

The Chief Speaks...

...by *Ben Fitzwater, Lodge Chief*

Hey everybody. How has your summer been so far? Well, I have had a pretty good one so far and I'm just getting started.

Before I get too far I want to thank everybody that came to the Spring Event to participate and to help out. It was an awesome event and a good time was had by all. I also want to thank everybody that helped with the outstanding Friday night call-outs at camp.

Now back to summer. How about the weather at summer camp? The hottest it got was 85 and there wasn't a single flood. That's crazy! It was a great year to be at camp and I hope you got to be a part of it. I also plan to have an awesome time at NOAC and at Philmont.

I don't want to take up too much of your vacation with a long article so I will just remind you about the Fall Pow-Wow coming up where we will induct new members, vote on new lodge and chapter officers and have a good time. This is also a great opportunity to do your Brotherhood.

The next thing is the Council Jubilee which is open to all. It is the biggest one this council has ever seen and it is going to be a fun time. The OA is doing a Friday night show and helping throughout the day on Saturday so come on out and have a good time.

I have to get back to having fun so enjoy the rest of the summer and Get'er Done...

Yours in Brotherhood... Ben Fitzwater

Pay Your Annual Membership Dues

Yes, Its that time of year again where we all have to renew our lodge membership by paying our annual dues.

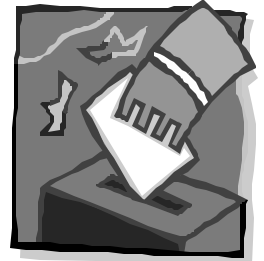
Your annual dues help pay for things like the publication of this newsletter, operation of our lodge website, and support the operations of the lodge for the upcoming year.

Pay your dues by filling out the dues insert included in this edition of the Sundial and mailing it in with your Pow-Wow registration. Or you can pay your dues online on the Golden Sun Lodge website located at www.goldensunlodge.org

Lodge Elections To Be Held

Are you ready to serve your Lodge or Chapter? Do you want to help guide the direction of the OA within the Council or your District? The best way to provide input and is to become a Lodge or Chapter officer.

The Golden Sun Lodge elects its officers each year at the Fall Pow-Wow. All Lodge and Chapter officers are selected for the upcoming year at this event. If you're interested in becoming an officer, now is the time to step up to the plate.



All Lodge officers must be nominated in advance of the Pow-Wow and in writing. These positions include Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer. To run for one of these offices you must submit (or have submitted on your behalf) a Lodge Officer Nomination Form. This form, available for download on the Golden Sun Lodge website, must be turned in prior to 6:00 pm on August 13 (the opening day of the Pow-Wow). Nomination forms may be sent to the Council Service Center to the attention of the Golden Sun Lodge or may be hand delivered prior to 6:00 pm, Friday, at the Pow-Wow.

If you are interested in serving as a Chapter Officer you do not have to be nominated in advance. You can be nominated in person at your Chapter elections meeting that will be held Sunday morning of the Pow-Wow. Chapter offices vary from Chapter to Chapter but typically include Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice-Chief, and several Vice-Chiefs involved with elections, camp promotions, unit service and unit relations. Holding a Chapter Office is a great way to help your fellow Scouts and Arrowmen right in your own District.

What does each Lodge or Chapter officer do? What are their responsibilities? Check the lodge website for more information about the positions available and what each officer does.

If you are running for an office make sure you also put October 2 down on your calendar. That is the date of the annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC). As an officer, you should make every effort to attend this training.

Read more about LLDC on Page 5 of this newsletter.