

# **BROTHERHOOD OF MEN**

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## **RITE OF PASSAGE**

### **CANDIDATE GUIDE**

Brotherhood of Men: Rite of Passage, Candidate Guide

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## INTRODUCTION

You are about to embark on your own journey into manhood, a journey that will be both exciting and challenging at times but will also be self-rewarding and fulfilling. Right now, you are poised on the verge of gaining a greater level of independence and self-reliance. However, before you take this step into manhood you will need to be prepared and ready to accept greater responsibility and accountability for your decisions and choices. You may have learned how to get a job, pay bills, and provide certain things for yourself, but manhood is much more than that. Once you have passed through into manhood the choices and decisions you make will have a far more reaching impact on the course of your life.

The best way to prepare yourself for manhood is to learn from the men in your life, to hear the stories of their

passage into manhood, and to listen to their ups and downs and the challenges they have faced in life. There is no greater wisdom that you can receive to prepare you for manhood than from the men who have gone before you. A rite of passage is exactly this: the opportunity for you to sit down with the men in your life and allow them to prepare you and equip you for your passage into manhood. There is no greater respect and privilege in your life than to allow the men who love you and care about you to gather around you, celebrate your passage into manhood, and welcome you into the “Brotherhood of Men.”

The *Rite of Passage: Candidate Guide* will prepare you for your rite of passage as well as give you an insight into what to expect. Each chapter will cover in detail the completed rite of passage ceremony and the tokens that will be presented to you during the ceremony, and explain the emblems specifically designed to remind you of the essentials of manhood. Take the time to read through this entire guide so that you are comfortable, ready, and prepared for your rite of passage ceremony.

Your rite of passage is a celebration of your passage into manhood. The men in your life are preparing to honor you and celebrate this moment in your life. It is a time for

the men in your life to share stories, laugh, answer your questions, and confirm and celebrate your achievement. I truly believe if you have prepared yourself and understand the value, benefit, and significance of your passage into manhood, then this day will serve you as one of the most impactful and memorable days you will ever have. Prepare to be welcomed into the Brotherhood of Men.

*To be a man, you need to think like a man.*

