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CU Boulder



Eternal Flame Ceremony in your Lodge

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Meet Your Trainer

- Illinek Lodge
- Quincy, IL
- I helped create this program
- Yes I am a Catholic Priest
- My OA nickname is Fr. Arrowman cause its not far from my last name



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Learning Objectives

1. Understanding the Eternal Flame Ceremony
2. Walk-through of the Ceremony
3. Discussion





1. Understanding the Eternal Flame Ceremony



The Eternal Flame Ceremony

It is a Ceremony that gives lodge members a healthy outlet and opportunity to mourn the death of Scouts and Scouters

You can use the ceremony for a member of any faith background

Those delivering the ceremony do not need religious training, but should understand the reverence for what they do.

Ceremony be found with a simple google search.
<https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/EF-202207.pdf>





2. Walk-through of the Ceremony



The Eternal Flame Ceremony

Set a date and time and location

Enlist members to lead the ceremony and prepare

Announce the Ceremony for Members to Attend

Invite the family of the deceased



The Eternal Flame Ceremony

Order for the Program

Welcome and Invocation

[Leader]

The Order of the Arrow has a story and a history, a legacy as a brotherhood of cheerful service. The Order's story is also the collective story of each of us. Every individual has their own story and history. Just as a thread in the bowstring woven together, we strengthen the legacy of our Order.

We gather now to set aside time to remember our common purpose and the gifts given to us by those who have gone before us. Especially, we remember *[full name(s) of the deceased]* and the legacy of servant leadership that *[he/she/they]* have left to us.

As they fanned the flame in their heart, we light this candle in remembrance of their first spark.

[Leader lights a candle for each individual.]

As we enter into this time, let us pray together in unison.

[All]

Eternal God, we acknowledge the uncertainty of our life on earth. We are given only a handful of days, and our span of life seems nothing in your sight. You alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to trust you when we do not understand

and enable us to continue our shared legacy of service and love. Amen.

Statement of Purpose

[Leader]

For over a century, our Order has been a brotherhood of those Scouts and Scouters committed to living out the Scout Oath and Law in every aspect of life. Thus, it is appropriate that we pause to remember those who have served alongside us and have now passed on. We reverently celebrate the *[life/lives]* of our brother(s) and *[his/her/their]* service to Scouting and to our Order.

Let us remember the words of Meteu in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony:

"We who love the haunts of nature, love the moonlight on the water, love the sunshine on the meadow, love the shadow of the forest, love the wind among the branches ever murmuring, ever sighing, love the rushing of great rivers through their palisades of pine trees, love the thunder in the mountains whose innumerable echoes leap and bound from crag to cliffside heard these admonitions as guidance on our journey through life."

Ideals of the Order

Leader: Let us remind ourselves of the ideals of the Order of the Arrow using this litany of the Obligation of Our Order.

[Lift right hand and give the Scout sign.]

All: I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingo-lauchsik, Witahemui.

Leader: Our traditions are founded upon brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. When we strive to live up to these principles, we live out the Scout Oath and Law.

All: I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, as lasting.

Leader: We are stronger together than we are apart. Brotherhood teaches us to love one another.

All: And will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities.

Leader: Cheerfulness reveals where our hearts are. If we begrudge others or the work we are given to do, our experience becomes darkened. Cheerfulness brings light to the gloomiest of situations.

All: And will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

Leader: It is service that directs us towards our fellows. Only in service do we see true leadership and find strength to face our difficulties.

Celebration of Life

[Leader]

Note: See recommendations in the planning section of this document for guidance on developing this section.

Silent Reflection

[Leader]

Let us now, in reverent silence, center our thoughts.

[Pause for at least a minute of silent reflection.]



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Rededication

[Leader]

Let us stand and rededicate ourselves to our common purpose:

Here we stand in God's cathedral
Surrounded by its majesty.
We who love great vaulting arches,
Love the prairies ever rolling,
Love the tundra and the swampland,
Love the cricket's nighttime chatter,
And the chilling eagle's cry,
Love the peace that flows within us,
Just as sunshine flows through
branches,
Love the beauty of the desert,
Love the redwoods, living relics,
And the sound of utter silence
That can stir one's inward thoughts
To waken dreams mankind can share.
Help us in our present mission
As we strive for greater vision
In a life of cheerful service.

Song of the Order

[Leader]

Let us join hands and sing the Song of Our Order.

Note: Participants may join hands in a circle if conducted in a small group or be instructed to join hands with one's neighbor if conducted in larger groups.

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The Order Of The Arrow Song

Tune: Lvov 1833 Words & Arr.: E. Urner Goodman



Extinguishing of the Candle & Closing

[Leader]

May it be our steadfast purpose, although we extinguish *[this/these]* candle(s) as we leave this gathering, may the legacy *[it/they]* represent(s) glow brighter in our hearts, minds and actions.

