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Introduction

The Inductions and Ceremonies Committee (ICE) is pleased to present our 2011 Conclave Guide. This year, the ceremony evaluations and competitions will be conducted in accordance with the criteria used at NOAC. This decision was made after several committee members served on the NOAC ICE staff last year. Inside the guide are the rules and scoring sheets that will be used this year.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Evaluations will be offered for the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil.
- This year, competitions will be offered for Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil.
- A Call out competition will be offered for the first time
- We plan to videotape each team's evaluation and provide them a DVD copy for training purposes.
- For the second consecutive year, the Section ceremony award is being presented for the best all around lodge in the field of ceremonies at Conclave. Since evaluations and competitions count toward this award, lodges are encouraged to send all of their teams to Conclave. Information on this award is listed in the guide.

This year's staff is one of the most experienced ever, with nearly a dozen members who have served on previous NOAC ICE staffs, including a former Conference Vice Chief in charge of Ceremonies. We urge every lodge to take advantage of this wealth of experience by sending as many teams as possible to be evaluated. Whether your team is new or experienced, all will benefit from participating. New teams can accelerate their learning curve and experienced teams can fine tune their skills. Our goal is to help every lodge in the Section conduct the best ceremonies possible.

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Registration

All ceremony team members must register on Friday, April 8 at the Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) registration desk located at the event registration area. Inductions and Ceremonial Events (ICE) Staff members will be available during the registration process to assist your lodge and answer any questions. Registration will be open as late as needed on Friday to accommodate all teams wishing to participate.

All teams will be required to provide the following at registration:

- 1) Lodge name and Lodge number
- 2) Chapter Name (if a lodge is entering multiple teams)
- 3) Name of each principle
- 4) Adviser's name
- 5) Ceremonies that the team desires to be evaluated
- 6) Whether or not the team desires to enter the ceremonies competition. *If a team is unsure whether or not they are going to sign up for the competition when they register, we recommend that they go ahead and sign up. It's easier for a team to withdraw from the competition at the last minute as opposed to trying to sign up at the last minute.

Ceremony teams that do not register on Friday will be unable to participate in the Evaluations and Competitions on Saturday. There will be no Saturday registration offered, nor will "walk-ons" be allowed to participate. The reason for this is that the ICE office staff needs time to assign each team an evaluation time and location. There simply is not enough time on Saturday to make late additions and changes to the evaluation schedule. **The ICE staff will keep registration open as late as needed on Friday to ensure that every team who desires to participate will have the opportunity to do so.**

General Information for Ceremonial Evaluations and Competitions

Introduction

The goal of the 2011 Section SR-6 Conclave Ceremony Evaluations is to improve ceremonial performances and to maximize the quality of the induction experience for the candidate. **Since the purpose of these evaluations is purely educational, there is no need for teams to be highly experienced to participate.** Inexperienced teams should be able to improve significantly from participating in the evaluations. More experienced teams will benefit as well by observing some of the best teams in the Section and receiving suggestions from the highly qualified Evaluations Staff. Evaluations will be done for Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremony teams.

Please note that the Ceremony Evaluations are separate from the Competition portion. A team does not have to enter the Competition in order to participate in the Evaluations. However, a team that enters the Competition but does not participate in the Evaluations process will be disqualified from the Competition.

General Guidelines

The following general guidelines apply to all ceremony evaluations and competitions:

1. All ceremony team members must be from the same lodge. Ceremonialists may perform with only one team per ceremony category. An individual may, however, perform in more than one category (i.e. a ceremonialist may perform on both a Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood team but not on two Pre-Ordeal teams).
2. All participants **MUST** be under 21 years of age on April 8, 2011.
3. Lodges can enter as many ceremony teams in each category as they wish , pending the availability of evaluators and venue sites.
4. In accordance with the policies of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, the use of face and body paint is prohibited at all Ceremony Team Evaluations. The use of face or body skin coloring, or wigs in simulation of ethnic traits, is also not permitted. Appropriate undergarments should be worn under costumes.
5. All ceremonial parts should be fully memorized.
6. All participants must wear appropriate American Indian costumes. Teams are reminded not to show any disrespect, carelessness, or gross inappropriateness in their American Indian costumes.
7. Extra people such as drummers and mock candidates may be used to enhance a team's performance, but are not required.
8. The Evaluators will provide markers to indicate the locations of the fire and fire pots in the performance area. A burden will be provided for the Brotherhood Ceremony. No other tokens, props or materials will be provided. Ceremonial teams will have to provide any tokens and additional props they need.
9. Teams are not required to have candidates present for their presentation of the ceremony. However, teams are welcome to provide their own candidates if they feel that will enhance their presentation.

If you have any questions about Evaluations contact ICE Evaluations at bjpomy@cn.edu

Section SR-6 Conclave 2011 Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremony Evaluation and Competition Details

When participating in the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, or Brotherhood Evaluations, your team will perform in front of a team consisting of five Section Staff Evaluators. Evaluation sessions may last up to approximately one hour. The team will arrive at least 15 minutes early at the Evaluation Office to receive their venue assignments. They will report to their assigned venue and check-in with the Evaluation Team. The team will perform the ceremony for the Evaluators. The Evaluators will then make comments and suggestions about the team's performance.

