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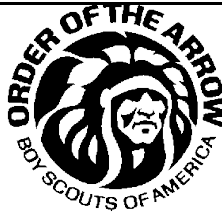
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the Legend lives on.*



## **Introducing Jacob Horner, Lodge Chief**

Dear Brothers,

Hello, my name is Jacob Horner and I am your 2010 Lodge Chief. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 650 out of Alexander and a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow. In recent years I have served as the Ceremonies Chair for our Lodge as well as acting Secretary at the LEC Meetings. I have worked the past two years as a lifeguard at Camp Dittmer as well as at Camp Sam Wood.

This summer I will be on staff at Camp Dittmer again before heading down to the 2010 National Jamboree with our Council Contingent as a Third-Assistant Scoutmaster. In the coming year I hope to increase participation in lodge events, especially attendance at the NE-3A Conclave, which will be held at Camp Russell from August 13-15, 2010.

This looks to be a great year ahead of us and we should take the initiative to come to at least one more lodge event than you did last year. And always feel free to bring along or ask a fellow lodge brother to come with you. If you have been not as active in the Order as you would like to be, then let this year be the year that you really become active.

Together we can make the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of scouting one to remember for years to come. Again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the coming year.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Jacob Horner  
Lodge Chief



## David Karcz, Vice Chief

Dear Brothers,

As some of you know, I am David Karcz. I am currently a Life scout. I was elected as a Vice Chief for the Lodge. I joined scouts at the school open house in September of 2002. Before I joined Boy scouts I had participated in band and basketball with my school, both I had quit. I had to promise my mom that I would not join and quit scouts. As soon as I joined I was "hooked". When peers in school ask "Are you in Boy Scouts?" I say "yes, I am and you should be involved too." I joined Pack 48 in Albion when I was in fifth grade. My den leader worked hard and helped me to get my Arrow of light by the Blue and Gold.

At the end of fifth grade I crossed over to Troop 164 in Albion. I have held many positions in my troop. I have been an assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, OA Representative and Den Chief. I have participated in most of my troop's campouts and events. I am now one of the older scouts that help the younger ones to advance. As of right now I have 22 merit badges and plan to earn more until I turn 18. I also attended National Youth Leadership Training as a participant and the following year I was asked back. I agreed to come back to be on staff. What would have been my second year of being on NYLT staff, I decided that I wanted to do Summer Camp Staff. I enjoyed being on camp staff and had a lot of fun. Unfortunately this year I will not be able to work on camp staff because I will be going to the National Jamboree as a youth staff in one of the trading posts.

I was elected into the Order of the Arrow about four years ago. I can remember standing in the parade field during flags at Dittmer and all of a sudden these Indian dressed people come out of no where. I had no clue what was about to happen. So the Indian dressed people stood in the middle of the parade field and started to call names of scouts'. I heard them call my name and was told to go to the middle of the parade field where they were standing. They said that we were elected by our troop to be in the Order of the Arrow. I thought to myself, what is that?

I had never heard of Order of the Arrow, but I was curious to find out. I was not able to attend the fall ordeal weekend because I was sick. In the spring I went to the spring ordeal. It was a good year before I started going to the monthly LEC meetings. At first I thought they were boring, but as I understood more, I wanted to attend more LEC's. I became a troop representative for the OA a year ago, and have been going to the monthly LEC meetings. After October I decided I wanted to help the lodge just like Austin had done.

Although it may take me a little while to get familiar with the structure of the lodge, I hope to be an asset. I made my final decision to run for Vice Chief at the January Winter Banquet. I would like to see more participation from youth and better attendance at the monthly LEC meetings. I would really like for us to earn Quality Lodge. I hope to help conduct and complete more service projects at both camps.

YIS,  
David Karcz

## **Kyle Smith, Vice Chief**

I am a new Lodge Vice Chief, Kyle Smith. I am a member of Troop 29 of Lima, part of the Nundawaga District. I attended Philmont in the summer of 2008 and also Northern Tier last summer. I am going for the “Triple Crown” by going to Sea-Base in the upcoming year. I also plan on being with a contingent at the National Jamboree this summer. I have attended NYLT as a participant and was selected to serve on the NYLT staff. Although I received the training, I was unable to be a part of the staff due to a change in the dates.

