

THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE ORDER ARE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED. THERE ARE AS WELL CERTAIN, OTHER THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED ABOUT THE ORDER--ARROW POINTS TO ITS SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

THE ORDER OF THE ARROW IS A THING OF THE INDIVIDUAL RATHER THAN OF THE MASS. IN OUR SCHEME, EACH INDIVIDUAL IS IMPORTANT. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRESSED IN OUR ORDER. INDEED, CERTAIN OF OUR CEREMONIES WERE DEVELOPED WITH PARTICULAR BOYS IN MIND. THE VERY IDEALS OF BROTHERHOOD, CHEERFULNESS, AND SERVICE SPRING TO LIFE IN THE FLESH-ANDBLOOD APPEARANCE OF REAL INDIVIDUALS. YES, IN THE ORDER EACH MEMBER IS IMPORTANT, FOR WHAT EACH ONE DOES COUNTS IN ESTABLISHING THE ORDER'S SUCCESS.

SUCH AN IDEA IS BASIC TO OUR DEMOCRACY, JUST AS IT IS OFFENSIVE TO TOTALITARIANS.

THE ORDER OF THE ARROW IS A THING OF THE OUT OF DOORS RATHER THAN THE INDOORS. IT WAS BORN ON AN ISLAND WILDERNESS. IT NEEDS THE SUN AND THE RAIN, THE WOODS AND THE PLAINS, THE WATERS AND THE STARLIT SKY.

WE PICK UP THE LORE AND TRADITION OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS AND GLORIFY THEM TODAY. THE INDIAN WAS A LOVER OF THE OPEN AIR AND HIS CULTURE IS OURS TO PRESERVE.

IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT ONE OF OUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS WILL BE THE STRENGTHENING OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT AS AN OUT-OF-DOOR EXPERIENCE. IN THIS RESPECT WE HAVE A DOUBLE TASK: WE HAVE A QUANTITY JOB TO DO, FOR STILL TOO LARGE A PERCENTAGE OF OUR TROOPS AND EXPLORER UNITS ARE NOT CAMPING. WE HAVE A QUALITY JOB TO DO TO SECURE GENUINE CAMPING THAT PRODUCES SELF-RELIANCE IN THE INDIVIDUAL CAMPER.

FOR OUT OF LIFE IN THE OPEN COMES A PRECIOUS INGREDIENT WHICH OUR COUNTRY AND ANY COUNTRY NEEDS IF IT IS TO SURVIVE--SELF-RELIANCE THAT MAKES MEN STRONG IN ANYTIME OF STRESS.

THE ORDER OF THE ARROW IS A THING OF THE SPIRIT RATHER THAN OF MECHANICS. ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE, AND PARAPHERNALIA ARE NECESSARY IN ANY LARGE AND GROWING MOVEMENT, BUT THEY ARE NOT WHAT COUNT IN THE END. THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT COUNT--
BROTHERHOOD--IN A DAY WHEN THERE IS TOO MUCH HATRED AT HOME AND ABROAD.
CHEERFULNESS--IN A DAY WHEN THE PESSIMISTS HAVE THE FLOOR.
SERVICE--IN A DAY WHEN MILLIONS ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN GETTING OR CRASPING RATHER THAN GIVING.

THESE ARE OF THE SPIRIT, BLESSED OF GOD, THE DIVINE SPIRIT.

E. URNER GOODMAN

THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE WAS TAKEN FROM THE FORWARD OF THE NEW ORDER OF THE ARROW HANDBOOK THIS IS A NEW AND COMPLETE REVISION OF THE OLD BOOK. IT INCLUDES ARTICLES ON THE HISTORY, PURPOSE, AND PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER, ITS RELATIONSHIP TO SCOUTING, AN ENGLISH-LENAGE DICTIONARY, AND MANY OTHER ARTICLES WHICH SHOULD PROVE INVALUABLE TO THE ARROWMAN. EVERY LODGE MEMBER SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THIS WORK. IT IS AVAILABLE AT THE SCOUT OFFICE FOR THE PITTANCE OF 65 CENTS.

OPEN LETTER

AT THE FALL POW-WOW, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTRODUCED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THE AMENDMENT IN QUESTION WOULD HAVE DONE AWAY WITH MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS AND SET UP OUR MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL STANDARD. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED.

I BELIEVE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LODGE SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE AND BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE ACCORDINGLY.

I BELIEVE BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS AND ALLOW THEM TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE SUNDIAL. THIS IS WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE THE POW-WOW BUT TIME DID NOT PERMIT, AND AS A RESULT, MANY PERSONS VOTED KNOWING ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STORY.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

THREE OF OUR LODGE MEMBERS ATTENDED THE ORDER OF THE ARROW NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, AUGUST 21-24. THESE THREE PERSONS WILL BE DONATING ARTICLES TO THE SUNDIAL THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR SO THAT THE ENTIRE LODGE MEMBERSHIP MIGHT LEARN SOME LITTLE OF THE MANY IDEAS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE.

"LET US CATCH THE HIGHER VISION.
LET US FIND THE GREATER BEAUTY
IN THE LIFE OF CHEERFUL SERVICE."

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