

The Elangomat System

What is an Elangomat?

An Elangomat fulfills many functions in the Induction process, but his chief responsibility is revealed by his title Elangomat, which means "FRIEND". A good Elangomat develops a personal relationship with each of the members of his clan. But this relationship is not one of words, it is deeper, for he shares in the hardships of the candidates, and in their silence. The job of an Elangomat is not easy. He must function as a crew chief, friend, example to his candidates, counselor, mediator, and policemen. The Elangomat must be a constant and continual example of the Obligation. This may not always be possible, but it is the goal. Being an Elangomat is a great sacrifice, but as with all true services, you gain as much or more than you give. This you will know if you take the Challenge yourself.

The Ordeal really is better the second time around.

Duties and Responsibilities of an Elangomat

- An Elangomat has many responsibilities. Here are some of the principles to keep in mind as you do your job.
- To honestly try in all ways to bring candidates to a complete understanding of the purpose and the spirit of the Order of the Arrow.
- To always take the initiative in performing service and accomplishing tasks.
- To be a continual example of the Spirit of the Order in both action and attitude.
- To be foremost in ensuring that the candidates are following in full the challenges of the Order and to take appropriate action when these challenges are not being met.
- To encourage candidates in their understanding of the real purpose of the Ordeal which they are experiencing.
- To strive to bring to the candidates the ideals and instill with them the virtues of Brotherhood and cheerful service.
- To make the candidates feel that they are now part of the Order and to work with them following the Ordeal till they achieve Brotherhood.