

**TAP OUT CEREMONY
TELLA QUALLA BOUNDARY CHAPTER
EGWA TAWA DEE LODGE 129
ORDER OF THE ARROW**

SCENE: Campfire burns low and controlled with no artificial lights. If indoor ceremony is required a facsimile campfire is used.

All units are assembled SOUTH of the campfire well back from the character positions. The SIGN brings quiet to the group and the characters enter from the NORTHWEST off stage and position as follows facing the fire: A=north / M= west / K=east / N = south.

From off stage NORTH a strong voice comes from the darkness:

VOICE: The Order of the Arrow, a Brotherhood of Honor Campers, the National Honor Society of Scouting, has, since 1915, called upon those who were not members to select from their ranks Scouts and Scouters to be given the opportunity for induction into the Order of the Arrow.

Only those who meet our requirements and best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives can be proposed for membership. Those few most willing to serve the interests of others and ask nothing in return can be so honored by their peers.

Each year a few so selected are brought before our Brotherhood to prove their willingness to serve others and in so doing earn the right to wear the emblem of our Honored Brotherhood – the Order of the Arrow Sash.

Take heed all you who this night hear my words-make no mistake-to be called forth is an honor bestowed on very few – to earn the Sash of the Order of the Arrow, an honor even higher still. Remain silent as the Brothers of Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge 129 Call forth from your ranks those whom you have proposed worthy for membership in our Brotherhood of Cheerful Service – The Order of the Arrow.

ACTION: Characters take three steps backward and turn in unison to face the assembly. Once in position a pause (three – five count) is held before characters speak.

METEU:

Mighty Chief Allowat Sakima I have heard the voice carried on the North wind clearly and the message is the lifeblood of our Order. There are those without our circle who have been chosen by their fellow Scouts as worthy for membership in the Order of the Arrow. I ask you to send our guide Brother Kichkinet to escort these honored candidates before you for further instruction as Brother Nutiket calls them forth.

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ALLOWAT:

I have heard your words Brother Meteu and know the truths therein. Brother Nutiket go forward with the roll of Honored candidates and call them nigh so that Brother Kichkinet might bring them before me. Once I have greeted each candidate Brother Meteu shall place them such that they may receive further instruction.

ACTION: In unison K-M-N respond with the sign of the order and the words "It shall be done" K walks toward the assembly stopping a few feet in front of them. N retrieves the SCROLL (a hide with a candidate name and unit list on it) from secret place near fire or on his person and returns to South position as needed. M moves with purpose to a position left of A . There should be enough room to the rear of A for all candidates to assemble after being tapped and admonished by A.

NUTIKET:

As your name is called come forth and be greeted by Brother Kichkinet who shall present you to the Mighty Chief.

ACTION: N calls out each candidate name and unit number loudly and clearly enough to be heard at the back of the assembly (check pronunciations as needed prior to call out) then pauses for candidate to come forward. If no response noted repeat candidate pause then move on to next person.

K extends scout handshake to each candidate and escorts them to A then returns to his position. (If number of candidates is large additional Brothers {in regalia if possible but no less than CLASS A with SASH} can be used as escorts with K presenting them to an escort after the handshake) N waits for K to return to his position then calls next name. (This action needs to be paced with regard to size of assembly, area of campfire layout and number of candidates to avoid confusion and congestion)

Upon being present to A each candidate is "Tapped " out , given the scout handshake and congratulated on being selected then given to M who places them in a holding area.

This continues until all candidates are called/tapped.

NUTIKET:

To our knowledge and belief all elected candidates present this night have been called forth. Should anyone present have information to the contrary state it now or forever hold silent.

ACTION: Should no one speak at this point all characters return to their original positions around the fire. Should someone speak up re: a missed candidate the issue shall be resolved by the Advisors present and the person(s) if properly elected called forth then the return of characters to their fire positions takes place.

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ALLOWAT:

Brothers are you satisfied that all duly elected candidates have been brought before me this night?

ALL CHARACTERS AND BROTHERS PRESENT:

We are satisfied

ALLOWAT:

Brother Meteu will you close this ceremony and dismiss the Scouts here gathered>

METEU:

(Gives the Sign of the Order) It shall be done Allowat Sakima

(M steps away from the fire and toward the assembly)

From your midst tonight we have called forth those you selected as most worthy for candidacy in our Honored Order. We shall test them so that they may prove their willingness to serve Cheerfully and earn the right to wear the symbol of the Order of the Arrow *(gestures from top to bottom of sash)*. As the voice of the North wind has told us –you bestowed an honor upon these scouts by electing them for candidacy in our Order and we thank you on their behalf. We shall now take them to another location for further instruction and welcome. You may not follow.

This concludes the call out of candidates tonight and we, the Brothers of Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge 129 Order of the Arrow thank you for your attendance and support.

(Should a cracker barrel for the camp be prepared M directs the assembly to the proper location)

ACTION: M returns to the fire position and all characters approach the candidates. K takes the lead with A and M and N follow at the rear. Again additional Brothers may be needed based on number of candidates All candidates are led to a prearranged site where a small cracker barrel is awaiting them. Here they are welcomed again, given instructions as to Ordeal information, the first pamphlet and letter from the Lodge Chief. Chapters can do this jointly or individually as they wish and the number of candidates requires.