

The pipes of fellow-ship.

Brother-hood the central idea, and patriotic love of peace.

With this idea of peace and brother-hood, let the counting of honors in defensive warfare be supplanted by the counting of deeds of kindness or brother-hood, "good turns", etc. These are counted- not by the doers of them (as in the war-tent of athletic coups) but by their friends. Thus the "Son" relates a deed of this sort done by some one of his party (the candidates); This must be matched by one as good by the "Father" done by one of his own party. This contest takes place in the final dance with the pipes. The counter stops the dance, taking the pipe from the dancer and laying it on the earth. The two dancers remain standing while he tells the yarn, and until one of the other party takes up the pipe after telling one to match. Then the dance goes on until interrupted again. This will have all the interest of a game, and should please the spectators. Naturally, both parties will be prepared before hand. Each member of each party shall have a chance to speak once, and the son & father shall end the debate after the others have all spoken. As the number in the fathers party is fixed, and the number of the candidates may be very large, it will put an onus of good works on the fathers.

This ceremony has no brag, and yet fosters an appreciation of the brotherly affections, and an appreciation of good deeds. The doers of the good works should be named by those counting their deeds. One deed should be told of each candidate at least. And no one shall tell his own deed.

DOG*SOLDIERS SHALL BE CALLED INSTEAD (HEREAFTER) ALL-COMRADES (AFTER THE SPLENDID NAME OF THE BLACKFOOT DOG-SOLDIERS.

Have tribal practice of songs (also DS songs) at the DS tipi in the camp-circle each evening.

After the ceremony of initiation is all over, let the Troop-leaders meet the candidates at the council-house of the all-comrades (AC) and there draw lots for membership in respective troops. There also their regalia is given them?? (or is this all in the secret part of the ceremony??)

Could the ceremony of the pipes of fellowship take place on Sunday? The ceremony is certainly serious enough- almost religious. And on Sunday there would be no games, or hikes or other interferences.

1. Saturday night let the Father's party make the pipes. Sunday morning let them visit the lodge of the candidates (already erected specially for the occasion, the day previous), and conduct them ceremonially to the council-house (at once larger and cooler than a tipi). There let the ceremony take place that afternoon, closing with the secret rites of allotting places and troops, and fitting out with regalia, and a grand parade about the camp circle- so timed as to end in a general "assembly about the circle just as the flag is lowered for the night. (the AC processional here used, and the bugles and drums, flags, etc.- the grand dress-parade of the AC) This would serve to show off to any visitors (none allowed before the 4th week) on Sunday, would inspire the bandsmen to become AC, and would also give a grand finale to the new candidates day.

Have late cold mess- after that, and a religious & patriotic concert after.