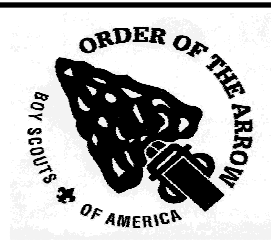


# Turtle Talk

Winter 2008

Tetonwana Lodge #105  
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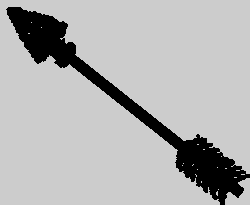
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## ← UPCOMING EVENTS →

1/3/2009.....	Annual Banquet
2/21/2009.....	Leadership Retreat
5/15-17, 2009.....	Spring Conclave
8/1-6, 2009.....	NOAC
8/14-16, 2009.....	Fall Conclave
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## Annual Banquet and Lodge Elections

Saturday January 3rd, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Mitchell is the time and location for the 2009 Tetonwana Lodge Annual Banquet. Friday night Arrowmen can spend the night in fellowship, games, movies, etc. Saturday will begin with breakfast then training sessions, learning about all things OA. Noon lunch then, afternoon activities organized by the Arikira Chapter. The day will be topped off with Lodge meeting, Lodge elections and then banquet. Go to the Lodge website to download the registration form, fill it out and mail to the council office. You can also find out more about the Annual Banquet there.

Any Arrowman is eligible for the Lodge offices: Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Service, Vice Chief of Activities, Vice Chief of Inductions, Secretary and Treasurer. Each Arrowman 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?" If you are interested in running for any of the Lodge offices, you should have a letter of intent written by the Annual Banquet and given to the election committee. You should also discuss your intentions with your Chapter Adviser and/or Scoutmaster.

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, its 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. On the back page is a listing of Lodge positions and their responsibilities

**2009 Campership Patch Design Contest.** The Lodge will be voting on the 2009 Campership Patch at the Annual Banquet in Mitchell in January. Bring your drawing along with you.



# Chiefly Speaking

Dear Arrowmen,

Tis the season...for cold weather. I hope that all of you are staying warm and winding down your fall semesters in school and preparing for the holiday season. Now is the time for us as a lodge to look forward to new and bright horizons with 2009 up around the bend. With this exchange of years we can begin to plan for the 2009 lodge events and activities at our Winter Banquet.

The Winter Banquet is the most important lodge event of the year where we plan for the upcoming year and participate in many different activities. We will have several different training sessions occurring in the morning and in the afternoon we will be holding lodge elections and I encourage anyone who is interested in serving the lodge to step up to the plate and attend the elections. As well as the afternoon elections our host chapter will have some great activities planned for those attending and we can all look forward to a wonderful evening meal, awards, and auctions. I am very pleased with how the past year has gone and am looking forward to seeing how the lodge will progress in the future. See you all soon at the Winter Banquet.

Seth M. Honerman

## 2009 Section Conclave

Sioux Council is the host for the 2009 C1A Section Conclave, September 11 – 13<sup>th</sup> 2009. The event is being held at Ft Sisseton State Park, north of Webster. As host lodge, we will need a large turnout of Arrowmen from Tetonwana Lodge to help with the duties. We are responsible for the Friday night activities, meals for the weekend and overall logistical requirements of a Section Conclave.

This is a terrific opportunity for the Arrowmen of Tetonwana Lodge to experience a section conclave of fun, training and fellowship. If you would like to help, we will have a signup sheet at the upcoming Lodge events.

Go to <http://www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge/News/2009SectionConclave> for more information

## 2008 CAMPERSHIP PATCHES!

Campership Patches for 2008 are available at the Sioux Council Office. You can stop in and 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference

The National Order of the Arrow Committee is pleased to announce that the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at Indiana University, August 1-6, 2009. Cost for the Event is \$395 plus Tetonwana Lodge's travel cost (to be determined). Each Arrowman should consider attending this event, lots of information, learning and fellowship. Go to the National Order of the Arrow web site [www.oa-bsa.org/](http://www.oa-bsa.org/) or Lodge website for more information. The lodge will start taking reservations at the Annual Banquet.



