

# **BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE**

The following questions will be used for the examination of candidates for Brotherhood membership.



**1. Q. What is the name of the initial membership in the Order of the Arrow?**

A. *Ordeal Membership*

**2. Q. Why is it so called?**

A. *Because it is preceded by a fourfold Ordeal.*

**3. Q. What are the four parts of this Ordeal and their respective purposes?**

A. *A night of camping alone under the heavens, to prove my self-reliance; a day of arduous toil, to indicate my willingness to serve others; 24 hours of scant food, to demonstrate my power of self-denial; and a like period of silence, to turn my thoughts inward.*

**4. Q. How were you prepared for the Ordeal?**

A. *I was led by Kichkinet to the north end of camp, where the significance of the Arrow was first revealed as I tested the bow.*

**5. Q. When you had completed the Ordeal, how were you dealt with?**

A. *I was placed on the trail, which leads to the circle of the lodge.*

**6. Q. By whom were you first stopped as you approached the circle?**

A. *By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if I had passed the Ordeal without flinching?*

**7. Q. Who next barred your further progress?**

A. *Meteu, who had inquired if I had been given the admonition.*

**8. Q. Had you been given the Admonition?**

A. *I had not, but Kichkinet, my guide, had and gave it for me.*

**9. Q. Before whom did you then at last arrive?**

A. *Before Allowat Sakima, the chief of the fire, who asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the Obligation?*

**10. Q. What was Kichkinet's reply to this inquiry?**

A. *Only in the binding of them together.*

**11. Q. How did Kichkinet call the attention of each of these officers to your presence?**

A. *By three taps of the hand upon the right shoulder.*

**12. Q. What did these three taps signify?**

A. *The three parts of the Scout Oath or Promise.*

**13. Q. How did each of the officers respond to Kichkinet's taps?**

A. *By one tap, followed by two taps, on the right shoulder.*

**14. Q. What did these taps represent?**

A. *The twelve points of the Scout Law.*

**15. Q. How were you and your companions bound together?**

A. *By a rope, which, until we took the Obligation, represented our tie to the Brotherhood.*

**16. Q. How was your preparation for the Obligation completed?**

A. *Nutiket directed me to hold my right hand in the Scout sign and repeat the Obligation after Allowat Sakima.*

**17. Q. In what did Meteu then instruct you?**

A. *In the legend on which our Order was founded.*

**18. Q. Who are the central figures of that legend?**

A. *The aged Chieftain, Chingachgook, and his son, Uncas, who by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service are said to have saved the Delaware lodges from annihilation.*

**19. Q. Repeat the Obligation.**

A. *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 my power lies, to unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.*

**20. Q. What did Allowat Sakima then impart to you?**

A. *The symbol and handclasp of the Order, the admonition and the sign of Ordeal membership.*

**21. Q. What is the symbol of the Order?**

A. *The arrow, whose undeviating course when aimed high is a token of leadership.*

**22. Q. How is it worn?**

A. *Pointing over the right shoulder.*

**23. Q. Give me the handclasp of our Order.**

A. *(Give it.)*

**24. Q. How must the admonition always be given?**

A. *Whispered in the ear.*

**25. Q. What is the admonition?**

A. *(Give it.)*

**26. Q. What does it mean?**

A. *To love one another.*

**27. Q. What is the sign of our Order?**

A. *(Give it.)*

**28. Q. What is the full name of our Order?**

A. *Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.*

**29. Q. In what language is it given?**

A. *In the language of the Dela-ware Indians, the Lenni Lenape.*

**30. Q. What is its meaning in English?**

A. *The Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.*

**31. Q. Give the words of (or sing) the Song of the Order.**

A. *Firm bound in Brotherhood, gather the clan,  
That cheerful service brings to fellowman.  
Circle our council fire, weld tightly every link,  
That binds us in Brotherhood,  
Wi-mach-ten-dienk.*