



The Power of One

Providing Resources to Support Units, Chapters, and Lodges

Each of us has the ability to make an important difference. Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the lodge. As inspiration for all of us to realize that each of us can do things to help improve our lodge, here are several people in history that have proven one person can make important differences.

Gandhi made peaceful protest and peaceful civil disobedience a valuable process of peaceful change. Susan B. Anthony rose to the challenge as a famous leader of the battle to obtain women's right to vote in the U.S. In 1908, an acclaimed English war hero, Robert Baden Powell, founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Seven years later at Treasure Island in the Delaware River, E. Urner Goodman launched an innovative program, the Order of the Arrow, which is based on peer recognition and service to others. John F. Kennedy, America's thirty-fifty President believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try."

We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then he can make a difference. Imagine what would happen if each one of us worked together to improve the attendance at each of our lodge events. It is easy to say that you don't need to attend the next event, and that it would not matter since you were only one person. What happens when two hundred Arrowmen feel this way? What would be the outcome if these same Arrowmen decided to attend? You may not realize that each and every one of you is important and can make a difference. But just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the lodge.