Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend - May 19-21

All Arrowmen: Our Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend is coming up! The weekend is open to all O.A. members and newly elected candidates. We ask every O.A. member to be present and act in accordance of the lodge’s values in order to lead by example. Help us welcome and greet our newly elected brothers and walk alongside them in their journey.

When & Where: The 2017 Spring Conclave will be at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp Friday, May 19th and conclude Sunday, May 21st. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening, and we will conclude on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as cleanup and checkout are completed.

Registration: Please pre-register as soon as possible by either sending in your check and registration form to Sioux Council at 800 N. West Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or by online registration, www.souxbsa.org. Click on Tetonwana Lodge and then 2017 Spring Conclave/Ordeal Weekend link. If you have any questions or trouble with the online registration please contact Sioux Council. Every member of Tetonwana Lodge is encouraged to join in this time of cheerful service and fellowship.

Check-in: Check-in will be from 6:00 to 9:00 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.

Cost: The cost is $35 for Ordeal candidates, $25 for Brotherhood candidates, and $20 for general members. Everyone is asked to pre-register ASAP.

Camping: After checking in on Friday, Ordeal candidates and members are to set up their tents in designated chapter areas.

Tailgate Party: The Lodge will hold it’s traditional “Tailgate Party” while everyone is arriving. It will feature food, beverage, fun, and fellowship. There is no charge, but a good-will donation is greatly appreciated.
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**Tools Needed:** Various tools are needed for the projects taking place at camp. Check the Lodge webpage for a list of projects and special tools/equipment needed. The following tools will greatly help out the weekend projects such as: bow saws, pruners, brush clippers, wheel barrows, spades, shovels, rakes, paint brushes, chair saws & fuel (must be 18 to operate and chain saw trained), and ladders. Marking instruments will be available to mark your property if not marked already. Painting projects will also be carried out. **Please bring work clothes or clothes you don’t mind getting dirty.** 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 not the appropriate tools to complete the projects. Please bring whatever tools you can.

**Showers:** Shower facilities will be made available during the weekend.

**Elangomats and Nimats needed:** Arrowmen are needed to give service to the lodge and their fellow Arrowmen by serving as an Elangomat or Nimat. Elangomats are those Arrowmen who unselfishly go through the Ordeal as a friend to new O.A. candidates. Nimats are those Brotherhood members who help Ordeal members obtain their Brotherhood. Both opportunities are an excellent way of fulfilling one of the requirements for advancement to the next level of membership in the Order.

**Ceremonies team looking for new members:** The Tetonwana Lodge is looking for Arrowmen who would like to serve the lodge as a member of the ceremonies team. Serving as a member of the ceremonies team is another way of fulfilling one of the requirements for Brotherhood. Contact the Lodge if you would like to serve on the ceremonies team or need more information.

**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**
- 6:00 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
- 2:00 pm - Brotherhood Hike
- 3:00 pm - End projects, Brotherhood Ceremony
- 4:00 pm - Ordeal Ceremony #1
- 5:00 pm - Ordeal Ceremony #2
- 6:00 pm - Dinner
- 6:30 pm - Lodge Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Chapter Meetings
- 7:30 pm - OA Activities
- 8:30 pm - Fellowship Activities
- 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 safe trip home!

*(Any schedule changes will be announced and posted)*
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Ordeal Candidates: This is the first of only two weekends scheduled during 2017 that those Scouts and Scouters who were elected by their units to become members of the Order of the Arrow can go through their Ordeals. The other opportunity is at the Fall Conclave/Ordeal Weekend the weekend of August 11 – 13 at Camp Shetek. Those who don't attend one of these two weekends will need to be re-elected next year by their units.

Ordeal members: Seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow . . . . Get your Brotherhood! 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. Check the Lodge webpage for more Brotherhood information.

2017 Lodge Officers

At winter banquet we elected new Lodge Officers for the upcoming 2017 year. The following will proudly serve the lodge as best they can.

