



2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference

Creating, Improving, and Maintaining Lodge Traditions: Destiny

Session Length: 45 Minutes

Through this session, you will:

Explain: Participants will recognize that traditions impact our destiny.

Demonstrate: Participants will identify that we are part of a continuum and traditions are the conduit.

Guide: Participants will use reflection, prospection, introspection, and perceptions to evaluate traditions.

Enable: Participants will list actions they will take to Decide their destiny and the destiny of their respective Lodges.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1) Impact of Traditions upon Destiny
- 2) Decide Your Destiny

Theme Connection:

The theme of NOAC 2018 is “Decide Your Destiny,” emphasizing the message that today’s decisions shape tomorrow’s reality. This session will relay this theme in the following ways:

- Your destiny is impacted by the traditions you observe.
- You decide your destiny by the traditions you preserve.

This session will help the Lodge with the Journey to Excellence Requirement(s): 1-8

Required Materials: [tailor specifically for this session after the syllabus is done, e.g. handouts, flipcharts, projector, screen]

- Projector
- Screen
- Computer
- Marker board
- Markers

TRAINER PREPARATION

1. Prepare room so that small grouping may be used.
2. Be sure to have a marker board with markers.
3. A projector, screen, and computer will be needed for the accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

Session Narrative

Introduction

6 minutes

- A) Reflective (looking to the past)
- B) Prospective (looking to the future)
- C) Introspective (looking within self)
- D) Perspective (looking outward to others)

Where are you? Who are you? And, why are you here? You're part of a continuum. You have to see where you fit with those who came before you and with those who will come after you. Traditions are the conduit connecting the past to the future. Where you are and what you do is critical in shaping your destiny and the destiny of the Order.

Reflective

10 minutes

Reflective

- Dr. Goodman's vision of the Order
- Spirit of the Order
- Aspiring to catch the higher vision
- "Pause and look you back upon Scouting, its sign and motto you accepted."

Prospective

8 minutes

Prospective

- Lodge vision/personal vision----must coincide with and complement each other
- "You were sent to seek a vision of yourself and of your purpose"
- Life of cheerful Service



Introspective

8 minutes

Introspective

Individual introspection is necessary in finding our place in the direction the Lodge is moving
“Know thyself”
You must know where you are in order to know where you are going

Perspective

10 minutes

Perspective

Mountain-top experiences provide for a 360 perspective
Perspectives are necessary for arrive at a focus
Working together—“let **US** try to find the Arrow.”

Takeaway Challenge

3 minutes

Please take out your notebook and pen. For the final three minutes, think about the role that you will be playing next year in the OA, or the role you hope to play. Write down three key ideas related to this session that you could help improve your chapter or lodge traditions. During your break time later today, share these with others in your chapter or lodge.

Appendix: Resources and Source Material

- 2016 Guide to Unit Elections, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/guide-to-unit-elections>
- 2012 Guide for Officers and Advisers, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#goa>
- 2008 Lodge Finance Manual, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#lfm>
- Chapter Journey to Excellence Workbook, available online at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/printable-forms>