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We're Going Ordealin' Again!

My fellow arrowmen, it is time once again for us to go Ordealin' at Camp McKee on August 13-15. The task at hand: striking camp, and storing equipment to prepare it for winter. I would also expect the routine tree removal/cleanup (if I recall, a few nasty storms went through Camp McKee this past summer) among other routine maintenance jobs that may need to be done.

The final two Ordeals (wow, has the year gone by that quickly) are usually the biggest and consequently carry some pretty tedious work projects in some of the hottest weather of the year. I know school is on the horizon for some, but what a better way to kick off your academic year by sweating some at Camp McKee? I would like to see a larger number of returning members to be there and help out and to welcome these willing, hard-working candidates into our order. The first Ordeal was quite a success, and I have nothing but high expectations for this one as well. If you are eligible for Brotherhood and want to seal that membership within the lodge, it is a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

As for work projects and

what is to be expected, the only other thing is: scoutmasters/leaders, etc, if you are bringing candidates, they must have their medical form in order to participate.

Oh, and one other thing about ordealin': The lodge chief and I noticed that at our pre-ordeal ceremony that we had only two spectators. I know the kitchen staff is hard at work for the cracker barrel, but would it be possible for you returning members to make an appearance? The candidates noticed this and brought it up at Lodge Orientation. Your presence is noticed by all at this event. The ceremonies team has also requested your presence because when you are there watching, you are showing your support. When the candidates see returning members out and about working (not sitting in the dining hall all the time), it supports them. I know you don't have to be out there all the time, but a little is a good thing.

I hope to see you all at the next Ordeal, and as always, my door is open to suggestion. If you can make the Ordeals more enjoyable, or if you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to tell my awesome advisor, James Smith or me. That's why we're here. Until next time, I'll see you when we go Ordealin'.

Yours in WWW,

Todd Watts

First Vice Chief

June Ordeal New Members

The following individuals successfully completed their Ordeal induction weekend at the June Ordeal: Sean Alquist, Jamison Brooks, Joshua Byrd, Frank Carr, Jesse Caylor, John Clark, Jeremiah Cocanougher, Don Combs, Nathan Corkin, James Durdon, Shawn Fitzwater, Paul Geouge, Zachary Goodpaster, Justin Harvey, Keith Harvey, David Henson, Michael Holland, Addison Hughes, Scott Lamb, Andrew Lay, Alvin Madden-Grider, Joseph Mangum, Tommy Mertz, Josha Mitchell, Douglas Moore, Kyle Moore, Bobby Neal, Will Seelinger III, Christopher Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Sean Thomas, Benjamin Tschanz, John Tschanz, Ted Walker, Wesley Walker, Tylor Willett, Alex Wingate, Clinton Woodson. Please join me in welcoming our new brothers into their new life of cheerful service.

Yours in Service,

Harold Phillips

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING!

The year is in full swing and Kawida Lodge is doing wonderfully. We still have two Ordeals ahead of us to continue our tradition of service to the camp and the council. In the upcoming Ordeals, I plan on having a few different workshops for drumming and ceremonies. I encourage all who are interested in these activities to attend these Ordeals. Elangomat opportunities are also available in the upcoming Ordeals. If you are interested in being an Elangomat, contact Harold Phillips or myself so that we

can give you more information. If you are eligible to purchase any of the conclave service flaps, they will be available starting at the August Ordeal.

Yours in Service,

Todd Haydon, Kawida Lodge Chief



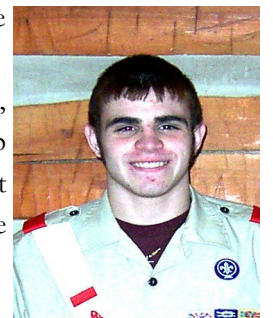
First Vice Chief's Corner – By Todd Watts

My fellow arrowmen, I must say it has been quite an eventful summer in Kawida Lodge. After the summer season at Camp McKee, over seventy candidates have been called out. The August Ordeal also looks to be most promising. Speaking of the Ordeal, if you haven't already, mark your calendars for August 13-15.

I know most of you folks have had an eventful summer...mine was no exception. After battling a bout of appendicitis (and the surgery it necessitated), I had an abundance of time to think about some pressing issues involving the lodge. Part of my job description is to be responsible for what happens at Ordeals and lodge events. In the past two years I have noticed a recurring pattern...where are all of our returning lodge members at these lodge events? They aren't there! I know that there are more people in the lodge than the thirty or forty (if we're lucky...that is on a good weekend) that faithfully attend. After placing the thinking cap atop my head, I have already brought this to the attention of the Lodge Adviser and now I want to inform you...we need an "open forum" or some type of meeting that will attract unit leaders council wide. I have heard everything from some people just don't have time with work schedules (which I understand completely, and which is very difficult to work around) to scoutmasters that I don't see at lodge events that tell our ceremonies team we are not properly doing a ceremony (that haven't even paid their dues in ten years, and still wear their pocket flap!) to hearing that all of these scoutmasters have some grudge against the OA for some reason. Maybe something happened five, six, or even fifteen years ago that really vexed them. That is why I feel the need to have this "open forum" because for so long we have tried reaching out to our members the standard way, which is promoting the OA at roundtables. I sense that the communication at the chapter level is not working. If it were working, we'd see people in multiple numbers from ALL chapters at lodge events.

