

Who am I?

For the moment, that is less important than what I represent.

It is enough to say that I am a friend you have probably known for a long time.

Right now, what *is* important is that you commit yourself to taking the first step.

In a short time you will be given the opportunity to undergo an *Ordeal* — your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

This will test not only your physical strength, but your inner strength.

But, by taking full advantage of this opportunity, you will find yourself better able to serve Scouting and your unit... *the ones who chose you.*

Ponder my words carefully.

Save this booklet for future reference, and *bring it with you to your Ordeal.*



Upon a Lofty Journey

Booklet 1

Order the Arrow
Boy Scouts of America

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

You may not realize it now, but you will look back on today as a day of beginnings.

The honor you have received is truly a great one, for it is bestowed upon you by your peers — the members of your unit.

But, such an honor is not without its price.

Those who chose you are *watching.*

They have *faith* in you.

Will you be able to live up to their expectations? They have challenged you to do so.

However, this destination is many months — maybe even years — away.

Along its path lies true Brotherhood.

By accepting their challenge, you embark upon a journey that many before you have taken.

I am here to help you prove to yourself your *worthiness* for the honor your unit has bestowed upon you.

I am here to help you find your way as you travel — as an arrow driven skyward — along this lofty journey...