All teams that fully participate in this process will leave the evaluation prepared to inspire candidates with their new knowledge and deepened commitment to the ceremonies.

Audio and videotaping equipment will be permitted in the venue. The session will be videotaped by the staff, but you are allowed to bring your own audio or videotaping equipment to the evaluation so that you can record your team's performance for future review back home. Please safeguard any tapes of your performance as if they were ceremony publications.

Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremony Evaluation Procedures at the 2011 Section SR-6 Conclave:

1. Evaluations will take place between 12:30 – 3:30 pm on Saturday, April 9.
2. A team of five Section Staff Evaluators will oversee each venue and coordinate the entire process from start to finish. One evaluator will evaluate memorization. Each of the four remaining evaluators will evaluate the team. In addition, each of the four evaluators will be assigned an individual principle to focus on during the evaluation. The purpose is to provide a quality team evaluation, as well as provide an in-depth evaluation for each principle.
3. The Evaluators will view the team's performance and deliver the comments and suggestions afterwards.
4. Teams whose performances are exceptional will be recognized as Honor Teams.
5. Only Brotherhood and Vigil members will be allowed to view the Brotherhood Evaluations.
6. Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremonies: Your team will be expected to perform the entire Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, including the investiture (pages 3-10), in the 2000 printing of the Ceremony for the Ordeal, BSA Number 34993A. Please note that 1999 and earlier printings have incorrect movement diagrams.
The most current version of the ceremony is available from the BSA National Supply Division through your council.
7. Brotherhood Ceremony: Your team will be expected to perform the Brotherhood Ceremony (pages 5-13), in the 2000 printing of the Ceremony for the Brotherhood, BSA Number 34994A. Please note that the Lodge Closing Ceremony will not be performed. The most current version of the ceremony is available from the BSA National Supply Division through your council.

Ceremony Competition Procedures at the 2011 Section Conclave:

1. Participants interested in entering the Pre-Ordeal Competition will have registered on Friday night at the ICE table located at the event registration area.
2. Participants entering the Competition portion will have their Pre-Ordeal ceremony taped at their evaluation on Saturday, April 9.
3. The taped ceremonies will be reviewed by the judging panel.
4. The top team in the Section in each ceremony will be recognized for their achievement.
5. In order to participate in the Competition, your ceremony must be presented in the Evaluation portion as described above.

Section SR-6 Conclave 2011 Vigil Ceremony Evaluation and Competition Details

When entering the Vigil Ceremony evaluation, you will perform in front of other participants and one or more Section Evaluation Staff Facilitators. All participants will arrive at the beginning of the evaluation period at the designated venue, check in with the evaluators, and meet the other participants. One participant will perform the ceremony while the other participants and the Facilitators observe and evaluate. There will then be a short break so that all participants and the Facilitator have an opportunity to make comments and recommendations about the participant's performance.

We ask all participants to offer open, honest critiques of each participant's performance under the guidance of the Facilitators. This is the most valuable part of the process. All ceremonialists who fully participate in this process will leave NOAC prepared to inspire others with their new knowledge and deepened commitment to the ceremonies.

Vigil Ceremony Evaluation Procedures at Section SR-6 Conclave 2011:

1. Participants interested in entering the Vigil Evaluation must register at the ICE table on Friday.
2. Vigil Evaluations will take place Saturday afternoon, April 9, from 12:30 – 3:30 pm.
3. One or more E will oversee each venue and coordinate the entire process from start to finish.
4. Only Vigil members will be permitted to view the Vigil Evaluations.
5. Although some teams will be selected as Honor Teams, the focus of the Evaluation will be education and training.
6. You will be expected to perform the Pre-Vigil ceremony (pages 6 - 7) of the most current printing of the *Ceremony for the Vigil Honor*, BSA Number 34043A.

Vigil Ceremony Competition Procedures at Section SR-6 Conclave 2011:

1. Participants interested in entering the Vigil Competition must register at the ICE table on Friday.
2. Participants entering the Competition portion will have their Pre-Vigil ceremony taped as they perform it for the Evaluation portion.
3. The taped Pre-Vigil ceremonies that will be reviewed by the judging panel.
4. The top team in the Section will be recognized for their achievement.
5. In order to participate in the Competition, your Pre-Vigil ceremony must be presented in the Evaluation portion as described above.

Please also refer to the General Information for Ceremony Evaluations and Competitions.

Callout Competition Details

Each lodge will submit 2 copies of its Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony to the ICE Registration Desk. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 8. The scripts will be reviewed by a judging panel, and the results will be announced on Sunday, April 10.

Section Ceremonies Best Overall Lodge Trophy

This year, the Section is offering a new award to recognize the best overall performance by a lodge in the field of ceremonies. The winning lodge will take home a rotating trophy (like Quest) to be held until next year's Conclave. The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward participation in the ceremony evaluations and competition. Since greater importance is given to evaluations, the scores are weighted toward evaluations.