Lodge Chief– Christopher Loutsch
Vice Chief of Service – Anthony Johnson
Vice Chief of Activities– Jacob Huber
Vice Chief of Inductions– Frankie Chida
Secretary– Kadin Schlenker
Treasurer– Nathan Loutsch

2017 Tetonwana Lodge Calendar

Jan 7 Winter Banquet at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
Feb 3-4 Section C-1A COC Sartell MN
Mar 3-4 Midwest Planning Mtg Camp Decorah
Mar 4 LLD and LEC Sioux Falls Center for Scouting
April 21-22 Section C-1A COC / On-site-Camp Cuyuna, Crosslake, MN
May 19-21 Spring Conclave and LEC L&C Scout Camp
Aug 11-13 Fall Conclave and LEC at Camp Shetek
Sep 8-10 Section C-1A Section Conclave - Camp Cuyuna, Crosslake, MN
Oct 6-8 Area 1 Midwest Rally - Camp Deborah, Holmen, WI
Oct 21-22 Vigil Retreat Newton Hills Scout Camp
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS,

There is so much going on this year already for the Order! Things to keep in mind on the calendar -- our Spring Conclave is fast approaching on the weekend of May 19th-21st! This event will be hosted at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp and the lodge would love to see everyone come to the event to support our camps and have a great time! In addition to the usual Section Conclave, which takes place over the weekend of Sept 8th-10th at Camp Cuyuna, anyone interested in getting more involved with the lodge on a leadership level will be given the opportunity to attend a new event this year that is taking place in October. This new event is the Midwest Rally! If you are interested, then you can speak with your chapter chief or myself about it! OR to get more information about the event, go to the Facebook page for promotional videos!

If you didn't catch the greeting line, our lodge is celebrating it's 80th anniversary this year! Because the lodge executive committee recognizes this achievement, there will be a special assortment of lodge items that will come out for a short period of time. This is one of the very few times that the lodge has come out with any special items. The items will be open for pre-order at the spring conclave and will come as a package deal. Item designs are still being finalized, but they will be posted on the Lodge Facebook page before the event in May!

I am so excited to see you all this year! If you made it through this message and you can tell me how many times I used the word lodge. You get a free elbow bump from me and one silly question! Come to spring conclave, bring a friend, bring an enemy -- it's going to be a great time at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp!

Until then YIS,
Christopher Loutsch

Lodge Meeting.

Topic: National is raising dues January 2018 and we need to discuss and vote on raising our Lodges dues.
Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award

I. Background & Purpose of the Award

As the primary platform where the Scouting program is delivered to youth, the unit is the most vital and important level of the BSA for the Order to support.

The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning. This award is intended to provide a tool for lodges to recognize, incentivize, and operationalize unit-level participation in Order of the Arrow programs.

The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognize units that invite the lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop/Team Representative program. Our hope is that units that complete these criteria will benefit from the support programs that the Order of the Arrow has implemented to strengthen unit-delivered program. This recognition program, along with other tools for unit support, should be distributed and promoted to Scoutmaster/Coach, OA Troop/Team Representatives and Advisers, and chapter election teams to include in communication to units.

II. Award Requirements

Units must complete all of the requirements listed below in order to be eligible as an Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence. If all requirements are completed, the unit receives a ribbon for their troop/team flag, per annum. In addition to the ribbon, the award system has built in recognitions for the key players in each unit responsible for creating a strong Order of the Arrow culture in the unit. These awards are available for the following three positions:

- Scoutmaster/Coach
- Troop/Team Representative (TTR)
- Troop/Team Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach Designee)

Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award:

1. Leadership: Implement the Troop/Team OA Representative and Troop/Team OA Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach Designee) programs in your unit.

   - Every six months, ensure that the senior patrol leader (Troop) or Team Captain (Team) appoints or reappoints one Scout or Team Member to serve as Troop/Team OA Representative and the Scoutmaster/Coach appoints one adult to serve as Troop/Team OA Representative Adviser.

   - Feature an annual presentation at a Court of Honor by the Troop/Team OA Representative on the Order of the Arrow with a focus on the accomplishments of unit members.
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2. Participation: Promote lodge events and provide transportation to all Arrowmen wishing to participate. 
   · At least 50% of unit OA members attend at least one lodge event in addition to their Ordeal.

3. Elections: Schedule a unit election with the chapter election team annually. 
   · Hold an election and have 100% of elected Scouts or Team Members complete their Ordeal.

4. Planning: Maintain an active planning process that prevents overlap between lodge and chapter events with unit events. 
   · Review the local OA calendar with the Patrol Leader’s Council or Team Leadership during annual troop/team program planning and schedule unit events so that 100% of troop/team programs do not overlap with any full-lodge events.

5. Conversion: Demonstrate the depth of your unit’s OA program through Brotherhood conversion. 
   · At least 30% of eligible troop/team members seal their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.

Order of the Arrow Scoutmaster/Coach of Excellence: 
   · Lead your unit in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award three times during your tenure as Scoutmaster/Coach.

Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative of Excellence: 
   · Lead your unit in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award during your tenure as a Troop/Team Representative (six months of service minimum).

Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative Adviser of Excellence: 
   · Advise at least two Troop/Team Representatives towards earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award during your tenure as Troop/Team Representative Adviser.

Note: The OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser (Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach Designee) is a new, official BSA adult position of responsibility that has been created in conjunction with this award. Its purpose is to create the role for an adult to guide the youth TTR and be a ‘voice of the Order’ at the adult level in the troop/team structure. Patches for these positions can be purchased through the BSA Supply Division at your local Scout Shop.

III. Award Design/Format

Units and unit leaders selected to receive the Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award will be recognized as follows:

   · OA Unit of Excellence 
     o National: Troop/Team flag ribbon, per annum 
     o Local: Lodge and council recognition 
   · OA Scoutmaster/Coach of Excellence 
     o National: Certificate o Local: Lodge and council recognition 
   · OA Troop/Team Representative of Excellence 
     o National: Unit of Excellence recognition patch o Local: Lodge recognition
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· **OA Troop/Team Representative Adviser of Excellence**
  o National: Unit of Excellence recognition patch
  o Local: Lodge recognition
  o Position Patches available after March 31, 2013

**IV. Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Awards** can be bestowed by any chartered lodge of the Order of the Arrow upon units in their council that meet the requirements of the Award. The lodge should track these requirements, and Units of Excellence should be identified and recognized annually.

Ribbons, recognition patches, and certificates can be ordered for your lodge’s **Units of Excellence** by filling out the order form and mailing it in to the national office at the following address: Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75R015-2079. The order form will be available on the national website starting June 30, 2013. Assistant Scoutmaster and Assistant Coach position patches will be available from the supply division in your local Scout Shop after March 31, 2013.

In addition to national recognition items, lodges should actively work to recognize Units of Excellence annually, because **Units of Excellence** provide the base of support that will build a strong chapter and lodge program. Active recognition will increase the strength of your troops’/teams’ OA programs, and through that, your chapters and lodge. Here are some suggested recognitions:

· Present ribbons, patches, and certificates annually at troop/team meetings or Courts of Honor
· List Troop/Team Numbers, Scoutmasters/Coaches, and Charter Partners in lodge and council publications, banquet programs, and on the OA and/or council website
· Invite all recognized Troop/Team Reps, Troop/Team Rep Advisers, and Scoutmasters/Coaches to an annual “thank-you” dinner, hosted by the lodge
· Create a special event at district or council camporees to recognize Units of Excellence
2017 Vigil Honor Nominations

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 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 can be submitted at registration at the Spring Conclave, or mail your registration to the Center for Scouting. No nominations will be accepted after noon Saturday at the Spring Conclave.

The Vigil Selections Committee will meet Saturday evening to discuss the elections of new Vigil Honor candidates. The selection committee is made up of youth members who are asked to serve by the lodge chief. In order to recruit the committee in a timely manner, NO nominations will be accepted after NOON Saturday at the Spring Conclave.

Youth Arrowmen

Benson, Landon
Berg, Kevin
Bevers, Cody
Bierstedt, Adam
Bierstedt, Zachary
Bot, Cole
Bouza, Michael
Brey, Jeremy
Chida, Anthony
Clausen, Tycho
Fox, Rilyn
Grablander, Tristan
Halbkat, Benjamin
Harrell, Jakob
Harris, Isaac C
Hass, Logan
Hill, Thomas
Howe, Dalton
Hoy, Miles
Johnson, Scott
Jussel, Jess
Kern, Matt
Ketter, Alexander
Kiner, Jordan
Klimisch, Dylan
Land, Isaac
Loutsch, Christopher
Luke, Alex
Mauer, Jared
Moffle, Justin
Monson, Paul
Muehlbeier, Isaac
Neu, John
Nockels, Sky
Osborn, Jarod
Overholt, Seth
Peoples, Nathan
Postma, Kody
Prorok, Sam Adam
Pugh, Matthew
Rau, Trevor L
Schamens, Jonathan
Snow, Jesse
Sowden, Tyler
Stahl, Robert
Stark, Nick
Stavig, Gage
Stromsness, Layne
Szarmach, Cody
Thompson, Kendrick
Vockrodt, Nick
Yeager, Jacob
Zapf, Nathaneal
Zapf, Patrick

