



# TALKING LEAVES

## NOAC 2009

### TALI and the POWER OF ONE

The 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference was held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Everyone who attended had a great time and brought away many ideas for improvement in our Lodge and anxious to get started.

Congratulations to our pre-ordeal ceremony team consisting of Andrew Miller, Ian McKinney, Josh Williams and Jacob Wirz on an out-

standing job in their accomplishments in becoming a National Honor Team.

Special congratulations are in order for Nick Diegel for his outstanding performance in becoming number three in the nation in the Vigil Honor ceremony.

This was definitely a great event and everyone is looking forward to

the next NOAC to be held at Michigan State University in Lansing in 2012.

**SEE YOU THERE!**



### FALL ORDEAL—SIGN UP NOW

Fall Ordeal will be held at Skymont Scout Reservation on September 25-27. All Lodge members are encouraged to attend. As always we will need help with the service projects and assistance in various aspects of camp maintenance

We promise to feed you well and hope you will have some fun and fellowship in the process.

If you are an Ordeal member you are encouraged to go through the Brotherhood ceremony and seal

your membership in the Order of the Arrow.

**COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

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#### LODGE CALENDAR

- Sept 25-27 Fall Ordeal
- Oct 30-31 Fall Fellowship
- Nov 6-8 NLS Covington GA
- Nov 14 Lodge Banquet
- Dec 12 LLDC



Talidandaganu' Lodge  
Fall Ordeal  
September 25-27, 2009  
Skymont Scout Reservation

Registration Form for  
Arrowmen and Brotherhood  
(Ordeal candidates do not use this form.)

**Check-in from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday. Checkout is 10 a.m. Sunday.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Check:  Youth  Adult

Check if address, phone or e-mail has changed

Address \_\_\_\_\_ H Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Position \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (m/d/y) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medications/Special Diet (**Bring a copy of Class 1 & 2 or Class 3 Medical Form**)

Fees:  \$26 for Brotherhood candidates, \$30 at door – ADD \$8 for 2009 dues  
 \$15 for all other Order of the Arrow members, \$20 at door – ADD \$8 for 2009 dues

### Brotherhood Requirements

If it has been at least 10 months since you went through your Ordeal, you may seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony. You must have continued faithfully to serve other people and have completed the following requirements:

- 10 months service as an Ordeal member
- Registered active membership in Scouting
- Registered active membership in the Order of the Arrow
- Memorized the Obligation, the OA song, and the Admonition as well as what the characters in the ceremonies represent.
- Write a letter addressed to the Lodge Secretary expressing what you think the Obligation means and how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in you troop and in your daily life. Bring this letter with you to the Ordeal.

Register early. Complete form, enclose check and mail or return to:  
Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, 6031 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37421-2930.  
Questions, call the Scout Office at 423/892-8323.

Acct Code 6OA

**TALIDANDAGANU' LODGE FOUNDERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

**“HE WHO SERVES HIS FELLOWS IS, OF ALL HIS FELLOWS, GREATEST.” –E. Urner Goodman**

The prestigious Founders Award is presented annually to those members of the Order who, for their dedication and support, have given outstanding service to the Order of the Arrow above and beyond the call of the admonition. The Founders Award is open to all lodge members, and is not restricted to those who have given past service, or received vigil. To be eligible, a Founders award recipient is an active member of the OA. Founders cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavor or past leadership roles; it comes as recognition of their altruistic leadership in service. Things to consider include the candidate’s attendance to events, performance in leadership, and participation in OA programs. The recipients are expected to continue in their efforts. This fact should be given careful consideration in the nomination of any candidate.

"This is not a popularity contest. Do not consider a person because of friendship, or because of popularity, or being a great athlete. What really counts is his loyalty and support to the Order of the Arrow and living up to the obligation." Please limit your nomination to this page, and the brief summary of service within the Order of the Arrow. This candidate should reflect in his service the obligation, and most importantly the **Admonition of our Order.**

I recommend:  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH or ADULT \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Ordeal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Brotherhood: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFY THE REASONS BELOW, WHY YOU FEEL THIS ARROWMAN SHOULD BE AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS FOUNDERS AWARD. WRITE LEGIBLY OR TYPE. REMEMBER, THIS IS AN ORDER OF THE ARROW AWARD, PLEASE REFLECT ON SERVICE DONE THROUGH THE ORDER.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you know this nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR—November 6-8, 2009

## Covington, Georgia FFA Camp

The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference focusing primarily on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

Youth participants should be at least 14 years of age or a lodge officer. Completion of the Lodge Leadership Development Program is desirable. The seminar is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of leadership and practicing



ing some of the skills that leaders use. While it is designed to be fun, the course is also mentally challenging. Participant should be developmentally, physically, and

mentally prepared to actively engage in an exhausting, invigorating weekend.

At the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills learned in the seminar to projects in their unit, lodge, council, and community.

