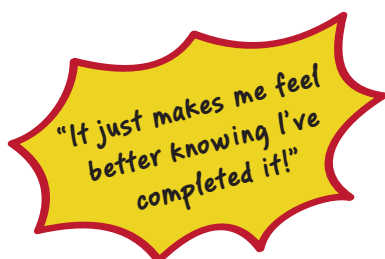




Why should I choose to complete Brotherhood?

- ✦ YOU fulfill the **COMMITMENT** you made during the Ordeal ceremony to *conclude* the induction process that you started when you were called-out as a candidate for the Ordeal!
- ✦ YOU gain further awareness of the Order's purpose.
- ✦ YOU learn the other part of the *Legend*... about Uncas' challenge while helping the Lenâpé force back the fierce marauders.
- ✦ YOU will meet new friends outside your troop/crew.
- ✦ YOU learn the symbolism behind the **two bars** on the Brotherhood sash.
- ✦ YOU discover what "service to others" really means.
- ✦ YOU rededicate yourself to the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.
- ✦ YOU set the example that other Arrowmen should follow.
- ✦ YOU gain a sense of belonging to something greater than yourself.



- ✦ It is a personal growth experience.
- ✦ It teaches the value of leading by example.
- ✦ It renews your enthusiasm for Scouting/Venturing.
- ✦ "It is a rewarding experience!"

Octoraro Lodge 22 needs You!!!

Am I eligible to complete Brotherhood?

If you took your Ordeal during 2025, then you are eligible to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony in 2026. The only other requirement is that your lodge dues are paid for 2026. (Everyone who took the Ordeal during 2025 paid lodge dues for 2026 as part of their Ordeal fee.)

How much does it cost?

There is no additional fee; you paid to **complete Brotherhood** when you paid to take the Ordeal. As stated above, your lodge dues must be current (*i.e.*, paid for 2026). If you have not already done so, please continue your membership in the lodge by paying your lodge dues for 2026. *Thank you.*

2026 Brotherhood Opportunities

The *Brotherhood Experience* and the Brotherhood ceremony will be offered four times in 2026:

- ① April service weekend..... April 24–26, 2026
- ② June service weekend June 5–7, 2026
- ③ September fellowship weekend..... September 25–27, 2026
- ④ *Brotherhood Blitz*..... December 12, 2026

All events will take place at Camp Horseshoe. Choose your opportunity and sign-up online at:

octoraro22.org/event-registration

Adults: Please **set-an-example** for the youth by completing your Brotherhood!!!

What information do I need to prepare for the *Brotherhood Experience*?

All information and paperwork necessary to get ready for completing Brotherhood will be provided by the lodge's Brotherhood team. This material is provided via three communications: a "welcome packet" provided with your *Order of the Arrow Handbook* after the Ordeal ceremony, plus e-mails sent two months and six months after taking the Ordeal. If you mislaid any of these items, you should contact the Brotherhood team to obtain replacement copies. The Brotherhood team can be contacted at: brotherhood@octoraro22.org.

→ Final Thoughts ←

Remember how cheerful you felt on being called-out as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow? Remember how you were referred to as a "friend" at the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, but were called a "brother" at the conclusion of the Ordeal ceremony? Even if you did not realize it, you started upon a journey when you took the Ordeal — the journey to discover the true *Spirit of the Arrow*. However, your journey is **NOT** finished until you have **sealed** your membership in the Order by participating in the Brotherhood ceremony.

The *Brotherhood Experience* will clarify your understanding of the true purpose of the Order of the Arrow. The bars on your new Brotherhood sash will signify your commitment to that purpose. Lastly, by completing Brotherhood you express your gratitude to those who saw your potential and elected you to the Order.