Adult Arrowmen

Aman, David A
Beck, Shawn
Bierstedt, Christopher
Bierstedt, Eric
Blau, Steven
Block, Douglas
Block, Jon
Christie, Scott
Crapser, Eldon Paul
Crapser, Jesse E P
Downs, Chris
Fox, Steve
Grablander, Terri
Grablander, Timothy Wayne
Grablander, Travis
Greer, Ian M
Gregg, Jeff
Haen, David Charles
Hagen, Douglas W
Hass, Eric J
Hawkins, Benjamin L
Hawkins, Tina Marie
Holinka, Tyler
Howe, Lance
Hoy, Douglas
Huismann, Rodney Glenn
Hunt, Scott Frank
Johnson, Becki
Johnson, Carter
Johnson, Robert
Kent, Michael James
Ketter, Joseph Allen
Kirchner, Brandon Vincent
Kirkeby, Dean Allan
Krieger, Jeff A
Leland, Sheri A
Lortscher, Paris
Loutschi, Jeffrey
Mauer, Clifton
Mauss, Joseph Martin
McFarland, Sandra Y
Muehlbeier, Brian Keith
Nelson, Anthony A
Nordlie, Donald Raymond
Ochocki, Mark James
Overholt, Marlon A
Porter, Donald A
Prorok, Ronald Duane
Pugh, Timothy
Rames, David
Rude, Alfred
Rude, Conor
Ruesch, Lyle W
Schamens, Kirk
Shlanta, Mark Stephen
Shlanta, Michael Christopher
Snow, Vickie
Sowden, Lonny Alan
Stydel, Steven James
TeGrotenthuis, Jeremy
Thares, Steven G
Timmerman, Troy
Weaver, Jennifer
White, Peter Troy
Wiebelhaus, Lorrie A
Williams, Aleene A
Yeager, Terry Douglas
Zapf, David Paul
Vigil Honor Nomination

This nomination is CONFIDENTIAL!!!
Avoid possible disappointment, please do not advise the nominee in any way of your actions.

Mandatory eligibility requirements for the Vigil Honor:
1. The nominee must be registered with the Sioux Council, BSA, and a member in good standing with Tetonwana Lodge #105.
2. The nominee must have been a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow for at least 2 years.
3. The nominee must have rendered exceptional service, personal efforts and unselfish interest

Nominee’s Name: ________________________________ Adult [ ] Youth [ ]

Address: ______________________________________

City: ______________ State: __________ Zip: ______

Unit No: ______ Nominee’s Current Scouting Position: __________________ Entered Scouting: __________

Month - Year

ORDER OF THE ARROW RECORD

Date of Ordeal Induction: __________ Date of Brotherhood Induction: __________

Month-Day-Year Month-Day-Year

Committee Work (Length of Each):

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Held (Length of Each):

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List specific Arrow activities that have caused this nominee to be considered for me Vigil Honor (Service and Camp

Promotion work):

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Suggested Vigil Honor Indian name (English):

This nomination was submitted by: ________________________________
Street address: ________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: _________
Phone: ___________________________ Date: ______________________
Signature: ________________________________________________

Important: This nomination is confidential! To avoid possible disappointment and preserve the element of surprise, please do not advise the nominee in any way of your action on their behalf.

This nomination must be forwarded to the Sioux Council Service Center one week prior to the Spring Conclave or brought to that event and given to a member of the Vigil Nomination Committee.

Sioux Council, BSA
800 N. West Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
We Need You!

Tetonwana Lodge #105 needs your support. A strong lodge is one in which its members are active in its operations. There are many opportunities available. Find out for yourself! We encourage you to learn more about the Order of the Arrow by checking out the following:

National Order of the Arrow Website:
www.oa-bsa.org

Central Region-Order of the Arrow Website:
http://central.oa-bsa.org/

Tetonwana Lodge #105 website:
www.siouxbsa.org/tetonwanalodge

Tetonwana Lodge #105 Facebook:
www.facebook.com/TetonwanaLodge105

Section C-1A Website:
http://www.sectionc1a.org/

Section C-1A Facebook:
www.facebook.com/sectionc1a
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Lewis & Clark Scout Camp May 19 - 21

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________ E-mail _____________________________________________

Cost: □ Ordeal Candidate—$35
□ Brotherhood Candidate —$25
□ General Members —$20

□ I will attend the Spring Conclave
□ I will pay my registration fee at the conclave.
□ Enclosed is my registration fee.

□ Bring my dues current—$10 (Ordeal Candidates your dues are included in your fee of $35 to attend the conclave.)

RETURN TO THE CENTER FOR SCOUTING
800 N West Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

(Office Use Only: Registration #62912     Dues #62910)