I have previously served our lodge coordinating the Winter Banquet and as Ordealmaster. I recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout and I am now working towards earning Palms. One of my goals is to promote work weekends within the lodge, as one of the major aspects of belonging to our Order is giving cheerful service.

I am looking forward to serving you as your Vice Chief during the next year.

## **Max Lord, Ordeal Master**

My full name is Maxwell Lord, though in the lodge and at camp I am more commonly referred to as “Toaster”. Don’t ask me why . . . something about a brave little toaster . . . Anyway, for six years I have been a Boy Scout in Troop 16 out of Pavilion. For four of those years I have been a member of Ashokwahta Lodge. Like everyone, for the first year I was an Ordeal member. Unlike others, I quickly rushed back to convert my membership to Brotherhood.

I do my best to attend OA events and activities. I have served as an Elangomat during four Ordeal weekends. My current duty with the lodge is that of Ordealmaster. It is my goal as Ordealmaster to help make our ordeal weekends as successful as possible.

## **Giovanni Xavier Madejski, Secretary**

Yo. My name is Giovanni Xavier Madejski. I'm in Troop164, of Albion. I have almost completed all of the requirements for Eagle Scout. I have been in the OA for many years.  
'K. Bye.

*Editor's note: printed as submitted*

## **Faustino (NJ) Solis, Treasurer**

For those who haven't seen me before at Camp Dittmer or frequent OA events, my name is Faustino F. Solis III. Many of you know me as "NJ", but as fellow scouts you may also refer to me as "the Dragonfly". I come to you from Troop 4 of Lockport where I am an active member. I was inducted in to the Order back in 2007 and I have been an active Arrowman ever since. I recently performed the role of Allowat Sakima with the ceremonies team. I was the only youth member of our lodge to attend NOAC last year at Indiana University. I enjoy long walks (but not on sandy beaches), music, and cooking shows.



### *Our Condolences*

*Our sincere and heartfelt condolences are extended to our Lodge Adviser Mr. Mike McNutt and his family for their recent loss.*

# **OA TROOP REP'S: WHERE ARE YOU?**

Every month our Lodge holds a meeting of the executive committee. Every unit with OA members should have an OA Troop Representative. Unit Representatives should be attending the monthly Lodge Executive Committee meetings. In January there were five youth members present other than lodge officers.

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a troop leadership position. This position is often used to meet advancement requirements for Star or Life. The Troop Representative position holds responsibilities and is more than a patch to wear and an easy office.

Does your OA Troop Representative speak at meetings to share Lodge information? When was the last time your OA Troop Representative attended a Lodge Executive Committee meeting? Ask your Troop Representative about Conclave or NOAC and see if they have anything to share. Ask your OA Troop Representative how much money was raised at our patch auction and donated for camp improvements at Camp Sam Wood. If your OA Troop Representative can't answer those questions, maybe it is time for a new one.



### Calendar of upcoming Events

February LEC		Feb 17
Camp Kick-off (Chili); 1st UMC, Rte 63, Batavia		Feb 24
March LEC		Mar 17
April LEC		Apr 21
May LEC		May 19
Spring Ordeal	Camp Sam Wood	June 4-6
Conclave	Camp Russell	Aug 13-15
Fall Ordeal	Camp Dittmer	Sep 10-12

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings are held at the Batavia Service Center located at 45 Liberty Street in Batavia (side door). This meeting is for Lodge Officers, Lodge Committees, Troop Representatives, and any interested members.

The LEC meetings begin at 7 P.M. and end around 8:30 P.M.

### Mailing List and Dues Payment

During the past five years we have diligently attempted to bring the mailing list of OA Members into line. Members who have not paid, as per the guidelines of the Ashokwahta Lodge, have been dropped from the mailing list. Those members no longer current with Lodge dues were considered inactive for the mailing list after the Spring 2009 OA Weekend. Payment of the 2009 and the 2010 dues will bring into line those members who have not remained current in dues — \$8.00 per year or \$16.00 total. The upper right corner of your mailing label indicates the year your dues are paid through.

**Reminder :** If a fellow Arrowman tells you they are not receiving the newsletter, please have them update their dues, home address, and e-mail by calling Judy Anderson at the Batavia office.

