



Nentico Centennial Award

Baltimore Area Council

Design of the Nentico Centennial Award



The “pledge pin” of the Order of the Arrow dates back to 1916 and is still available to this day. Each of the 23 members of Nentico Lodge inducted in the summer of 1922 at Camp Linstead would have received such a pin. First Degree (Ordeal) members wore the arrow pin pointing over the right shoulder, while Second Degree (Brotherhood) members wore the arrow pointing over the left shoulder.

Following the adoption of the Eagle as our lodge totem on October 30, 1922, Baltimore Scout Executive W. Perry Bradley (who earlier that month had been elected Grand Scribe at the 2nd annual meeting of the Grand Lodge) placed an order to produce the original Second Degree pin of Nentico Lodge combining the totem with the arrow.



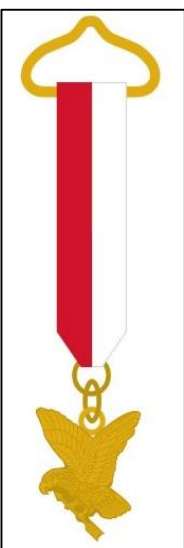
1923 Nentico Lodge Pin

Although these pins were designated for “civilian wear” it was common practice among the brothers of many lodges including Nentico to wear the “pledge pin” or “universal arrow” as it was also known, on the scout uniform. Acknowledging this practice, the Universal Arrow Ribbon was introduced by the National Lodge in 1942 as a way for arrowmen to display membership in the Order on the scout uniform.

The Universal Arrow Ribbon, a red and white ribbon suspending a silver arrow originally pointed over the wearer's left shoulder



*Examples
Universal Arrow Ribbon*



following the tradition for Brotherhood members. By 1950 the Order eliminated code words that referenced “left” and instead only used "right." Beginning in 1952 the Order of the Arrow band (OA Sash) and the Universal Arrow Ribbon would point only right; where the arrow still points today.

The design of the **Nentico Centennial Award** combines the elements of these various traditions to create a fitting tribute to our past century of service. This award will recognize those arrowmen who actively participate in our collective recommitment to the principles of the Order of the Arrow throughout our 18 month celebration beginning on the 99th Birthday of Nentico Lodge, June 30, 2021 and lasting throughout 2022.

(Note: Brothers who have received the Vigil Honor are authorized to wear the Vigil Honor pin on the ribbon of the award. Recipients of the Founders Award may wear the totem suspended from a solid red ribbon.)