

## Lodge Adviser's Minute...

By Ed Sexton, Lodge Advisor



The Order of the Arrow is the Honor Society of the BSA! We all know that! Every Arrowman should take pride in the fact that someone felt YOU were deserving of that honor and selected you for membership. Remember

though, they selected you because they felt you exemplified the Scout Oath and Laws in your everyday lives and that you were a person who would commit yourself to serving the needs of others. Because you accepted the honor and became a member, you thus accepted a responsibility to serve your Unit, your Community, your Camp, and Scouting in general.

Our membership is actually broken down into two categories... Youth and Adults. It is the Youth membership's responsibility to plan and carry out how the service is provided. It is every Adult's responsibility to act as an Adviser for the youth when they are planning and carrying out that service. There is something for everyone to do if we are to accomplish our goal of providing service. This doesn't mean that each and every person will be given a title or a position where they make all the decisions, but it does mean that everyone must be involved...whether that includes sitting on one of the many committees involved in planning; attending the Chapter meetings; making sure the youth members have the opportunity to participate in Lodge and Chapter events by providing transportation; acting as a project manager for one of the projects at Camp; or by just helping to carry out the decisions made by the Youth members of the Lodge. The Lodge depends on your talents, your willingness to participate, and your desire to serve.

The Order of the Arrow isn't all about being a labor force for the Council either. Yes, we do a lot of work at Camp Cornhusker each year, but we also have fun when we gather for our Fellowship activities in the fall and winter. We get to see the enjoyment in the eyes of a Cub Scout when we participate in an Arrow of Light Ceremony. It is exciting when we watch that brand new Boy Scout complete an

orienteeing course at a camporee for the first time. It is also a lot of fun to attend a National or a Section event where we experience a sense of Brotherhood with scouts not only from our Council, but from across our Nation. Yeah...it can be a lot of fun too.

But to make it work...we need you. Not just to pay your dues each year and wear the Lodge flap on your right pocket...we need you to participate and be a part of something larger than ourselves as individuals. You can do it...that is why you were selected...someone believed in you.

## Health And Safety

Don't forget that the Golden Sun Lodge does require a Class I medical form at all OA events where members are camping or spending the night. This form does not require a doctor's signature but does provide permission for treatment and a medical history in case of an emergency. Just bring your form and keep it in your right rear pocket. That way it will be available if it is needed. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Vigil Weekend in Sept



All Vigil Honor Members are invited to Camp Cornhusker on the weekend of September 10-11, for the Annual Vigil Honor Dinner and ceremony. Help us honor those who were selected this year to receive this high recognition.

Saturday evening's dinner will be held at 7:00PM so please plan on arriving at Camp Cornhusker no later than 6:30PM.

Feel free to come down in the afternoon to help prepare for the ceremony and stay the night for fellowship and to help celebrate the completion of the ceremony on Sunday morning.

Check out the Lodge website for registration details and more information.

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