Phone number: 1-585-343-0307

## **Congratulations to Mr. Roger Belling, Ashokwahta Lodge's recipient of the Founder's Award for 2009**



(above) Mr. Roger Belling, 2009 Founder's Award Recipient



Past Founder's Award recipients look on as Vigil Honor member Mr. Jerry Vukman describes the history and tradition of the Vigil Honor and the Founder's Award.

***The Lodge extends their sincere thanks to Mr. Don Ames for cataloging and coordinating the annual patch auction.***



## History of the Vigil Honor, by Mr. Jerry Vukman

The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 at Treasure Island by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. In 1915, E. Urner Goodman became the first Vigil member. The Vigil was reserved for those special Arrowmen who gave exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest that made distinguished contributions beyond their immediate responsibilities. (OA Handbook 1997)

On June 2, 1934, at the National Council Annual Meeting in Buffalo, NY, the Order of the Arrow program was approved by the National Council. In May 1948, the Executive Board, upon recommendation of its committee on Camping, officially integrated the Order of the Arrow into the Scouting Movement. The Order of the Arrow's National Lodge was dissolved and Supervision shifted to the Boy Scouts of America. (OA Handbook 1977).

The Vigil Honor has NO list of requirements to fulfill. The Vigil Honor cannot be won by conscious endeavor, but instead, altruistic leadership in Service. The one and only definite requirement for the Vigil is Brotherhood membership tenure.

In 1950, Brotherhood membership was required for 3 years. (OA Handbook 1950 from Don Ames). By 1961, this was reduced to the present 2 year Brotherhood membership. Until the 1970's, the number of Vigils selected was based on new Ordeal members inducted at the rate of one per twenty-five new Ordeals (OA Handbook 1950 & 1961). By 1977, this was changed to one per fifty Lodge members (OA Handbook 1977).

For those at the Lodge Banquet in January, they were able to look at the Plaque of Vigil members from Amo'chk Lodge from 1955 through 1968. In that time period only two to four new Vigils were inducted per year. There are still a few of these "old Vigils" active in our Lodge. We will try and bring the plaque to Spring Weekend.

I believe that Order of the Arrow National Board decided that the Vigil be made more available by increasing the number of new Vigils that may be inducted to encourage members to stay active. Today, if we were on the old standard of new Ordeals inducted, we would only be able to select three or four new Vigils. This year, we had seven Vigil petitions available. This is where the Founder's Award was started. It replaced the Vigil in difficulty to attain - that though, is another subject.

The Order of the Arrow is a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. This means we work. The work can be easy and the work can be less than pleasurable, but we do the work to benefit others. To the youth reading this, you need to find a way to make work fun and enjoyable, no matter how distasteful. If you do not find a way to make work fun and rewarding, you will enjoy a miserable existence for forty-fifty years after you finish your schooling (Personal opinion)

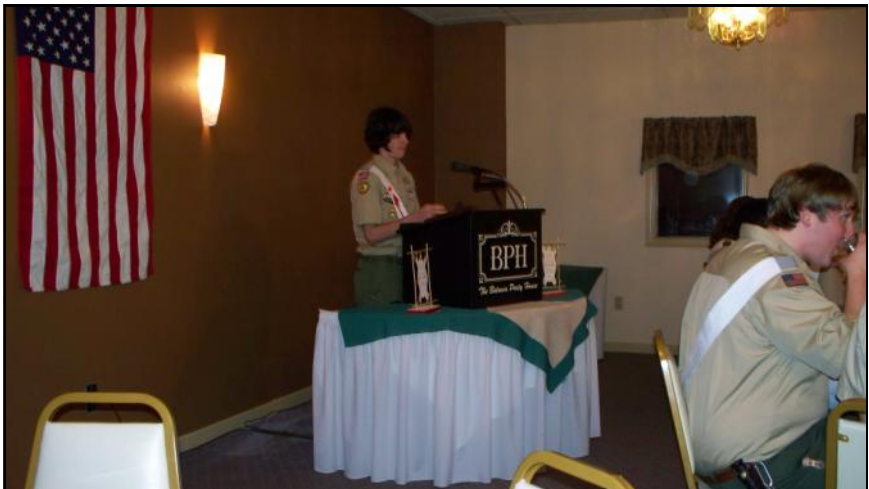
In closing, The Vigil Honor is an award that finds the recipient, the recipient does not find the award. Those selected for the Vigil Honor are selected not so much for what they have done in the past, but what is expected of them in the future. Proof is evident in the number of Vigils who have been active for decades in our Lodge. Lastly, do your jobs, do them well, be cheerful and have fun while you do it. Whether you attain Vigil or not may not matter because you will have developed a personal way of life that will serve you well throughout your life.

