

Booklet 2



Are You Prepared?

My friend, I again congratulate you on your election to the Order of the Arrow.

Your election into the Order was indeed unique. There are very few organizations in the world in which members are elected primarily by non-members.

The Scouts in your home unit were just such non-members. They selected *you*.

Why?

Save this booklet for future reference.

Ponder my words carefully.

Because you were kind, helpful, easy to get along with, and a friend to all.

Because you were cheerful, even when you had many tiresome jobs to do.

Because you were always ready to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others.

Your fellow Scouts saw something in you that was straight and true.

Are ***you*** prepared?

If you are weak in *spirit*, you will not reach the goal. But if you are brave, strong, and cheerful, you will remember this Ordeal as one of the happiest events of your life.

Yet, the strength you will need does not come from muscles alone.

In the next 24 hours, you will start a long and toilsome journey. It will require sacrifice on your part, and will test your strength to the utmost.

You are here to undertake the Ordeal of our Order.

But, why are you here?

You are here to prove to yourself your willingness to dedicate yourself to a life of cheerful service.

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Notice I said *prove to yourself*. Think about it.

I am the spirit of the Order of the Arrow.

When you discover my full meaning, you will be able to better serve both your unit and Scouting.

There is already since you demonstrated to the members of your unit the qualities that you represent.

Only *you* can commit yourself to the great task of leading a life of cheerful service.

But you will not be alone.

I will be an inner voice that will guide you. Through these pages, other booklets, and perhaps other ways, I will be the strength that will help you to do more when you feel you cannot.