

Ordeal Members - Seal Your Membership in the Order

...by *Dustin Giddings, Lodge Secretary*

Good day fellow Arrowman. The Spring Event is approaching faster than you can believe. It is my duty as secretary of the lodge to encourage you to attain full membership in the Order by taking the Brotherhood ceremony at the Spring Event. Taking the Brotherhood seals your membership in the order and shows you want to better the lodge.

If you took the Ordeal last fall you will be receiving a written invitation from me to come to the Spring Event to complete the Brotherhood. If you took your Ordeal prior to last fall and have not yet taken the Brotherhood, you will not receive a letter, but I encourage you also to attend and participate.



Time To Prepare For Spring and Summer Ceremonies

...by *Brian McMichen, Lodge Ceremonies Chairman*

The Spring Event is just around the corner and Elangomats are still needed. This is a great opportunity for reflection on the meaning of the Ordeal as well as the Order of the Arrow, and a great way to get involved in the lodge. Anyone interested in being an Elangomat should contact the ordeal chairman, Randy Sherer, or your Chapter Chief or Vice Chief.

All members of the ceremonies teams are expected to be practicing their parts. If anyone is interested in performing a ceremony, the part of Nutiket still needs to be filled in the Brotherhood ceremony and we could always use backups in case of unexpected circumstances.

Nimats are also needed for the Spring Event. Last Spring the number of Arrowmen taking the Brotherhood was 54. That large number, which the Brotherhood Chairman hopes to match this year, will necessitate 9 Nimats for the clans. This should be easy to fulfill if the Elangomats from last year's Spring and Fall events realize that this is the first time their clan members can take the Brotherhood and they fulfill the promise to see their clan through.

Interviews for Brotherhood will be held in the afternoon on Saturday of the Spring Event and the Brotherhood ceremony will be held later that evening, before the Ordeal ceremony.

The Call-out ceremonies are also coming up quickly. These will be held on the Friday evenings of all three weeks of Boy Scout camp: June 18, June 25, and July 2. The ceremonies will begin as close to 7:00 PM as possible and should be over by 9:00. There will be a meeting at camp each of those Fridays right after lunch to find guides and runners for the night's ceremony.

All lodge regalia will be stored at the OEC

from now on. If anyone has any lodge regalia it needs to be returned to the OEC immediately. Anyone wishing to check-out lodge regalia must contact the Ceremonies Chairman or Ceremonies Adviser at least one week ahead of time.



Arrowmen learn about and build Native American regalia at the Regalia Extravaganza.

