Brotherhood Letter

If you haven't realized it yet, the Induction Process into the OA is a personal journey, and an important step is your attainment of the Brotherhood Honor. This letter is a tool to help you reflect on the experience, and thusly gain the most from it. As this is a personal experience, write as much or as little is helpful for you. Address this letter to the Lodge Secretary (Sophie T. for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year).

You can write whatever reflections you would like, but we ask that you reflect on these questions in particular because we think they are the most important:

- What does the Obligation mean to you?
 - o It may be helpful to look at the Obligation printed below
 - Rather than stating the literal definition of each line, try to personalize them—what does the line mean you need to do? How does that line appear in your life?
- Have you fulfilled the challenges of the Obligation?
- How do you plan to provide new Service?
 - o This could be in your Unit, school, District, OA Chapter, Council, or OA Lodge
 - o It can be small; sometimes just being an active participant helps a program be successful

Once you've finished writing it, you can turn it in at any time to any member of the Brotherhood Committee or the Admin desk at an event, but it must be turned in before your Brotherhood Hike.

If you have any questions or need help, please find or reach out to our Brotherhood Chair

Brotherhood Chair: Simon S., MKP Chapter

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 (Wi-mach-ten-dink), Wingolauchsik (Wing-gull-ow-schick), Witahemui (Wit-a-hem-oo-ee)

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

Admonition

As you will learn in the Brotherhood Ceremony, the Admonition has symbolism behind it, part of which means it isn't written in an accessible place. I can recommend you ask someone who is knowledgeable in-person.