

**Centennial Proclamation
of the
Council Executive Board
Boy Scouts of America**

WHEREAS, in the fledgling years of Scouting, E. Urner Goodman, a young camp director, and Carroll A. Edson, his assistant, searched for a meaningful way to recognize those Scouts in camp who best exemplified the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in their daily lives;

WHEREAS, on July 16th, 1915, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service began with the first induction ceremony conducted at Treasure Island Scout Camp;

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Order of the Arrow, has focused on reinforcing and instilling the values of Scouting through service, example, ceremony, and tradition;

WHEREAS, the Order of Arrow became an official part of the Boy Scout program in 1948 and, with the formation of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, began to develop and provide significant leadership opportunities for its youth members;

WHEREAS, the _____ Lodge was founded in _____, and since that time has given countless hours of service to the council, to _____, and to the greater _____ community. The lodge has also played a crucial role in development of youth and adult leaders in the council with _____ Arrowmen awarded the Vigil Honor, _____ honored with the national Founder's Award, and _____ recognized with the national OA Legacy Fellowship.

WHEREAS, _____ lodge chiefs and _____ lodge advisers have worked hand in hand with Scout executives, in their role as Supreme Chief of the Fire, to create a winning partnership between the lodge and the council. In addition to its decades of service, since _____ the lodge has recognized _____ members with the James E. West Fellowship, which reflects _____ donated by _____ to the council endowment;

WHEREAS, the Order of the Arrow celebrated its 100th anniversary during the Centennial National Order of the Arrow Conference from August 3rd to 8th, 2015, at Michigan State University, with more than 15,000 participants and staff members in attendance. _____ was represented by _____ members and an additional _____ served on staff. Over _____ Scouts and Scouters participated in the national ArrowTour program at _____ this summer; and the lodge received recognition for _____ at NOAC.

WHEREAS, the _____ Lodge named the following Arrowmen as Centurions, a one-time national award, in recognition for their pivotal role in the formation and development of the lodge and by extension their service to the council and to Scouting:

WHEREAS, the _____ Lodge has an exemplary record of service to the national OA program producing _____ . The lodge has also generated _____ section officers, _____ section advisers, and _____ professional advisers to serve our area.

WHEREAS, the officers and members of the Executive Board of the Council, Boy Scouts of America take great pride in the example, service, and leadership that has been and will continue to be provided by members by members of the _____ Lodge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, THAT:

RESOLVED, that in recognition and celebration of the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary, the following Proclamation is hereby unanimously adopted and approved this day of _____, 2015:

The officers and members of the _____ Council Executive Board, on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, congratulate and express our sincere appreciation to the past and present members of the _____ Lodge, Order of the Arrow who have served diligently and faithfully since _____ to provide leadership in service to our council, community, and country; and, as the Order of the Arrow embarks on its second century of service, to its future members who we call upon and dare to continue to observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow through their cheerful service to others.

President

Commissioner

Scout Executive

