

Booklet 3

# Good Morning, My Friend



Save this booklet for future reference.

## Ponder my words carefully.

I have said a great deal, and we will likely talk further. There fore, I bid you good morning, my friend, and wish you well in the day ahead.

He knows and represents me very well.

*He cares about you and wants you to succeed.*

*You will soon begin to realize the great purpose before you, and how I fit in.* Thoughtful completion of the Ordeal will prepare you for this purpose.

I feel it important to point out to you that Kichkinet is a very fine brother and guide.

These brothers know and represent me very well.

will be the focus of the remainder of your Ordeal.

of the Ordeal they undertook when *they* were candidates.

● spending a day in *arduous labor*

● maintaining *strict silence*, and

● eating *scant food*

You might see him during the day, as well as others who are already members, working with you, maintaining silence, and eating scant food — honoring and reliving the tests of the Ordeal they undertook when *they* were candidates.

Having already spent the night alone, the remaining three tests

Nutket, the Guard, reinforced this last evening when he said:

*...your companions, taking note of your devotion to the high ideals of Scouting, have proposed you to the Order.*

*You were sent to seek a vision of yourself, and of your purpose...*

He then went on to challenge you:

*...So [today] eat you nothing but the scant food you'll be given. So [today] learn by fasting, sacrifice, and self denial to subordinate desires to the spirit's higher purpose...*

Metew, the Medicine Man, showed you the bowstring and counseled:

As a new day dawns upon us, we have much to discuss. You have already been through quite a bit... and your Ordeal third over.

Remember when we last talked, we discussed the reason you were here — the *real* reason: *To prove to yourself your willingness to lead a life of cheerful service.*

Last night you participated in a ceremony of great significance. In it four Indian figures challenged you to complete four tests of your determination to lead such a life.

As I stated before, "Your fellow Scouts saw something in you that was straight and true."

*...from this moment onward, till you take the Obligation strictly keep a pledge of silence. Hours spent in thoughtful silence help us make the right decisions more than days and days of talking...*

The mighty chief, Allowat Sakima, then exhorted you to:

*...spend the day in arduous labor working gladly, not begrudging, seek to serve, and thus be faithful to the high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow...*

He went on further to inform you, drawing an arrow from a quiver:

*...Friends, the ones who **chose** you need you. Who among you now is ready? Who will go upon this journey?*

That you *took one step forward* toward the firepit and *tested the bow* is evidence that you desired to continue with the Ordeal, despite the hardships you knew were before you. Your courage and firmness of purpose gladden me, for you apparently have a desire to overcome obstacles.

Lastly, Kichkinet, the Guide, bid you: *...leave all daily cares behind you, leave the crowd and its opinions...*

*...All your strength will be required when you face the isolation that a leader often faces.* So [last night] beneath the heavens *sleep alone upon your groundsheet*. Be you steadfast as the Polestar, self-reliant, undiscouraged...