

Address by the Founder of the Order

Joseph H. Brinton, of Jamaica, N.Y., then introduced the founder of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. E. Uner Goodman, Director, Division of Program, Boy Scouts of America, who addressed us as follows, on the subject "25 Years of the Order of the Arrow and the Future":

I. Tribute to the East Boroughs Council, Twin Echo Camp and Anicus Lodge.

The extraordinary program of planning and preparation which has been conducted by the East Boroughs Council under the leadership of the National Chief, Mr. Brunton, and the Camp Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Pfeil, with the enthusiastic participation of every member of the local Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, and particularly its Chief, Herman Zenk, has impressed us all. The most attractive souvenir program, the unusually fine accommodations for our physical comfort, the menu (the like of which we have never seen before), the entertainment provided, the souvenirs that were so plentiful, and above all, the inspiration in the very setting up of the camp -- its Arrow Ring, its chapel, its swimming pool, and all the physical appurtenances -- have been unexcelled. For all of this we give our most hearty thanks.

II. Looking Backward.

Being a "patriarch" is a novel experience for me. Twenty-five years have sped on their way so quickly, it is hard to

realize all that has happened in this short time.

Twenty-five years is long enough for the boy leader of yesterday to attain national prominence. Our new National Chief, George Mozealous, our ever effective National Secretary, Lloyd Nelson, even the elderly Tom Cairns, were our boys of yesterday.

Twenty-five years was long enough for even the little fellows of yesterday, who were not far out of the kindergarten when the Order started, to grow up and assume active leadership in Scouting.

Twenty-five years was long enough for my own son to put in his appearance, and, I am proud to say, to be elected to the Order.

Twenty-five years was long enough for our first boy Chief, George Chapman, to have his son elected into the Order.

Twenty-five years was long enough for us to produce men great in stature and great in soul, like Joe Brunton.

How much has happened in these twenty-five years!

In size: We have heard the report from our National Secretary that over 37,000 members have been enrolled during this quarter of a century, of whom 16,000 -- almost one-half -- are still active. We have been informed that 164 Local Councils now have Lodges. All of this is encouraging and significant -- the more so because we have not aggressively promoted our program through the years.

In enrolling people of prominence, we have had an interesting experience. The