



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATING TO THE ORDEAL

3. Q. What are the four parts of the Ordeal and their purposes?
A. 1) *A night camping alone under the heavens, to prove my self-reliance.*
2) *A day of arduous toil, to indicate my willingness to serve others.*
3) *24 hours of scant food, to demonstrate my power of self-denial.*
4) *A like period of silence, to turn my thoughts inward.*
4. Q. How were you prepared for the Ordeal?
A. *I was led by Kichkinet to the north end of camp where the significance of the Arrow was revealed as I tested the bow.*
5. Q. When you had completed the Ordeal, how were you dealt with?
A. *I was placed on the trail which leads to the Circle of the Lodge.*
6. Q. By whom were you first stopped as you approached?
A. *By Nutiket, the guard, who asked if I had passed the Ordeal without flinching.*
7. Q. Who next barred your further progression?
A. *Metau, Who inquired if I had been given the Admonition.*
8. Q. Had you been given the Admonition?
A. *I had not, but Kichkinet, my guide, had and gave it for me.*
9. Q. Before whom did you last arrive?
A. *Before Allowat Sekema, the mighty chief, who asked if I had been completely prepared to receive the Obligation.*
10. Q. What was Kichkinet's reply to this inquiry?
A. *Only in the binding of them all together.*
11. Q. How did Kichkinet call the attention of each of the officers to your presence?
A. *By three taps of the hand upon the shoulder of the officer.*
12. Q. What did these three taps represent?
A. *The three parts of the Scout Oath.*
13. Q. How did each of the officers respond to Kichkinet's taps?
A. *By one tap, followed by two taps, on the right shoulder of kichkinet.*
4. Q. What did these taps represent?
A. *The twelve points of the Scout Law.*
15. Q. How were you and your companions bound together?
A. *By a rope, which represented our tie to Brotherhood until we took the Obligation.*
16. Q. How was your preparation for the Obligation?
A. *Nutiket directed me to hold my right hand in the Scout Sign and repeat the Obligation after Allowat Sekema.*
17. Q. Repeat the Obligation.
A. *I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the tradition of the Order of the Arrow. Wimachtendienk, Wingolaushik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of the Order of the Arrow as lasting and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.*
18. Q. In what did Metau then instruct you?
A. *In the legend upon which our Lodge is founded.*
19. Q. Who are the central figures in that legend?
A. *The aged Chieftain, Chingachgook, and his son, Uncus, who by their cheerful and self-sacrificing service are said to have saved the Delaware Lodge from annihilation.*
20. Q. What did Allowat Sekema then give you?
A. *The symbol of the handclasp of the Order, the Admonition, and the sign of the Ordeal membership.*
21. Q. What is the symbol of the Order?
A. *The Arrow, whose undeviating course, when aimed high, is a token of leadership.*
22. Q. How is it worn?
A. *Pointing up and over the right shoulder.*
23. Q. Give me the handclasp of our Order.
A. *(Give it to your Counselor.)*
24. Q. How must the Admonition always be given?
A. *Whispered in the right ear.*
25. Q. What is the Admonition?
A. *(Give it to your Counselor.)*
26. Q. What does it mean?
A. *To love one another.*
27. Q. What is the sign of the Ordeal?
A. *(Give it to your counselor)*
28. Q. What is the full name of our lodge?
A. *Wimachtendienk, Wingolaushik, Witahemui.*
29. Q. In what language is it given?
A. *In the language of the Delaware Indians, the Lenni Lenape.*
30. Q. What is its meaning in English?
A. *The Brotherhood of cheerful service.*
3. Q. Give the words of (or sing) the official Order of the Arrow song.
A. *Firm bound in Brotherhood, Gather the clan, That cheerful service brings to fellow man, Circle our council fire, Weld tightly every link, That binds us in Brotherhood Wi-mach-ten-dienk*