

Turtle Talk

Spring 2010

Tetonwana Lodge #105
Sioux Council #733 BSA



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TetonwanaLodge](http://www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14- 16, 2010
Spring conclave

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Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - May 14-16

All Arrowmen: Every member of the Lodge is invited to join in this time of service and fellowship. We members must be present and acting in accordance with our values in order to lead by example. Please give of your time to help our new brothers on their long journey; help us honor them by working along side them.

When & Where: Tetonwana Lodge's 2010 Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend will be Friday evening May 14th to Sunday morning, May 16th at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp, approximately 10 miles west of Yankton. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening, concluding Sunday morning at approximately 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as cleanup and checkout are completed.

Who can attend: Conclave/Ordeal Weekends are open to all youth and adult O.A. members, and newly elected Ordeal Candidates.

Registration: Please pre-register as soon as possible by either sending in your check and registration form to the Sioux Council at 800 N. West Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or by e-mailing the Council at Sioux@bsamail.org. A Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend registration form can be found in the Spring 2010 Turtle Talk.

Check-in: Check-in will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the camp's Administration Building. Ordeal candidates must arrive and check in no later than 8:30 p.m. in order to participate in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. **PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE** as it delays the program and ceremonies.

Cost: \$35 for Ordeal candidates, \$25 for Brotherhood candidates, and \$15 for general members. Everyone is asked to pre-register as soon as possible.

Camping: After checking in on Friday, Ordeal candidates and members are to set up their tents in designated chapter areas.

Tailgate Party: Friday evening while we're waiting for everyone to arrive, the Lodge will hold it's traditional "Tailgate Party", which will feature food, beverage, fun, and fellowship. There is no charge, but a good-will donation is greatly appreciated.



Friendship Campfire: There will be an informal "Friendship Campfire" beginning at approximately 8:30 pm and going until 11:00 pm Saturday evening. Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity to gather around a campfire where new and old members can get to know each other in an informal and fun atmosphere. Bring a camp chair or lawn chair to make yourself more comfortable. **If you play an instrument, bring it along.** If you play a guitar, banjo, keyboard, harmonica, musical spoons, fiddle, shohorn, comb, armpit, a jug - or whatever - bring it along for a fun time of "jammin" and singing some camp songs. Everyone's invited to bring a favorite story or campfire song to lead and share with others. If you have any questions contact [Dennis Helland](#).

Tools Needed: Various tools will be needed to carry out the many projects that are part of getting the camp ready for the summer. If you have any of the following, please bring them: bow saws, pruners, brush clippers, wheel barrows, spades, shovels, rakes, paint brushes, paint scrapers, socket sets & wrenches, chain saws & fuel (must be 18 to operate), and ladders. Be sure to bring work clothes and something to wear you don't mind getting paint on. There will be marking instruments available so you can identify your property - if not already clearly marked with your name.

Work Projects: Work projects planned for the weekend and any special tools needed will be posted here as the Spring Conclave/Ordeal weekend approaches.

Showers: Shower facilities for youth and adult Arrowmen will be made available during the weekend.

Elangmomats and Nimats needed: Arrowmen are needed to give service to the lodge and their fellow Arrowmen by serving as an [Elangomat or Nimat](#). Elangomats are those Arrowmen who unselfishly go through the Ordeal as a friend to new O.A. candidates. Nimats are those Brotherhood members who help Ordeal members obtain their Brotherhood. Both opportunities are an excellent way of fulfilling one of the requirements for advancement to the next level of membership in the Order. Those who serve as an Elangomat get a free Elangomat T-shirt. E-mail the [Tetonwana Lodge](#) if you wish to serve as an Elangomat or Nimat.

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WINTER BANQUET RECAP

The Winter Banquet this past year was a BLAST! It all started on Friday night with some archery shooting until 9:00 PM. Then, some of the arrow men socialized and the others play risk and cards. The next morning we got up had doughnuts, fruit, and juice. We were also showing the NOAC video that Dennis had brought. Around 10:00 AM we started our training sessions. Some of the training sessions were History of Archery with special guest MJ the US Olympics archery coach, the adults had the option of chainsaw certification. Then after the free time we had our elections for the 2010-2011 officers.

