

John Blue Sky
Active Member of the Ceremonies Committee

You are one of the most wonderful ceremonial actors to ever come into the Chippewa Chapter. You speak with a golden tongue and all who hear it agree that yours is the best tongue to ever grace our humble circle. Gold tastes better than owl feathers!

Seriously, you think you might be the CEREMONIES CHAIRMAN of the Chapter. but you aren't exactly 100% ("wun-hunnert-purcent") sure. it's like this: Joe Foxtooth, the Chapter Vice-Chief, is the OFHCIAL Chapter Ceremonies Chairman, according to long-term Chapter Tradition. However, Joe asked you to take over as THE REAL Ceremonies Chairman, since he has enough to do without being the Chairman.

John Blue Sky, you and Joe Foxtooth disagree about ceremonies. In fact, you disagree so much that you are about ready to quit. He called you last night and told you to give a report at today's meeting.

The REAL PROBLEM is that you (John Blue Sky) want to be Meteu in the Ordeal Ceremony. But Joe Foxtooth, who seems to be YOUR BOSS, told you to take the Allowat Sakima part. He appointed you to a part you don't even want, and now he wants you to take charge of the whole team.

Your report will include a real BOMBSHELL (a surprise for all):

You will announce in front of the Chapter that you will be Meteu, and that Joe Foxtooth will be Allowat Sakima. And poor old Joe doesn't know this. He missed the last meeting of the Ceremony Committee, and nobody told him.

After all, Joe Foxtooth is a good Allowat, with TWO YEARS of good experience. And you are getting pretty good at Meteu yourself.

One of the reason you and Joe Foxtooth disagree is that last year Joe allowed his team to READ their parts in the Ceremony. THE WHOLE TEAM DID. Right there out of the books. Word for Word!

You think all parts should be memorized with lots of practice.

You believe in having WEEKLY ceremonial team practices, and TRYOUTS based on who can do their parts the best. "NO BOOKS IN THE CIRCLE," says you.

YOU WILL BE CALLED ON BY JOE FOXTTOOTH, Chapter VICE CHIEF.
(The Chapter Chief will first call on Joe Foxtooth)
Please see the AGENDA for the timing of your part.

The printed agenda says that Joe will make this report, but he (Joe) plans to call on you. Bill Arrowsmith does not know that you and Joe planned this, and he may be surprised. Both you and Joe know, but Bill does not.

When you give your report, INCLUDE FACTS ABOUT THE PREPARATION you are making for ceremonies. INVENT A GOOD REPORT.

You still need to recruit several other people to learn parts, and you probably need some non-speaking support staff, such as torch-bearers and fire-keepers. Use your imagination and all that you know about ceremonies to MAKE UP a good report.

If you are successful, you will get several people (at least 5) to volunteer to learn ceremony parts.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, you must not let Joe Foxtooth “force” you to be Allowat Sakima. Use every argument you can think of. Be ready for a strong discussion. You need to PREPARE YOURSELF for this discussion.

You also must convince the Chippewa Chapter that all OA ceremony parts need to be memorized before the ceremony. Explain how easy it is to memorize the parts. Offer to get ceremony books next week for everybody who volunteers. Talk about how much fun it is to meet and shoot basketball and practice ceremony parts.

As a last resort, you might want to resign (quit) your job as acting Ceremony Chairman, or REFUSE to serve as Allowat. The **Meteu** Part is your favorite, and you DO NOT LIKE the Allowat part, not even a little bit. You would rather be a kitchenette.

John Blue Sky, it's going to be an interesting day. You need to ACT WELL for this part. That's not hard for you, because you are good at OA ceremonies (the greatest act of all). Use your imagination and remember your objectives!

I enjoyed writing this part. I really did. Thanks for doing it!

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How to Win This Game

Each player has different objectives in this game. To win, you may need to cause someone else to lose. There will be PRIZES for WINNERS, and nothing not even polite recognition for losers.

If ALL of these things happen, you will WIN. If not, you LOSE.

Check off here the things that happen

1. You must follow the instructions in your package as well as you can. This is one you can control, and your personal opinion is all that counts. You should check this one. All you need to do is DO YOUR BEST to act out your part.

- _____ 2. The Chippewa Chapter must decide to have a service project somewhere. You don't care where it is, but they have to vote to have at least one. There must be a motion and a vote, and the vote must be MAJORITY IN FAVOR of doing some kind of Chapter service project.

- _____ 3. The Chapter must DISCUSS a proposal to REQUIRE MEMORIZATION of all ceremony parts. All that's necessary is for the subject to come up for discussion. You win this check-off if they just talk about it, or vote for a "NO-BOOKS-RULE" to require all ceremony parts to be memorized. OR, if it never comes up for a vote, that's OK, too. You get this check-off as long as the Chippewa Chapter DISCUSSES a proposed rule requiring all ceremony parts to be memorized.

After the meeting, if you want a prize, give this sheet to CONTROL.