



Ransburg Scout Reservation Order of the Arrow OA Call Out Ceremony



Arrowman 1: In every troop, there are those who stand out among us as leaders by exemplifying the points of the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. Some of these individuals have already been inducted into our Order. Yet, there are still others who are worthy of this high honor, and we will honor them tonight. Let us prepare to welcome these Scouts and Scouters into our honor society.

Arrowman 2: You have served as an example to other Scouts in your troop, and therefore, you should be recognized tonight. Your peers in your troop agree and have asked that we invite you into our brotherhood. Tonight, we honor their request and invite you to join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society. So now has come – a time of knowing!

(The drummer begins a steady beat)

Arrowman 1: Now understand how Scouting's Honor Society was founded:

The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 at a Scout summer camp on Treasure Island on the Delaware River near Philadelphia. This summer camp was the early campgrounds of the Lenni Lenape tribe. In 1922, the Order of the Arrow was officially recognized as a part of the Boy Scouts of America, and in 1998, it became Scouting's National Honor Society.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:

- To recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote scout camping

Chief: Now let us recognize those who have been selected by their fellow peers for this great honor.

Guide: Brothers in the Wimachtendienk, there are those in this circle who have been selected by their fellows as examples of the high ideals of Scouting. Let us recognize them and honor them! They deserve our respect and our assistance for they soon will begin a long and toilsome journey.

Guard: Let us recognize them and honor them! The shadows deepen on the way that leads from this circle. Whoever would take the upward trail must bring with them an inward light. Only those with courage and vision can keep to the path!

Medicine Man: They have seen the distant heights, but sore trials await. Will they cast off comforts and heed the ancient voice which bids us climb? Yes, they are eager and strong. Let us recognize them and honor them!

Chief: I am the mighty chief of our circle. I am pleased to inform you of those who have been chosen. "Brothers, let us recognize them and honor them!"

(The drummer strikes a series of rapid beats; then, stops.)

(Silence)

Guide: When your name is called, step forward and wait to be escorted to our circle.

Voice in Woods: *(Calls name, troop, and district – also lodge name if out-of-council)*

Guide: These Scouts (and Scouters) have been chosen by their fellows as worthy to join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. They must now complete an Ordeal that will test their courage and determination to uphold the principles of Scouting. At the completion of that Ordeal they will be inducted into the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, which is the Order of the Arrow.