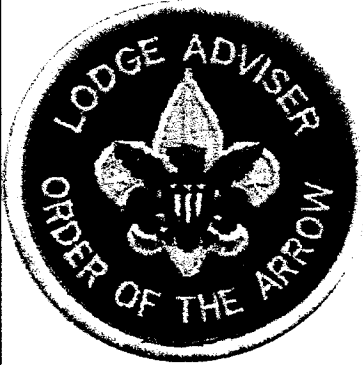


Lodge Adviser's Minute

...Ed Sexton, Lodge Adviser



The individual plays the game, but championships are won by the team." ...Unknown

I really don't know who to attribute that statement to, but it is definitely one that rings true in all aspects of life. Regardless of the situation, a person can not be successful in attaining their goals without the support and help of a "team". Think about it...the guy scoring a touchdown needs to have someone making the blocks in front of him; or the person running for political office needs a team of people to help them get their message out to the voter; or the CEO of a company can't sell the company's product without the worker making the product.

Since I became a member of the Golden Sun Lodge, it has been exciting to watch young men grow and mature through their participation in the Lodge. I have had several of our members tell me how if it hadn't been for the Order of the Arrow, they probably would have dropped out of scouting or that they would never have completed their ascent to the rank of Eagle. These are also the same young men that provide leadership to their troops and act as mentors to the younger members of their troops. These examples have made me realize the true benefits of our Order to our Scouts, our Council and to Scouting in general.

In the past few years I have participated in a variety of seminars or training sessions involving OA members from across the country and I can honestly say that our Lodge has greatly benefited from our past leadership. Comparatively speaking, our lodge is in excellent shape, carrying out the programs and accomplishing the goals of the Boy Scouts of America. That is because we have been fortunate to have had a group of individuals willing to commit large amounts of their time to the betterment of the Lodge

Since you are reading this, I think it is probably safe to say that you have an interest in seeing others accomplish their goals. You can help them by becoming more active in the OA. Even though there are many opportunities for leadership within the lodge, not everyone wants to be the Lodge Chief or the chairman of a committee, (nor can we all be in those positions) but everyone can help our "team" by becoming involved. Whether that is within a committee; volunteering to be an Elangomat; attending Chapter Meetings; or becoming the Unit Representative who makes sure the OA members in your Unit have the opportunity to participate in all OA activities. Don't wait to be asked...if you have an interest in a specific area, volunteer now to be on that committee. If you aren't sure exactly what you would like to do, ask where your help is needed most. Your time, help and ideas will be greatly appreciated and will make sure that our "team" continues to be the champions when it comes to providing "cheerful service" to our fellow scouts! So what are you waiting on?

The Chief Speaks...

...by Seth Bingham, Lodge Chief

Hello fellow arrowmen! What a year it has been, what a year it will be! When you elected me as lodge chief, I said we were going to look towards the future, and continue getting things done. That is exactly how this year is starting to shape up! We had an excellent LLD. Now that this lodge has the leaders in place it will need, we can all start looking forward to a great year ahead. We are looking to have a dynamic lodge with lots of growth this year.

The theme of the fall fellowship is going to be, "Building steps into the future." Read more about what we have planned for this event in the fall fellowship article also in this edition of the sundial. Come join us at Camp Ashland for a weekend of fun and fellowship! Everyone come out to this event because without you, the members of this lodge, this event will not be a success!

Fall Pow Wow went great, so did the Section Conclave! Thank you to everyone who helps to make our events run so smoothly! Without everyone's support, our lodge would not be as strong as it is. That is all I have to say for now. I plan on seeing the majority of you at the fall fellowship on December 10th, 11th, and 12th. Have a great thanksgiving and holiday season!