



The Mythology of THE SQUIRE

“Welcome the Squire, hope of the Land!”

In Old European practices, in the Medieval times of the Knights, a Squire was a promising young person. They were often sent away to be fostered and taught special skills, in order to return to their communities in important service to a Knight, a Lady or as an asset and inspiration to their working people and common folk.

Our Vinotok Squire is either a local maiden or lad who has been considered by the Godmother and Vinotok Elders of the Village to display special creative courage and accountability. They are beloved young people who have previously showed an interest in our week-long Equinox festivities. The Squire must also be dedicated to preserving our collective environmental and service values.

The Squire is mentored by various members of the Vinotok Passion Players and the Guild who builds our ceremonial structures. As in the ancient form of apprenticeship, the new Squire will be led through the mysteries and magical collaborations which are the secrets of our Tribe and the professions of our Celebration Arts.

The Squire will carry the traditional Messenger Bag, embroidered with a Rune which has been chosen as guidance for this year’s purpose and practices. The Squire is the Messenger between generations and the embodiment of the future Leaders who will carry on the Vinotok Earth Justice Credo and ceremonies.

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Poem for the Squire

Welcome youth,
to this wild tribe.
Step into the natural world
speak as our inner child.

We call you Squire,
attendant of the future.
We offer you guidance,
a hand to help
the subsequent generation.

Partake in traditions
immerse yourself in wisdom.
hold Hope close
share our dream across these lands.

Here in the thick of things
observe revelry,
a chosen cohort
too young to join
in all but the most necessary mischief.

Learn chaos can be safe,
if carefully accepted.
Start on the path
Stand on the side of Nature

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