

Turtle Talk

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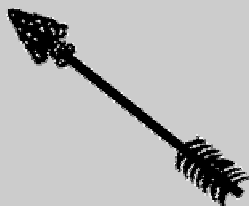
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter banquet—Jan. 8
LLD- LEC—Feb. 12

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Winter Banquet

January 8th

First Lutheran Church
Brookings, SD

We encourage everyone to make arrangements to attend this event, and ask that each Arrowman invite another Arrowman who's never been to a Lodge Annual Banquet or Lodge Meeting before. We also ask each Arrowman to pass along the Annual Banquet/Lodge Meeting information to the Arrowmen in their units and chapters.

This annual event features fun, fellowship, training, and the lodge's annual lodge officer elections. Training will include Unit Elections, I'm an Ordeal now what?, Elangomat Training, Chapter Building and many more great sessions. The Allohak Chapter has lined up some great fellowship activities including Bowling and a movie matinee. Don't miss out on this exciting event, it is a great way to start your Scouting year!

See you in a few weeks.

Winter Banquet Pre-Registration

Please pre-register by January 3rd

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

_____ \$20 Registration Fee Enclosed _____ I will pay at the event

_____ \$10 for my 2011 Lodge Dues

Mail to: Tetonwana Lodge, Center for Scouting 800 N. West Ave Sioux Falls SD 57104



Chiefly Speaking

So many times I have written in the Turtle Talk with ambitions to show examples of helpfulness and good intentions. Now in my final months as an elected officer in the Order of the Arrow and more so as the Tetonwana Lodge Chief I am looking for the next person to act upon their beliefs that have made them good Scouts. Without a new generation of those who create those accounts of good turns we only further the distance from the original intentions of our founders. We sometimes wonder if we should act on our instincts, we have a fear that we will be judged for our actions and even mocked by our friends, but why should you be mocked for doing a good thing? In a time when you know that you did something right and your friends mock you, that is when you know exactly who has your back and who follows the same values as yourself. Actions speak louder than words is what I was always told as a child, and although there are actions that I may not be proud of or that you may not be proud of, they help create who we are in the end. Taking the first step in accepting being nominated into the OA showed that you were one who your fellow Scouts set apart as one who they thought a great deal of. When you went through your Ordeal Weekend, you showed that you were willing to further your life in Scouting. The Brotherhood is yet another step, whether you have taken it or not, with new meanings in your personal life those that take part in the Brotherhood show me their dedication not only to the OA but their fellow Scouts.

Do not be afraid to act upon your instinct, as long as it is one that you believe in strongly and will not regret in the future. When I say one that you will not regret in the future I am referring to those with a negative effect. Doing harm or committing a crime are some obvious ones, but how about bullying or mocking a fellow Scout or a random person you are passing on the street.

I have the utmost respect for my fellow Scouts and those in society who fight for the downtrodden. I may not express my thankfulness at every single moment I see a good turn but if I were to do that all I would ever say is, "Thank-you." It is not about hearing those words that we should do good, it is for the feeling that most, if not all, of us get when we do it.

It does not matter if you are a Muslim or a Christian, Democrat or Republican, or even South Dakotan, Minnesotan, or Iowan. We are all brothers in the Order of the Arrow, hoping to make this world a better place for not only our members but those who are struggling. I hope that we can all find time to remember those who have helped us and to act upon our natural good sense.

WWW,
Yours in Scouting,
Kevin J. Van Duyn



ELECTIONS

"I want to see you at the 2011 Tetonwana Lodge Annual Banquet!"



Any Arrowman is eligible to run for one of the Lodge offices: Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Service, Vice Chief of Activities, Vice Chief of Inductions, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. Each Arrowman considering running for one of these positions should look inside himself and ask, What can I do to promote the Order of the Arrow and Scouting? Is being a Lodge officer something that I can be effective at?"

As the Winter Banquet quickly approaches, the Lodge must turn its attention to Officer Elections. Every year at the Winter Banquet, the entire youth membership of the lodge elects new officers. Through this process, young Arrowmen can become lodge officers and share and implement their ideas for improving the Lodge.

There are only a few requirements for being a lodge officer. First, the Arrowman must be a youth. This means that from the time he is elected to the time his term ends, the Arrowman must be under twenty-one years old. Other than that, the only other requirement is that the Scout is an Arrowman. It does not matter whether he is an Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil member. Of course, it's recommended that anyone seeking these positions have a good functional knowledge of the ins and outs of the workings of the Lodge. It's not necessary, but it's always good to know what is happening before you dive into it.

If you are interested in running for any of the Lodge offices, you must express by written notification of intent to run for office by the annual banquet and given to the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, or the election committee. You should also discuss your intentions with your Chapter Advisor and/or Scoutmaster.

Finally if you want to become involved in the Lodge but do not want to bear all the responsibility that the officers have, you can always become involved in a committee. The chairmen are constantly looking for committee members to help them. Also, you could even become a committee chairman if you really want to.

The bottom line is that there are plenty of leadership opportunities for anyone interested in becoming involved in the lodge. All you have to do is speak up.



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Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)

The Lodge Executive Committee is the group of Arrowmen responsible for all aspects of lodge operation. The LEC is the steering committee for the lodge. It carries out the business of the lodge by planning and coordinating fellowship and induction weekends, service projects, training sessions, and other events as appropriate. It consists of the elected youth officers, appointed youth committee chairman, chapter representatives, and Advisors.

Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)

Each year, the leaders of Tetonwana Lodge gather for a Lodge Leadership Development event. The purpose of the event is to build the team of lodge leaders who will guide the Lodge for the coming year. This event consists of a number of training sessions that will help us all focus our attentions on issues our lodge needs to again attain the National Quality Lodge distinction. As a leader, your attendance is vital to your success in the upcoming coming year.

This is our yearly training for all Chapter Officers and Advisers. Here you will learn how the Lodge operates and how your Chapter should operate. If you are a Chapter Officer or Adviser - or if you want to be one - this is the place for you.