



## 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 2016 or later) to **participate** in the Brotherhood ceremony. If you have not already done so, PLEASE consider extending your membership by paying your dues for 2017.

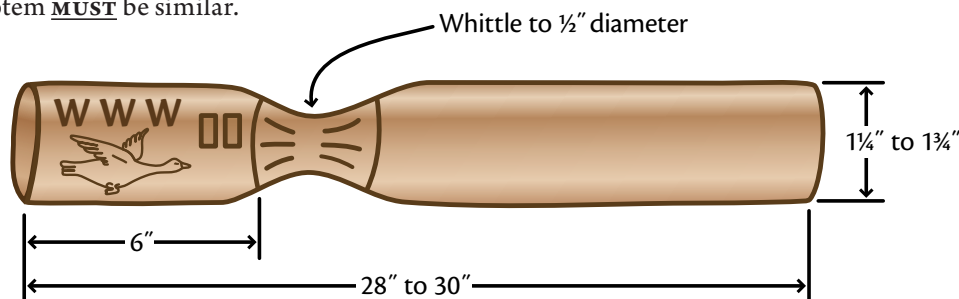
You can check your dues status at: <http://www.octoraro22.org/portal>

You can pay your dues online at: <http://www.octoraro22.org/event-registration>

2. Prepare your *Brotherhood totem* as shown below. The totem **MUST** include:

- ♦ The letters “W.W.W.”;
- ♦ The lodge totem (a flying Canada goose); and
- ♦ The two (2) Brotherhood bars.

Preferably, the above items should be carved into the totem; although, that is not strictly necessary. The totem does **not** need to be very artistic nor look exactly like the picture below. However, the dimensions of your totem **MUST** be similar.



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 second page of the *Brotherhood letter* form. 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. You **MUST** bring a signed copy of your letter to the *Brotherhood Blitz*.

4. Do your best to **memorize** the answers to questions 1, 3, 4 & 5 on the *Brotherhood Questions & Answers* sheet. Missing a word or two will **NOT** be cause for “failing” the *Brotherhood Review*. Do **not** become distracted by an inability to correctly pronounce the Lenâpé name of our Order. Also, 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*.

❖ Thank you for sealing *your* membership in the Order of the Arrow! ❖