KAWIDA LODGE - ORDER OF THE ARROW - BLUE GRASS COUNCIL, BSA

The Thunderbird

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"Mighty Fine in '09"

Summer Camp Events By: Aaron Shepherd

As you may or may not know, summer camp gives the chance for you to take part in many OA activities. This year, during the camp week, we have a variety of different ways you can get involved in the OA as a key role.



The first, and the most important, is taking part in the Brotherhood ceremony. If you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months, then during camp be sure to sign

up for the Brotherhood ceremony. This is a great way to seal your membership in the lodge.



If you are looking to take part in ceremonies, then the Friday night call-out ceremony is for you! During one of the meetings with the OA during the week be sure to sign up for this. You will be put in Indian Regalia and will have a key part in the call-out ceremony on Friday.

Through out the week the camp chief, Andrew Anderson, will be having various meetings after lunch. Be sure to listen to the announcements during lunch for these key meetings. They will be full of some cool information.

In closing, there is a lot of fun stuff the OA offers during camp. I remember I loved hanging out with the OA guys just because we had a good time. Also do not forget about the two ordeals we have this summer June 12-14 and July 10-12. Please take part in these chances this summer and have fun.

See you there!

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Lodge Chief, **Anthony Kenney**

Chiefly Speaking By: Anthony Kenney

My Fellow Arrowmen, It would like to be said that Kawida Lodge is about to kick it into high gear. Our lodge has just got back from Conclave at Camp Davey Crockett and we had a great time. It would be my honor to congratulate our new Section Chief and Section Secretary. Former Lodge Chief, Don Combs won Section Chief and Alex Hill won Section Secretary. This is a great honor for Kawida

to have two section officers from our lodge.

The next event that is Kentucky. coming up is the Spring Ordeal on May 15-17. We will need Elangomats for this event and there is a if you participate, remember this is an organization based on cheerful service. We will also have new regalia for the principles for the Ordeal and Brotherhood

This regalia will be in accords with the Native American Tribes in

If you know anyone who hasn't paid their dues this year please tell them to. This will help us with Quality Lodge for special surprise for you the 2009 year. NOAC is coming up also so be sure to apply now! I hope to see you at the Spring Ordeal.

> Remember, what's the word? Kawida Bird! Yours in Service. Anthony Kenney Lodge Chief

Spring Fellowship Follow-Up By: Sam Lyons



Even with the odd weather that we had, Spring Fellowship was a fun and successful event. I believe everyone had a great time.

We awarded eight **Brotherhood** members with the Vigil Honor, and we converted three ordeal members to the Brotherhood membership. We had an LEC so that we could discuss important topics for summer camp. The rifle range was also opened in the afternoon for more entertainment.

Of course, there was

great food and fellowship to top it all off. It was a great weekend, and I don't think it could have gone any better.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the event and I hope to see you at Summer Camp!

Service Corner By: Andrew Anderson

Fellow Arrowmen,

I would first like to start off by giving a big thanks to all the OA members that have stepped forward to help me in my position. As my first year in a lodge officer's position, I am starting to find out what it means to lead.

Still, it is just spring, and there is much that lies ahead of us that needs to be done. One of these instances is the Spring Ordeal. This is a major opportunity for the lodge to grow in membership.

We will be welcoming new members, after a nice, full day of work, into the lodge. I strongly encourage any and all OA members to come and participate that weekend.

We will need all the help that we can get to setup ceremony teams, elangomats, and other members to help us make the weekend run smoothly. So please feel free to contact me, or any other lodge officer, about helping out that weekend in any way that you can.

Conclave has came and gone, but not before leaving its mark on our lodge, Kawida is proud to be the home of two newly elected section officers. Don Combs (Section Chief) and Alex Hill (Section secretary) have shown other lodges what pristine youth are all about. Way to go guys, I for one am honored to know that I have served with you and once again, congratulations.

Yours in Service, Andrew Anderson Vice Chief of Service

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Vice Chief of Service,
Andrew Anderson

NOAC-2009

NOAC, what is NOAC?
NOAC is short for the National Order of the Arrow
Conference. Just imagine
Conclave, times a lot!
There are thousands of
Arrowmen there! Last
NOAC we had 8,000 some
odd arrowmen.

By: Aaron Shepherd

There are countless new people every turn you make. You will also enjoy different training sessions, high adventure type activities and even Indian Heritage events.

I would personally say that the highlight of my OA Career was attending NOAC in Michigan, it was great!