Before you think I have lost my mind, let me clarify the tone of my statements. I make these statements not to instigate conflict within the lodge, however I'm employing a "problem solving" tone and I am not trying to attack anyone. The lodge works better when its members (especially in great number) function as a high-performance team. We by no means have failed in our mission by serving the council or others, but we have failed in retaining those returning members to attend at lodge events. Is this a problem in other lodges? Absolutely, but I still think that Kawida Lodge and its members are of the highest quality that scouting has to offer, and the lodge is above and beyond ANY lodge in the country. I have pride in our lodge and I love its members. At the end of each ceremony, we extend our circle to welcome our new brothers into the order. Now it is time to extend that circle to its greatest extent, reaching out to those who haven't been there in a while, to those that may hold a grudge, or to those who misunderstand who and what we are. Maybe we have just forgotten our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

I know there is more to life than OA (yes, I have a life...it feels like I have to juggle college, work schedules, time with friends, and a walk with Christ), but it is still possible to take time to stop thinking of my own desires and start thinking of the need to serve others; especially when they need it more than I ever do. I plan to bring my ideas to the table at the next LEC. I would greatly appreciate any ideas, insight, and planning that could get this forum up in the air and flying.



“Kawida Lodge NOAC Contingent Heading For Iowa”

Kawida Lodge will soon be joining nearly 7,200 Arrowmen from 314 lodges in participating in this year’s National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), which will be held July 31st - August 5th on the beautiful 1,770-acre campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Each respective lodge in the country will be sending a contingent of both youth and adult members to this great event for the purpose of participating in a fun-filled week of training, ceremonies evaluation, American Indian events, shows, athletic competitions, good food, fellowship, and Founder's Day.

Kawida Lodge has sent a contingent of its members to every NOAC since 1954, and this year will be no exception. Kawida Lodge will be sending a contingent of six youth and three adults to this year’s conference, of which both the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser will be in attendance. Let’s wish our brothers a safe and enjoyable NOAC experience.

Yours in WWW, Tim Brown NOAC Contingent Leader

Kawida Lodge To Take Contingent To Philmont In 2005!

For over fifty years Kawida Lodge has dreamed of taking a contingent of its own arrowmen to Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico for the ultimate outdoor experience. Well, that dream has finally come true. That’s right, Kawida Lodge is now making plans to take two crews (a total of twenty-four arrowmen), to Philmont Scout Ranch from July 15th - 27th, 2005.

All dues-paying members of Kawida Lodge (both youth and adult) will be eligible to attend. The Philmont participation fee will be \$500.00 per arrowman, however this fee does **not** include any travel expenses associated with the trip to and from Philmont Scout Ranch.

There must be at least two adults per crew, however

more adults may attend if there are not enough youth who sign up. A maximum of up to four adults per crew can attend, provided that they are twenty-one years of age or older.

*Be advised that the twenty-four spots are going quickly. Thus, in order to reserve your spot in the 2005 Philmont contingent, please send a \$50.00 deposit to the Lodge Adviser (Harold Phillips) as soon as possible. Harold will keep a list (in the order in which they are received) of those arrowmen who pay their \$50.00 deposit.

If you are interested in being a part of this great adventure, please send your deposit ASAP. Make your check payable to **Kawida Lodge #480, B.S.A.** Also, please provide your full name, address, date of birth, and troop number along with check.

2004 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

“2004 Kawida Lodge Calendar”

- July 31st – August 5th NOAC- Iowa St. University
- August 13th – 15th 2nd Ordeal- McKee
- September 10th – 12th 3rd Ordeal- McKee
- October 15th – 16th Fall Fellowship McKee
- December 18th Annual Awards Banquet-TBA

2005 Kawida Lodge Calendar

- March 19th Workday- McKee
- April 22nd – 24th Section Conclave TBA
- May 20th – 22nd 1st Ordeal- McKee
- June 11th Workday- McKee
- July 15th – 27th Philmont- Cimarron, NM
- August 12th – 14th 2nd Ordeal- McKee
- September 9th – 11th 3rd Ordeal- McKee
- October 14th – 15th Fall Fellowship- McKee
- November 12th Annual Awards Banquet- TBA

Treks From The Trailblazers—Gikino Ballet Chapter News

I hope that every one is enjoying a wonderful summer. I can't believe school will be starting for many of us (waaaaaay) too soon!

