

TU-CUBIN-NOONIE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

EAGLE FEATHER PRESENTATION

KICHKINET:

The _____ CHAPTER of the TU-CUBIN-NOONIE LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW takes pleasure in being here this night to honor those in your troop who have excelled and earned scouting's most prestigious award, the Eagle Rank.

(Medicine Man slowly walks in, takes his place behind the fire)

MEIEU:

Tonight the GREAT CHIEF wishes to address his braves and give them a challenge to test their bravery, loyalty, and courage; for the time is drawing near when he will leave his people to go dwell with his ancestors.

(Chief steps from behind the curtains as if coming from his tepee)

ALLOWAT SAKIMA:

When the sun appears in the eastern sky, I ask that all young braves climb the distant peak, and bring back some symbol showing me the height you have reached. All braves must return before the sun sets in the western sky.

(Braves exit)

(NUTIKET enters and begins to talk to the Chief)

NUTIKET:

Most of the braves have returned, but there are three who have not returned. The sun is nearing the western horizon.

(Brave 1 comes in from the audience or side of stage)

(All Braves enter from the same place)

BRAVE 1:

GREAT CHIEF, I have climbed the mountain as far as I could. I bring you a BRANCH FROM THE PINE TREES I found there.

(Brave 2 enters after Brave 1 finishes)

BRAVE 2:

GREAT CHIEF, as evidence of my climb, I have returned with this SHALE ROCK. I could climb no further in the loose rock.

(Brave 3 enters after Brave 2 finishes)

BRAVE 3:

O GREAT CHIEF, I bring you this **FEATHER**, from the **NEST OF THE EAGLE**, as evidence of the climb I made, to the top of the mountain.

(Chief extends hand and touches shoulder of Brave 3)

ALLOWAT SAKIMA:

You have completed your challenge. You will sit at my **RIGHT HAND** in council meetings. Your bravery has taken you through the oak brush, great quaking aspen, lodge pole pine, and over the shale, beyond the timberline, in quest of your goal. Only at the mountain's top can you reach the nest of the Great Eagle. Well done my brother. Others will follow your steps, for they see the Great Eagle feather can only be obtained by perseverance, loyalty, hard work, and endurance.

KICHKINET:

On behalf of the **TU-CUBIN-NOONIE LODGE** of the **ORDER OF THE ARROW**, we of the _____ **CHAPTER** take pleasure in presenting (this/these) **EAGLE FEATHER(s)** to _____.

(Call out each Eagle Scout. Braves escort them to stand before the Chief)

ALLOWAT SAKIMA:

Take this (these) feather(s) and go forth in humility. Remember your challenge, how you conquered and won, for this is only the first step of your quest, toward the bonnet of manhood.

MEIEU:

I now challenge you to go forth. Add more feathers to your bonnet. Continue to master life, with its adventures in learning. Continue to grow as you blaze the trail to becoming a truly **GRAND CHIEF** – a full-fledged man.

BRAVE 1:

Now you have received your Eagle, I challenge you to live with honor, according to the scouting ideals.

BRAVE 2:

The brave in this story had the courage to reach the top. I now challenge you with the courage to live according to the Scout Oath and Law.

BRAVE 3:

The third brave showed that he was loyal to his tribe. Therefore, I challenge you to be loyal, in all your dealings with your fellow man. This brave also demonstrated he would serve his tribe. I now charge you to serve your God, your Country, and your fellow man.

MEIEU:

And now as you receive your Eagle Feather, we your brothers in cheerful service, come to give you these four charges: live with **HONOR** never failing, and have the **COURAGE** to do what is right. Be **LOYAL** to your brothers, and strive to give **CHEERFUL SERVICE**.

(The Eagle Feather is now given to the new Eagle Scout(s) by Meteu)

NUTIKET:

Let us once more listen to the **GREAT CHIEF**.

(Chief holds hands toward the sky and looks into the heavens)

ALLOWAT SAKIMA:

Brothers you should give heed to the Great Spirit, whose breaths gives life to all the world. You need his strength and wisdom. He will make your eyes clear, to behold the red and purple sunset, your ears sharp, so you may

hear his voice. He will make you wise, so you may learn the things he has taught your people. He will give you strength, no to be superior to your brothers, but be able to conquer your greatest enemy – yourself. Stay ever ready to come to him with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, your spirit will go to him without shame.

KICHKINET:

This concludes our presentation this evening. From the **GREAT CHIEF**, and all of his braves, we thank you for allowing us to come. We look forward to returning soon, to again honor those in your troop who have preformed their task well, and merit this special recognition.

(Curtains slowly close, or Chief and others exit)

Eagle Court of Honor

This ceremony is appropriate if the Eagle Candidate is an active member of the Order of the Arrow.