Lodge Chief- Kevin Van Duyn VC Activities- Jonathan Oliver

VC Service- Michael Kent VC Inductions- Jason Honermann

Secretary- Nathan Rausch Treasurer- Matt Oliver

Last the Banquet was great with chicken and vegetables. The evening ending with recognition for the officers for 2009, the 2009 Vigil members and the presentation of the Founders Award, the highest honor a Lodge can present, to Russ and Todd Garry.

Take your lodge membership to the next level get your Brotherhood bars!

The Spring Conclave is one of only two opportunities this year for those Ordeal members, who after 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

Getting your Brotherhood will help cure "Sash and Dash" disease!

The process of the preparing yourself for Brotherhood Membership is explained in your Order of the Arrow Handbook. Chapter meetings are a good place for new Arrowmen to get help as they prepare for Brotherhood membership. You can also find Brotherhood study guides on the Internet.

You must meet the five challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood:

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow Membership - this includes the Obligation, the Order of the Arrow Official song, the Admonition, the sign of ordeal membership, and the Arrow Handclasp. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal.
2. Serve your unit. Retain registration in Scouting and expand your service.
3. Plan for service in the Lodge. Retain registration in the lodge and keep your dues paid.
4. Brotherhood membership involves a pledge to serve the lodge, and you should develop a specific idea on how to do this service.
5. Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the first four (4) challenges, write a letter to the Lodge Secretary. In this letter:

Check the Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend web page at www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge/News/springordeal2010 for more information about Brotherhood.

There are no ranks within the Order of the Arrow, but Brotherhood seals one's membership in the Order. Brotherhood membership is necessary to be considered for the Vigil Honor.

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Chiefly Speaking

One of my favorite words is generosity. Over the years generosity has changed in meaning like so many other words. In the early years of modern civilization generosity referred to a person of high social standings, and aristocrat. Do you realize the difference from what we know it as today? Yes, generosity in the current day calls for us to live up to a higher standard. While I was researching generosity I came across an article about the science of generosity, which was written by the Science Department at Notre Dame. In this article generosity was described as being a learned trait, and from that we can say that it is not a random act. Personally I have heard of random acts of kindness, and I deeply believe in it. I am not one to argue with a scientific study but in this case I will. There have been so many times that I have seen others helping out people they do not even know. I have witnessed generosity in so many different aspects that it has made my jaw drop in awe. Do you really think that these acts are planned out by us? Well, if you do that's great, but I think that it is random acts of kindness that makes us act on instinct. We as Boy Scouts and more specifically as Order of the Arrow members are expected to live up to the highest of all bars. Show our generosity, it does not need to be with money but you could do a random act of kindness to show our generosity. And like the lone scout in the fog, do not do it for glory or to be recognized, do it because you feel it is in your best interest to help them. Generosity may have changed in meaning over the years, but if we continue spreading our terminology of generosity, then, just maybe, we can continue the meaning of this word as we know it today.

WWW,
Yours in Scouting,
Kevin J. Van Duyn



PLEASE BRING CAP AND T-SHIRT DESIGN FOR THE LODGE TO THE SPRING



IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT TO THE SPRING CONCLAVE YOU CAN SEND IT TO THE CENTER FOR Scouting OR EMAIL IT TO ANY OF THE OFFICERS!!



At the 2010 LLD/LEC

The 2010 Tetonwana Lodge LLD/LEC was attended by 19 Arrowmen. The morning consisted of leadership training sessions, which included break-out sessions where participants evaluated Lodge performance during the past year, where groups came up with lists of what the Lodge does well, and what areas need more work.

The final training session, "Steps in Successful Recruiting", covered the steps necessary in identifying the best prospects to fill leadership and committee positions, and the most effective techniques to use.

After a lunch break, the Executive Committee meeting was called to order. Reports were presented by the various lodge officers and chapter representatives. Issues that were discussed were: Spring Conclave/Ordeal weekend promotions; unit O.A. elections; Lodge T-shirts; the O.A. Unit Representative program; and the lodge campership patch program.

Other business included approving the Lodge schedule for the next year; fine-tuning the schedules for the Spring and Fall Conclave/Ordeal weekends; reviewing and approving the lodge budget for the upcoming year; and working on the 2010 Quality Lodge Petition, and setting lodge goals for 2010.

Are your dues current?

When you took the oath of our Order at the conclusion of your Ordeal, you promised on your honor as a Scout to "faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow". Participation is one of these traditions, and the very basic way of participating is by paying your yearly dues.

