

E. Urner Goodman

While serving as Summer Camp Director at Treasure Island Scout Reservation, E. Urner Goodman believed that the summer camp experience was lacking. He believed that there wasn't enough focus on the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law, so he set out to change it. During the summer of 1915, E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, the Assistant Camp Director, started an experimental program to recognize those Scouts best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law as an example to their peers. This program would later become known as the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's National Honor Society.



Because of one man's idea to focus more on the Scout Oath and Law, more than one million Scouts have cheerfully served their fellow man, through the Order of the Arrow, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. For 95 years, the OA has further instilled the values of the Scouting movement in our nation's young men. This one man, E. Urner Goodman has impacted over one million lives by starting the Order of the Arrow.

E. Urner Goodman demonstrated the Power of One! What are you doing to make a difference?



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