


# THE BULLETIN

## ORDER OF THE ARROW



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#### At Nat'l Executives Conference

It is obvious that the Order of the Arrow has grown to new stature and proportions from the attention it has been given at the 8th National Training Conference for Scout Executives which was just held at the Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana. Since the last Conference of Executives the membership and number of Lodges has just about doubled. During this interim, the Order was officially recognized and accepted by the National Council as a component part of the Scouting program and was placed under the guidance of the National Camping Division. At present there are 330 Lodges located in all but three States in the Union. The Arrow recently penetrated into Alaska and there is clear evidence that Lodges will soon show up in other extra-territorial parts of the United States.

Important as this growth in numbers is, it is clearly over-shadowed by the importance that is attached to the effect that the Arrow has in the inculcation and maintenance of Scouting ideals in our Scouts and the program activities in which they participate.

During the first day at the Executives' Conference while the subject of 'Idealism in Scouting' was under discussion, the Arrow was mentioned several times. In one of the sessions, three Scouts who had participated in the recent Peace Jamboree in France were interviewed by E. Urner Goodman on the subject of Ideals and Idealism. In answer to a question as to what experiences they had had in Scouting which had impressed and affected them most, one of the Scouts said, that next to his Investiture as a

Tenderfoot Scout, that his induction into the Arrow had been the most significant event in his Scouting experience. As this came direct from the Scout its implication and importance were most impressive.

Region XII used the Arrow theme in their fine Regional Stunt on one of the evening programs of the conference in a most effective manner.

During the conference an informal dinner meeting was held which was called by R. H. Heistand, our National Chief. We were honored to have the founder of the Order, E. U. Goodman of the National Staff with us. Past National Chiefs A. A. Schuck, A. C. Nichols, Jr., J. H. Brinton, J. A. Brunton, Jr., G. A. Mozealous attended and contributed much to this pleasant gathering. Others present were: John C. Norsk, Nat'l Secretary; J. R. Newbery, Nat'l Treasurer, and the following members of the Nat'l Executive Committee: Herbert L. Gaskin, A. R. Groenink, Wes H. Klusman and Wm. E. Hoffman. Kenneth Wells, Chas. Heistand and John Venable rounded out the group.

Bob Heistand gave us some interesting side-lights of the Jamboree which he attended as an official representative of the Order. He mentioned the many fine contacts he had with members of the Order and stated that he had many inquiries from both American and foreign Scouters about the workings of the Arrow. He took great pains to refer all American inquiries back to their respective Council Executives. The foreign inquiries were referred to the International Bureau.

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#### A JAMBOREE HIGHLIGHT

Enroute to France, a hundred and more Arrow men gathered in answer to a call made by Bob Heistand, our National Chief, on a deck of the "General Muir" for an Arrow Pow Wow. Here on a deck, where just a few months ago guns and other implements of warfare were mounted, now sat members of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service on their way to a great 'Peace Jamboree'. The deep implications of the change were felt by everyone as were also the tremendous opportunities to help in the building of a great peace which lay before them.

It was discovered that at least 60% of the American delegation were members of the Order. Even though no sashes were in evidence during the trip the conduct of the Arrow men was noteworthy. Whenever the 'going was tough' or irksome tasks came along Arrowmen took the lead and set an example of cheerful service. This conduct was the finest 'badge' of their membership in our Order.

Numerous inquiries were made by members of the American delegation and much information was shared with those interested in the Order. A considerable number of inquiries came from representatives of other countries too. These were referred to the International Scout Bureau.

JOE BRUNTON,  
former Nat'l Chief

In Charleston, South Carolina, the Lodge planted 6,000 seedlings of slash pine, and has launched a quarterly Lodge publication.



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**ACTIONS SPEAK**

"Arrow men are broad in their sympathies. They are Arrow men because they have always cared for the other fellow. There is little need to say anything about the 'World Brotherhood of Scouting', 'Shirts of your Back campaign', or of 'Scouts of the World building together'.

"We have just returned from the 'Jamboree of Peace' held at Moisson, France and are now more than ever convinced that Scouting and its important counterpart, the Order of the Arrow, are even greater than we think. Once again we have seen these two forces at work in the lives of men and boys. America's participation was made better by reason of the fact that so many members of the contingent had lived up to our Admonition. At Kilmer, on board the transports, and throughout the whole Jamboree we saw fellows quick to volunteer for service only to recognize them later as members of the Brotherhood.

"On we go from Council to Council, from State to State, in ever increasing numbers of Lodges and Arrow Men. It makes all of us deeply conscious of our responsibilities for maintaining high standards in everything that is touched or influenced by our words or actions."

