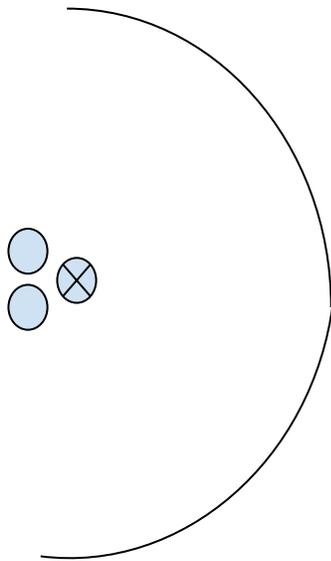


## Altered Ceremony for Individual Unit Use

**Speakers:** The speakers must both be members of the Order of the Arrow, preferably youth members but if none are available adult members would be acceptable. If no members of the Order of the Arrow are available, contact your chapter chief through the lodge website at <http://wq23.org/chapters>. Make sure you have the list of those elected given to you by your chapter chief in hand to use during the ceremony.

**Uniform:** Both the speakers and the participants must be wearing a Scout Uniform. OA sashes should be worn by all OA members present. Crossing of the arms during the ceremony is optional.

**Staging:** Address those who participate in the ceremony in a semicircle with the speakers in the middle facing towards the participants. Any audience members may stand or sit behind the participants. The semicircle should be wide enough to accommodate the elected scouts once they join the speakers in the middle. If available, place a tiki torch or firepit in between the two speakers, represented on the diagram by the circle with the X. A lantern or candle would work as well. The speakers are allowed to move freely as long as they return to their starting points when the candidates are called up.



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**Speaker 1:** Welcome, fellow Scouts, to the call out Ceremony of the Order of the Arrow. Conditions of this ceremony may be different, but the message and importance remain the same.

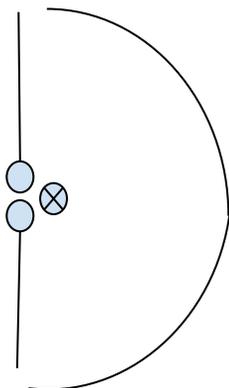
When you joined Scouting you had visions of fun and adventure, of camping and hiking in the great outdoors. The fact that you are here tonight shows that you have begun to find the joy that comes from living the life of a Scout. You have also found that Scouting is more than fun and games: it is an adventure in sharing the Scout spirit with those around you. This spirit is shown through your friendliness and helpfulness to the other members of your patrol and your troop.

**Speaker 2:** There are some of us here tonight who have been chosen to achieve a higher honor. Those who have been chosen have shown a willingness to go above and beyond what is expected of them. They do not take the easy path: instead, they make the upward trail seem easy. They follow their conscience. Where others lose their way, they count for direction on the stars and the compass of Scouting: the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Others take notice of them, for their example is clear. The upward trail in Scouting leads to recognition by your fellow Scouts, and election to the Order of the Arrow, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service!

**Speaker 1:** Our Order was founded as a way to recognize the accomplishments and leadership of Scouts who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and who best exemplified the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. We use the lore of the local Lenape (len-ah-pay) Native Americans as a way to honor those who lived in this land for thousands of years before others came to inhabit it. Their legends will guide your journey and light the way on your path of cheerful service and brotherhood in our lodge.

**Speaker 2:** There are Scouts here tonight who have been selected as worthy candidates for admission to our Order! As we call your name please come forward and join us.

**Speaker 1:** (Read off names of those selected, waiting for each Scout to come up and take their place next to you. The elected Scouts should be placed in a line facing the audience.)



**Speaker 2:** Your fellow Scouts have conferred one of Scouting's greatest honors upon you. As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you will be expected to return with renewed inspiration to

offer greater service to your troop. You may also be able someday to serve even more Scouts through service in our lodge.

**Speaker 1:** However, before becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow you must first go upon an arduous journey of discovery, assisted by your new brothers in the Order. You will undergo an ordeal; a day of testing in which you will demonstrate your devotion to the high ideals of Scouting. The ordeal will be held at the fall fellowship of our lodge on October 2-4, 2020. This continues with a further period of several months during which you will realize that the tests of the Ordeal provide you with additional ways to handle the challenges of daily life.

**Speaker 2:** Fellow Scouts, mark these candidates well. In the days to come, look to their example. Learn from them what it means to be a Scout and next year you may be selected by your fellow scouts to join us.

**Speaker 1:** We thank you for joining us here tonight and ask that as you leave, ponder the ideals of Scouting and what you can do to exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

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After the ceremony, make sure any fires are extinguished fully. Speakers will take the candidates aside away from the audience and hand out booklets and give out the information below. Write down their name, email, phone number and chapter to send to the chapter chief. Also make sure to write down who played the role of the speakers and their contact info to send to the chapter chief.

- **Speaker 1:** (To candidates in private) We congratulate you on your selection to the Order of the Arrow. Ahead of you lies the Ordeal on October 2-4, 2020. You will receive communications from the lodge regarding your advancement into becoming an Ordeal member. If you complete the Ordeal successfully, you will have the opportunity to continue your journey in the OA by becoming a brotherhood member. We ask you not to repeat any of this information outside of this gathering. Do you have any questions?



Stuff to supply: booklets, list of those elected, if available registration form for fall, ceremony script