

FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

Dear tribesman,

It has been a long time since we last communicated with each other. This is the last time you will probably be reading something from me in a SUNDIAL. I would like to say that I have enjoyed working with all the Lodge members and the Lodge Officers.

I will take some space here to summarize the last years activities of the Lodge. We have had some co-operation in our work projects, but not enough to have an effective organization. I hope in the future years, however, the participation is as good if not better than the past year. With a little co-operation with the Officers we can have a very good organization, that will function with exactness and efficiency.

We have had a SUNDIAL regularly on a pre-arranged schedule. They have been published in September, November, December, February, March, April, May, July. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kent Knee, Herb Marker Jr., and Rob Jones for their work on the SUNDIAL. I would like to also thank Lyle Ullstrum for his help as Advisor to this Committee.

We have give the Ceremonial Circle a face-lifting this year. We have cemented the poles into cement, purchased some new trees to replace those which have died, and have pruned those existing trees. To be completed by Thursday is the cementing of the stage and fire place. This will complete all recommended projects at the Circle. The ceremonies have also been organized well in advance when they were needed for the Pow Wow's. Ron Schwab, Lodge Vice-Chief, has been very efficient in this capacity and should be given a good hand of thanks for his help in the last year and has helped me very much in the Chapter business in the Arrow Trail, and Three Rivers Chapters.

We have had several Service Projects in the past year. Among them are Ushering at the Wachsia Indian Pow Wow, Service Troop at the Cornhusker Council Unit Leaders Retreat, Ushering at the State Capital Building, A Where To Go Booklet, Ushering at the Cornhusker Council Recognition Dinner, Camp Promotion, and booths at the District Expositions. Thanks for these projects should go to Tom Malavoz, Bob Rediger, Dave Goman, Bob Cherny, Dick Gartner, John Olson, Larry Axthelm, Bob Marker Jr., and Herb Marker Jr.

Unit Elections have been very successful this year with 97 candidates. Bob Harm did very well on organizing the Unit Elections this year with the help of the Chapter Chiefs; Dave Goman, Bob Rediger, and Dick Gartner.

All in all the Lodge has been very smooth running with the usual "ups and downs". Roger Simmons and Bob Weaver have been tremendous help in keeping the organization going this year and should not be forgotten in our expression of thanks.

DON'T LET THE LODGE DOWN


Bud McCracken, Chief