April 22, 2019

Dear Brother:

“As guardian of the Circle, I urge you to seek the fire at the center. . . lay the Oak and Pine together . . . kindle all that is within you with a warm and cheerful spirit...” Thus spoke Nutiket on the eve of your Ordeal.

Challenged in the torch light with the tests of your Ordeal, you were prepared for sacrifice, silent contemplation of purpose, commitment to cheerful service, and leadership among those who honored you with selection to membership in our Order.

You completed your Ordeal at least ten months ago. In the time since, we trust you have identified the tests of the Ordeal as you encountered them in the course of your daily life, maintaining active membership in Scouting. If you have cheerfully accepted opportunities to apply the Admonition and Obligation you have prepared yourself to seal your membership in our Brotherhood.

You may seal your membership in Brotherhood while attending any of the Tetonwana Lodge Conclaves. We are writing to encourage you to complete your conversion to Brotherhood at the Spring Conclave coming up next month.

Most of what you will be expected to know as a Brotherhood member you will find in your Order of the Arrow Handbook. Become familiar with, working to memorize, the Obligation and OA Song. Review to be ready to discuss the eight questions of “The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal.” If you are not sure about the Admonition, hand clasp, and hailing sign of the Ordeal, your fellow Arrowmen will assist you with these at the Conclave.

At your Ordeal you were sent to seek a vision of yourself and of your purpose. The challenge of Brotherhood membership was part of that vision. Plan now to seal your membership at the Spring Conclave.

May 17-19, 2019 --- at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp near Yankton, SD
August 9-11, 2019 --- at Newton Hills Scout Camp near Canton, SD

The cost to Brotherhood candidates at the Conclave is $25. This fee pays for your meals for the weekend and your Brotherhood sash. Please pre-register online at www.siouxbsa.org or fill out the attached pre-registration form and mail to Sioux Council, 800 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls SD 57104. We look forward to seeing you at a Brotherhood Ceremony to seal your membership in the Order. Congratulations on this opportunity.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

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Tetonwana Lodge Chief

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Items to Pack
. Sleeping bag
. Ground cloth
. Wet weather gear
. Basic toiletries (for shower on Saturday night)
. Class A uniform
. Pocket knife (A sharp knife is safer than a dull knife.)
. Work clothes including gloves and a hat with a bill or brim
. Drinking cup
. Canteen
. Insect repellent
. Flashlight
. Sunscreen
. Spending money for the Trading Post (OA items available to members)
. Tent
. Other clothing appropriate for the weather
. Sack lunch for Friday evening or instead join us for the Tailgate Party

We will need tools to carry out the projects that are part of getting camp ready for the summer. If you have any of the following tools, it is important for you to bring them to the Conclave. We will have marking instruments available so you can identify your property if is not already marked.

Bow saws       Paint brushes
Brush clippers  Socket sets and wrenches
Wheel barrows   Chain saws and fuel (must be 18 to operate)
Spades          Ladders

Few things are as discouraging during these service times as having a great crew of enthusiastic volunteers and plenty of good jobs to be done, but too few tools to let everybody contribute their full effort. Please bring whatever tools you can.

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2019 Conclave Pre-registration -- Brotherhood Candidate

Name:  

E-mail  

☐ I will attend the Spring Conclave  ☐ I will attend the Fall Conclave  ☐ Enclosed is my $25 registration fee.  ☐ Enclosed in $15 for my 2019 dues.

Please mail to:

Sioux Council, BSA  ☐
Tetonwana Lodge #105  ☐
800 N. West Ave  ☐
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  ☐