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The absorption of the Golden Suns into the Order of the Arrow has been very painlessly and speedily brought about in the last few months. At the spring pow-wow held on May 2nd in Grand Island, over 100 active Suns debated the question and finally decided to join the national organization.

Here's your official status: All members of the tribe are automatically voting members of the OA in this lodge. However to receive your national membership card and the privilege to transfer to other OA lodges you must take a part of the ordeal ceremony. About half of the active members have already taken this ceremony. This change-over ceremony takes only a half an hour and it will be given in your area soon.

Changes in Rank System: In making our association with the OA, there has been a change in ranks. New ranks are: Ordeal honor which is equivalent to brave; Brotherhood honor which you become eligible for after ten months membership; and Vigil honor which is awarded for exceptional service. The Brotherhood honor is presently equivalent to a sachem, who is the low ranking member of the Tribal Council. This means that our lodge is using a sachem's standards for eligibility and selection - standards which are in contradiction to OA principles. Other ranks of the past such as Keeper of the Sacred Bundle, etc., have been changed to Lodge and Chapter elective offices. Suns elected to the position of Lodge Chief retain the rank of Chief after office and become a member of the council of Chiefs. Professional scouts are given the title of Medicine Man.

Name of the lodge is now Golden Sun Lodge, Order of the Arrow. A handbook of information concerning the OA is available from the Scout Office for 55¢. A yearbook is in preparation now which will contain a lot of history of the Golden Suns and information on the OA. This will be available sometime in the spring.

The organization's equipment is constantly increasing. As you might have noticed at the fall pow-wow we have obtained two new good tom-toms, several new headdress- es and some other pieces of Indian costumes. Another purchase was a sixty pound bow for use in the initiation ceremony. A recent addition to our office supplies is a large, locking filing cabinet. Self-denial envelopes received at the Scout Office will help buy more equipment for a better program.

A National Convention of the OA will be held the latter part of next August at the University of Wyoming at Larimie. Even though we can send only a limited number, we are interested in knowing if you are interested in going - mostly at your own expence. Drop a card to the Scout Office if you are.