

**Nawakwa Lodge 3, Order of the Arrow
Callout Ceremony**

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{The lights in the campfire ring dim. A slow drumbeat precedes the entrance of the principles and guides. Besides the 4 costumed principles, these should be 2 torchbearers to form a "gate" and up to four guides, all in torchbearer costumes or Class A uniforming. Under no circumstances may there be shirtless guides wearing Scout shorts, or other "partial" costuming.}

THE GUARD:

In this great brotherhood of Scouting, there are some who stand out from their peers. Those who strive to do their best both within scouting, and in their communities. It is with these scouts in mind that Dr. E. Uner Goodman, a camp director at Philadelphia's Treasure Island Scout Camp, founded the Order of the Arrow in 1915: to recognize those campers who best exemplified the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

Today, the Order of the Arrow is known as Scouting's National Honor Society, an association of honor campers, who are recognized by their peers as being living examples of the Scout and Law. In 1919, the Pamunkey Lodge Number 3 of the Order of the Arrow was formed in this region, and in 1944, become Nawakwa Lodge Number 3. Translated, Nawakwa means "in the middle of the forest."

THE CHIEF:

The purposes of the Order are fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout 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 within the unit.

- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

The three principles of the Order are; Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. It is by these principles that the Arrowmen of Nawakwa Lodge provide countless hours of service to the Robert E. Lee Council, and the community at large. Our 1500 local members promote Scout camping in their units and in the Council. There are about 350,000 members nationwide. The entire organization, at all levels, is youth-led, with all our officers under the age of 21.

THE GUIDE:

The Arrowmen of Nawakwa Lodge continue the traditions started at Treasure Island Scout Camp to the present day. We do this by holding elections in each Scout unit that requests one. Scouts who have earned the First Class rank, have 15 days and nights of camping in the last two years, and receive their Scoutmaster's approval are eligible for election to our Order. The Order is unique in that those who elect candidates for membership are by and large NOT members of the society, since all active members of a unit are encouraged to turn in a ballot, rather than just those already in the Order.

THE CHIEF:

Tonight, we come to publicly recognize those Scouts who have been elected by their fellows to become a part of our Order. Upon completion of the Ordeal, each of those noted tonight will become a full member of the Nawakwa Lodge 3, Order of the Arrow. Our guides will escort those so chosen to the front so that they may be recognized.

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{The 2 torchbearers move to the center, about 4 feet apart. The Chief and Medicine Man are slightly in front of the gate formed by the 2 torches. The Guide stands behind the “gate” to escort the recognized candidates to the line behind the council fire. The Guard should acknowledge each Scout as he passes thru. The guides move thru the audience, escorting those pointed out by their leaders. Before the ceremony, troop adults are asked to stand behind each elected troop member until a guide brings them to the front. As each is brought to the front, their name, unit and hometown are announced. This is done in a dignified manner, no pulling, shoving, or other roughness is tolerated – this is a special occasion, not one where candidates are yanked out of their seats and dragged to the front!}

THE MEDICINE MAN:

{As each Scout is brought forward by a guide, he is met between the torches by the Medicine Man, who asks each Scout his name, rank and home town, turns the Scout to face the audience, then announces:}
We recognize {insert Scout’s name} a {insert Scout’s rank and unit type/number}, from {insert Scout’s hometown}. {For example: “We recognize Johnny Smith, a First Class Scout in Troop 999, from West Point, Virginia.” For an adult, it may be “We recognize Mr. John Smith, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 888, from East Point, Virginia.”}

THE CHIEF:

{Places right hand on the candidate’s left shoulder, gives him/her the Scout handclasp, and says}*
Welcome.
*{*The hand on the shoulder is traditionally a reassuring gesture. The shoulder is NOT tapped. This can also be construed as a foreshadowing of the taps used when Kichkineet leads the candidates into the ceremonial ring after the completion of the Ordeal. Giving the Scout handclasp reinforces the fact that the OA is a part of Scouting, not separate and above.}*

{The Guide then places him in a line across the front of the campfire area.}

{When all candidates have been recognized, the 4 principles come together at the front.}

THE CHIEF:

We congratulate these candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow, and challenge all Scouts and Scouters to emulate the traits which these chosen few have shown in their lives. Then, too, you may join them in recognition of those accomplishments.

THE GUIDE:

We invite unit leaders to contact the Lodge and arrange for a Unit Elections team to assist your unit in electing the most deserving members in your troop to the Order. Please see a member of the OA after this campfire or call the Council office to obtain the phone numbers of the appropriate people.

THE MEDICINE MAN:

We who wear the symbol of the Order of the Arrow
Honor those who’ve been elected.
Stand beside and guide them forward
On the next step of this journey,
On a long and inner journey.

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And with guidance from our Maker,
We with hearts and wills united
Pledge to serve his holy purpose;
This our reason and intent,
Mark with silence reverent.

{Pause for approximately one minute of silence.}

THE GUARD:

This completes the recognition of our newest candidates. Thank you for your attention.

{The four principles lead the candidates from the ring, where they are given the first “Spirit of the Arrow” pamphlet, and information concerning registering for their Ordeal, including the “one year from election to completion” time limit. This may be in the form of the standard candidate letter, or may be specifically tailored for the event. When all questions are answered, the candidates should be released to rejoin their units.}

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Position of principles and others at opening

Position of principles while candidates are being brought forward.