There are various sites for this and those individuals interested in attending need to contact James Hulgán at the council office for more information and an application.

## CEREMONY TEAMS

Talidandaganu' Lodge as always was well represented at the 2009 NOAC. Congratulations on a job well done. You can be a member of Tali's ceremony

teams. Please contact Ceremony Team Adviser Terry Faulkner at (423) 775-4292. You too will be a winner. Start now to prepare for competition at the 2010



Conclave.

## CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Our Lodge has had a great year so far and this upcoming Fall Ordeal is sure to be a blast. Show your willingness to cheerfully serve and join your brothers at work. If you have been an ordeal member for ten (10) months or more, now is the time to strengthen your ties of brotherhood by becoming a Brotherhood member. Check out the JUMPSTART program at the national Order of the Arrow

website [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org) to get the information needed for Brotherhood.

Looking forward to another great Ordeal and another opportunity to spend time at Skymont.

See you there — WWW — Sam Steadman, Lodge Chief



*DON'T MISS THE FUN THIS YEAR — LODGE BANQUET  
November 14, 2009*

# BROTHERHOOD REQUIREMENTS

You must meet five challenges before you can enter the Circle of Brotherhood. They are:

1. Memorize the following signs of OA membership:

The Obligation of the Order

The Order of the Arrow Official Song

The Admonition

The sign of Ordeal membership

2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. See "The Customs and Traditions of the Ordeal" in your OA handbook.
3. Serve your unit.
4. Plan for service in your lodge.

5. When you have completed the four challenges above, write a letter to the lodge secretary. In this letter:

- A. Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- B. Describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your unit and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service,
- C. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge program.

An aid in preparing for the Brotherhood is located in the National OA website at [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org). It is known as the Jumpstart program and will walk you through everything you need to know.



## Lodge Contacts —

Sam Steadman — Lodge Chief

Ted Hope — Vice Chief

Tyler Morris — Secretary

Nick Diegel — Treasurer

Tim Steadman — Lodge Advisor

James Hulgán — Staff Advisor

# FOUNDER'S AWARD

The Founder's Award is the highest award a lodge may bestow upon a member. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award is created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge.

The Founder's Award will be pre-

sented at the November 14th Lodge Banquet. Nominations are now being accepted and must be submitted by September 27 to Sam Steadman. Sam will be at the Fall Ordeal if anyone wishes to submit a nomination. Nomination letters must include the name of the person and a description of reasons why the person is worthy of this award.



# ORDER OF THE ARROW SCOUTREACH MENTORING

The Order of the Arrow Scoutreach Mentoring Program is a joint effort of the national Scoutreach Division of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. Its purpose is to identify and assist urban and rural Scout troops whose camping and advancement programs are below standard

Interested Arrowmen can review information on the Scoutreach Mentoring Pro-

gram on the official website of the Order of the Arrow — [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org)

This is a very worthwhile program and Arrowmen are encouraged to participate. After review of the online information, if you have additional questions or would like to participate in this program, please contact the council office. Scoutreach Mentoring can make a difference in the lives of young men everywhere.





## Talidandaganu' Lodge October Quest

Friday & Saturday, October 30-31, 2009

Booker T. Washington State Park

5:00 p.m. Friday - 3:00 p.m. Saturday

Fee - \$8

Includes patch and Saturday breakfast & lunch

The October Quest includes Conclave quest events and competitions.

The event is open to all OA members - youth and adults.

Come and camp or just spend the day Saturday.

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### OA October Quest Registration

Acct Code 6 OA-Fall

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 a member \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and fees to: OA Quest, BSA, 6031 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37421-2991



Talidandaganu' Lodge Banquet  
Saturday, November 14, 2009  
Concord Baptist Church  
6:00 p.m. – Gathering  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner & Program

Pre-registration fee is \$12 and must be received by Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Registration after October and payment at the door is \$20. Payment at door does not guarantee meal; register early.

OA Banquet Registration

Acct Code 6 OA-Banquet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 a meal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After October 21, number attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 a meal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2010 Dues for \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and fees to: OA Banquet, BSA, 6031 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37421-2991



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LODGE BANQUET  
NOVEMBER 14TH  
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH  
Email: [jhulgan@bsaemail.org](mailto:jhulgan@bsaemail.org)

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**CHEROKEE AREA COUNCIL**  
**CHATTANOOGA TN**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**  
**[tali293.org](http://tali293.org)**

## ADVISOR'S CORNER

*This has been a great year for our Lodge and there are many exciting events coming up for "TALI" in the coming weeks and months. It is important for you as Lodge members to participate and help the Lodge grow and improve. The Lodge will be electing new officers for the coming year soon and if any member is interested in becoming a lodge officer, a chairman, an adviser, or serving the Lodge in some capacity, please contact either myself or James Hulgan at the Council Office. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at the next Lodge event. — Yours in fellowship, Tim Steadman*

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