## Vigil Arrowmen

Six Tetonwana Arrowmen were inducted as Vigil members of the Order October 19th at Newton Hills, new members are Jason Hagemeyer, Phillip Smith, Andy Lampy, Russ Garry, Mark Honerman and Mike Smith. Congratulations to these very deserving Arrowmen on receiving the highest membership honor of the Order of the Arrow!



## Fall Fellowship

27 Arrowmen attended the 2008 Fall Fellowship held at the Center of Scouting in Sioux Falls. The Fall Fellowship began 7:00 p.m Friday night with games (including Wii Olympics), movies, cracker barrel and various other activities organized by the Blaknik Chapter, which will run late into the night. Everyone slept in late Saturday morning. After brunch there were training sessions and planning sessions for upcoming events. Training included OA Unit Elections and Chapter goal setting. The training sessions were geared to give everyone a jump start on the new year. The Fall Fellowship was a great opportunity to get together with fellow Arrowmen without the work projects of a Spring or Fall Conclave. Everyone had a great time kicking back, having fun, and learning how to make their chapters better.

## Unit Elections

The season for Unit Elections is upon us once again. Your Chapter may already be busy contacting Troops and even holding elections this winter. As we approach March 1<sup>st</sup> it is important that the elections forms are forwarded to the Center for Scouting. Receiving the forms by this date will allow us to enter them into the lodge database and forward letters to the candidates about the upcoming conclaves in a timely manner.

If you missed the Unit Elections training at the Fall Fellowship, be sure to catch the training at the upcoming Winter Banquet. Unit Elections teams are required to be trained for us to attain Quality Lodge. Also Chapters can pick up new election materials for unit elections including a new copy of the OA Unit Election video and unit elections forms.

If you need additional forms or have any questions about the elections process, please contact Vice-Chief of Inductions Andrew Polyak or Lodge Adviser Mike Doss. We appreciate your dedication in completing one of the most important tasks of the chapters, helping ensure each Troop has the opportunity to select new candidates for membership to the Order of the Arrow.

**Responsibilities of Lodge Officers****Lodge Chief**

- Presides over all meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee
- Has a working knowledge of the Lodge Program
- Promotes Chapter involvement and support to the Lodge program
- Works closely with the Lodge Adviser and Lodge Staff Adviser
- Appoints chairmen of the Lodge operating committees
- Directs and advises conclave and other committee chairmen
- Serves on the Section Council of Chiefs
- Oversees all Lodge positions with the Lodge Adviser
- Motivates and inspires others through example

**Lodge Vice Chief - Service**

- Voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee
- Chairman of the Lodge Service Committee
- Oversee lodge service projects including Conclaves and One Day of Service
- Motivates and inspires others through example

**Lodge Vice Chief - Inductions**

- Voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee
- Chairman of the Lodge Inductions Committee
- Directs and promotes the Unit Elections Campaign for the Lodge
- Sees that membership cards are issued

**Lodge Vice Chief - Activities**

- Voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee
- Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee; conducts and administers the other lodge events, including the Winter Banquet, LLD, and Fall Fellowship.
- Coordinate fellowship activities at both the Spring and Fall Conclaves
- Motivates and inspires others through example

**Lodge Secretary**

- Voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee
- Chairman of the Lodge Communications Committee
- Serves as editor of the newsletter- "*Turtle Talk*"
- Responsible for the minutes of Lodge Executive Committee meetings
- Motivates and inspires others through example

**Lodge Treasurer**

- Voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee
- Chairman of the Lodge Finance Committee
- Operates and maintains the Lodge Trading Post
- Handles finances of the lodge with the Lodge Adviser
- Motivates and inspires others through example