

Ransburg Scout Reservation - Order of the Arrow -Sunday Night Campfire Ceremony  
(Drums are heard in the distance as the OA ceremony song is heard. Actors enter with torches or lanterns.)

**Chief:** Many years ago there was a tribe of Indians that lived in the Delaware River Valley. These Indians were known as the Lenni Lenape. In 1915, the late Dr. E. Urner Goodman developed the ideals that became the basis for the Order of the Arrow. These ideals came from those that lived in the Valley hundreds of years before. The three ideals of the Order of the Arrow are Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

**Guard:** The purposes of the Order are:

- To recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a way that they should be recognized
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To encourage all into a habit of helpfulness, a life purpose of leadership and cheerful service to others

**Medicine Man:** The requirements to be inducted into the Order are:

- The Scout must uphold the ideals of Scouting including the Scout Oath and Law
- The Scout must meet a camping requirement of 15 days and nights, 7 of which must be long term
- The Scout must have the First Class Rank
- The Scout must undergo an election by their peers in which they must answer the following questions:
  - Who is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout?
  - Who is pleasant and easy to get along with?
  - Who is kind and helpful?
  - Who is cheerful even when there are many things that must be done?
  - Who is willing to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others?

**Guide:** Membership in the Order of the Arrow consists of three honor levels: Ordeal, Brotherhood, and the Vigil Honor, but all are Arrowmen. The Order of the Arrow has various activities here at Ransburg this week that we would like you to be involved in:

- Monday night is the OA Fellowship night in the Dining Hall – admission is your OA sash or token of membership. We will begin at 7:45 PM.
- Tuesday night is Order of the Arrow sash night at dinner; all dues paid Arrowmen are encouraged to wear their sash.
- Tuesday night is the OA Recognition Ceremony and Brotherhood Ceremony.
- If you are a Crossroads of America Council Arrowman and are interested in sealing your membership by becoming a Brotherhood member, please see the Camp Chief or attend the Fellowship night.
- Arrowmen interested in helping with ceremonies should also see the Camp Chief or attend the Fellowship night.

We hope your week will be fun and full of excitement! (Drums, song, and ceremonialists exit)

Friday:

Chief: Brothers! We began this time together, this week, by allowing you to see the full meaning of the Order of the Arrow. We continued in fellowship by honoring those members of your own units who have been seen worthy by their fellow Scouts to become members of our Order. Now we complete this time by coming together here and now.

Guide: When a Scout is inducted into the Order of the Arrow, they have completed their Ordeal, thus becoming an Ordeal member. This is their first step in service to Scouting and their unit. Once proving they are willing to cheerfully serve others, they can seal their membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member. These members are devoted to help Scouting in every aspect possible. After years of steadfast commitment to Scouting and the Order, this member could be bestowed with the highest honor the Order can grant, the Vigil Honor. These three levels of commitment form our unified Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

Medicine Man: With these steps an OA member takes, they devote themselves to setting the example in their unit and daily life. Those of you who are fellow Scouts with members of our Order can look to them for guidance and direction in becoming the helpful Scout who gives willingly to those in need. Seek out those members, learn from them, and soon you could be that OA member who is seen as a true Scout.

Guard: We would like to honor those of you who live up to the example of Scouting that the Order installs in its members:

- Would all of those who have stood their Vigil please rise? (PAUSE)
- Would all of those who have sealed their membership by accepting the Brotherhood this week, please rise? (PAUSE)
- Would all other Brotherhood members, please rise? (PAUSE)
- Would all Ordeal members please rise? (PAUSE)
- Would those recognized on Tuesday night please rise?

Chief: Look around. See those among you who have been chosen by their peers, by their example, and by their lives. (PAUSE)

ALL: We are the Order of the Arrow!