

2017 Ceremonies Weekend Training List

Developing your Principal

These will be a group discussions lead-into the weekend's exciting activities beginning on Friday night following check-in. Session will allow each Arrowmen to get to know Ceremonialists throughout the Section who personify the same principal(s). The participants will be assembled into principal-specific groups. Group leaders will facilitate the conversations. Participants can move around to different discussion to explore other principals as well. Discussions might include what qualities and techniques you use to embody **your** Principal in your own way. Sharing your ideas and techniques with other and listening to theirs is the goal of this session. Don't be surprised if seasoned ceremonialists, coaches, evaluators, trainers or even developers of the ceremonies drop-in on your group's discussion.

Open to ceremonialist of all levels.

Introduction to Ceremonies

This session will use the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies to introduce the basic foundation of our ceremonies function, as well as the principles and their tests. It will also cover some of the successful methods and procedures critical for properly understanding and learning ceremonies. Leaders will show that ceremony ideals are easy to understand with a little study, and the more work a ceremonialist puts into learning about the ceremonies, the more the candidates will benefit from their presentation. Experienced ceremonialists and coaches will discuss basic ways to gain further knowledge in an effective way.

Open to ceremonialist of all levels and those just interested in gaining a better understanding of our Order's ceremonies.

Effective Ceremonial Presence

This session will aid in understand the importance of knowing and effectively embodying the Principals. After all the goal of a ceremonialist is to "share the gift of the Admonition with candidates". Experienced ceremonialists will exemplify how to personify your principal through voice, presence, and motion- the way ceremonialists inspire candidates and help them gain a deeper understanding of the ceremonies and our Order. NOAC ceremonialists and evaluators will discuss the characteristics found in effective ceremonies which inspire candidates and our fellow Arrowmen.

Open to ceremonialist of all levels. Ceremonialists who seek to improve their presentation skills may also benefit from understanding the basic traits that evaluators are looking for in great ceremonialists who can connect with their candidates.

Ceremonies Crafting

This session will focus on crafting for ceremonies- regalia as well as support pieces. Every great ceremonialists must "live the principal" but to aid candidates in understanding many of the symbols and meanings of the ceremonies, visual aids play a vital part. From beading to leatherwork, NOAC AIA presenters will share techniques and practices that will help your team wow in the ring!

Open to ceremonialist of all levels. Ceremonialists who seek to build or improve their resources will benefit from understanding the basic how-to of great ceremonialists regalia and how it can connect aid ceremonialists to catch the imagination of their candidates.



How to run an effective Ceremony Program

This session will be a round table discussion sharing ideas for assembling, teaching, and managing a successful ceremonies environment in your lodge and chapter. The presenters will share their experiences focusing on inspiring and recruiting Arrowmen to get involved in ceremonies, different positions and levels of responsibility for providing candidates with a great ceremony, how to assemble and coach a team of principals, how to provide continuing education and advancement for your team of principals as well as fire tenders, coaches, and advisors (today a fire tender- tomorrow Meteu-and the next day a seasoned section evaluator), how to develop a practice regiment that works for individuals and the team, and how to keep bringing in new talent while keeping experienced talent around.

Specific for seasoned ceremonialists, Ceremonies Chairmen and CVCs, coaches, advisors, and Lodge leadership. This session will provide a road map for Lodges who feel they need to “establish” a ceremonies program in their lodge or chapter as well as those who are just looking to take their ceremonies program to the next level.

Peeling the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Onion- starting from the first layer

This session will dive deeper into the basis symbolism and purpose of Pre-Ordeal ceremony, and the role of the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony in the induction to the Order of the Arrow. This session will aid Brothers on how to start to analyze the ceremony and interpret the text for themselves.

Open to ceremonialist of all levels but will mainly be addressed to those Arrowmen new to understanding the Order’s ceremonies. Arrowmen who seek to be introduced to the multiple layers of the ceremonies starting with the Pre-Ordeal, will benefit greatly to this “101” course as it will help to establish a further foundation to build upon during the weekend and all along the Arrowman’s Quest. Learn the Principals movement and basic symbolism in this introductory session.

The Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Onion- layer after layer

This session will build upon the basis symbolism and purpose of the ceremony learned in “Peeling the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony Onion”. It will take Arrowmen deeper into the understanding of Symbolism providing a deeper understanding the will benefit all ceremonialists as they seek to “give the gift of the Admonition” to each candidate and Arrowman. A stronger understanding of the Pre-Ordeal is the basis of further understanding of all the Order’s ceremonies.

Open to ceremonialist of all levels but will mainly be addressed to those Arrowmen seeking deeper understanding of the Order’s ceremonies.

Inside the Ordeal Ceremony

This session will dive into the specifics of the Ordeal ceremony. Participants will gain further insight how this ceremony layout The Ordeal. Guiding participants through extracting meaning from various components of The Ordeal, will aid in a better understanding of the meaning of The Ordeal and how an Arrowman begins his Quest. This session will dive deeper into the Ordeal ceremony, and the role of The Ordeal in the induction process in the Order of the Arrow. It will aid Brothers on how to analyze the ceremony and interpret the text for themselves.

Open to ceremonialist of all levels but will mainly be addressed to those Arrowmen seeking deeper understanding of the Order’s ceremonies.



Diving into the Symbolism of the Brotherhood -The Tale of Uncas

This session will begin by explaining how the Brotherhood Ceremony guides Arrowmen to live as Brothers. Participants learn how to effectively conduct the Brotherhood Ceremony. Presenters will guide you through an analysis of the ceremony and equipped you with knowledge gained from the text of the Brotherhood Ceremony. The goal of this session will be enable all Arrowmen to fully understand and implement TRUE Brotherhood both within the Order and in our daily lives.

Open to ceremonialist and Arrowmen who have sealed their membership and want to gain further knowledge into the Brotherhood.

Deeper meaning of the Vigil Challenge

This session will begin with a brief history of the Vigil Ceremony. It will address some of the symbolism of the ceremony and how Arrowmen can use its' guidance in the walk of a Vigil. The main focus of this session will enable Vigil members to reflect back on their own Vigil and the universal Challenge that is revealed in helping others along their journey.

This session is specifically for Vigil Members.

Ceremony Evaluating/Coaching

This session is designed for advisers, coaches, and seasoned ceremonialists with an interest in helping ceremonialists grow in their ability to critically review and improve on their own presentation. This course will teach both new and experienced ceremonies advisers, coaches, and seasoned ceremonialists how to fulfill the basic ceremonial evaluating process and will inform adult leaders on key points that will help them advise their Lodge's Ceremonialists.

Good for Adult Brothers in our Order.

Round Table Discussions

There will be a couple Round Table discussions after each of the meals. Discussion topics will include: Leadership through Ceremonies.