

# ACA Chapter of Cahuilla Lodge #127

2017 Election Script with Video



## **ALWAYS INTRODUCE YOURSELF BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

We would like to show you a video that is about 5 minutes long. The video gives you much of the history of the Order of the Arrow, talks about its purposes, points out eligibility requirements for members, and gives the procedure for the election process. For those who are already members, it could expand your knowledge of the OA. Of particular importance are the questions that you should ask yourself about the candidates before you cast your votes for them. We will take time to answer your questions at the end of the video, before we hold the election.

## **(SHOW THE FIRST VIDEO. IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 5 MINUTES)**

Does anybody have any questions about anything in the video?

The Election is to confirm those Scouts eligible for the membership in the Order of the Arrow:

An OA election may be held when at least 50% of the Troop is present. Each Scout eligible for the Order of the Arrow may be elected. You may vote yes for any and all eligible Scouts. This is NOT a contest. You should vote for every eligible Scout that you feel represents the Ideals of Scouting and Service. The results of the election will be given to the Scoutmaster who may keep them secret until the "Call Out Ceremony" which is held annually at the District's Spring Camporee. Again, ALL eligible Scouts whose name you see on this display may be elected to the Order of the Arrow. We will now handout the ballots and begin the election.

***(Be sure everyone understands that they are voting for Scouts whose name appears written down on the display in front of them, after the ballots have been collected then continue reading the rest of the script)***

The Induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step of membership: An eligible candidate must attend an Ordeal during the year in which he is nominated. If he does not, he must be elected again. The Ordeal is a weekend long ceremony held at one of the Councils Scout Camps. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to be a period of self reflection and self improvement. After you have passed your Ordeal, you are considered an Arrowman. After 10 month's of active service to your Troop and Lodge, you will be eligible for the ties of Brotherhood in the Order.

The ACA Chapter is part of the Cahuilla Lodge. Cahuilla Lodge, our local Lodge, serves the California Inland Empire Council. Every Council throughout the Nation has an OA Lodge chartered in it. Every Lodge serves its Council by providing Summercamp and Camporee staffs, promoting the camping and the outdoor experience to all local Troops, sponsoring service projects in the Council Camps, and many other services.

Cahuilla Lodge is so big that it is broken down into 7 different Chapters. Each Chapter oversees OA duties in their respective areas. Our own ACA Chapter is well known for our Camp Promotion programs and service teams. We are the only Chapter in Cahuilla Lodge, and one of the only OA Chapters in the country that has been that has been singled out for our quality of programs.

Our Chapter's Camp Promotion team has received high honors throughout Southern California and has consistently been awarded for having one of the best Camp Promotion booths in California.

In 2016 our Chapter's service team completed 1 service project at Camp Emerson, 1 at Lake Perris, and 1 in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. That means we held 3 service projects at 3 different in 2 states.

We are also one of the few Scout groups in the country that are capable of producing our own camp promotion videos and podcasts. In the podcasts we interview local Scouts and Scouters about various Boy Scout events, report Scouting related news, and even throw in a few skits too.

ACA Chapter also provides Eagle Scout Court of Honors, Arrow of Light Ceremonies for local Cub Scout Packs, and helps to staff and run Klondikes, District's Spring Camporees and Cub Scout Day Camp.

One of the best ways that an Arrowmen can serve his fellow Scouts is by serving as an OA Troop/Team Representative. This is a leadership position within the troop where an OA member serves as a liaison between the local Order of the Arrow and the OA members in his Troop. One youth OA member with 1 adult adviser should serve in this position.

It is truly an honor to be elected into the Order. Participation in various events is voluntary though all Arrowmen are encouraged to attend the monthly OA meetings and participate in at least one of our Chapter programs. It should be emphasized that the first duty of an Arrowmen is to his Unit, demonstrating true Cheerful Service to his fellow Scouts.

Thank you for your time and for helping to recognize those Scouts in your Unit that live up to the high ideals of Scouting's National Honor Society.