

Turtle Talk

Spring 2009

Tetonwana Lodge #105
Sioux Council #733 BSA



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

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5/16-18.....	Spring Conclave
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1/9/2010.....	Winter Banquet

If anyone has any questions or suggestions concerning the Turtle Talk or have an article or idea you would like published please contact:

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Sign up for Section Conclave and get a FREE Lodge T-shirt! Found out how on page 7.

Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - May 15-17

Tetonwana Lodge's 2009 Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend is the weekend of May 15-17 at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. All current youth and adult O.A. members and newly elected Ordeal candidates are invited to join us in this time of service and fellowship. Please make plans to join us.

Cost: \$35 for Ordeal candidates, which includes all meals, Order of the Arrow Handbook, Ordeal sash and Lodge pocket flap, and one year's Lodge dues; \$25 for Brotherhood candidates, which includes all meals and Brotherhood sash; \$15 for general members. Everyone is asked to pre-register as soon as possible.

This is the first of only two weekends scheduled during 2009 that those Scouts and Scouters who are elected this year by their units to become members of the Order of the Arrow can go through their Ordeals. The other is the Fall Conclave/Ordeal Weekend at Camp Iyatanka the weekend of August 14-16. Those who don't attend one of these two weekends will need to be re-elected by their units.

This weekend is also one of only two opportunities for those Ordeal members, who after ten months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, may go for their **Brotherhood** and is when the selection process of the **Vigil Honor** takes place. See the Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend web page at www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge for more information.

New this year is the return to the "**Horseshoe Roll**" as the Lodge's official way for those going through their Ordeals to pack and carry their personal gear. This is the original method of packing in the early days of the Order of the Arrow, which was also the preferred method of packing used by many frontiersmen and native American tribes.

Beginning with this year's Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend, we're asking that **Ordeal Candidates** and **Elangomats** refer to the "Horseshoe Roll" handout to see what items to pack, and the recommended way to pack for the Ordeal. Check the web site for details.

Elangomats and Nimats needed: Arrowmen are needed to give service to the Lodge and their fellow Arrowmen by serving as Elangomats and Nimats at both Spring and Fall Conclave/Ordeal Weekends. Contact the Lodge or check the lodge web site for more information.



Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend Information (continued)

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*.

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.

Camping: After checking in on Friday night, 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 near the Dining Hall. 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 at *dhelland@juno.com*.

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, socket sets & wrenches, chair 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. Any special tools or supplies that will be needed for this year's work projects, and what projects are being planned will be posted on the Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend web page of the lodge web site.

Bring your T-shirt and flap designs: Bring your design ideas and color preferences for Tetonwanan Lodge t-shirts for the Section Conclave. As the host lodge, we want to stand out. We're also looking for ideas for Lodge NOAC t-shirts and Lodge Flaps. Bring your ideas to the Spring Conclave.

Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend Schedule*

Friday

6:00 pm - Registration/Tailgate Party (Candidates receive booklet #2)
7:45 pm - Guard Meeting
8:30 pm - Elangomat Meeting
9:00 pm - Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
10:00 pm - Pre-Ordeal Ceremony #2
11:00 pm - Cracker Barrel

Saturday

6:15 am - Guards meet at dining hall
7:00 am - Breakfast (Candidates receive booklet #3)
8:00 am - Projects
10:00 am - Break
10:15 am - Resume Projects
12:00 Noon - Lunch (Candidates receive booklet #4)
1:00 pm - Projects Resume
1:30 pm - Guards meet at dining hall
2:00 pm - Ordeal Break (Candidates receive booklet #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

7:30 pm - Lodge Meeting

8:00 pm - Jumpstart

8:30 pm - Friendship Campfire/Trading Post Open

10:00 - Vigil Honor Meeting

11:00 - Lights Out!

Sunday

7:30 am - Breakfast

8:30 am - Chapel

9:00 am - LEC, Cleanup (general members)

After cleanup is done, have a save trip home!

* (Any schedule changes will be announced and posted)



Troops should be scheduling unit O.A. elections now!