Happy Scouting

## 2010 Winter Banquet



Interim-Chief Garret DeFilipps, new Lodge Chief Jacob Horner, and incoming Vice Chief Kyle Smith. It's great to have reservations!



Lodge Interim-Chief Garrett DeFilipps welcomes everyone and opens the evening's events.



## 2010 Winter Banquet



(left to right) Vigil Honor members William T. Boyd (Austin's Grandfather) and Frank Berger; Brotherhood members JAK Kohmann and Derek Kohmann.



Lodge Adviser Mike McNutt (left), Outgoing Vice-Chief Brandon Lewis (center), and Staff Adviser Bob Drury during Past Lodge Chief's Award.



## ORDEAL WEEKEND PRICE CHANGES

As a result of concerns regarding the price charged to attend work weekends, our lodge conducted an informal survey of other lodges and their fees for candidates and members at work weekends. We also determined our cost for candidates and members. Because the cost of sashes and books has risen, we must raise our prices. The cost increase is similar to what other lodges in our section charge candidates and members.

### **New Ordeal, Brotherhood and Member prices/weekend:**

Ordeal Candidates **\$35.00** (Sash, flap, book, dues, meals)

Brotherhood Candidates **\$31.00** (Sash, dues, meals)

Members **\$15.00**—please note members arriving on Saturdays are expected to register on arrival and ensure their payment has been received and recorded.

## LODGE COMMUNICATIONS

Lodge communications are very important. Is your OA Troop Representative providing up-to-date information about Lodge activities and events? Are you receiving the Lodge newsletter? Do you know OA members in your troop who aren't getting the newsletter? Do you receive Lodge e-mail?

Don't wait for your troop representative if he isn't doing his job. We need your help. Ask for time at your troop meeting to meet with OA members. Find out who isn't receiving the newsletter. Send us their names. We will make sure they are on the mailing list. Send us phone numbers and e-mail addresses for your troop OA members. All OA members in your troop should go to the council website and sign-up for the electronic mailing list. At the top of the Council webpage there is a button "Join E-Mail List". Click that button and select the list (OA) you want to join. This will be very important in the future as we send a lot more information by e-mail.



# Spring 2010 Ordeal Weekend Registration

## June 4-6, 2009 at Camp Sam Wood, Pike, New York



Name	Unit	Phone	E-Mail
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Qty _____	Ordeal Candidates at \$35.00 each	= _____
_____	Brotherhood Candidates at \$31.00 each	= _____
_____	Members at \$15.00 each	= _____
_____	total reservations	_____ total
_____ Pay at event/door _____ Check enclosed		
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Mail registration to:  
 Iroquois Trail Council, BSA  
 43 Liberty Street, Suite 2  
 Batavia, NY 14020  
 Register by Phone: 585-343-0307

Register in advance at the Batavia Office by mail, in person or by phone. Pay by mail, in person, by phone, or at camp. All participants are expected to register in advance\* by mail or phone. Health forms, available online, are required to be on-file for all participants.

### Checks payable to:

**Ashokwahta Lodge #339**

**Reservations due by May 21, 2010**

\* the Lodge reserves the right to impose a late fee for anyone registering at the door



## 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure • Continuing the Journey*

# Scout Campers Honor Seven

The Amo'Chk Lodge, Order of the Arrow initiated seven Scouts and leaders into the Vigil Honor during impressive ceremonies at Camp Sam Wood, Pike.