SETTING:

A ceremonial campfire as a backdrop. Six Indians enter either in silence or chanting in a low voice from backstage or from the rear of the audience if no stage is available. The four winds stand on one side, Allowat Sakima is at center stage, and Kichkinet off to the side near the candidate.

CEREMONY:

ALLOWAT: I have led my braves to the summit of this mountain in a long journey from our camp to show you the rewards of your climb along the trail. When you began this trip as a young Boy Scout of many years ago you had this mountain top as your goal. You now have reached the summit, the realm of the Eagles. Before admitting you into honored membership, we must first hear the story of your long climb along the Eagle trail.

KINET: This Scout, after reaching the First Class rank, has worked diligently and has sought experts who gave him valuable counsel on many subjects. He has been given advice and encouragement along the trail by capable leaders.

ALLOWAT: Before admitting this Scout to the realm of the Eagles, I must have assurance that he has been faithful in serving his troop. Also, has he put into practice giving leadership to younger Scouts, and that he is entitled to wear the wings of the Eagle. Mr. Scoutmaster, has your Eagle candidate met these qualifications?

SCOUTMASTER: Yes, he has.

ALLOWAT: Scout [Scout's name], you have worked hard to achieve the rank of Eagle, but listen first to the wisdom of the winds.

EAST WIND: I am the spirit of the East Wind. I represent the common law, your duty to God and to country. Trustworthy, loyal, and helpful, are the

qualities that a man must possess who lives by the laws of this land. See that you do not lose the great blessing of a lawful land.

WEST WIND: As the spirit of the West Wind. I represent the law of equity, your duty to country and others, friendly, courteous, and kind are the laws that breathe of conscience. They create the atmosphere that comes from within your heart; the desire for you always to be friends to those of all ages, young and old. Be courteous to those who pass along your trail. Cast away the harmful spirit of the unfriendliness and selfishness.

SOUTH WIND: I am the spirit of the South Wind. I represent civil law, your duty to others and to self. Obedient, cheerful and thrifty are the character of civility. A life of cheerful obedience is necessary for the development of a true citizen. Obedience is something we all must learn, to take orders and carry them out cheerfully. Real thrift means earning, spending wisely and saving, and to share with that less fortunate.

NORTH WIND: I am the spirit of the North Wind, the most powerful of all, I represent the divine law, your duty to be brave, clean, and reverent. To be brave is to be unselfish. To be clean in body and soul is to be pure in heart. Cast from your mind and body any evil spirits that try to weaken or destroy the divine law, live a life of reverence. Be always brave, clean, and reverent.

ALLOWAT: Through your climb up the Scouting trail, the badges have changed as your abilities grew. One pledge remained unchanged, the Scout Oath. Is there any reason why you as a new Eagle cannot renew this promise which you first made as a new Scout.

CANDIDATE: No.

ALLOWAT: Then please stand and with the Scout sign, recite the Scout Oath, slowly and clearly.

CANDIDATE: (Repeat the Scout Oath slowly.)

ALLOWAT: Scouting has been a great influence in your life. It has supplemented the effect of your home, your church, and your school. You climbed through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.

KINET: Then additional merit badges allowed you to be a Star Scout, while still more and harder ones found you wearing the heart of a Life Scout. More time and harder requirements found you adding to your qualifications until now you have reached the highest rank in the Scouting movement, the Eagle Rank.

ALLOWAT: Without the love and guidance of understanding parents, a boy is severely handicapped. Your parents have watched you grow and develop. They have worked with you in health, nursed you in sickness, guided your thoughts and actions, and helped you in untold ways. Your Adult Leaders have been a strength to lean on. One of them was always there in times of trouble and for help. Your home influence will last throughout your life. I ask your parents to stand beside you as a symbol that they will continue to help the young Eagle to grow in the qualities of leadership and citizenship

that a true Eagle must have.

(The four winds escort the parents to the candidate's side.)

KINET: As a token of your willingness to continue your support for this young Eagle, I ask Mrs. _____ to pin the Eagle badge on your son.

Eagle Scout [Scout's name], you have seen that your mother plans to standby you in the future. Do you now promise to do your best as an Eagle Scout?

CANDIDATE: Yes.

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Mr. _____: (Any of the many charges may be used.)

(When the charge is finished, the four winds step up to the new Eagle Scout, one at a time, and tap him on the right shoulder three times, as Mr. _____ reads.)

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Will the audience please rise.

(KICKINET, and the FOUR WINDS raise both their hands.)

We now call upon the Great Spirit of all, for his blessing on this new Eagle Scout. May he always strive to attain the noblest and highest ideals of life. Be his strength and his guide. Cause him to follow a straight trail and to never be a reason for other Scouts to waver from their path. Protect him for many moons to come. May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until our trails cross again.

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Order of the Arrow Ceremony , 4 winds Eagle Ceremony

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EAGLE FEATHER CEREMONY

PACH-QU-OON-QUIP CHAPTER **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

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This ceremony requires 4 ceremony figures, the chief, medicine man, guard, and guide.

