui (Wi'-tah-hem'-oo-ee) – Service



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Have an understanding and knowledge of the following questions and answers:

*Give the Admonition (password to gain entry to the Lodge)*

- If you do not recall the Admonition, please request it from a fellow Arrowman.

*What is 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. (Sometimes know as Scouting's National Honor Society)
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit within your Scouting unit.
- To promote year round camping within your unit. This includes an annual summer camp program for both your unit and local Cub Scout packs.
- To foster the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

*When translated what does the Lenape word Japeechen mean?*

- "People by the water"

*What is the totem of the Lodge?*

- The osprey or sea hawk.



*Give the sign of the Ordeal*

- Using the right hand, act as if you were drawing an arrow from a quiver from behind the left shoulder.



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Have an understanding and knowledge of the following questions and answers:

*Give the Order of the Arrow Handclasp*

- The handclasp is given with the left hand, interlocking the pinkie and thumb.

*Who are Kichkinet, Nutiket, Meteu and Allowat Sakima? What did they symbolize during your Ordeal Ceremony?*

- Kichkinet (Kitch'ken-et) is your guide in the ceremony. He symbolizes helpfulness and friendliness.
- Nutiket (Nu-te'-ket) is the guard of the circle. He upholds the traditions of cheerfulness.
- Meteu (Mee-tay'-o) is the medicine man and representative of brotherhood. He reminds us of our need to love one another.
- Allowat Sakima (Al'-lo-wot Sa-kee'-ma) is the mighty chief and symbolizes service to others. From him you accepted the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow.

*What tokens did the four (4) ceremonial figures reveal to you in the pre-ordeal, and what did they represent?*

- Nutiket gave the bow to Allowat Sakima as a token of loveliness 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 into the order has separated you from fellow scouts. Additionally, you were asked by Allowat Sakima to test the bow as a sign of your willingness to accept, and your dedication to live by the ideals of Scouting, which led to your election into our order.
- Kichkinet shot the arrow upward, symbolizing the pathway you will follow if your dedication is unwavering in our order.



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**Serve your unit and retain a current membership in a scouting unit.**

For a period of 10 months following your Ordeal, fulfill your Obligation by continuing your service to your unit. You will be asked to briefly describe how you have accomplished this.

### **Letter to the Lodge Secretary**

*Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary stating in your own words the following:*

- Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- Describe how you have been fulfilling the Obligation in your unit, 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 Chapter or Lodge program.

**Note:** This letter may be turned in at the time you select to review the material in the Brotherhood Reflection or forwarded to the Lodge Brotherhood Chairman, via the mail or email, prior to your scheduled ceremonial date.

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## GENERAL BROTHERHOOD INFORMATION



### Frequent questions asked by Brotherhood Candidates.

**Q - *Do I have to attend the entire O.A, weekend, in order to receive Brotherhood?***

A - Although all candidates are encouraged to stay for the whole weekend, the lodge does understand that individuals have busy schedules that may not always allow them to stay for the entire weekend. In most circumstances the Lodge has been able to accommodate the candidate's request, if scheduled and approved in advance.

**Q - *Is the Brotherhood Reflection a test?***

A - While the Brotherhood candidate is required to become knowledgeable of specific aspects of the Order of the Arrow and the Lodge, this process should not be viewed as a test, but as an opportunity for each candidate to learn more about the Order and their role within the Lodge. During the reflection process each candidate will have an opportunity to exhibit his or her understanding of this information to a Brotherhood Committee member. At the same time, the committee must caution each candidate that certain aspects of the Reflection should be learned to the best of each candidate's ability (i.e. The Obligation, the song, the handclasp and the password). By being well prepared for the challenge, the candidate will make the Reflection process much easier and more enjoyable for those that are involved.

**Q - *Do I have to be able to sing the Order of the Arrow Song or can it just be recited?***

A - While each candidate is encouraged to sing the song, it is not required that the song be sung but only that the candidate be familiar with the words and it's usage within the Lodge.

**Q - *What happens if I miss a word or two, while repeating the Obligation or the Song? Would that be reason enough for me not to become a Brotherhood member?***

A - While each candidate is encouraged to learn the above items to the best of their ability, missing a word or two will not be cause for a candidate not to make it through the Brotherhood Challenge. With that stated each candidate is cautioned that appropriate study time is required and that they should enter this process as well prepared as possible.



## GENERAL BROTHERHOOD INFORMATION



### **Frequent questions asked by Brotherhood candidates.**

**Q - *Can a candidate go through the Reflection process prior to the scheduled OA weekend?***

**A -** Yes, candidates are encouraged to meet with Brotherhood Committee members prior to their arrival at one of the OA weekends. In many cases, candidates have fulfilled these requirements at their Chapter OA meeting. If a Brotherhood candidate should choose to pursue this method of review, it is requested that upon completion of the requirements that the selected committee member notify the Lodge Brotherhood Chairman of Advisor, in order that they may properly record your progress along the trail.

**Q - *Once I have completed the requirements for Brotherhood membership, when will I receive my new sash and membership card?***

**A -** Following the completion of the Brotherhood Reflection, candidates will be required to take a hike with other candidates. Upon completion of the hike the candidates will be taken to the ceremonial circle, at which time they will take part in the Brotherhood ceremony. During the ceremony each candidate will receive a new Brotherhood sash. In past years, the Lodge has scheduled a dinner following the completion of both the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Once the dinner has been concluded, new membership cards are usually issued to the new Brotherhood members.

**Q - *Are all Brotherhood candidates required to be an Elangomat?***

**A -** While each candidate is not required to be an Elangomat, all are encouraged to assist the Lodge in one of the many areas of service during the Ordeal and Fellowship weekends. In many cases, candidates have taken on active roles in either their Chapters or within the Lodge. In these cases, their service to the Lodge may be utilized in lieu of being designated an Elangomat at the Ordeal weekends.

**Q - *Can accommodations be made for individuals who are physically impaired or disabled to go through the Brotherhood Reflection, hike and ceremony?***

**A -** Yes, with proper notice, arrangements can be made by the lodge to accommodate these individuals. In the past, an alternate ceremonial site has been utilized to meet the needs of the individual as may be required.