

Brothers -- past and present, -- who made this statement of our Ritual a reality.

As one looks back through the 25-year history of the Order, he is more and more impressed with this fact. Of course, as is to be expected, there are several of our Brothers whose services to the Order of the Arrow nationally were especially noteworthy. Some of these were of great assistance in the early days of the Order, and others were responsible for the guidance of the Lodge during its various periods of progress which resulted in our continued and sound growth.

At this time, we wish to honor, with the Distinguished Service Award of the Order of the Arrow, those who have devoted themselves through noteworthy services to the Order of the Arrow nationally during our first quarter of a century.

I am going to ask Joe Brunton, our National Chief, and members of the Awards Committee, to decorate the Brothers with the Award. All present will please stand as we honor these Brothers.

**BRO. E. URNER GOODMAN:**

As the Founder of the Order of the Arrow, through his ability, wisdom and foresight, his vision of service to others was transformed into a National Honor Brotherhood which has been a positive influence in the lives of the thousands of boys who have been members and which has helped to build better Scouting Spirit in many Scout Camps. Ever willing, his sincere interest, his able judgment and his loyal cooperation have continued through the years.

**BRO. CAROL A, EDSON:**

As the Co-Founder of the Order of the Arrow, his interest, help and enthusiasm made a great contribution to the Founder's vision. Through his leadership, the simple and essential plan of selecting members was developed. His valued suggestions and able guidance provided the solid foundation on which the Order of today has grown.

**DR. WILLIAM M. HINKLE:**

As Chairman of the Committee which prepared the first Ritual, his grasp of the nature of the Order is revealed in the beauty and simplicity of the original Rituals which he has left as a heritage and guide. A wise Counselor, whose sincere interest and honest effort meant much to the Order.

**BRO. WILLIAM A. STUMPP:**

As National Chief in the early years, he ably and successfully guided the National Lodge. His wise discretion and forceful perseverance were used in generous portions to advance the Order.

**BRO. ROBERT S. HENDERSON:**

His stimulating thoughts and inspiring leadership during the transition period from the Grand Council to the National Lodge were of inestimable value to the development of the organization of the Order. His contributions to the Rituals, especially the beautiful and significant closing ceremony, were outstanding.

**BRO. HARVEY A. GORDON  
(Posthumus):**

As National Secretary for a long period during the early years of the Order, his valuable experience, untiring efforts, and mature judgment were of inestimable value. Steadfast, sincere, enthusiastic, his life was a symbol of service to others.

**BRO. ALFRED C. NICHOLS, JR.:**