

QUALITY CHAPTER MEETING
Number 16—Soup Kitchen Service

Background: Service is a cornerstone of the Order’s philosophy. What’s a better way to serve the community than volunteering one day at the local food bank or soup kitchen?

Meeting resources: The two things you will need are 1) uniformed scouts with 2) a cheerful attitude and willingness to serve!

Meeting Content: Contact your local soup kitchen or food bank well in advance of the meeting you wish to have there. Then begin planning. For example, if you choose to work at a local soup kitchen:

- ♦ Ask a coordinator at the kitchen what sort of assistance a group the size of your chapter can provide.
- ♦ Offer the services of the chapter by serving food for a meal one day.
- ♦ Bring a donation of two cans of non-perishable food per volunteer with you when you arrive.
- ♦ Or, if the soup kitchen would prefer donations, consider organizing a canned food drive at the next lodge event.
 - Set up a large box for each chapter at the next fellowship. Encourage chapters to donate canned food.
 - At the end of the event, weigh the boxes and divide by the number of people in the chapter.
 - The chapter that donated the most food per person wins! Recognize them in the next newsletter.
 - Make this a tradition at each Ordeal. As the word spreads, more food will be donated.
- ♦ Follow through! If you commit twenty people to volunteering, make sure twenty people volunteer!
- ♦ Keep in mind the personal challenge you accepted to “eat the scant food you’ll be given” at your Ordeal.
- ♦ Ask the kitchen coordinator when the best month would be to do this. Sometimes summer months are when donations are needed most.