



BRIDGETOWN DISTRICT SCOUT COMMITTEE

SCOUT LEADERS' ROUNDTABLE

TRAINING SHEET

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture ceremony is probably the most inspiring experience of a Scout's life and all attempts should be made by Scouters to provide this experience for his boys. It is quite clear that we have established throughout the years, our own interpretation of the format of this ceremony. This handout does not endeavour to bring this topic into contention but to provide a fundamental approach to executing these ceremonies within our respective Troops.

THE CEREMONY

If a Cub Scout has completed his membership badge, he may be invested as a Scout immediately after the Going - Up Ceremony. In this case, the Cub Scout wears his scarf during the Investiture. In the case of a new Scout or a Cub Scout from another Group, the Group Scout Leader presents him with a Group scarf during the ceremony.

The physical setting of the ceremony is that of a horseshoe. The Patrol Leader brings forward the member(s) of his Patrol who is to be invested and both stand in front of the Scout Leader. The Scout Leader then has a short but personal conversation with the Scout asking him about his understanding of his honour, his acceptance and commitment to obey the Scout Laws and to keep the Scout Promise etc.

The Scout Leader brings the Troop to the alert and all invested Scouts make the Scout Sign. At this point the Patrol Leader lowers the Troop flag between the Scout Leader and the Scout. As the Promise is being made both the new Scout and the Scout Leader place their left hand on the flag while making the half salute with the right hand.

The Scout Leader ask the new Scout to repeat the Promise after him phrase by phrase. At the end of this affirmation the Scout Leader and Scout remove their hands from the flag and stand at the alert. Shaking hands with the Scout the Scout Leader entrusts him to keep his Scout Promise and welcomes him as a Scout to the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting (however in the case of a Cub Scout he would welcome him as a member to the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting).

The Scout Leader gives the Scout his membership badge and hat, his Patrol Leader, his Patrol patch. The Group Scout Leader gives him his scarf. It is worthy to note that there is some flexibility regarding this segment of the ceremony. At this point the Patrol leader returns the Scout to his patrol.

REFERENCES

1. **The Scout Troop.** Ron Jeffiers and Paul Moynihan. The Scout Association, Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate, London, Great Britian.