Even if you have not become active in the Order, by paying your dues you give many opportunities to those who have. Our total membership number effects our positive growth, sets the number of how many Lodge Arrowmen can attend National events, and how many we can select for the Vigil Honor and other awards.

Tetonwana Lodge assesses annual dues of \$7.00 for youth members (21 and under) and \$10.00 for adults (over 21). Annual lodge dues help cover the cost of the day to day operation of the lodge and it's activities. It also covers the annual Regional and National fees assessed to the lodge for each registered member of the lodge. We also make a monetary contribution to the Council for needed items and for Camperships so everyone can experience camping. So we hope you can see how important the paying of yearly dues really is.

You can pay your dues at any lodge function, or send them to the Center for Scouting anytime.

Members who did not pay their dues last year or in previous years can reactivate their membership by paying last year's plus this year's dues.

We'd like to remind everyone that wearing an OA lodge flap signifies active dues paid membership in a local lodge.



At this year's LLD/LEC, the lodge committed itself to the following objectives in pursuit of qualifying as a Quality Lodge in 2010:

1. The lodge will comply with all requirements in the current printings of the Q.A. Handbook, Guide for Officers and Advisers, Field Operations Guide, Guide to Inductions, and ceremony books.
2. The lodge will experienced positive growth in its membership.
3. The lodge will induct a minimum of 30% of its eligible Ordeal members into the Brotherhood.
4. The lodge will conduct one or more Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) courses with qualified instructors and use the current LLD materials (available at www.oa-bsa.org) to train lodge and chapter officers, lodge and chapter committee chairmen, and their advisers. Collectively, the LLD courses will be attended by a minimum of 75% of all members eligible to attend.
5. The lodge will complete service projects for the council camp or service center, and a council-approved community service project. A written report for each project will be included in the lodge annual report. During the year, lodge members will contribute an average of three hours of service per person.
6. After contacting each troop and team in the council, the lodge and/or chapters will conduct unit O.A. elections in every unit desiring an election. The election teams will be trained and all team members will be in proper uniform during each unit election.
7. Following a review of the Order of the Arrow 2008—2012 Strategic Plan, the lodge Key 3 will meet with the council Scout executive to identify ways for the lodge to be more effective in cooperating and coordinating with council programs and events. The lodge calendar will schedule its events and meetings to be considerate of members' needs to actively participate in unit, district, and council events.
8. The lodge leadership will actively participate in the development and implementation of the council's plan for the promotion of the council camping, high adventure, and other outdoor programs. Working closely with district and council leadership, the lodge camping promotion committee will help establish and conduct promotional contacts to a minimum of 75% of the troops and teams in the council as of June 30, 2010.
9. The lodge will contributed cash, materials, or both, to the council in an amount equal to at least \$2.00 per lodge member.
10. The lodge will submitted a written annual report of accomplishments to the council executive board.



In addition to the 10 required objectives above, the LEC, at it's 02/27/10 meeting, elected to propose the following five elective objectives:

11. Each ceremony team member will memorized his part and each ceremony will be presented in an effective and impressive manner in accordance with the official ceremony books and the Guide to Inductions.
12. The lodge Key 3 will meet at least six times during the year to discuss the progress of the lodge.
13. The lodge will produce and distribute (by hard copy, email, or lodge website) a minimum of four newsletters to its members and contributed articles to the council's newsletter or website. The Lodge website will conform to the council's website policies.
14. The lodge will routinely use the ScoutNet Membership Verification Process to identify dues-paid O.A. members whose BSA registration has lapsed. The lodge will seek to re-register these Scouts and removes those who do not re-register from lodge membership.
15. The lodge will implement a lodge O.A Unit Representative program with the goal of identifying Unit O.A. Representatives in at least 50% of all Troops and Teams in the Sioux Council in 2010, and will establish a special committee to oversee this object.