The next NOAC will be at Indiana State
University which is not too far away. To register go to www.kawida.org



2006 NOAC Contingent Kawida Lodge Michigan Sate University





Spring Ordeal

Spring has finally come, bringing with it many opportunities, one being the Spring Ordeal. This gives a chance for all of the scouts who have been elected by their fellow troop members to join the Order of the Arrow.

All great things start with a humble beginning. This is your chance to join in on something that will change your life forever. Starting out as an Ordeal member is

By: Andrew Anderson

only your first step on a out with the ordeal, long path that could one day lead you to the contact me. Vigil Honor.

The Spring Ordeal is not just for candidates, but also, for current OA members. Elangomats will be needed, members willing to partake in ceremony teams, and simply, people willing to help. An efficient ordeal can not take place without the help of fellow lodge members, so if anyone is interested in helping

please, feel free to

The Spring Ordeal will be taking place at Camp McKee Dining Hall this year on the weekend of May 15-17 starting at 6:00 pm.

I'm looking forward to seeing my future brothers of the OA and fellow brothers at the Spring Ordeal.

To register please visit www.kawida.org for the form.

Brotherly Speaking



Vice Chief of Brotherhood. Sam Lyons

So far our Brotherhood converted along with a conversion rate is at 3%. Unfortunately, that is not I cannot stress how enough to get Quality Lodge where we need 30%. If you are an Ordeal you come to your member that is eligible for Brotherhood (10 months as an Ordeal) Membership, then you should receive a letter from me telling you the available dates to be

study guide.

important it is for you to study that sheet before ceremony. To get more help you can also go to jumpstart.oa-bsa.org

Completing the brotherhood ceremony is not very hard, but if you do not study before you

By: Sam Lyons

come it will waste a lot of time in order to teach you the material.

If you are a Brotherhood member and you will be attending summer camp and would like to participate in the ceremony team please contact me. See you soon! Yours in Service, Sam Lyons Vice Chief of Brotherhood

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Alex Hill (left) and Don Combs (right), Kawida Lodge's section officers.



Chris Caldwell (middle) dances at Conclave.

New Section Officers

we elect our new section officers. An OA section is defined as a group of lodges (around 8) that are held together by a section

Every year at Conclave officers. These officers are in-charge of the total section level program.

> This year we were Honored to have two officers elected from Kawida. Don Combs won

the election of section chief and Alex Hill won the election of section secretary. Kawida lodge is truly proud of you and wish you luck!

Chapter Update: Sheltowee

If you haven't been to a lodge event this year, you've missed tons of fun. Spring Fellowship was awesome! Everyone had a great time visiting with old friends Conclave. If you and making new ones. The rifle range was open all day and everyone had a great time. The LEC voted on several new and exciting changes that everyone is going to love. You will have to come to upcoming events to see just what the changes are; but trust me, you are going training then in the to love it.

Congratulations to Joel Medendorp for achieving the Vigil

honor. I'd also like to congratulate Teddy, Kevin, and John on completing their Brotherhood.

Words cannot describe this year's missed it, all I can say is "Sorry." The fun began at the gate with "Hippie" Mike, probably one of the funniest people in the state of Tennessee. It was held at Camp Davy Crockett, which is a great camp. Saturday morning their were tons of excellent afternoon the competitions started. Kawida won a first place in crafts, a third

place in regalia and a third in grass dancing. We also won a second and several third places in Quest competitions. Cool patches, excellent dancing, and intense competition; the weekend could not have been better! Congratulations to Don Combs for being elected Section Chief and Alex Hill for his election as Section Secretary.

Troop elections are coming to a close with a lot of new arrowmen having been elected to our order. If you haven't had your election please contact me at omer@mrtc.com get your troop election scheduled.

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Chapter Update: Wehali

The Wehali Chapter has been meeting on Sunday afternoons at Trinity Hill United Methodist Church (THUMC) in Lexington at 2 pm. Come join us at THUMC for food, fun and fellowship.

We will hold a Spring Chapter Party at the

end of May at Trinity
Hill United Methodist
Church to celebrate the
past year. Come join
us! Our Chapter is
working to achieve
quality chapter again in
2009. We can have fun
and provide service at
a few of the upcoming
events like the Blue

Card Bonanza, August 21st23rd at McKee; the Council's
Sporting Clays event in the
fall; and Webelos Woods
later in the year.

For more information, contact the Chapter at wehali.chapter@gmail.com
Yours in Service,
Graham Fielder
Wehali Chapter Chief

Chapter Update: Tomahaken



Caleb Ramey, Chapter Chief

My name is Caleb Ramey, and I am the 2009 Chapter Chief for the Tomahaken Chapter.