BOB HEISTAND,  
*Nat'l Lodge Chief.*

**"USING WHAT WE HAVE"**

During the Executive's Conference at Bloomington, Indiana it has been our good fortune to have the opportunity to talk 'Arrow' with a considerable number of men who are most sincerely and enthusiastically interested in the Order. By and large they reported effective accomplishments and results by the Arrow in their respective Councils. The occasional report of some type of difficulty in operation or program in some Lodge was both natural and understandable. As we talked and counselled with these men, a thought kept flashing back into my mind and finally grew to such proportions that I feel it necessary to share it with you.

There came a repeated request for some new ideas, projects, or pieces of literature. This did not surprise us much as that seems to be the natural thing to do, not only in Arrow work but in all phases of Scouting activity. I would like to offer an idea which I hope will prove as helpful to those who read this column as it has been to us.

First, gather up the various pieces of Arrow literature which you have on hand. This should include the Ritual

Manuals, the National Lodge Constitution and By-Laws Pamphlet, the one on Operation of the Local Lodge and the new one on Selection of Candidates and The Ordeal. I would suggest a careful reading of these booklets on your part which should be followed by a joint study of this material by the officers and ritual team of your Lodge. If your lodge is having some difficulties, you will quickly see most of the answers. You will find that perhaps you are not operated according to the policies or regulations as they are stated in our literature. Most problems brought to our attention were solved when the local lodge 'got on the beam'.

If it should be, that the answer cannot be found in our literature, then immediate contact should be made with your nearest Area Leader, or with one of the National Officers or members of the Executive Committee.

We are sure that if each lodge will make full use of the literature and personnel that the National Lodge has available for you, that it will prove of tremendous help to your membership and to your Lodge.

BILL HOFFMANN,  
*Editor of the Bulletin*



## QUESTION AND ANSWER DEPARTMENT

*Edited by J. RUCKER NEWBERY,  
National Treasurer*

We cordially invite Lodge Officials and Scout Executives to write the Editor of this Column asking any question that they would like to have the answer to, and we will try to direct your attention to where the answer may be found, or we will get the answer in the next issue of The Bulletin. The following questions have been answered by a majority of the members of your Executive Committee, and much thought and effort has gone into giving you a concise, and yet a full answer to these questions.

Question 1. Is it permissible to give the full 3 "W's" in Ordeal Honor?

Answer: It is not only permissible, but it is required, to state in full the three words represented by W. W. W. in the Ordeal Honor Ceremonial, but only in the Obligation, and at the end of the Legend. These three words in full, together with their meaning, as given in the Legend, are a part of the mysteries received by the new member during the Ordeal Ceremonial. The only reason that they are not used more is because of inability to use proper pronunciation.

Question 2. Just exactly how secret should the Ritual Ceremonies be? Is it right for parents and friends to visit ceremonies?

Answer: There should be no visitors at Ritual Ceremonies with the exception of those very few who may be specifically invited by the local Executive in his Ex-Officio position as Supreme Chief of the Fire of the local Lodge, as being "legitimately interested in investigating the purpose or method of the Order", as permitted by the National Lodge policy under "Mystery" on Page 13 of the Local Lodge Manual. It would be a good idea for Lodges to have good calling-out Ceremonies to which parents and friends can be invited.

Question 3. State definitely whether the Order of the Arrow is officially a Senior Scout Organization.

Answer: The Order of the Arrow is not a Senior Scout organization. It is an officially approved part of the whole Program of the Boy Scouts of America, and supervision so far as the National Council is concerned is centered in the Division of Program, and under the Director of Camping and Special Events.

Question 4. Since it is possible to form a Senior Unit with only 5 members instead of 8 as required by a Troop, would it be possible to lower the number of campers needed to hold an election to 5 instead of 8 required by National Lodge?

Answer: There is nothing in the National Lodge policies and requirements for election of candidates for the Ordeal Honor to prevent a local Lodge from permitting the holding of an election by a Senior Unit with only five members, provided the regulations adopted by the local Lodge are changed so that the total number of candidates elected by all Senior Units and Troops together "shall not be more than 10% of the total number of Scout Campers".

Question 5. What is the proper procedure in drawing up a Lodge Constitution and in getting it approved by the National Lodge?

Answer: Local Lodges should not adopt a Local Lodge Constitution, but should merely adopt either Local Lodge By-Laws or Local Lodge Rules of Procedure, starting with the statement that the Local Lodge is a regularly chartered Lodge of the National Lodge Order of the Arrow, and its rules are subject to the National Lodge Constitution and By-Laws. Any such Local Lodge By-Laws or Local Lodge Rules of Procedure must be submitted to the National Secretary of the Order of the Arrow for O.K. as being in accordance with the National Lodge Constitution, By-Laws and policies. Similarly, any proposed amendments must also be submitted to the National Secretary. See

Article II, Section 5, of the National Constitution.

Question 6. How do we get qualified for Vigil Honor and how can we put it on?

