

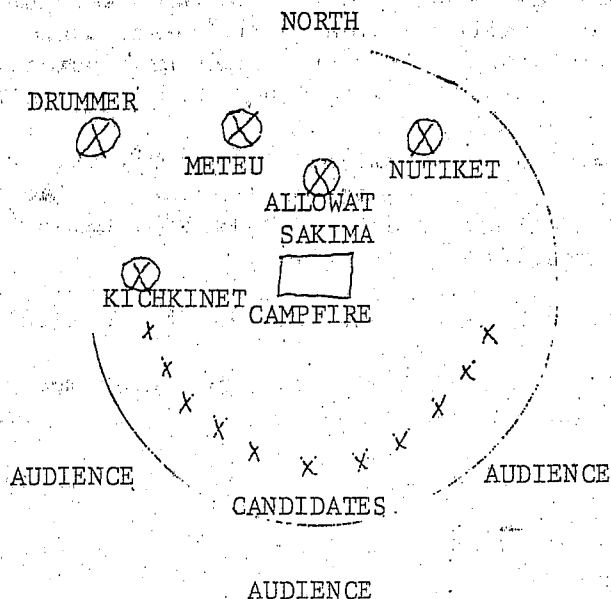
EL-KU-TA LODGE  
ORDER OF THE ARROW

## WELCOME CEREMONY FOR NEW MEMBERS

Scene Any building or outdoors where it is dark or can be darkened.

Parts Allowat Sakima, Meteu, Nutiket and Kichkinet in full costume as in the Tap-out ceremony. Drummer ready in costume.

## Lay-out



## Procedure

Lights are dimmed and artificial campfire is lit, if inside a building. Outdoors, the campfire is lit. Parents and others are seated in a semi-circle facing north around the campfire. When ready, Allowat Sakima, followed by Meteu and Nutiket enter and take their places in the opening of the circle with their backs to the audience facing north. Drummer should have started his beating when Allowat Sakima first comes in. Drummer keeps beating until the candidates are seated.

Kichkinet leads in the candidates and seats them in front of the parents facing north and on the south side of the campfire.

Allowat Sakima is the first to speak. He turns around to do so and the Drummer stops. When all speaking parts have finished, each stays turned around facing south.

## Allowat Sakima

That you, my fellow campers, have been chosen by your companions to become members of our Order reflects great credit upon you, and I congratulate you upon your election. You have impressed upon those who have lived closest to you the sincerity of your purpose to live in accordance with the high ideals of the Scout Oath or Promise. The judgement of your fellows can hardly have been mistaken. In a short time, you will take upon yourselves another solemn obligation to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. Your fellow Scouts elected you because they felt that you would continue your service. Do not let them down.

Meteu (Turns around) My brothers in the Order, you have proven during the past year that the traditions of our Brotherhood are not a collection of meaningless words. As we welcome these new candidates on our journey, let us be mindful of our obligation to help and guide them during the trials that lie ahead.

Nutiket (Turns around) I, Nutiket, the Guard of this circle, welcome you, my brother Scouts. I commend your desire to enter our brotherhood and to give of yourselves in cheerful service to others. You have been chosen by your brother Scouts because of your past service. More unselfish service will be required of you in the years ahead. In Scouting, in your church and school, in your chosen profession, and in your home. The trail you now start upon is long and hard, but full of happiness.

Allowat Sakima May you go now with a determination to carry out your resolve to give cheerful service to your troop and to others. Let us join hands while we sing the song of our Order. Afterwards, Meteu will give the closing prayer and a blessing on the refreshments.

Sing Song. Invite all present to join in the circle.

Meteu Gives a prayer asking that the new candidates may give cheerful service and have a greater desire to serve others, and blessing on food.

Allowat Sakima Brother Kichkinet, guide these, our brothers, in safety until we meet again.

Kichkinet Leads the candidates around the north side of the campfire. They shake hands with Allowat Sakima, Meteu and Nutiket, using the Scout handclasp. After the handshaking, Kichkinet leads them out of the circle. Allowat Sakima and the others leave by another way. Drummer beats during all this.

Lights are turned on and the audience is invited to eat the refreshments.

The candidates come back in, along with the speaking part actors. A question and answer session could be held now while eating.