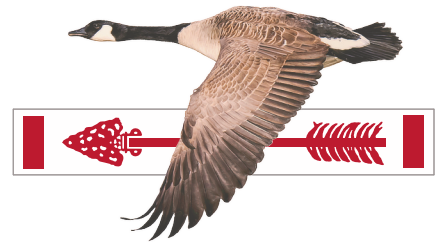


How to Prepare for the *Brotherhood Blitz*



The five (5) preparatory steps listed below **MUST be completed PRIOR** to arrival at the *Brotherhood Blitz*:

1. Ensure that your **lodge dues** are **CURRENT**.

Lodge dues **MUST** be up-to-date (*i.e.*, paid for 2024 or later) to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony.

Note: your induction (Ordeal candidate) fee covered your lodge dues for the calendar year in which you took the Ordeal **plus** the following calendar year (*e.g.*, if you took your Ordeal in 2023, your payment included both your 2023 AND 2024 lodge dues). Afterwards, you need to pay your lodge dues annually.

If you have not already done so, please consider extending your membership by paying your dues for 2025. You can pay your dues online at: octoraro22.org/event-registration

2. Prepare your *Brotherhood totem*.

The *Brotherhood totem* sheet gives all the information you need to accomplish this task.

Please note: you will retain only the shorter end, with the carvings, after the Brotherhood ceremony.

3. Write your *Brotherhood letter* to Octoraro Lodge 22, W.W.W.

The points you must address in your letter, along with guidelines plus writing advice (*i.e.*, hints and tips) are given on the first page of the *Brotherhood letter* sheet. This letter is your chance for self-reflection on the *traditions of the Order of the Arrow* and how you can practice those traditions within Scouting and throughout your daily life. Your letter **must** include your printed name, the date, and your signature.

Do NOT e-mail your letter to the Brotherhood team! Please **PRINT A COPY** and bring it with you to the *Brotherhood Blitz*. You submit it to the lodge during check-in.

4. Do your best to **memorize** the answers to the first four questions of the *Brotherhood Questions & Answers* sheet. Missing a word or two will **NOT** be cause for “failing” the *Brotherhood Review*. Do **not** become distracted by trouble pronouncing the Lenâpé name of our Order; just try your best. You do **not** need to actually sing the song, but you must be able to recite the words.
5. Take some time to **review** the *traditions of the Order of the Arrow* and the history of Octoraro Lodge 22 — the remaining questions on the *Brotherhood Questions & Answers* sheet. You do **not** need to memorize the information but you should be familiar with it. This material will be explored as part of the *Brotherhood Discussion* during the *Brotherhood Experience*.

Eligibility to Participate in the *Brotherhood Blitz*

In order to participate in the *Brotherhood Blitz*, you **MUST** meet the **REQUIREMENTS** for Brotherhood membership:

1. Six (6) months have elapsed since you took the Ordeal.

If you took the Ordeal in June 2024 or earlier, then you are eligible (*provided item 2 below is also met*).

2. Your lodge dues are **paid** for the current year (2024). (*see item 1 at the top of this page.*)