

QUALITY CHAPTER MEETING
Number 21—Room at the Inn

Background: Giving back to the community is a big part of what being a servant leader is all about. Many organizations—churches, for example—provide programs to assist the homeless and needy. The Chapter can partner with one of these organizations to cook dinner and breakfast, clean, play games with the guests, and learn more about the community.

Meeting resources: Discuss the Chapter’s interest in helping with such a program with local churches. Often, the church will provide the materials and funds if the Chapter provides the manpower. Combine this event with a canned food drive to help the church with its expenses in helping the needy members of the community.

Meeting Content: This program gives homeless members of the community a hot meal, a warm place to sleep, showers, and breakfast the next morning. The Chapter meeting is really an “event” of sorts, when Chapter members will arrive in the evening to cook dinner for the people spending the night at the church. After serving the meal, the Arrowmen serve themselves and have dinner with the guests. This is a great chance to learn more about the community and the people that make it up. After dinner, the guests are invited to spend time with the youth playing video and board games, watching movies, and other fun activities. Sleeping accommodations can be prepared by the Arrowmen, who can also spend the night “lock-in” style, with proper supervision and approval. Early the next morning, Arrowmen wake up (or show up if they did not stay the night) to cook a hot breakfast for the guests. Before the guests leave, the Chapter might supply them with a sack lunch as well. Say your goodbyes, clean up, and leave the church (and the community) in better condition than you found it.

Consider writing about your experiences to post in the Lodge newsletter. These examples of servant leadership are inspirational to all!