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## Journey's End... and a New Beginning



What is the *Admonition*, my Brother?

Many years ago there was a man with a vision. *I am that vision.*

This man — Dr. E. Urner Goodman — believed that Scouting had many fine points, and could be even better if it had a special way to emphasize its ideals to the young men participating. And, he saw a way to achieve this goal. He saw me.

He knew that no amount of talking would bring Scouts to know me. But he realized that they would take notice when someone they knew and respected *set the example* by giving unselfish service. So the *Wimachtendienk* of the Lenni Lenâpé was reborn to fill the needs of Scouting.

You were chosen by your fellow Scouts to bring me to them.

But Dr. Goodman understood that you would need help, knowledge, experience, and encouragement. So he planned that you would learn more about me before you were called on to set the example.

- *First you spent the night alone, and gained strength to act as an individual.*
- *Then you spent the day in arduous labor, and discovered the joys of service.*
- *You ate only scant, simple food, and learned to give up personal comfort to represent me.*
- *And you were silent, so you might concentrate on your innermost thoughts.*

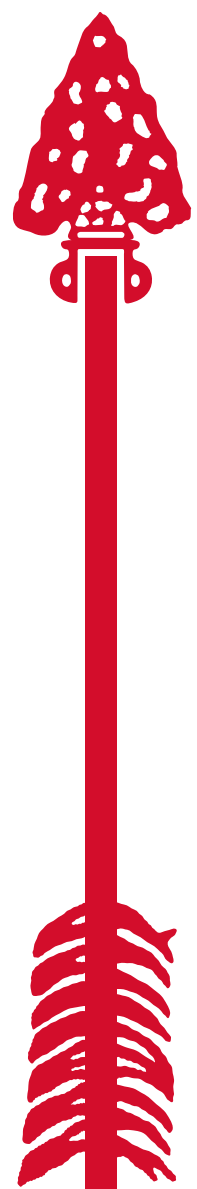
As your Ordeal came to an end, you promised to put into practice what you had learned, pledging to make me part of your life, and, by doing this, bring me to your fellow Scouts.

What is the *Admonition*, my Brother?

By now, I trust you know the answer both in your mind AND your heart.

You are coming to the end of a journey that your fellow Scouts had great confidence you would complete. If on that journey, on that “*Quest for the Arrow*,” you have learned that the path is defined by *leadership in service*, then, my Brother, the *Quest* is fulfilled: *you have seen the Arrow!*

As you await, in silence, the coming ceremony, I hope that the end of this journey will also mark for you a *new beginning*. Spend a few moments now, privately, to think about how you can continue to serve your fellow man, which outlines your intent for the future. (*You may write your thoughts on the back of this sheet.*)



**Ponder my words carefully. ✧ Save for future reference.**