Sioux Council Scout Troops should be making plans now to hold unit O.A. elections. A successful unit O.A. election is the first step to attaining membership in the Order of the Arrow. There are several reasons each troop in the Sioux Council should plan for and hold an annual OA election. It is an excellent opportunity for the youth of your troop to recognize those they view as leaders and outstanding Scouts. This recognition can encourage your members as they progress in Scouting. When an older Scout becomes more involved in Scouting, his bonds will grow. Because all OA members must be an active member of their unit, your unit can benefit by retaining older members as leaders and examples to younger Scouts. Finally, the OA has many opportunities beyond what most units can offer to gain leadership skills that benefit them personally and ultimately, your troop. 2009 has many great O.A. events and opportunities for those Scouts who are members of the Order of the Arrow. Check the Lodge's list of upcoming events to see what's planned for the upcoming year. Troops are asked to schedule unit O.A. elections by March 31st in order to have your unit's newly elected O.A. candidates acknowledged and recognized at the at the O.A. "Call-out" Ceremony at your district's Spring Camporee.

Fellowship, Food & Fun! Get it all at the 2009 Section Conclave. Find out how on Page 7. Don't miss out!

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/springordeal2008 for more information about Brotherhood.



Chiefly Speaking

Dear Arrowmen,

The winter months have seemed to roll on quite quickly. Although most of the time the temperatures were well below the average, the news in our lodge has been heating up. To start things off, in January our lodge elected new vice chiefs and I have the most outstanding confidence in this new set of officers. This year will be quite challenging if our lodge does not pull together. We will be having the Section Conclave being hosted by our lodge this year at Fort Sisseton. This is very exciting and we will need workers for many jobs. Recently Mike Doss, Todd Garry and myself attended the COC in Sartell, Minnesota. We discussed the Section Conclave and all the other lodge chiefs seemed very excited about it. This year is also the year of NOAC! This will be held in the very beginning of August. There are still spots open, and it is a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in going please contact the scouting office. We also just had our LLD/LEC which was held in Sioux Falls at the Scouting Center. This day was filled with great progress and training sessions. This year was quite exciting as we had youth come all the way from Pierre! We also hashed out a lot of issues at the LEC. Looking into the near future, we will be having the Spring Conclave on May 15-17 at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp. One Day of Service will also be coming up pretty soon and Johnathan Schaeffer will be charging full ahead on that project. Thank-you, to all the members, for all your hard work and dedication to the lodge. I hope to see you soon at one of our lodge's fine gathering opportunities.

WWW,
Kevin J. Van Duyn

2009 Tetonwana Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief	Kevin V. Colman, SD—Allohak Chapter
Lodge Vice Chief of Service	Johathan S. Sioux Falls, SD— Blaknik Chapter
Lodge Vice Chief of Activities . . .	Michael K. Sioux Falls, SD— Blaknik Chapter
Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions . .	Andrew P. Sioux Falls, SD— Blaknik Chapter
Lodge Secretary	Nathan R. Yankton, SD — Wak' Ya Wakpa Chapter
Lodge Treasurer	Chris D. Sioux Falls,SD—Blaknik Chapter
Lodge Adviser	Mike Doss Lodge Staff Adviser
	Brian Sutilla

What are you waiting for, get to page 7 and register for the Section Conclave already! It'll be the best Scout event of 2009!

CAMPERSHIP PATCHES NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2009 edition patches are available featuring a great design by Arrowman Zach Sage. Be sure to pick up your patches today and help send a Scout to summer camp through the lodges campership program. Quantities are limited and all funds raised go directly to the campership program. Last year the lodge provided over \$2000 in scholarships for camp.

2009 CAMPERSHIP PATCHES!

Campership Patches for 2009 are available at the Sioux Council Office. You can stop in an pick up the patches or simply use this order form and have the patches mailed to you.. The patches cost \$10 each and there is a \$0.50 per patch postage fee.

Name _____

Patches Wanted _____

Amount \$ Enclosed _____

Address _____

City,State, Zip _____

Send to: Sioux Council BSA
800 N West Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Phone _____ Email _____



National Order of the Arrow Conference

Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)**. The **National Order of the Arrow Conference** is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen themselves. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun. These gatherings draw over 7000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five days of training, fun, and fellowship. With each conference, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and more exciting.

