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My fellow Arrowmen,

We find ourselves approaching a crossroads that leads to unclear paths and we have no choice as to which path we will have to follow. I am referring to the possibility of the merger of the San Francisco Bay Area Council and the Mount Diablo- Silverado Council. On one hand we have to keep moving forward as Achewon Nimat Lodge, while on the other, we have to start making plans to merge with Ut-In Selica Lodge.

Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you has an important role to play in the merger process. Furthermore, each and every one of you has a vested interest in the success of the merger process. Ut-In Selica Lodge has a greater number of members than Achewon Nimat Lodge. For a fair and balanced merger of the two Lodges, each and every one of you must participate in the process. How?

We have two Ordeals remaining this fall: September 21-23 at Rancho Los Mochos and October 12-14 at Wente Scout Reservation. If the merger is approved, our elected Lodge officers will have several meetings with the elected Lodge officers of Ut-In Selica Lodge. We need all of you to attend one of the ordeals in order for the Lodge officers to discuss issues with you.

For the youth members, every one of you is important whether you realize it or not. The Lodge officers need your thoughts, ideas and support in order to fulfill their responsibilities. They cannot do it without you.

As for the adult leaders, we depend on you to set the right example for the younger members of our Lodge. They will do what you do and won't do those things that you don't do. You are their guides and their mentors. Ask yourself where you can have the most positive impact in the running of the Lodge and step forward and do it. Our young Arrowmen need your guidance. They will become our future Lodge leaders and adult advisers. They may even be your successor in your current position. Help them to do your job right when they assume that responsibility.

It is a critical time for our Lodge and we need all of you, both youth and adult Arrowmen, to step forward, to take responsibility for the success of the lodge, and to find your niche regardless of how difficult or seemingly insignificant it may appear to you. Remember, no help is too little unless you do not help at all.

One final challenge that I have for the adult members of the Lodge, a few months ago a review was conducted of the adults registered at council and district level. We found that over 200 of them were former Lodge members who are not currently registered with the Lodge. I challenge each of you to find one former member of the Lodge who is not currently registered with the Lodge and assist them in registering in the Lodge immediately.

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