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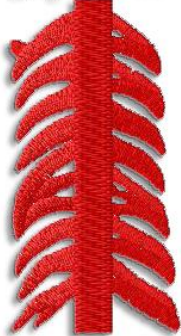
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GULF STREAM COUNCIL

November 10th, 2011



*“It is only right for us to stand by them through their Ordeals, until they enter into the bond of **Brotherhood**.”*

-Meteu, the opening lines of the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony

An open invitation from the Vice Chief of Inductions:

Dear Brother,

Many moons ago you came as a humble candidate seeking the way into the Order of the Arrow, and fifteen blazes led you to the circle of your brothers. However, your Journey is all but complete. Having successfully completed your Ordeal, you made a commitment to cheerfully serve your fellow man and you became an *Ordeal* member in the Order of the Arrow. Now, it is time for you to seal your membership in the Order and become a *Brotherhood* member. If you read your membership handbook that was given to you at your Ordeal, you will discover that membership in the Order of the Arrow exists in two degrees: 1) *Ordeal & Brotherhood* and 2) *Vigil*. This is so because although you have completed your Ordeal and some of the Order’s mysteries have been revealed to you, your status as an Arrowman is not confirmed until you take the next step of your Journey, become a *Brotherhood* member, and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow.

The Order has much more to offer to you beyond what you learned in your Ordeal, and there is so much more that I wish I could share with you, but it is up to you to begin the next step on your own. Understand, that the *Brotherhood* is not a challenge like your Ordeal. Rather, the *Brotherhood* is simply an opportunity for you to seal your membership and learn more of the Order’s customs and traditions. Our Lodge is offering you the opportunity to receive your *Brotherhood*: Scout Advancement Weekend 2011, Saturday November 19th, 2011 at Camp Tanah Keeta. Please arrive for counseling by 5:30pm on the Lodge Building Porch. The ceremony will be completed by 8:15pm. Dinner is available from the Woodbadge Grill, however, if you are registered for SAW, you may stick with whatever plan you had for dinner, or eat before you come. Please make sure that you arrive by 5:30pm with your letter (see below) and \$14 to pay for your new sash!

To be eligible to become a *Brotherhood* member, you must be an *Ordeal* member for at least ten months. If you are eligible and ready to become a *Brotherhood* member, then there are four things that you need to do **prior** to the date of your *Brotherhood*:

- 1) Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary, Chris Olbrych, explaining how you will continue to serve the Lodge, your Unit, Scouting in general, and the community. Bring this letter with you on the date of your *Brotherhood*.
- 2) Memorize the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow
- 3) Memorize the Order of the Arrow Song



- 4) Please email, call, or make some sort of contact with either myself or our Brotherhood Chairman Matthew Kastelic (772-708-7392) to let us know that you will be coming to seal your bonds of Brotherhood.

Note: your Lodge dues must also be current. Check the date on the mailing label of this letter. If the mailing label does not say 2011, then you must also pay \$10 to update your Lodge dues through 2011. Also Note: If you do not completely know any of the above, we will have people there to help you with them.

My Brother - for hopefully soon I will be able to truly call you by that title - taking the *Brotherhood* is a rich experience which you must discover for yourself, but we are here "to help you on as far as man can guide his brother."

Yours in Cheerful Service,

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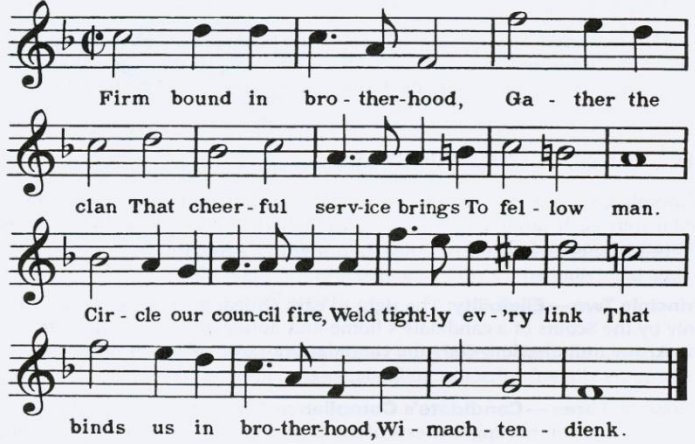
Order of the Arrow Obligation:

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.



ORDER OF THE ARROW OFFICIAL SONG
Words by E. Urner Goodman



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 tightly ev-'ry link That
binds us in bro-ther-hood, Wi-mach-ten-dienk.

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