The Vigil Honor, highest of the three honors a Scout can receive in the organization is for extensive service to the lodge, Scouting and the camp. Honored were Eagle Scouts Rick French of Troop 26, Avon, Richard Almeter and Darrell Tullar of Troop 55 Arcade, Meremy Jackson of Troop 54 Castle, and Martin Roberts of Troop 32 Warsaw and adult

leaders William Boyd of Avon and Kenneth Barons of Bergen.

During the weekend encampment which started Friday evening (9/13) and concluded Sunday morning (9/15) the members present elected Randy French of Avon to the post of Vice Chief to fill a vacancy and named Ron Boyd of Avon, Brian Nealey of Warsaw, Bruce Wilcox of LeRoy and Ray Stanton of Curta to committee chairmanships.

A winter father and son banquet was scheduled for Dec. 30.

Eagle Scout Hugh TenHagen of Warsaw is Chief of the local lodge and Dan Kelly of LeRoy is Secretary - Treasurer. Adult advisors include David Hayward of Pavilion, James Cromwell of Nunda and Mr. Barons.

Brotherhood Weekend, Fall 1974, article from "The Avon Herald" honoring Vigil Honor recipients and others.

### ***Along the Trail—celebrating 100 years of Scouting***

I became an Ordeal member of Lodge #339 at the spring weekend in 1974. That fall, my older brother converted to Brotherhood and my father received the Vigil honor. Things were a bit different then. Our lodge held Ordeal weekend in the spring and Brotherhood weekend in the fall. There was no opportunity to complete the Ordeal in the fall (or Brotherhood in the spring). Full lodge meetings were held on Sunday of each work weekend with lodge elections being held at one of them. I believe it was the spring weekends, but I could be wrong.

In addition to lodge meetings taking place at work weekends, lodge meetings were also held monthly at the Letchworth District Roundtable in Geneseo. These meetings were probably what we now call Lodge Executive Committee meetings. The lodge officers and key three would meet together, usually while committees were having their meetings and the ceremonies team practiced.

The lodge had several active committees, such as: Where to go Camping, Ceremonies, Elections, and Camp Promotions. The ceremonies team uses the same head-dresses (at least they look like the same ones) that were in use in the lodge 35 years ago. Believe it or not, politics was actually involved in the election and selection of officers and committee chairs! Candidates for lodge chief actively campaigned before and during the weekend of the election. They usually could count on the support of their troop members in the lodge, alliances might be created with other troops, and candidates for office might even have a platform they ran on.

If I recall correctly, Hugh Ten Hagen of Warsaw was lodge chief when I became an Ordeal member, followed by Greg Johnson (Geneseo) in 1975. It was fun to serve on the ceremonies teams for two years and to assist with publishing our lodge's "Where to go Camping" booklet. By some stroke of adolescent genius, I wrote to Carol A. Edson, Jr. His reply was included as the foreword of the booklet, and our initial communication would lead to his attendance at the next Lodge #339 father and son winter banquet. This was probably in 1976.

In 1985-1986 I was an assistant Cubmaster and Webelos leader in the Trans-Atlantic Council. I transferred my lodge membership to Black Eagle Lodge. When I returned to the area in 1986, I transferred back to Genesee Council and Lodge #339. I was asked to serve as Unit Commissioner for the Scout Troops and Cub Packs in York, Leicester, and Mt. Morris and attended "Commissioner's College" run by Dave Cargill. I recall attending a Saturday work weekend at Barlow's cabin where we removed the wooden floor and another weekend when the concrete floor was poured. I think Dave Konopka was lodge adviser at the time, however this may have been in 1980 when I was home.

Things like college, family and career have a way of interfering with the best of intentions and in 1988 I was not able to continue as an active volunteer. When my son became a Webelos scout in 2000, it was the perfect opportunity to become re-involved. Our troop did not usually attend Roundtable, but I was asked to attend the next monthly meeting. It should not have been a surprise to find Dave Hawley still working the registration table.

Although it would be a few years before my son became a member of the OA, I again found myself attending spring and fall weekends. That evolved into also attending LEC's and then becoming more actively involved with our lodge.

## **Past Lodge Chief Award presented to Mr. Boyd in recognition of Austin's two years of service.**

Brothers, fellow Scouters and friends,

Thank you for the award recognizing Austin as a past Lodge Chief. I would like to thank Kyle Smith for taking on the responsibility of organizing our banquet, coordinating the menu, and creating the program. I would also like to thank Garrett DeFilipps for assuming the responsibilities of interim lodge chief and managing the Lodge Executive Committee meetings these past two months.

