

FACILITAOR NARRATIVE TOS/BOW CEREMONIES

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS CEREMONY TO HONOR SPRING TURNING TO SUMMER AND TO EXPRESS OUR REVERENCE FOR CREATION AND TO HONOR THE WATERS OF THE EARTH. WE ARE BLESSED BY EVERYONE'S PRESENCE HERE. Let us begin in prayer:

Be praised, my God, by butterfly and
Dragonfly wings exercising for their first
flight.

Be praised by lightening and thunder causing
Spring showers

Be praised by the silent voices of grass
growing and trees budding.

Be praised by down feathers fleshly dried
On newly hatched ducklings and chicks.

Be praised by the songs of birds, crickets,
and frogs.

Be praised, my God, by all your creation
which tells of new life.

Amen

So, here is the plan for the evening. We will start with Turning of the Seasons, followed by the Blessing of the Waters Ceremony. We will then adjourn for our potluck picnic. During and afterwards, we are extremely honored to have the music duo of Mr. Craig Wolfe and Randy Deutch. Randy and Craig have been passionate advocates for the environment all of their lives. Craig is president of the Heartland Renewable Energy Society, speaker for Al Gore's Climate Reality Project, and Communications

Director for Winston Apple for Missouri. He has been active with the Sierra Club since 1988, serving as past state chair, Communications Director, newsletter editor and webmaster.

Soular (www.Soular.com) has its roots in the classic rock era of Crosby Stills Nash & Young, Jackson Browne, and The Beatles, and of course the 5-piece group Amdahl Wolfe, where Craig Wolfe and Randy Deutch first played together. Soular's tunes are inspired by helping the environment and finding a better path for our future. Of course, that path includes room for great love songs.

TURNING OF THE SEASONS

The forces of nature—as they are expressed in the Earth, Air, Fire and Water—were pre-existent to our appearance on this planet. These forces could be thought of as our spiritual ancestors who paved the way for our emergence from the balmy prehistoric seas of creation. By listening to our planet's melodies and merging with them we become true magicians, making our magic in Harmony will all Nature. The study of a simple rose blossom, blade of grass, veined leaf or the whistle of the wind through leafy trees will reveal as much, if not more, concerning the true nature of magic than will a hundred dusty Renaissance tomes.

In our increasingly mechanized age, many people are finding themselves isolated from the planet that sustains and supports our very lives. Forgotten is the real dependency we have on the earth. Many are severing their “natural” connections with the Earth. As a result, a time of great turmoil exists today on an individual and global level.

The human body is the ‘microcosm’ of the Earth, which is the ‘macrocosm’. The earth is also the microcosm of the Universe. In other words, we are pictures of the essence of the planet and thusly the universe. As such, when we change ourselves, we change the Earth and the universe.

By becoming re-attuned to the natural harmonies of nature, you are perfecting self. With this singular act, the Earth becomes that much healthier. You are improving the world and helping to heal it of the terrible ravages it has suffered at our hands.

With this in mind, I'd like to turn to

- **John Callison, who will read the Chinook Indian Ceremony, followed by**
- **Allison Elliot, who will lead us in the Four Directions Prayer.**

Thank you and amen.

We turn now to Blessing of the Waters.

NORMALLY WHEN YOU THINK OF SACRED PLACES THE MIND IMAGINES TERRESTRIAL LOCATIONS – MOUNTAINS, LANDS, AND TEMPLES. BUT THE PLANET IS WATER TOO WITH MORE THAN 70% OF THE EARTH’S SURFACE COVERED BY WATER, AND GREAT PORTIONS OF THE INTERIOR ARE OF A FLUID NATURE. MANY ORIGIN MYTHS FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES HAVE LIFE EMERGING THE GREAT FEMININE WOMB OF THE EARTH’S WATERS WHETHER THEY ARE THE OCEANS OR FROM SPRINGS AND LAKES. OUR BODIES ARE ACTUALLY MADE OF 72% WATER.

NOT ONLY ARE WE MADE FROM WATER BUT ALL TERRESTRIAL LIFE DEPENDS ON FRESH WATER WHICH IS ONLY ONE PERCENT OF ALL THE WATER ON THE EARTH. WATER COMES IN MANY FORMS IN OUR LIVES: SNOW, RAIN CLOUDS, STREAMS, WATERFALLS, SHOWERS AND COOKING WATER. FLOWING WATER IS ENERGY IN MOTION. THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THE WATER ON THE EARTH THROUGH CONSERVATION AND NOT POLUTING THIS NATURAL RESOURCE, AND FOR BEING THANKFUL FOR ITS BLESSINGS.

IN THIS CERMONY WE WILL COMBINE THE WATER THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT WITH US TO REPRESENT COMMUNITY THROUGH THE MERGING OF THE WATER. WE WILL POUR OUR WATER INTO A COMMON VESSAL WHICH BECOMES THE MOTHER WATER AND NAME WHERE OUR WATER CAME FROM AS WE ADD IT TO THE MOTHER WATER.

IN DR. EMOTO’S BOOK (THE HIDDEN MESSAGES IN WATER) – HE STATES THAT BLESSING WORDS CAN PURIFY WATER. HE ALSO

HAS STATED, “IF WE CAN DO THIS TO WATER, IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN DO TO OURSELVES?”

YOU ARE INVITED TO BLESS THE WATER TODAY AND TO REMEMBER TO HOLD POSITIVE THOUGHTS FOR WATER.

I’ll start, followed by the person on my left. When we are finished, we will bless the waters. After that, you are invited to give a short poetry reading, should you wish. Each person is then invited to take a sample home. Lastly, we will return the blessed water to Shawnee Mission Lake.

- Step forward, add water and tell significance.

Water Blessing

We bless the rivers in God’s holy name; We bless the lakes, the oceans, the ice deposits, the mountains and all the sources of water including those deposits under the surface of the earth. We even bless the water in the atmosphere.

is said that 80% of our bodies is water. We bless the water in our bodies,too.

We pray for healing blessings for water everywhere that it may shine in crystal purity/flow in perfect harmony.

Amen

Optional poetry reading

Invitation to take samples

Return blessed water to Shawnee Mission Lake

Picnic

