

## Proposed By-laws Changes

..by *Seth Bingham, Lodge Chief*

On September 26, 2004 the lodge's executive committee voted on a couple of changes to the lodge by-laws. One allowing the planning of events for the lodge to be accomplished more easily, and the other was to simply include that particular committee's function into its name.

### Section 9.01 currently reads:

The Lodge shall schedule the following events: Fall Fellowship Conference; **Regalia Extravaganza**; Spring Event; and The Annual POW-WOW. A meeting consisting of the Lodge Executive Committee and the general membership shall be held during each of these events. This meeting will be known as the General Membership Meeting with each youth member of the Lodge having a vote on business brought to these meetings.

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The Lodge shall schedule the following events: Fall Fellowship Conference; **Farewell to Winter**; Spring Event; and The Annual POW-WOW. A meeting consisting of the Lodge Executive Committee and the general membership shall be held during each of these events. This meeting will be known as the General Membership Meeting with each youth member of the Lodge having a vote on business brought to these meetings.

### Section 3.03 currently reads:

The Lodge will have three Standing committees. Those will be **Ceremonies Committee**, a Service Committee, and a Communications Committee. The responsibilities of each Standing Committee are defined by the Lodge Chief and will carry out those responsibilities through the use of sub-committees. The Lodge Chief may create or dissolve such sub-committees as required. The chairmen of the Standing Committees and all Sub-committees will be appointed by the Lodge Chief and shall be under twenty-one years of age during their entire term of service. Similar committees may be operated on a Chapter basis where deemed necessary.

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### Editor's Note

These changes are being published in accordance with the Golden Sun Lodge By-laws. The vote to accept these changes will be held at the General Membership Meeting at the Fall Fellowship on the weekend of December 10-12

## Death of a Beloved Scouter

...By *R. Bruce Abernethy*

It is very sad to report that a current member of our lodge died on September 24, 2004. Mr. Renken M. "Rank" Carstens of Beatrice Nebraska was born on August 4, 1912 and became a member of the Golden Suns of the Tribe of Quivera in 1948. He became a charter member of the Golden Sun Lodge - OA in 1952. Rank continued his membership, in our Lodge, through his death at age 92. He received his Vigil Honor in 1961 and was the Scoutmaster for Troop 221 in Beatrice for much of his Scouting career. He was serving as a member of the Troop 221 Committee at the time of his death.

Rank was the oldest active member and longest registered member of the Golden Sun lodge. He had visited some of our lodge events in the last several years even as his age progressed into the 90's. During his career, he was a social worker at the Beatrice State Developmental Center and was instrumental in bringing the Scouting program to the Center" and to the City of Beatrice.

Those of us who knew him, will certainly miss him as he was a real part of the history of the Golden Sun Lodge and Scouting in the Cornhusker Council.

**Remember,  
Those who chose you, need  
you!**

**The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:**

**To recognize those campers-  
Scouts and Scouters— who best  
exemplify the Scout Oath and  
Law in their daily lives and by  
such recognition cause other  
campers to conduct themselves  
in such manner as to warrant  
recognition.**