



Fifteen Blazes

Providing Resources to Support Units, Chapters, and Lodges

“Fifteen blazes led you to us, but the trail that you have followed becomes rougher, steeper, fainter. You will need a brighter fire.”

Have you ever stopped to think about what this means? Perhaps unless you have portrayed Nutiket in the pre-Ordeal ceremony, then you haven't given much thought to this. We know what the fifteen blazes represent. Think about what Nutiket means when he says that those blazes led you to the pre-Ordeal ceremony. What does he mean when he says that the path becomes more difficult? What is the brighter fire he refers to, and how will it help you over this treacherous terrain?

Nutiket is *not* saying that you should abandon the fifteen blazes and opt instead for a brighter fire. Instead, you should continue to use the fifteen blazes to assist you on your path. However, they won't be enough.

Have you experienced a time since your induction when the trail has become a bit rougher? Perhaps there were forks in the road, and you needed a guiding light to help you safely discern the right path from the wrong one. The fifteen blazes are there to help you.

Think about these things the next time you watch a ceremony. What words resonate with you? How can you make the fire brighter?