This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at the National Order of the Arrow Conference ("NOAC"). Over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together for have fun, learn new things, and celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting, and only OA members can participate.

A typical NOAC day covers all aspects of the OA. In the morning, you can pick your choice of world-class training sessions ranging from Leadership, to Indian Crafts, to Ceremonies, to High Adventure Skills, and more. The afternoon brings sports, competitions, special events, and more. After dinner, you get to see an outstanding Evening Show, a new show each night. After the show, there are open activities, patch trading, and just hanging out with your friends. Finally, you head to bed, to get some sleep so you are ready to do it all again the next day!

NOAC is a great opportunity for you to learn more about the OA and Scouting (and maybe a little bit more about yourself), to get to know the rest of the members of your lodge, and to make new friends from around the country. Join the Order of the Arrow's best and brightest for a six day adventure of fun, excitement, and memories. The next NOAC will not be held until 2012 so you definitely do not want to miss out on this year's event.

If you have any questions about NOAC or the Lodge contingent contact Lodge Adviser Mike Doss at mikedoss@hotmail.com or check the web page at www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge/News/2009SectionConclave.

Eligible Vigil 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 Jake Mackey or Mike Doss by the end of the Banquet Saturday evening at the Spring Conclave. The Vigil Selection committee will meet Saturday evening to discuss the election of new Vigil Candidates.

Youth Candidates

Christopher Bah	Matthew Bah	Drew Carroll	Andrew Chenoweth	Nathan Derenge	James Dietz
Kyle Dretsch	Casey Fletcher	Kyle Fritz	Chris Garcia	Mike Garcia	Brandon Haschke
Nick Hayen	Jason Honermann	Nick Hoyme	Tyler Hunt	Ted Jockheck	Ben Kantack
Tyler Lanphear	Kelly Leyden	Aaron Litka	Ross Neugebauer	Jon Oliver	Aaron Olson
Evrett Polyak	Derrick Schlichenmayer		Aric Scott	Matt Siekmann	Erik Spencer
Roger Verhulst	Bryce Vossler	Ryan Wersal	Nick Wersal	Jeffrey Wilkes	David Yarbrough

Adult Candidates

Michael Bah	James Baustian	Eric Bierstedt	Kurt Chenoweth	Loretta Crapser	Mark DeGraw
Arnie Dwire	Dr James Harris	Pat Haschke	Stuart Hayen	Rolland Hotchkin	Scott Hunt
Bill Jockheck	William Johnson	Gene Johnson	Merle Karjala	Jim Kent	Mary Kenyon
John Kindseth	Robert King	Jeff Krieger	Derek Lee	Richard Leyden	Paris Lortscher
Sandy McFarland	Glenn Miller	Tony Nelson	Mark Ochocki	Sheryl Oliver	Diane Polyak
Martin Saffel	William Peterson	Carla Scott	Jeff Siekmann	Thomas Smotherman	Steven Thares
Merrial Thares	Joseph Tschetter	Brad Wersal	Mark Wientjes	Jeffy Wilkes	AleeneWilliams



What is "Sash and Dash" disease and can I get it?

Unfortunately, "**Sash and Dash**" disease is a real affliction that sometimes infects new Ordeal members. It's symptoms are much like the similar "**Flap and Flee**" syndrome.

Early warning signs are:

Leaving the Ordeal weekend never to be seen again at an O.A. event.

Unwillingness to exhibit any "cheerful service"

Desire to be seen with a sash or flap publicly but only to be seen

Clean, crisp sash showing no signs of having ever gotten dirty in service to others.

Infected members often are heard to make statements like, "I earned my O.A."; "I have other things to do"; "All the O.A. work is done". In its more advance stages, Ordeal members may express a lack of appetite after ten months of membership to complete the Ordeal and achieve the "Brotherhood" membership. In the most advanced stages, having never participated in any O.A. activity, having become totally uninvolved, the patient will simply do nothing and never pay their dues after the first year.

"**Sash and Dash**" is easy to avoid and readily treatable. First, members should take a healthy attitude and get involved early. Even occasional exposure to lodge or chapter activities can boost the immune system and reduce the chances of this disease occurring. An early warning sign is the statement, "Nobody asked me to get involved or to help. Nobody called me." When this occurs, the best course is to show up at the next meeting or event, and get involved. In many cases, we have confirmed reports of sufferers being quickly cured just by having a buddy ask them to come with them to the next lodge meeting or activity.