By being elected, I have set some goals for our chapter to achieve this year. The first being, increase active membership in our

chapter. I will do this by contacting the Troop OA Representative from each unit. By doing this, we'll increase our membership greatly.

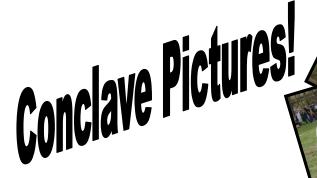
My second goal is to get our brotherhood membership rate up in our chapter. I am planning on holding

another

chapter Brotherhood ceremony sometime this year.

In closing, I hope to see everyone in our monthly Chapter meetings. Each month you should get a letter saying when and where our meeting will be.

Yours in Service, Caleb Ramey





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Lodge Adviser, Alan Watts

Lodge Secretary,

Aaron Shepherd

From the Adviser

As the first third of the year is now over it is time to press forward with Ordeals and Summer Camp. We are off to a great start in membership, Vigil Honor inductions, and our participation in the Section Conclave.

Our lodge officers organized a great Spring Fellowship. Eight received their Vigil Honor.

Kawida Lodge sent 64
participants to the
Section Conclave. Don
Combs won the election
for Section Chief for the
second time and Alex Hill
was elected Section
Secretary. All of us need
to support there actions
for the section. This is
the first time I can

remember Kawida Lodge having two section officers at the same time. Aaron Shepherd's newsletter was selected second best in the section while the Quest folks placed in several events. Chris Caldwell placed third in his style of Native American Dance in his first competition and first in the Native American crafts youth division. Everyone had a great time.

Ahead of us is the Spring Ordeal. Kawida Lodge needs all hands on deck to help set up camp. Please mark your calendars to attend this event May 15-17. Please encourage all those who have been elected to

By: Alan Watts

attend this Ordeal. Fun will also be included.

As the youth have done a great job, adult advisers and members have also been helpful in support of the lodge. A special thanks to Tom Hill for some hard work in the kitchen at Spring Fellowship. Mike was glad to have the help.

As the year moves forward the business of Kawida Lodge's service will continue. NOAC is just around the corner. Thanks for all you have done and will do to make Kawida Lodge and the Blue Grass Council successful in delivering the promise of Scouting to the region.

Yours in Scouting, Alan Watts Lodge Adviser

Press Release

By: Aaron Shepherd

Fellow Arrowmen.

The first third of the year is done and summer camp is just up ahead. I will be working at camp again this year and I plan to help Andrew, the camp chief, to have a smooth summer of Brotherhood

conversions and OA fun.

I would like to personally congratulate Don and Alex on their section officer positions.

It has been said, but you will only be receiving Thunderbirds if you have paid your dues. If you know someone who hasn't please

tell them and get their form mailed in.

If you know anyone interested in publications and helping out with the Thunderbird please tell me!

Yours in Service, Aaron Shepherd Lodge Secretary



National Order of the Arrow Conference July 31 - August 6 \$600 per participant

Fees contingent upon travel costs

You are invited to go with all of the members of Kawida Lodge!

If you don't like cooking, this is the trip for you. You don't have to cook, it is done for you. You don't like tents, no problem. We stay in dorms on the campus.

Council Contingent Includes:

- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory visit
- Lunch on Friday
- Motel
- Five Lodge Flaps

- Five 2-piece Lodge Flaps
- T-shirt
- Insurance

NOAC Fees Include

- American Indian Crafts Clinics
- American Indian Show
- Brotherhood and Chorus
- · Camping and High Adventure
- Founders' Fair
- Giant Lodge Flap for Opening Show
- Inductions and Ceremony Events Training
- Checkers/Chess Tournament
- · Craft Extravaganza and Judging
- Flag Football

- Goodman Games
- Individual Dance Competitions (Fancy Dance, Grass Dance, Straight Dance, Old Style Dance, Traditional Dance)
- Iron Arrowman
- Kickball
- Lodge Spirit Award
- Lodge Web Site Competition
- NOAC Golf Tournament
- OA Survivor
- Patch (Euchre) Tournament



Detach and return with payment to:

NOAC Registration, Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America, 3473 Yorkshire Blvd., Lexington, KY 40509

This is the council's new address beginning January 1, 2009

2009 NOAC Registration

\$100 deposit required with registration - Full payment optional



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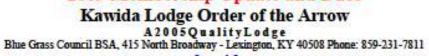


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2009 Membership Update and Dues







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