

Nendawagan Elangomat Program

Muscogee Lodge 221

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The Nendawagan Elangomat Program is a recognition and incentive program for Elangomats proposed for Muscogee Lodge 221. Its name is derived from the Lenâpé word Nendawagan, meaning Atorch.® It is in recognition of those Arrowmen who by exceptional service as an Elangomat, serve as guide to other, newer Arrowmen, much as a torch is used to guide one through darkness. It serves several purposes, including the following:

- ▶ Encourage service as an Elangomat in the full extended Elangomat Program.
- ▶ Improve membership retention.
- ▶ Increase Brotherhood conversion.
- ▶ Improve attendance at lodge events.
- ▶ Provide a more welcome environment for new members in our lodge.
- ▶ Recognize Arrowmen for a job well done as an Elangomat.

The criteria is as follows:

1. Seal your membership in the Order through Brotherhood membership. This requirement must be completed before attending Elangomat training or serving as an Elangomat or Assistant Elangomat.
2. Attend Elangomat training, and successfully pass a written review indicating that you have adequately learned the information necessary to serve as a quality Elangomat.
3. After completing requirement 2, serve as an Assistant Elangomat for a clan of at least 8 candidates.
4. After completing requirements 2 and 3, serve as an Elangomat for a clan of at least 8 candidates.
5. For at least one year after serving as an Elangomat (requirement 4), stay in touch with each member of your clan (unless they leave the council or Scouting). Encourage their participation with their unit, their attendance of lodge and chapter functions, and their achievement of Brotherhood.
6. At least 50% of the members of your clan seals their membership in the Order through the Brotherhood. This must be completed within 2 years of the Ordeal in requirement 4, but may be completed in less time.

The program is available to both youth and adult Arrowmen. Arrowmen keep their own progress record sheet to be signed off by the appropriate officer. It takes a minimum of about a year to complete and not more than two years.

Recognition:

Arrowmen successfully completing this program of course should be recognized and set as an example for other Arrowmen to strive for. The recognition includes but may not be limited to the following:

1. Special certificate or similar award at a prominent lodge public gathering such as the Winter Banquet or Summer Fellowship family night campfire.
2. Purchase of not more than two yellow border lodge flaps. The significance of yellow is taken from the yellow flame of a torch. The reason for two is one for uniform wear and one to save.
3. Purchase of a special bead for the lodge bead necklace, color and style to be determined based on colors and styles not presently used.

An Arrowman could participate more than once in the program and even participate more than once concurrently with a different scoresheet for each clan. For example, a Brotherhood Arrowman could attend Elangomat training and pass a review prior to the spring Ordeal and serve as an Assistant Elangomat at the Spring Ordeal. He could then serve as an Elangomat at the Summer Ordeal and have his clan of 8+ that he is working with, guiding, and mentoring. He could then, if ambitious enough and at the discretion of the Ordeal Chairman, also serve as an Elangomat for the fall Ordeal and be assigned another clan of 8+. Each time an Arrowman successfully completed the program with a different clan, he would be eligible for all of the appropriate recognition.

Nendawagan Elangomat Progress Sheet

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1. **SEAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER THROUGH BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP.** This requirement must be completed before attending Elangomat training or serving as an Elangomat or Assistant Elangomat.

Date of Brotherhood: _____

2. **ATTEND ELANGOMAT TRAINING, AND SUCCESSFULLY PASS A WRITTEN REVIEW INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATELY LEARNED THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SERVE AS A QUALITY ELANGOMAT.**

Date of Elangomat Training: _____

Name (print) and Signature of Instructor (signature also indicates passing review)

Name: _____ Signature: _____

3. **AFTER COMPLETING REQUIREMENT 2, SERVE AS AN ASSISTANT ELANGOMAT FOR A CLAN OF AT LEAST 8 CANDIDATES.**

Date of Ordeal when serving as Asst. Elangomat: _____

Signature of Ordeal Chairman: _____

Name of Ordeal Chairman (print): _____

4. **AFTER COMPLETING REQUIREMENTS 2 AND 3, SERVE AS AN ELANGOMAT FOR A CLAN OF AT LEAST 8 CANDIDATES.**

Date of Ordeal when serving as Elangomat: _____

Signature of Ordeal Chairman: _____

Name of Ordeal Chairman (print): _____

Print the names of all members of your clan (write on back if additional space is needed):

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5. **FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR AFTER SERVING AS AN ELANGOMAT (requirement 4), STAY IN TOUCH WITH EACH MEMBER OF YOUR CLAN (unless they leave the council or Scouting). ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH THEIR UNIT, THEIR ATTENDANCE OF LODGE AND CHAPTER FUNCTIONS, AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENT OF BROTHERHOOD.**

Your signature, indicating you have done this: _____

6. **AT LEAST 50% OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLAN SEALS THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER THROUGH THE BROTHERHOOD.** This must be completed within 2 years of the Ordeal in requirement 4, but may be completed in less time.

Signature of Brotherhood Chmn. indicating completion: _____

This Scoresheet is to be kept and maintained by the Arrowman participating in the program and is the only formal record of the activity documented herein. Muscogee Lodge is not responsible for lost, destroyed, or misplaced scoresheets.