Answer: Article II, Section 3, Clause 3 gives this answer plus the fact that the National Lodge Bulletin has given complete details as to how to handle this. Briefly, however, a Lodge should have a Vigil Honor Committee which should review each year the work of its members. If this Committee feels that they have outstanding candidates who have served 3 years as Brotherhood members, they can make application to Vigil Honor Secretary for approval. It must be noted that candidates for Vigil Honor should have an outstanding record, and not be selected just because they have been a Brotherhood member for the required length of time, and they should automatically move up. The Vigil Honor can be put on only by Vigil Honor members. Therefore, the ceremonies are usually held at National, Regional or Area meetings where there are some Vigil Honor members present. However, it is possible for one Vigil Honor member to visit another Lodge to put on the ceremony.

Question 7. Should the members of the Brotherhood separate from the rest of the Lodge on any function?

Answer: As a general rule, Brotherhood members should not separate for any function, except for their own Brotherhood Ritual Ceremony. It is believed that in most lodges, outside of these Brotherhood Honor Rituals, it would be better not to plan separate activities for Brotherhood Honor members, but to expect them to participate with members of all the other Honors in all of the activities of the Lodge.

Question 8. What is the ratio of Vigil Honor members to ordeal and Brotherhood?

Answer: There is no official ruling, but the feeling is that two Vigils per year, per 50 new members taken in is about right. There certainly should not be any quota set.



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J. Rucker Newbery, reported that there were now about 330 Lodges with a membership in the neighborhood of about 40,000. He told of the organization of 16 new lodges this year and stated that several additional new lodges were on their way in. We were all happy to hear of the excellent 're-chartering' record being made this year. Rucker Newbery and John Norsk joined in the report that the current year was without doubt one of the busiest in the entire history of the Order.

Preliminary announcement of the Fall Meeting of the Executive Committee was made by the National Chief during this informal meeting. All of those who attended not only enjoyed the fine fellowship of this meeting but appreciated the opportunity to share in the rich experiences of the group of past National Chiefs who were present.

Raising the funds for building a camp chapel, clearing a new Arrow Circle, building drainage system and miscellaneous services were performed by the Lodge at Washington, Pa.

With 60,000 people to be ushered at the Easter Sunrise Services of Mount Forest, the Order of the Arrow really had a service project. These were all members of the Glendale, California Order.

The Order of the Arrow here also took a pack trip with forty members, and the trip took eight days in the High Sierra mountains.

Sponsoring a party for Senior Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts is one of the nice things that the Kickapoo Lodge reports out of Terre Haute, Indiana.

According to the Executive at Mayville, New York, the Order of the Arrow has been of especial value. Transplanting 700 5-year-old spruce is a real good job. This is just one of 14 ideas that we saw on their Service report.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW SUPPLIES**

Materials for the Order of the Arrow may only be purchased by Councils having an active Lodge of the Order of the Arrow in good standing on the records of the National Lodge. No supplies will be sold to individuals.

Supplies should be ordered from the NATIONAL SUPPLY SERVICE, Boy Scouts of America, 231 South Green St., Chicago, Ill.

Payments for such orders should be made to the NATIONAL SUPPLY SERVICE, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

VIGIL HONOR supply orders should be sent, accompanied by remittance in full to the National Vigil Honor Secretary, George W. Chapman, 154 Wellington Road, Jenkinstown, Pa.

**ARROW SUPPLIES**

Pins on Ribbon for use on Uniform (28c each in lots of 100 or more)	\$ .30 each
Silver Arrow Pins (28c in lots of 100 or more)	.30 each
National Constitution and By-Laws	.10 each
Local Lodge Manuals	.10 each
Ordeal Honor Ritual Pamphlets	.15 each
Brotherhood Honor Ritual Pamphlets	.15 each
Questions and Answers for Review on Ordeal	.01 each
Membership Cards for Local Lodge use	.01 each
Arrow Bands—Red Arrow on White Felt	.50 each

**VIGIL HONOR SUPPLIES**

(Available only from Vigil Honor Secretary)

Vigil Honor Bands	\$1.00 each
Vigil Honor Lapel Pins	1.50 each
Vigil Honor Pamphlets	.10 each

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**NEW LODGES**

No.	Name	Council	City
353	Immokalee	Chehaw	Albany, Georgia
354	Mayi	Golden Empire	Sacramento, California
355		Alaska	Juneau, Alaska
356		Central Wyoming	Casper, Wyoming
357	Adirondeck	Jefferson Lewis	Watertown, New York
358	Echeconnge	Central Georgia	Macon, Georgia
359	Aheka	Aheka	Passaic, New Jersey
360		Suffolk County	Port Jefferson, N. Y.
361		Western Montana	Missoula, Montana
362		Oranges & Maple-wood Area	East Orange, New Jersey
363		Snake River Valley	Twin Falls, Idaho
364		Adirondack	Saranac Lake, N. Y.
365		Ouachita Area	Hot Springs, Arkansas
366		Boise Area	Boise, Idaho
367		West Kentucky	Owensburg, Ky.
368		Trumbull Area	Warren, Ohio

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