Austin had a vision and goals for our lodge. He was well aware that one of our primary purposes and obligations as members of this fraternal order is to work to promote, maintain and enhance our Council's camping programs. Our lodge members accomplish this at the patrol and troop level as role models; as those most knowledgeable of camp craft and outdoor skills; as those able to provide leadership; and, as those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. At the Council level our lodge members – youth and adult – serve in many ways. They serve not only by assisting with the maintenance of our summer camps, but also by promoting and enhancing our Council's camping programs at Pack meetings, Webelos Woods, Cub Scout day camps, Cub Scout resident camp, District Roundtables, Troop meetings, camporee's, and Boy Scout summer camp. Each year, more than three-quarters of our summer camp staff, who experience and enjoy serving at both our Council camps, are lodge brothers.

It is the responsibility and solemn duty of we who bear the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow to support all aspects of our Council's camping program equally. Austin understood this better than I did. Mindful of our high tradition and our purpose, Austin envisioned uniting the Lodge in cheerful service to our Council's entire camping program. It was his goal to begin with a short-term focus on improvements at Camp Dittmer – which has many needs. It was Austin's intent to run for a third term as your Lodge Chief because, in his words, "Dad, there's stuff left undone that I need to see through...". If you knew Austin, that makes sense.

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Mr. Boyd accepts Austin's Past Lodge Chief Award and thanks the lodge for recognizing Austin's service.

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As Lodge Chief, Austin sought to have a pavilion built at Camp Dittmer. Last September, after three years of discussion, consensus was reached by our Lodge to build the pavilion in the program area for first-year campers. This spring, Troop 59 and Austin's friends will break ground for the construction of the "Austin James Boyd BrownSea Memorial" at Camp Dittmer. It is our intent to have the pavilion dedicated and ready for use during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary camping season this summer.

We humbly accept the Past Lodge Chief's award honoring Austin's service. It is my promise to you to honor Austin's memory through service to our Council's camping programs, service to our Lodge, service to our summer camps, and service to our younger scouts, in whatever capacity needed, always striving for cheerful service. May the memory of Austin's cheerful service inspire you, as well.

Sincerely,

Ron Boyd  
Austin's Dad



## *Help Wanted*

### Wanted:

Amo'chk **S-2** pocket flap.

Amo'chk, Tuighaunock, Ashokwahta, Camp Dittmer, and Camp Sam Wood patches available for trade. Willing to trade, buy, or a combination of cash and trade. Contact Ron Boyd if interested.  
reboyd2@hotmail.com

### Help Still Needed:

Youth members are needed to serve on the Camp Promotions Committee. Participants travel to units, present a video or slide show and let cubs and scouts know of the wonderful activities they will experience at our Council summer camps. Contact Mr. Boyd if interested:  
reboyd2@hotmail.com

### Positions Remain Available

Youth volunteers are needed for the Lodge Ceremonies Team. We would like to be able to field two separate teams for Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Please contact Mr. Keith Oliver if interested.

### Your Pictures & Articles

Help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA. Send copies of your old-time scouting pictures or written recollections of scouting earlier in the 20th Century. Send articles to the Batavia office c/o Ashokwahta Tehtas.

### Representatives Needed

Dedicated youth members needed to serve as OA Troop Representatives. Responsible for ensuring all active lodge members in your troop receive up-to-date information and communications for Lodge activities. Contact your Scoutmaster if interested.

### Volunteers Needed

Youth volunteers are needed from each District for Unit Election Teams. A volunteer is also needed to serve as the chairperson for the election team. If interested, please contact JAK Kohmann or any LEC Officer.

## *Does your unit have an OA Troop Representative?*

*"Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit - to help it present its membership a better ideal of the inner qualities of the good scout camper. Qualities of character, like cheerfulness and service are hard for a boy or a man to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life.*

*Let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit - for the unit is our best hope in scouting."*

*Dr. E. Urner Goodman  
Founder, Order of the Arrow*



Contact your Lodge Chief for more information about the Troop Representative qualifications and responsibilities.

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