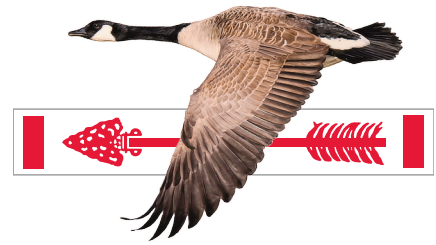


Brotherhood Team, Octoraro Lodge 22, W.W.W.  
**Brotherhood Letter to the Lodge**



In preparation for participating in the Brotherhood ceremony, each Arrowman is asked to write a letter to his lodge. In writing of this letter, he is given an opportunity for **self-reflection** on the path he has taken to get to this point in his *Brotherhood Journey* and to ponder his course forward after sealing his membership in the Order of the Arrow. Please undertake the task of writing this letter with the utmost seriousness.

### Guidelines

The Brotherhood team requests your *Brotherhood letter* conform with the following guidelines:

1. The *Brotherhood letter* form (page 2) is for your convenience, it does **NOT** need to be used.
2. If you prefer not to utilize the *Brotherhood letter* form, please write your letter on 8½ × 11-inch paper. Further, the team requests any paper torn from a spiral notebook have a **neatly** trimmed edge.
3. Please **PRINT** your name and the date on your letter, in addition to your signature.
4. You submit your *Brotherhood letter* to the lodge during the *Brotherhood Experience*. Placing your letter in an envelope is not necessary. You may submit your letter when “signing-up” for Brotherhood during Friday evening registration in Goodman Pavilion, Camp Horseshoe; please place it in the box on the **Brotherhood table** or hand it to a member of the Brotherhood team.
5. Do **NOT** e-mail your Brotherhood letter; **you MUST print a hard copy and sign it.**

Your cooperation is appreciated. *Thank you.*

### Writing Advice (Hints & Tips)

Your *Brotherhood letter* to Octoraro Lodge 22, W.W.W., must address the following points:

- ◆ Explain in your **own** words what you think the *Obligation* means.  
This is not as intimidating as it might initially seem: you are being asked for **YOUR** opinion; therefore, there are neither right nor wrong answers. As you read each phrase of the *Obligation*, think about what that phrase is saying to you, and write down those thoughts. In other words, ask yourself, “What am I promising to do?” Write down your answer to that question. Done!
- ◆ Describe how **you** have been fulfilling the *Obligation* in your troop/crew **AND** in your daily life; and how you have applied your understanding of the “challenges” of the Ordeal as a guide to your actions.  
Your comments should concern both Scouting **AND** non-Scouting aspects of your life. The actions and/or attitudes you describe do **NOT** have to be monumental; more often you are judged on how you accomplish your everyday endeavors, than on how you tackle a few immense tasks. Remember that the Ordeal taught you the importance of **Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service**. Recall the four “challenges” of the Ordeal: How did you overcome those challenges? Have you found yourself in analogous situations since your Ordeal? What did **YOU** do?
- ◆ Tell about your **specific** plans for giving service to Octoraro Lodge 22, W. W. W.  
Ordeal membership entails a commitment to render service to your unit and in your daily life. Brotherhood membership asks for your commitment to the Order of the Arrow and the lodge, **in addition** to your unit and daily life. This commitment does **NOT** need to be overwhelming — in fact, it is not expected to be.

