

## Chapter News and Happenings...

### Prairie Winds Chapter

...by Miles Powers, Prairie Winds Chapter Chief



Howdy!

Well, I'm writing this from the Grand Canyon and what a trip it has been!

These next few months will be busy for our chapter. We will be starting crossovers in the next month or so, and starting in February till

May will be OA Elections. We are still looking for help.

We will also have our hands full with the 05' District Spring Camporee. The location is still being decided at this time. This year our chapter will be hosting the Camporee in hopes to promote the Order of the Arrow. We will be planning all of our activities at the PW District Roundtable Meetings. We are now looking for OA Troop Representatives/BSA Scout Troops that would take on the responsibility for the each event. If your Troop is interested please contact Shawn Volk, or email [prairiewindschief@goldensunlodge.org](mailto:prairiewindschief@goldensunlodge.org).

Just a reminder that Chapter meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 265 Helen Street, in Cordova. The meetings begin at 7:30 pm. All OA Troop Representatives from units throughout the Chapter are encouraged to attend Chapter meetings, however, any Arrowman is welcome to attend.

At this time I would like to congratulate the Prairie Winds Ceremonies Team; Shawn Volk, Derek Hines, Houston Volk, and Miles Powers for a job well done. Our chapter will be doing the Brotherhood and Sunrise Ceremonies at the Spring Event and Fall Pow-Wow.

As Chapter Chief for Prairie Winds I represent all 110+ members in the chapter at the PW District Committee Meetings, and also the Lodge Executive Committee Meetings (LEC).

If you have any suggestions or comments that would benefit our chapter or lodge, then please email them to me at [prairiewindschief@goldensunlodge.org](mailto:prairiewindschief@goldensunlodge.org).

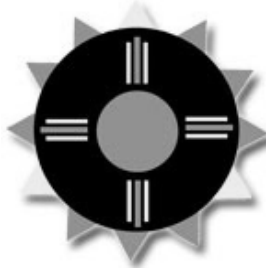
Well, the sun has set on Maswik Lodge here on the rim of the Grand Canyon...

"The Grand Canyon is carven deep by the master hand; it is the gulf of silence, widened in the desert; it is all time inscribing the naked rock; it is the book of earth."

~Donald Culross Peattie, *The Road of a Naturalist*, 1941

### Seven Feathers Chapter

...by Josh Hotsenpillar, Seven Feathers Chapter Chief



Hope you all had a nice Holiday. Just to let you know what is coming up in Seven Feathers, the Merit Badge University will be held on March 19, 2005 at the Beatrice High School Gymnasium. This is going to be great this year but we will need the help

of as many chapter members as possible. Please make plans to attend and help us out.

It has been really great to see all the members at our Chapter meetings. Keep up the great work and keep attending!

### Salt Valley Chapter

...by Stephen Lowery, Salt Valley Chapter Chief



Salt Valley Chapter has been up to many things in the past months. The Fall Fellowship was a great even and all who missed it, really missed out. We also hosted Lincoln Lights on Christmas Eve and that was another great event for our Chapter. In that night we

had well over 500 cars come through, ate many Christmas cookies and a bunch of pizza. We had a little competition on who could help the most cars throughout the night which was won by Tony Odem, the service Vice Chief. We are planning to do this again next year so please plan on helping.

Covering some other Chapter business, we are working hard on Crossovers, which are a major thing around this time of year. If you are at all interested in joining the crossover teams you need to talk to Tony Odem, Chapter Vice Chief for Unit Service.

We are also planning on doing a unit elections training at our next chapter meeting. Unit elections are very important because that is how we get new members into the OA. We are going to need a lot of help with this and would be great to see all of you there. We need at least 2 people per team and 1 adult to help with every election. Please plan on attending all these events. With the upcoming elections we are also needing to get Unit Representatives signed up and ready so if your unit doesn't have one yet, please ask your Scoutmaster to get one.