The following scoring criteria will be used to determine the winner.

Evaluations

6 Points: Honor Team (Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil)

3 Points: Standard team (Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil)

Competition:

3 Points: Section Champion

2 Points: Section 2nd Place

1 Point: Section 3rd Place

Each team receives credit for every ceremony evaluation and competition in which they participate. For example, if a team participates in both the Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal evaluations, they get credit for both.

Example of a team score: If a team achieves the Honor Rating and is declared the Section Champion, then their total would be 9 points.

Example of a lodge score:

Pre-Ordeal Team 1 (Honor Rating + Section Champion) = 9 points

Ordeal Team 2 (Standard Rating) = 3 points

Vigil team (Honor Rating) = 6 points

Lodge total = 15 points

CEREMONY TEAM EVALUATIONS

Evaluator(s) _____ Date _____

Ceremony _____ Venue _____

Lodge Name: _____ Time Slot _____

Nutiket Fair Good Excellent Outstanding

Meteu Fair Good Excellent Outstanding

Allowat Sakima Fair Good Excellent Outstanding

Kitchkinet Fair Good Excellent Outstanding

Rating the Ceremonialist:

Do not assign the overall rating (Good, Excellent, or Outstanding) based on that principal's best or worst category (Gestures, Bearing, etc). Assign the overall rating based on how the principal did, *on average*, in all the categories.

However, if a principal is rated "Fair" in any category, the principal must be rated "Fair" overall regardless of the principal's ratings in the other categories.

Honor Team Criteria:

- **At least 3 of the 4 team members must be rated Excellent or Outstanding**
- **No more than one team member is rated Good**
- **No team members are rated Fair**
- **If a team misses a whole line or doesn't comply with the movement diagrams or doesn't do the investiture (for the Pre-Ordeal), they are automatically not an Honor team.**

If any team member is rated fair in any one category, the team is not an Honor Team.

Honor Team: YES NO

CEREMONY TEAM EVALUATIONS

Category	Fair	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Gestures	-Has few gestures or -Gestures don't make sense	-Has some good gestures -Some gestures need improvement	-Emphasizes most important points -Meanings fairly clear	-Emphasizes all important points -Meaning clear to candidates -Could express the message without words
Clarity & Rate	- Lines garbled or mumbled or -Excessively fast or very slow	-Good clarity but could be improved, or -Change of rate would improve presentation but understandable	-Projects well overall -Rate stays at same slow pace that is easily understood	-Would be clear to 50 candidates -Rate varies appropriately, but is always slow enough to be understood
Bearing	-Body language/facial expression absent or unclear for role	-Non-verbal cues generally appropriate for role	-Non-verbal cues are consistent with spoken words	-Role clear without words
Expressiveness	-Little change in tone or use of emphasis	-Good emphasis and notable changes in tone	-Strong use of pauses and makes words reflect their meaning	-Words always sound like what they represent
Movements	-Missed movement	-Near perfect, no noticeable omissions or errors	-Movements perfect	-Movements perfect
Memorization	-Words or even lines missed, or obvious pauses or needs prompting	-A few words missed or transposed but not noticeable, no key items omitted and no obvious pauses	-Occasional word or missed or transposed, but not noticeable, no key items omitted and no obvious pauses.	-Letter perfect memorization

Section SR-6 Inductions and Ceremonial Events Ceremony Evaluations

Pre-Ordeal

Ordeal

Brotherhood

Evaluate the team as a whole. Keep notes for suggestions to the individual characters and the team. After completion of ceremony, critique ceremony using notes from this form. Present to team when done.

Keep in mind memorization, interpretation, and transcendence.

Lodge _____

Lodge # _____ Team _____

Allowat Sakima _____

Meteu _____

Kitchkinet _____

Nutiket _____

VIGIL CEREMONY EVALUATIONS

Evaluator(s) _____

Date _____

Lodge Name: _ _____

Venue _____

Lodge Number: _____

Time Slot: _____

Rating: Chief

Fair

Good

Excellent

Outstanding

Rating the Ceremonialist:

Do not assign the overall rating (Good, Excellent, or Outstanding) based on that principal's best or worst category (Gestures, Bearing, etc). Assign the overall rating based on how the principal did, *on average*, in all the categories.

However, if a principal is rated "Fair" in any category, the principal must be rated "Fair" overall regardless of the principal's ratings in the other categories.

Honor Criteria:

The principal must have an overall rating of Excellent or Outstanding

If the principal misses a whole line he is automatically not "honor."

Honor: YES NO

Section SR-6 Inductions and Ceremonial Events Ceremony Evaluations

Vigil Honor

Keep notes for suggestions to the individual. After completion of ceremony, critique ceremony using notes from this form. Present to individual when done.

Keep in mind memorization, interpretation, and transcendence.

Vigil Chief _____

Lodge _____

Lodge # _____

Notes: