

## Lodge Adviser's Minute

...by Ed Sexton, Lodge Adviser

When we study History in school it always seems like there are tons of questions about significant dates. You know what I mean... "When was the Declaration of Independence signed?... When was the Panama Canal completed?... When was the Magna Carta signed?" The list could go on and on. Although the date is important, it really isn't as important as the effect these events have on our lives after they occur. Therefore we mark the dates of the event and celebrate the effects on our lives with "Anniversary" dates.

This year, 2005, has a couple of milestone "Anniversary" dates for those of us in Scouting, the Order of the Arrow, and the Cornhusker Council. In 1915, The Philadelphia Area Council had a Boy Scout summer camp in the middle of the Delaware River between Pennsylvania and New Jersey on an island known as Treasure Island. At that camp 90 years ago, something happened that has affected millions of people. Obviously, some of us recognize that year as well as the location and know that the Order of the Arrow was established that summer, making 2005 the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Order. But do you really think that our Founders realized how their actions to develop a program to recognize a few "honored campers" and to promote their camp would affect millions of people? Do you think they even realized the significance of that event? It just goes to show, it is not the date, but the **results** that are important.

During the summer of 1955, the Cornhusker

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## The Chief Speaks...

...by Seth Bingham, Lodge Chief



*Seth Bingham, Lodge Chief*

Welcome to the New Year everybody! The year 2005 will bring many great things to our lodge.

About this time of year, everyone seems to want to make a new years resolution, why should I be any different? I resolve that for the next year I will take a serious look at what I am involved in, and make only commitments I can keep. It is not that I have not done this in the past, it is just that, in the past, I really

didn't think about the commitments I was making, I just made them and worried about them the day they came due. This is not a good way to plan for future events I have come to realize. At times we all have a "live and let live attitude", but when we are talking about something as important as Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, these kinds of thoughts have no place being in my mind.

I have a commitment to you, our members to provide the best quality program I possibly can. I can't do this alone however; I need help from anyone who is willing. So on the topic of providing a quality program...

The Salt Valley Chapter has great plans in place for the Winter Event! We are going to have a dance team called Many Moccasins come in and perform for us. After they perform, they will give lessons on proper dance techniques. It is going to be an awesome event! Not only will this be a great opportunity to have an awesome program, I am inviting other lodges to this event, it is going to be a great opportunity to meet new people also. I would encourage you to sign up for this event today, I can't begin to describe how much FUN this is going to be!!

Maybe you are a new member thinking, I would like to get more involved, how can I? The answer is simple. Start attending your chapter meetings and lodge events and start making an impression on the people you would like to work with. Check the web-site for updates, sometimes we have an event that we don't have enough time to get into *The Sundial*, the web is ALWAYS up-to-date!

There is always something to do in the Order of the Arrow, you just need to find your niche, start working, and start having fun! Happy New Years everyone!



*Salt Valley Chapter members rededicate to the principles of the Order of the Arrow at the Fall Fellowship*

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