

## Lodge Active At Camp

...by Ed Sexton, Lodge Adviser

The Golden Sun Lodge remained extremely active during the three sessions of the 2005 Boy Scout Summer Camps held at Camp Cornhusker. Order of the Arrow activities started on Thursday evening with a Pizza Party for all the Arrowmen attending the week long Camp. Former Lodge and Section Chief Shane Whitford usually provided samples of his Dutch oven prepared "Chocolate Cherry Surprise Cake" for those who hadn't gotten their fill of hot Valentino's Pizza. These parties provided camaraderie as well as giving the Lodge a chance to find volunteers to act as runners and canoe paddlers for the Call-out Ceremony.

The Lodge's involvement continued on Friday with all Arrowmen wearing their sashes during the day. The highlight of the day though had to be the call-out itself. The anticipation of the evening's event could be felt by everyone as the campers gathered in their campsites. With Arrowmen Rob and Ben Fitzwater on horseback, the campers were then led around the lake and across the dam to the Council Ring where the campers, families, honored guests and other Arrowmen heard the names called out of those scouts and Scouters who were elected by their peers to become members of our Lodge. In all, almost 160 people were elected for membership.

The Lodge also publicly recognized nine of our members who have been nominated for the Vigil Honor because of their service to Scouting, their Camp and our Order. Those members are:

Zach Anderson, Dave Daake, Lynne Giddings, Stephen Lowery, Brian McMichen, Dave Miller, Eric Miller, Ben Taylor, Richard White

## Thanks a Million!

By Seth, Bingham, Lodge Chief

A BIG, BIG thanks goes out to the lodge dance team, and all of the members who were at camp one of the three weeks of Boy Scouts to help the Golden Sun Lodge call-out the newest candidates for our order.

A big thanks also goes out to our lodge unit elections committees, and to the chapters. Without your hard work and dedication elections we would not have gotten the job accomplished.

## Officer Nominations Open

Are you ready to serve your Lodge or Chapter? Do you want to help guide the direction of the OA within the Council or your District? The best way to provide input and is to become a Lodge or Chapter officer.

The Golden Sun Lodge elects its officers each year at the Fall Pow-Wow. All Lodge and Chapter officers are selected for the upcoming year at this event. If you're interested in becoming an officer, now is the time to step up to the plate. All Lodge officers must be nominated in advance of the Pow-Wow and in writing. These positions include Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer.

To run for one of these offices you must submit (or have submitted on your behalf) a Lodge Officer Nomination Form. This form, available for download on the Golden Sun Lodge website, must be turned in prior to 6:00 pm on August 12 (the opening day of the Pow-Wow). Nomination forms may be sent to the Council Service Center to the attention of the Golden Sun Lodge or may be hand delivered prior to 6:00 pm, Friday, at the Pow-Wow.

If you are interested in serving as a Chapter Officer you do not have to be nominated in advance. You can be nominated in person at your Chapter elections meeting that will be held Sunday morning of the Pow-Wow. Chapter offices vary from Chapter to Chapter but typically include Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice-Chief, and several Vice-Chiefs involved with elections, camp promotions, unit service and unit relations. Holding a Chapter Office is a great way to help your fellow Scouts and Arrowmen right in your own District.

If you are running for an office make sure you also put October 22 down on your calendar. That is the date of the annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC). As an officer, you should make every effort to attend this training.

If you are interested in running, or know of someone who should, please go to the lodge website and download a nomination form and fill it out.

Nominations should be mailed to:

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