



TALI ROCKS AT NOAC

The 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan was one of the best ever for our lodge. Talidandaganu Lodge #293 definitely left a lasting impression with their many accomplishments. Our contingent of 18 youths and adults worked hard, played hard, and did it all in the short time we were there.

CONGRATULATIONS to our ceremony team for their accomplishments in becoming an Honor Team in both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies.

Special recognition and thanks go to Steve Bell and his adviser/father

Joe Bell for their hard work on the Lodge web site making tali293.org a National Honor Web Site.

Thanks to the efforts of all our brothers who attended NOAC, Tali was one of only 18 lodges

out of the over 300 lodges attending the conference to win the coveted *SPIRIT AWARD*. Everyone did a great job and are looking for to the next National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2009.



FALL ORDEAL—SIGN UP NOW

Fall Ordeal will be held at Skymont Scout Reservation on September 29—October 1. 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 Brother-

hood 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 29-Oct 1 Fall Ordeal
- Oct 20-21 October Quest
- Nov 11 Lodge Banquet
- Nov 17-19 NLS
- Dec 9 LLDC

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

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 15 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



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.

The upcoming NLS for our area is:

November 17—19, 2006

Norcross GA

Individuals interested in attending need to contact James Hulgan at the council office for more information and an application.

CEREMONY TEAMS

Talidandaganu' Lodge was well represented by the senior ceremony team consisting of Nick Diegel, Ryan Faulkner, Matt Flores, and Jason Fortsen. They received National Honor Team medals in both Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. Congratulations on a job well done. Other Ceremony team members attending were Sam Steadman, Ian

McKinney, Andrew Miller, and Braxton Heard. You too 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.



CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Our lodge was well represented this summer during NOAC at MSU. Our lodge won one of 18 Spirit Awards out of over 300 lodges, our website won honors, and our ceremony team won honors in Brotherhood and Pre-Ordeal ceremonies. I would like to thank my fellow arrowmen for their support and desire to learn at this NOAC, for without them, none of this would have been possible. We have

had a great year so far, with Conclave and Fellowships, 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've been an ordeal member for 10 months or more, now is the time to strengthen your ties of brotherhood by becoming a Brotherhood member. See you there — WWW — Nick Diegel Lodge Chief



**DON'T MISS THE FUN THIS YEAR — ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL OCTOBER QUEST
OCTOBER 20-21
BOOKER T WASHINGTON STATE PARK**

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. It is known as the Jumpstart program and will walk you through everything you need to know.



Lodge Contacts —

Nick Diegel — Lodge Chief

Trey Watkins — Vice Chief

Sam Steadman — Secretary

Jared Rollins — Treasurer

Mary Richardson — 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 11th Lodge Banquet. Nominations are now being accepted and must be submitted by October 1 to Trey Watkins. They will be a 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

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.





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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, Mary Richardson

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