For mood it would be best to have a war drum beating a slow single step beat for mood at the beginning and at the end.

Meteu: (Enters the area and quietly assumes the center of the area where the ceremony is to be presented.) O Great Spirit, hear us now as we call upon you. Lend us power as we attend to this endeavor. Help us to honor him who has achieved the right of honor at this time.

(Pause for moment of silence)

Many moons ago, you began a quest, one of knowledge and physical endurance. Tonight, we of the Order of the Arrow, are here to pay honor to you with your attainment of the Eagle Rank in Boy Scouting, the goal of that quest.

Tonight you will be addressed by 4 people, each with accolades and a challenge, listen to them carefully for their words are of great worth.

Allowat Sakima: (Enters the area and stands to the Meteu' left.) Long ago, you began your quest in Scouting, seeking perhaps this goal, and perhaps another, but the paths you have traveled brought us before you this night. Your path began in Cub Scouting, where you learned the importance of following your leaders and of the cherished gift of knowledge. There you took upon yourself an important promise and learned an important law.

Nutiket: (Enters just far enough to be in the area)

I, Nutiket, promise to do my best, To do my Duty to God and my Country, To help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack.

Kitchkinet: (Enters the area and stands by Nutiket.)

The Cub Scout follows Akella.

The Cub Scout helps the Pack go.

The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives good will.

Allowat Sakima: The promise and law were designed to help you to begin to understand your position in the world and of your importance to your Pack and later to your Troop. These were given to help you find the path to where you are now, and to help you begin to acquire the character traits that have made you who you are now.

Nutiket: As a Cub Scout, you promised to do your best, to make yourself better than the average. You promised to do your duty to your God and your country and thus to learn to serve your fellow man as best you could. You then promised again to help other people and be their strength when they had none.

Kitchkinet: You then said you would obey the Law of the Pack. There you promised to follow your leader, to help other Cub Scouts in your Pack, to accept the help of others in your Pack and to always be willing to go the extra distance for them.

Meteu: As you traveled through Cub Scouting, you learned to trust in your leaders and then in others as they taught you to better yourself and gain knowledge that would propel you further into Scouting experience.

Allowat Sakima: Upon entering Boy Scouting, you took upon yourself another promise and another Law that would further help you in your quest by giving you higher standards than before and thus require you to reach a bit higher.

Nutiket: (Entering further until he stands on the Chief' left side.)

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.

Kitchkinet: (Enters further and stands on Meteu' right.)

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Meteu: Again you promised much of what you had in the past as a Cub Scout, but now it is on your Honor. Your honor is greater than you may realize. It is who you are, it is what others think you are, it is that which allows others to truly trust you and your word. It is your binding promise and means that if you break it, you are breaking a sacred trust that others believed they could rely upon.

Kitchkinet: You also promised to help other people at all times, not when it suits you. You have promised to put the needs of others higher than you own, to aid them, assist them, and to guide them.

Nutiket: You also promised to keep yourself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. You have promised to make yourself better than the crowd. To make yourself strong of body and thus be ready physically to help another. To keep yourself mentally aware, and thus be able to see when others need help. And lastly to keep the highest of moral standards for only then can you assist another with a clear conscience knowing that God is on your side.

Allowat Sakima: The Boy Scout Law is a set of virtues to live your life by and if you keep them, you will better serve your fellow man by freeing up your mind and soul.

Kitchkinet: You promised to be Helpful, Friendly, and Cheerful. By doing such, you will find those in need and gladly give service to them.

Nutiket: You promised to be Brave, Courteous, and Kind. By doing such, you will help others when others may not feel safe to do so, and will look for chances for this service to occur.

Meteu: You promised to be Obedient, Clean, and Reverent. Only by keeping these virtues can you hope to help another when all around you seems lost, helpless, and God-less in this world.

Allowat Sakima: You finally promised to be Trustworthy, Loyal, and Thrifty. Only if another can trust you, know that you will keep their confidence, and will remain within your means can you truly become their rock and strength.

Kitchkinet: Remember that this Eagle is not only given for what you have done, but for what you are about to do. Be the friend of the new scout teaching him to look to you for guidance and help.

Nutiket: Remember that this Eagle obligates you to a life of service, higher service than those around you. Be aware of how you can help another, and be there when your brother needs you.

Meteu: Remember that this Eagle mandates that you live a life of the highest moral standards. Do not let down your guard, keep your morals high and then you can truly serve your God.

Allowat Sakima: Finally, this Eagle should cause you to always serve your country. Seek to serve and lead. Long ago, you started in Scouting, and with each rank advancement, the badge changed slightly. Now your badge will change no more, for you have reached the nest of the Eagles, there to soar and lead. Congratulations.