

CLOSING CEREMONY-OPTION 1

Required Materials:

- Allowat Sakima, Meteu and Kichkinet in costume



PREPARATION

Standard Preparation for any Ceremony done in the Order of the Arrow.

SESSION NARRATIVE

(The three characters enter and stand before the Arrowmen. Allowat Sakima is standing in the center facing the audience, Meteu on his right and Kichkinet on his left.)

Kichkinet: Once again, we come before you brothers. We have learned of your work to become leaders of our Brotherhood. Once again, I am here to render my guidance to you.

Meteu: Leadership is in itself an Ordeal and you will discover more rocky summits within you, more than you found in your climb of the trail.

Allowat Sakima: My Brothers, there is no higher honor than being chosen to lead those elected to our Brotherhood in order to lead. It is a great responsibility in the undertaking, but the rewards can and will exceed material worth. Brother Meteu, will you strengthen our spirits for the reception of further knowledge.

Meteu: We who bear the obligation
of the Order of the Arrow
Now in silent meditation
Mindful of our high tradition
And pondering that which is our added purpose,
Pledge ourselves to cheerful leadership.
This our purpose and intent,
Mark with silence, reverent.

(Allow about a minute for reflection)

Kichkinet: Think back, allowing your mind to find your memories of the Ordeal. Do you recall me? I labored with you, ate with you, and was silent with you. Was I not in a sense your leader? A vital aspect of leadership is leading by example. When you make a decision and then work to create the end result yourself, others are encouraged. Your Brothers will see you are willing to labor with them, so they will readily help you at your request. If you set the example as a leader, others will notice and follow your actions. Always remember that your actions, decisions and vocalizations are apt to be heard by all you lead, so you must strive to use the tools of leadership you were provided this weekend. The new Ordeal of leadership you should fear not, because I will be with you each step of the way, embedded in the new knowledge you have gained this weekend.

Allowat Sakima: Brother Meteu, will you pass on your knowledge of leadership to these new leaders.

Meteu: Since Kichkinet hath lead you back through the vaulted isles of memory, I will also begin there. Recall the legend, the story I gave to you about the founding of our order. I can still see it clear, like a new spring day. Old Chief Chingachgook and noble Uncas, together traversing the trail to warn our brethren of the invaders. Along the way, they discovered others who were willing to spend themselves in serving others. Our Order was founded by leaders who believed that leadership came in serving others. That thought is what you must now follow. Leadership is helping, assisting, guiding and counseling those who elected you. Your role is to help your Brothers grow, to keep them safe and on the path to the top. Serving other can be arduous labor; however you must remain cheerful, for leadership brings another new set of trials and tribulations. I implore you to labor just as hard as your brothers, that in that service your leadership will grow, as the fire in their hearts will as well.

Allowat Sakima: Your current undertaking hath given you the tools of leadership. However, now that you begin you climb on the leadership trail, there is no going back. From now on, you are always the leader, you will never stop. You are the first to ease the burden, the last to have it lifted. You are a listener, a thinker and a friend. Like the lead wolf of a pack, you must have strength, wisdom, knowledge and cunning. You were drawn by the fittest of the arrows in the quiver; you are the first shaft of the hunter. While it bears a deep responsibility, does not the first arrow of the hunter give the hunter his reward? You will find that as your leadership style grows and you succeed at your tasks, you will feel a true feeling of Brotherhood in yourself and those you lead. I wish you the best of luck in you undertaking and look forward to your success. Brother Meteu, will you strengthen the all our spirits for this task at hand?

Meteu: There should fall a solemn silence,
 O'er the brothers in our circle
 For our thoughts should now be centered
 On that noble goal and purpose
 That hath called us together.
 Leadership is the work that lies ahead of us
 We face a new Ordeal in this work
 But with strong knowledge
 And guidance from our maker,
 Our goal and purpose are clear.
 This our purpose and intent,
 Mark with silence, reverent.

(Allow about a minute for reflection)

Kichkinet: You have completed your training and so are now ready to be the leaders of leaders. Your new position comes with great responsibility and reward. I have known my task for years and hope you find the grace in guiding those whom you serve.

Allowat Sakima: Come, let us sing the song of our Order and by doing so, and reaffirm our commitment to leadership in the Order of the Arrow.

(Make the circle, join hands and sing the song of the Order.)

Now, let us welcome the newest leaders of our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

APPENDIX: SOURCE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

Order of the Arrow Guide to Inductions

Order of the Arrow Ordeal Ceremony