

Laws of the Lodge

- Be hospitable, be kind. Always assume that your guest is tired, cold, and hungry. If even a hungry dog enters your lodge, you must feed him.
- Always give your guest the place of honor in the lodge, and at the feast, and serve him in reasonable ways. Never sit while your guest stands.
- Go hungry rather than stint your guest. If he refuses certain food, say nothing; he may be under vow.
- Protect your guest as one of the family; feed his horse, and beat your dogs if they harm his dog.
- Do not trouble your guest with many questions about himself; he will tell you what he wishes you to know.
- In another man's lodge, follow his customs, not your own.
- Never worry your host with your troubles.
- Always repay calls of courtesy; do not delay.
- Give your host a little present on leaving; little presents are little courtesies and never give offense.
- Say "Thank You" for every gift, however small.
- Compliment your host, even if you must strain the facts to do so.
- Never come between anyone and the fire.
- Never walk between persons talking. Never interrupt persons talking.
- In council, listen attentively to the other man's words as though they were words of wisdom, however much they may be otherwise.
- Let not the young speak among those much older, unless asked.
- When you address the council, carry a green bough in your hand, that yours may be living words.
- Always give place to your seniors in entering or leaving the lodge. Never sit while your seniors stand.