

up), and here is that fine figure of young manhood, our local Lodge Chief, Herman Zenk, from our Host Council. From north, east, south and west you have come here to think about the things that count, and to go home to do a greater service because of your fellowship together.

Yes, here is America in very reality. It plays true to that other verse of the anthem -

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!

And so, as we go forth with the spell of this great conference upon us, and in the spirit of human brotherhood which is so genuinely American, may we go with this prayer on our lips --

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

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### **Distinguished Service Awards**

National Chief, Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., then called upon National Secretary, H. Lloyd Nelson, to make an announcement of a new By-Law which had been adopted to cover a Distinguished Service Award. Bro. Nelson announced this as follows: --

For several years, the National Executive Committee desired to recognize, in a tangible manner, noteworthy services to the Order of the Arrow on a National basis. With this in mind, an award to be known as "Order of the Arrow Award for

Distinguished Service" has recently been established. The award consists of a suitable certificate and a cast silver arrowhead with an arrow aimed through it upward over the left shoulder, to be suspended on a dark green ribbon (the color of this ribbon reminds us of the great outdoors in which our program is centered). It is to be worn around the neck at Order of the Arrow meetings or functions. The award is limited to members of the Boy Scouts of America, and may be made at each meeting of the National Lodge. After the initial awards, the number of awards at any one meeting of the National Lodge shall be limited to three. The recipients of the award are recommended to the National Executive Committee by a special Committee known as the "Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service." The first Committee appointed to consider these awards for the Twenty-fifth (Silver) Anniversary Meeting was composed of: --

JOSEPH H. BRINTON,  
*Chairman*, Past National Chief,  
JOSEPH A. BRUNTON, JR.,  
National Chief, and  
GEORGE W. CHAPMAN,  
the first Chief of the first Lodge, who originally suggested the form of the national Award.

Joseph H. Brinton, Chairman, made the following Report for the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service for this year, 1940: --

***"The Servant of All  
is the Greatest of All."***

The success of the Order of the Arrow today is due to the services of a great many