

Turtle Talk

Fall 2009

Tetonwana Lodge #105
Sioux Council #733 BSA



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[www.siouxbsa.org/
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Section C-1A Conclave Recap- September 11– 13

On the weekend of September 11-13 Tetonwana Lodge hosted the Section C-1A Conclave at Fort Sisseton State Park, near Webster, South Dakota. Many of the members of our lodge and others spent months upon months of planning for this weekend. That planning paid off, as many of us saw. The weekend went off without a hitch. We had people coming in on Friday night to a Wii tournament. The excitement in the building during that was amazing. Many people were playing chess, checkers, rock band, and many other games, both on the Wii's and good old board games. Root beer was floating throughout the entire facility and the atmosphere was energetic. With the morning came great food, made by our wonderful members, followed by training cells. Whether you wanted to know about LLD or awards and recognition, it was all there. In the afternoon many of us found time for bonding with our brothers from our lodge and other lodges as well. We had the chance to go to a Native American dance session and of course blacksmithing. At night we had section officer elections, the rededication ceremony, and the brotherhood bash.

On Sunday morning we gathered for a short chapel service and finished off with our COC. We had many positive comments about the weekend. Many even said that it was the smoothest Section Conclave that they had ever been to. There is no other group that deserves the recognition that each of you deserve after our great showing at the Section Conclave. Whether it be the Garrys, who planned a majority of the weekend, my officer team, who had good input on the event, or all of the members who help so graciously with the event. I thank each and everyone of you for your time, patients, and of course your support of this event.

On a last note, we had a very good turnout to the Section Conclave this year. Just because we hosted it does not mean that next year we can drop back off to fifteen members. We should try to show the section that Tetonwana Lodge is a strong lodge, and we are, let's get more active and really blow this section away by our unrelenting devotion to the Order of the Arrow, and the Scouting organization. Thank-you.

Sincerely,
WWW,
Kevin J. Van Duyn



Vigil Retreat– 10/17-10/18

Fall is officially here and that means we are just a few weeks away from the annual Vigil Retreat. Once again the event will be at Newton Hills Scout Camp on October 17th and 18th of 2009. All Vigil Honor members are invited to help us welcome our nine new Vigil members.

The candidates are to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 pm on Saturday: Supper will be around 7:00 pm and 8:00pm and the event will conclude after breakfast Sunday morning. In order to prepare the sites for the candidates Jake Mackey will be arriving at Newton Hills at 2:00 pm. Although he likes to make the fires, he's not opposed to help so if you can arrive early to help that would be greatly appreciated. We will meet at the main cabin and spread out to the campsites after that.

Please return the registration form that you should have received in the mail as soon as possible if you are able to attend so Norm can have food for you. If you didn't receive your letter, please call or e-mail the Council to let them know you plan to be there. As always this weekend will be a great time to see old friends and enjoy the Scouting experience, we hope to see you all there.

Fall Fellowship– 10/30– 10/31

Indoor
Dodge Ball

**Friday and Saturday, October 30th and 31st
at the National Archery Center
800 Archery Lane in Yankton**

Registration
6:30 to 7:00

Cracker Barrel

Training

Free shooting
Friday: until 9:30 pm
Saturday: reopens at 9:00 or
9:30 am

Video Games

Cost: \$15



Chiefly Speaking

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Fall Fellowship Pre-registration
 Oct 30-31 National Archery Center Yankton SD

Name _____

Payment Enclosed \$15 Pay at Event \$15

Winter Banquet Pre-registration
 Jan 8-9, 2010 Yankton SD

Name _____

Payment Enclosed \$20 Pay at Event \$20



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:

- 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 more**

2009 Tetonwana Lodge Officers

- Lodge Chief Kevin V.
Colman, SD—Blaknik Chapter
- Lodge Vice Chief of Service Johathon 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
Sioux Falls, SD— Blaknik Chapter
- Lodge Staff Adviser Brian Sutilla