

Do you remember very much about your initiation? Do you remember the promises you made, and the vows and oaths you took? Perhaps you have forgotten, yet if you have helped at any of the pow-wows from the time you were initiated, you were reminded constantly of your promises and vows.

Just how meaningful and real to you was your initiation? Did you speak when asked not to? Did you eat when it was forbidden? But, most important of all, did you join the Order of the Arrow thinking to join an exclusive and secret fraternity, or do you really believe in the principles of O.A.

One part of your initiation ceremony asks you, on your honor as a scout, not to divulge any of the ceremony of initiation. Naturally assuming that you took that oath, ask yourself this question, "Have I kept the oath?"

You were selected for membership in the Order, because your fellow scouts felt that you were an outstanding camper and showed promising leadership abilities. Have you lived up to their belief in you, and our confidence in you?

The Order of the Arrow is your opportunity to repay scouting for all of the benefits it has offered to you. We are a service organization, and you were initiated because your fellow campers believed you. Are you living up to your fellow scouts' expectations?

We are going to be a very active lodge this year, but to be an active lodge, we must have active and trustworthy members. Will you be available to help when you are needed? Will you carry the principles of O.A. into your daily life?

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EX-MEMBERS

Do you know any of the men in your community who were Order of the Arrow members, but who have now dropped out? Please send these names to the Scout Office, that we might complete our files.

O.A. ELECTIONS

The time is drawing near, when units will be holding their O.A. candidate elections. Is your own scoutmaster prepared?

Under the new ruling by the Tribal Council, all A.A. application blanks must be completely filled out. Was your application blank properly filled out?

Now is the time to acquaint your scoutmaster with the way a proper O.A. election should be held. Suggest to your scoutmaster that he obtain an Order of the Arrow Unit Leader's Manual, that he might better understand O.A., and the way it works in the separate troops.

As you know, an Order of the Arrow member must be present whenever an O.A. candidate election is being held. If you would be willing to visit other troops, and assist them with their elections, please send your name to Bruce Abernathy, c/o Boy Scout Office.

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CAMPING

At its September meeting, the Tribal Council established a new program for scoutmasters who wish to avail themselves of it. From now on, if a scoutmaster feels that he needs any help in the field of camping, an Order of the Arrow man will be provided by Tribal Council to camp with the troop, and help them to establish a model camp.

Are you doing your part in helping your scoutmaster? Do you still go camping with your own unit? Remember how you learned the skills of camping, and then ask yourself what you can do.

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DUES

All dues not paid at the fall pow-wow are due at this time, send them to the Scout Office immediately.