

THE 10 INDUCTION PRINCIPLES

Principle 1-Purpose: The purpose of the induction is to encourage and inspire each candidate to develop firm individual dedication to the ideals of Brotherhood and cheerful service.

Principle 2-Eligibility: The right to earn Ordeal and Brotherhood membership is given only by the Scouts of a candidate's unit during an authorized Order of the Arrow unit election. Only the candidate himself can overrule their decision.

Principle 3-Candidate's Compliance: The candidate has the continuous choice of meeting the tests of the Ordeal to the best of his ability or of withdrawing.

Principle 4-Members' Compliance: All members participating in the induction must respect and comply with the tests of the Ordeal, to the extent allowed by their responsibilities.

Principle 5-Discretion: In cases where the strict application of the tests and requirements of the Induction is not possible, the lodge may choose an alternative that will best preserve the spirit of the induction, and the quality of the candidates' experience.

Principle 6-Importance of the Individual: All actions and procedures must recognize the worth, dignity, and separate identity of the individual and his present or potential ability to govern himself.

Principle 7-Generosity: The attitude of members toward the candidate must be one of acceptance, respect, understanding, sincerity, friendly encouragement, support, and trust.

Principle 8-Focus: Everything in the lodge-created environment must direct the candidate to the central meaning of the induction, and not distract him from it.

Principle 9-Symbolic Progression: No symbol or symbolic procedure should be mentioned or used unless and until it is called for in the authorized ceremonies

Principle 10-Active Membership: Lodge policy must recognize that one who understands the Obligation of the Order and is striving to fulfill it is an active member, and that his dedication in itself accomplishes the major service of the lodge.