If you're a Scoutmaster of a troop with Scouts showing any of the above symptoms, get them immediately to the next chapter meeting.

Even something as simple as paying one's O.A. dues once a year will help to keep this disease at bay. Fun is the best prevention technique we've discovered.

WANT TO HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND? THEN SIGN UP FOR SECTION CONCLAVE!!! PAGE 7 Free shirt!

Does your chapter qualify to be a "Quality Chapter"?

At its March 7th 2009 LEC meeting the Tetonwana Lodge Officers approved re-instituting the **Quality Chapter Award** to recognize successful chapters and also to improve the overall quality of the Chapter Program, thus contributing to the Lodge earning the **Quality Lodge Award**.

Every 12 months, Chapters are to establish goals based on their current level of activities and reasonable expectations for improvement. In order to earn the Lodge's 2009 **Quality Chapter Award** chapters are required to meet or exceed 10 required objectives and at least three of the five other achievements.

For a complete list of the objectives necessary to qualify for a **Quality Chapter**, or a Quality Chapter Award application, check the lodge's "Quality Lodge Award" web page at <http://siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge/News/quality>

"An Order of the Arrow lodge is only as good as its weakest Chapter!"



Check the Tetonwana Lodge web site for the most complete information and event updates!

We can squeeze only so much information in a newsletter, so we've put much of what you need to know on the Lodge website at www.siouxbsa.org/tetonwanalodge. We currently have web pages set up for each of the upcoming events for the next 12 months. **We also have individual web pages set up for the following:**

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| Quality Chapter Award | What is "Sash and Dash" and can I get it? |
| Order of the Arrow Unit Elections | Tetonwana Lodge By-laws |
| Encouraging O.A. Participation | Tetonwana Lodge Photo Albums |
| Lodge Leadership | Lodge Dues |
| Chapter Information | The O.A. Troop/Team Representative |
| What's the Order of the Arrow | Serving as an Elangomat or Nimat |
| Tetonwana Lodge Campership Patches | And much more |

Join in the Fun at the Section C-1A Conclave!

Once every year, the six Order of the Arrow Lodges in Section C-1A come together for a conclave to share in fun, fellowship, skills, and training that can help your lodge. The 2009 Section Conclave will be hosted by Tetonwana Lodge September 11-13 at Fort Sisseton State Historical Park in northeast South Dakota. At this year's Section Conclave, you'll find many different activities and events to keep you busy from the moment you arrive on Friday evening until you depart on Sunday morning. There are limitless opportunities for Arrowmen to interact, learn, compete, and have a lot of fun. Check the web page regularly for the latest information and updates.

As the host Lodge we also have a number of responsibilities which will require the service of all able Tetonwana Lodge Arrowmen. When we last hosted in 2004, our Lodge had over 100 participants. We are planning to have even more Tetonwana Arrowmen join in the excitement of the 2009 Section Conclave.

With cheerful service from everyone we can host a great Section Conclave. We are responsible for the following duties: **Registration, Campsite Coordination, Meals Preparation, Friday Night Activities, Saturday Programs, Trading Post, Rededication Ceremony, Clean up Crews, Facilities, Ambassadors**

How can you and your chapter, or the Arrowmen in your Troop help with the responsibilities for the Section Conclave. Arrowmen can select their role at the Spring Conclave at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp the weekend of May 15-17. **This is our time to shine as the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service!**

As a special bonus, any Tetonwana Arrowmen who registers by Sunday at the Spring Conclave will receive a free Host Lodge T-shirt!

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2009 Section C-1A Conclave Pre-registration

Name: _____

Cost: \$35 before August 24th \$40 after August 24th

- I will attend the Section Conclave**
- Enclosed is my registration fee.**
- _____ **Shirt Size**

**Please mail to:
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Tetonwana Lodge #105
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Get your Section C-1A Conclave registration form inside so you can get your FREE T-shirt!

* But first send in your Spring Conclave Registration Form

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2009 Spring Conclave Pre-registration

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.

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