

# From Your Lodge Chief

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Scouts,

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and are looking forward to 2005 as much as the new lodge officers and I are. We have an exciting plan for this coming year focusing on our new theme for 2005, "One lodge, One mission" and centering around our 5 goals; Be one Lodge, Focus on the Arrowmen, Service First, Lead Effectively and be a Quality Lodge.

This year we need to focus on working together as one lodge instead of ten chapters. In the past, one of the main things that have stood in the way of the Lodge's success are the divisions within the lodge. There are close to 1,500 Scouts in our lodge. If we all worked together, to move in one direction, imagine what we could accomplish. We exist to provide direct service to each and every unit and with all of us working together, we can definitely further spread the message of Scouting.

How does the Lodge provide service to the units? By providing service to the Arrowmen.

We want to make each Arrowman feel like he/she is welcome and has something special to add to the Scouting program. One of the main ways that we are trying to promote this belief is with our new Arrowman Unit Service Award. This new award was released at our annual lodge banquet for 2005 and it was created to encourage each scout to be an active Arrowman.

What is an active Arrowman? An active Arrowman is one that is active in his unit. We hope this new award will add great value to the Scouting program and help Arrowmen realize their primary obligation is to serve their unit.

Order of the Arrow was created to be a service organization, and we want to return to that foundation and put service first. Like I've said, each Arrowman has an obligation to provide direct service to his unit, but as an organization born out of a summer camp in 1915, we also have an

obligation to develop and promote our council camps. It is often said that good lodges maintain their council camps, but great lodges develop them. We are shifting our focus towards developing our camps, so they can be more enjoyable for us all.

As Lodge Chief, I can assure you that my officers and I are committed to providing effective and efficient leadership to the lodge. We are focusing on restructuring the lodge leadership, to ensure that we will be set up for success, both this year and in the future. If we are able to accomplish all of these things this year, nothing will be able to stop us from becoming a national quality lodge in 2005. If you have any questions, be sure to check out our website at [manu133.org](http://manu133.org) or e-mail me at [chief@manu133.org](mailto:chief@manu133.org).

Yours in Service,

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