[Leader extinguishes the candle(s)]

There should fall a solemn silence o'er the brothers in our circle, for our thoughts should now be centered on the noble goal and purpose that has called us all together. We who love the woods and camping, we who strive in cheerful service, stand together and support each other on our long and toilsome journey.

Appendix: Model Program

For a letter-size piece of paper, folded in half

Front Cover

Eternal Bond Ceremony

[Location]

[Date: Month, Day, Year]

Inside Front Cover

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Closing

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Facing Page (Inside Back Cover)

In Memoriam

[Names of those being remembered]

Back Cover

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is

trustworthy	obedient
loyal	cheerful
helpful	thrifty
friendly	brave
courteous	clean
kind	reverent.

OA Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

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Example Program

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On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

OA Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimahtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

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August 1, 2024
3:00 – 4:00 PM

Eaton Humanities (HUMN)
Room 1805

University of Colorado Boulder



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The Eternal Flame Program has been designed to offer Arrowmen the opportunity to practice reverence in the remembering of Arrowmen who have passed away. This program is an official Order of the Arrow program and should be used in lieu of any previous ceremonies or programs to honor the departed.
You can find the program here:
oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/EF-202207.pdf

In Memoriam

Gene Adams	David Hawley	Louis Romond
Dick Albert	Ernst Heegard	Sean Rowly
Arthur "Buzz" Barr	Dr. Hendricks Sr.	James E. Royal
J.D. Bartlett	David Hofer	Chuck Roydhouse
George Beal	Tristan Howard	Josh Sain
Jake Berglund	James "Jim" G. Howes	Greg Sammel
Jerry W. Bertsch	Emil Huyghebaert	Sam Satterlee
David Blackard	Wayne Jacobsen	Ernie Scardeccio
Robert Bolton Jr.	Dr. Jordan	Jason Scardeccio
Shawn Bowman	Marie Kane	Jerry Schneider
Allen Boyd	Bruce Katz	Gene Schnell
Rex Braun	Michael Kilgore	Harry Schreffler
Bruce Blaine Briggs	Eric Kingery	Jim Scott
Wayne Leroy Brown	Joseph Randolph "Randy" Kirby	Richard "Dick" Shelton
Franklin Brtva	Kenneth "Kenny" Kleinberg	Bob Smith
LaDonna Buchman	Richard "Rick" Kolar	Glenn Elwood Smith
Thomas Ralph Bullock Jr.	John Larney	Nicholas A. Smith
Lawrence Camp	Paula Ledgerwood	Rochelle "Rockie" Smith
Terry Bruce Childress	Robert "Just Bob" Lemmerman	Willard Smith
Irene Church	Sue Lindstrom	Kent Smith Jr.
Brandon Clary	Abit Massey	John Sniogowski Sr.
Ritchie Clem	Tristan McBroom	Robert Gordon Sox
Jack Ray "Jay" Clement II	Kevin Mikrit	Max Spellecy
Chris Clenk	Jon Mindrum	Joel Stagg
Chris D'Andrea	Richard Morris	Zoe Stagg
Jorge De La Torre Sr.	Becky Mulkey	Jarron Stagg
Louis J. De Luna	Chuck Mullins	Michael Stanilla Jr.
Michael John De Luna	Deborah Mundell	JD Stark
Brad DeFranceschi	Christine Odell	Rodney Strube
Arnie Dewire	Kristina Olbrych	Robert "Sweet Old Bob" Swartzel
Gordon W. Draper	Bob Olenick	Adam Taft
RD Duncan	Gerald Lee Pence	Keith A. Tapscott
Donald H. "B3ar" Ellis	Joe Perry	James Tarbutton Jr.
Raymond S. Ellis	Remy Pettingill	G. Michael Teal
Don Ellison	Bobby Pierce	Scott Thiessen
Ronald A. Emery	Jason Ray Price	John Charles Tucker
Tom Ervin	John Michael Purvis	Larry Tucker
Richard Fore	Trey Raihle	Russ Turner
Joshua D. Forrest	Melvin Reece	Mark Vanham
Thomas R. Fournier	Robert Reich	Bill Vanhoy
Mike George	Brian Reuss	Thomas "Tom" Gene Vannoy
William Greir	Robert L. Rhoads Jr.	David Vaughn
Howard Griffith	Monroe Rhodes	Jim Vitus
Larry Cotton Grona	Robert Richardson	Roger Volrath
Donald J. Haertel	Stuart K. Richmond III	Tracy Wiggan
Harold Hanna	Frannie Rigler	Howard Wolkow
Keith Harbol	Susan Rodgers	Tyler Wright
Todd Hatfield	Randy Joe Rogers	Jon Young





3.

Discussion



Takeaway Challenge

Plan an Eternal Flame Ceremony in your Lodge to memorialize deceased members

