



SCRIPT FOR SERGEANT AT ARMS AT A CONTEST

(Give a five minute warning and ask people to start entering the auditorium)

**Fellow Toastmasters and Guests, please take your seats.
This contest will now come to order.** (Bang the gavel if there is one.)

(Allow a few moments for people to sit but probably not a full minute. See how it goes.)

Everyone please take a moment to silence your cell phones, pagers, and other noise making devices. Remember there is no flash photography during the contest.

(Allow a few seconds for this to happen.)

Please stand for the pledge of allegiance.

(Stand and model the behavior by placing your hand over your heart.)

(Wait for people to stand and then begin the pledge)

I Pledge allegiance. . .

Please help me welcome our contest chair, *(use first and last names.)*

(Sometimes you will introduce other participants first, like the inspirational thought. The Contest Chair will decide how that works. Lead the applause and be sure to wait at the lectern to shake hands)