

FROM YOUR CHIEF

MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN SUN LODGE:

The question is once again being asked by the brothers of our lodge, "Where is the Order of the Arrow, and why isn't it doing anything?"

In answer to this question, I state that you, the members, are the Order of the Arrow, and the results of our group rest on your shoulders. With this in mind, I write my first "open-letter" to the Golden Sun Lodge, in the hope that we will rise to a new and better day in the life of our organization.

Naturally we cannot accomplish this if we have no idea of the requirements of the purpose. This being the case, I submit these basic goals to the membership:

1. Chapter spirit must be strengthened. A goal of three activities yearly might be sufficient to do this. Social events can best be carried out on this level, and a service project could be included.
2. Every troop should be visited by an OA member, if for no other reason than to inform the troop of our existence.
3. Every effort must be made to attain maximum attendance at our winter event to witness the "fun" opportunities of the lodge.
4. Convenience should be emphasized for our Sprint event, possibly by a change to a one-day or afternoon event to encourage attendance at that busy season.
5. Fall pow-wow promotion must be intensified. If 100 voting members are not present at the business meeting, we are failing in some area.
6. An effort must be made to increase the quality as well as quantity of our new candidates.
7. We must continue hammering and driving at our camp promotion programs, which should be a foremost activity.

8. Through proper organization, the committee must function as a committee.
9. Every member must have some official responsibility within the lodge.
10. Finally, because of its utmost importance, I save it for the final punch. Members above all should be active in troop activities, and the troop must come first. It is within our own troops that we can best achieve our purpose of cheerful service.

I believe that, if we apply reasonable efficiency, these things can be done without those wasted meetings of the past, thus making it more desirable for one to leave a place for the lodge in his busy schedule.

In conclusion I would like to state my position in all of these affairs:

I believe in the tradition of our lodge, and in the wisdom of local decisions made within the lodge. I refuse to conform to any theories which I do not believe will strengthen the lodge in the areas of meeting our obligations, promoting our social activities, and retaining the Order as a true and definite honor for the individual Scout.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Lodge Chief

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ON THE SUBJECT OF DUES

The Order of the Arrow cannot exist without your participation and cooperation. This will take two forms. One in participation in Lodge Activities. But this is not enough! Lodge activities would not be possible without your dues. As an active member, you enjoy all the privileges of being an Arrowman and a Brave of the Golden Sun. As an inactive member, (One who has not paid his dues) it is too expensive to even carry you on the mailing lists for such things as the Sundial.

Dues may be paid at the Scout Office, or to Bob Cherny, 916 No. 13th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.