Spring Conclave Schedule

Friday

- 6:00 pm - Tailgate and Register (Ordeal Candidates receive Spirit Book 2)
- 7:45 pm - Guard Meeting
- 8:30 pm - Elangomat Meeting
- 9:00 pm - Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
- 10:00 pm - Cracker Barrel
- 10:30 pm - LEC

Saturday

- 6:15 am - Guards meet at Dining Hall
- 7:00 am - Breakfast (Ordeal Candidates receive Spirit Book 3)
- 8:00 am - Projects
- 10:00 am - Break
- 10:15 am - Resume Projects
- 12:00 pm - Lunch (Ordeal Candidates receive Spirit Book 4)
- 1:00 pm - Projects Resume
- 1:30 pm - Guards Meet at Dining Hall
- 2:00 pm - Ordeal Break (Ordeal Candidates receive Spirit Book 5 w/ Bread)
- 2:30 pm - Projects Resume
- 3:00 pm - Brotherhood Hike

- 4:00 pm - End Projects, Brotherhood Ceremony
- 5:00 pm - Ordeal Ceremony #1
- 6:00 pm - Ordeal Ceremony #2
- 7:00 pm - Dinner - Enter as Follows:
 - New Ordeal Members,
 - New Brotherhood Members,
 - General Members
- 7:30 pm - Lodge Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Jumpstart
- 8:30 pm - Trading Post Open
- 8:30 pm - Friendship Campfire
- 10:00 pm - Vigil Honor Meeting (Vigil Honor members only)
- 11:00 pm - Lights Out!

Sunday

- 7:30 am - Breakfast
- 8:30 am - Chapel
 - Cleanup (general members)
- After cleanup is done, have a safe trip home!



Eligible Vigil Honor Candidate Nominees

According to the OA handbook, the Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities with the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout Camp. Tenure should not be considered as a reason for nomination. Please take the time to nominate those worthy Arrowmen using the form that is included with the Turtle Talk. Feel free to make copies and make multiple nominations. Nominations should be submitted at registration or to Mike Doss by the end of the Banquet Saturday evening at the Spring Conclave.

The Vigil Honor Selection committee will meet Saturday evening to discuss the election of new Vigil Honor Candidates.

Youth Candidates

Christopher Bah	Matthew Bah	Alex Bordewyk	Alex Carney	Avery Cleberg	Tanner Engbrecht
Casey Fletcher	Kyle Fritz	Chris Garcia	Mike Garcia	Michael Grajczyk	Adam Hentges
Tyler Hunt	David Kenyon	DR Nordlie	Andrew Olson	Aaron Olson	Aric Olson
Brian Schulte	Jonathan Shaeffer	Robert Tomshack	Andrew Chenoweth	Jesse Crapser	
Danny Norby	Matt Oliver	Zach Sage	Dylan Steffen	Kevin VanDuyn	

Adult Candidates

Michael Bah	James Baustian	David Beck	Steven Blau	Kurt Chenoweth	Eldon Crapser
Loretta Crapser	Greg Grajczyk	Dan Grey	Dr James Harris	Stuart Hayden	Scott Hunt
Bill Jockheck	Gene Johnson	William Johnson	Merlyn Karjala	Jim Kent	Mary Kenyon
Joe Kress	Robert King	Jeff Krieger	Bernard Lampe	Paris Lortscher	Glenn Miller
Tony Nelson	Mark Ochocki	Kristie Olson	Steve Olson	William Peterson	Carla Scott
Todd Sage	Michael Schreiner	Patrick Wellner	Brad Wersal	Mark Wientjes	AleeneWilliams

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2010 Spring Conclave Pre-registration Lewis & Clark Scout Camp May 14-16

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Cost: Ordeal Candidate \$35

Brotherhood Candidate \$25

General Members \$15

- I will attend the Spring Conclave
- Enclosed is my registration fee.
- I will pay my registration fee at the conclave.

Please mail to:
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800 N. West Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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2010 Fall Conclave Pre-registration Newton Hills Scout Camp August 20-22

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Cost: Ordeal Candidate \$35

Brotherhood Candidate \$25

General Members \$15

- I will attend the Fall Conclave
- Enclosed is my registration fee.
- I will pay my registration fee at the conclave.

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2010 Tetonwana Lodge Calendar

May 14-16 Spring Conclave *L&C Scout Camp*

Aug 20-22 Fall Conclave *Newton Hills Scout Camp*

Sept 10-12 Section C-1A Conclave *Phillippo Scout Reservation,
Cannon Falls, Minnesota*

Oct 16-17 Vigil Retreat *Newton Hills Scout Camp*

Jan 8 Winter Banquet *Tatanka Chapter Hosts*

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