

SAMPLE LETTER

Announcing Brotherhood Eligibility

Dear Ordeal Member:

It has been at least 6 months since your induction into Ordeal membership in our Order of the Arrow Lodge. You may now seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony if you have continued faithfully to serve your fellow man and have completed the following requirements:

- Maintained your registered membership in Scouting
- Maintained your registered membership in the Order of the Arrow
- Memorized the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow official song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp, and
- Gained a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed (see “The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal” in the Order of the Arrow Handbook)

It is important not only that you meet the above requirements but that you feel you are prepared for the Brotherhood. Write a letter to the Lodge Secretary expressing your feelings.

In your letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in your service, and
- Describe your specific plans for giving future service to the Lodge program.

With this letter, you should include your advance registration (and fees, if any) for the Brotherhood ceremony in which you will participate.

Your first opportunity will be at the Brotherhood ceremony to be held at (specify place, date and time). If you are prepared now to make this important decision for yourself, we will welcome you at the ceremony. Please let us know of your intention, so preparations can be made for all those who will attend.

Please feel free to contact (insert name) with any questions you may have. He may be reached at (email address) or (phone number).

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