Our June ordeal was a success, however, sparsely attended. Hopefully, when the August Ordeal rolls around, folks will be back from their vacations, etc. and will take time out that weekend (August 13-15) to come to Camp McKee and have some fun in addition to some work. If we didn't do a little work and play, we would be dull individuals! I have it under good authority there will be a special little movie sometime that weekend starring some of our own members caught in the act of doing fun stuff at an Ordeal – I wouldn't miss it for a patch! So, if you know of someone who has not been called-out, someone who needs to obtain their Brotherhood, or someone who just needs to be there as

an attending member...this is their invitation. You know who they are! Don't hesitate to ask.

On another note, our chapter will be hosting the Midland Trail Fall Camporee this year. The date for the camporee is October 22-24. More information will be available at the August program kickoff. Also, it's still not too late to pay your dues for 2004. Send you payment and information to Mr. Robert Palmer, 125 Taylor Drive, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

In closing I would as that you think about your experiences with the Order of the Arrow, then add this Native American thought: *Good words do not last long until they amount to something.*

See you in August....

Claudette Watts, Gikino Ballet



'The Beating Drum' - News From the Lakota Tribe



Hello once again. I hope that you have had a productive summer, and that you have had many memorable experiences since we last met. Like many of you, I attended the first Ordeal on June 13th, which I found to be very productive. I saw many candidates working very hard including those of my own clan. I was very proud of the progress and what work projects were accomplished. I will be at the next ordeal, so if you have any questions about me or what I do, feel free to ask. So long for now, and I hope to see you at the next event.

Sincerely, Aaron Wilson, Lakota Chapter Chief

Medical Forms Needed At Ordeal!

All members and candidates need to bring with them to the Ordeal an updated medical form. If you are a youth member and have a form on file from last year, it may still be good. If not, you will need a new one. All adult members must have their physical done each year. So, please bring your updated forms to the Ordeal in order that we can make copies of them, and have them on file for the events.

Letter Of Gratitude From A Conclave Visitor

To my Kawida Lodge brothers,

I wanted to pass on my special thanks to you for all of your hard work this past weekend. This was only my second Conclave. My first was last year as a member of White Horse Lodge's Service Corps. While it was a personally satisfying endeavor, I did not get the chance to really experience Conclave. Thanks to you and your gracious hospitality, I got to do so this year.

It was well worth the trip from Paducah to beautiful Camp McKee. It was quite evident to me that your Lodge worked very hard to provide all visiting Arrowmen with a great Conclave. If you have any doubt in your minds, I can assure you that you succeeded.

Once again...thank you...

In Brotherhood, David H. Shoulders

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For more information on Lodge
activities.



Words of Wisdom from the Lodge Advisor

As I write this article, summer camp at McKee Scout Reservation is in its fifth and final week. I have attended the Thursday night Scoutmasters' dinner each and every week, and each time I have been there I have witnessed numerous youth members from Kawida Lodge bringing food from the Stamler Dining Hall to the Douglas W. Cox OA Lodge building where the scoutmasters' meal is served. After the meal is over, these dedicated arrowmen clean up and take all remaining unused food, utensils, and dishes back to the dining hall. This simple act of service goes a long way in spreading the good word throughout the council as to what the OA is all about... cheerful service!

Also of noteworthy mention, five of this year's six elected youth lodge officers are on summer camp staff. One of the lodge's chapter chiefs is also on staff. I would like to thank all of these lodge and chapter officers for their great work and courtesy as summer camp staffers.

During the week of July 31st through August 5th, nine Kawida Lodge members will be traveling to Ames, Iowa to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Six of these contingent members will be attending their first NOAC, and I am certain that they will have

a great scouting experience. Also, two additional Kawida Lodge members will be serving on the conference staff. These two Kawida Lodge arrowmen are Tim Terry and Tim Cummins. The 2006 NOAC is scheduled to be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This will be the first time that the Wolverines have hosted a NOAC, and it's sure to be another great time for all who attend, thus start making your attendance plans now.

At the August Ordeal the lodge will be taking down and storing the summer camp infrastructure (i.e. campsites, program areas, etc.), and we definitely need your help. ***Remember, "You were chosen for the Order not so much for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do in the future."** The more members that we have attending the Ordeal and helping on the job details, the less work each member will have to do.

If you know of any candidates in your troop that were elected this calendar year, but that have not yet attended an

Ordeal induction weekend, please encourage them to attend the August Ordeal. Also, if you or any one you know has been an Ordeal member for at least ten months, please attend this Ordeal and attain your Brotherhood membership.

It would be great to attain "Quality Lodge" status this year. This can only happen if all scouts and scouters wearing a Kawida Lodge flap pay their 2004 dues, and attain their Brotherhood status this year at any of the remaining lodge events or their district fall camporees.

Please look at the lodge calendar located in this edition of *The Thunderbird*, and attend all or some of the remaining lodge events. Kawida Lodge needs your help and support...

Yours in WWW,
Harold Phillips
Kawida Lodge
Advisor

