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2003 Annual Awards Banquet... by Shane Patterson

Kawida Lodge held its 2003 Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 1st at the Harrodsburg Christian Church in Harrodsburg, KY. With nearly one hundred members in attendance, the banquet was a huge success. There were many awards and recognitions given out, and all of the recipients were well deserved. Our keynote speaker was Lucien Rice, a retired B.S.A. professional, Vigil Honor member, and Eagle Scout. Lucien delivered an inspir-



LUCIEN RICE
Banquet Keynote Speaker

ing and historical message to those in attendance. Lucien is a charter member of Kawida Lodge, and served as its first elected lodge chief for two years during 1953 and 1954. I would like to thank Lucien, and everyone else who attended and participated in the Annual Awards Banquet. Because of your efforts, the event was a success. Don't forget to check out the photo's of the award winners scattered throughout this edition of *The Thunderbird*.

"Banquet Award Recipients"

MIKE BUTCHER MEMORIAL

Tim Wade



LODGE CHIEF'S CITATION

Debbie Wade



"2003 VIGIL HONOR CLASS"

(Front Row, L-R) Youth-Shawn Whitis, Shane Patterson, Todd Haydon, and Trip Watts, (Back Row, L-R) Adults-Glen Whitis, George Cook, John Kingsley, and Alan Watts

Vigil Night / Workday
May 9th & 10th

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“Workdays At McKee Scout Reservation”.....by *Shane Patterson*

Kawida Lodge held its first Workday on April 5th, with over forty arrowmen in attendance. Many projects were completed including the removing of trees and brush from campsites, building some picnic tables, repairing some old tent platforms, and various other building repairs. Most important was the completion of the placement of

rip rap rock on the dam. The ceremonies committee cleaned out the Lodge building, and worked on getting ceremony teams ready for Conclave and call outs. The lodge needs every arrowmen (both youth and adult) that attends the workday to bring hammers, tape measures, electric power saws, chainsaws, and plumbing tools. Due to safety concerns and camp/

council policy, only qualified adults will be allowed to use chainsaws and electric power saws. However, there are many other ways that arrowmen can help out. The May 10th workday will consist of finishing up any projects not completed at the April workday. The workday will start at 8:00 AM. Please plan on attending this service event as the lodge needs you.

“Chiefly Speaking For The First Time”



TODD HAYDON
2003 Kawida Lodge Chief

Hello, my fellow Arrowmen. Are we ready for a great year? I sure hope so. If you don't already know, my name is Todd Haydon and I am your 2003 Kawida Lodge Chief. This year, we have much in store for everyone in the lodge. Opportunities are here for anyone who is willing to take the extra step. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is summed up into three words: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. A fun-filled

year can be guaranteed by following that ideal. By keeping that in mind, we all will have a great time. If anyone is interested in signing up for any committees, please feel free to contact myself. The success of the lodge depends on each and every person that is a part of it. I am confident that this year will be a great one, and we are going to have a great time.

...in Cheerful Service

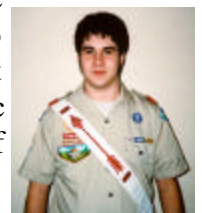
“News From The Trailblazers”

Hello, my name is **Claudette “C” Watts**, and I am pleased to once again be serving as the Gikino Ballet Chapter Advisor for 2003. When I am not doing Order of the Arrow activities, my time is spent as a Troop 58 Committee Member, a Midland Trail District Committee Member, a kindergarten teacher for Rowan County Schools, a wife, and a mom. In my spare time (Ha! Ha!), I enjoy reading, sunning, and doing genealogy research. Did I mention that I also do chocolate chip brownies? They are always available at LEC meetings, roundtables and various other scout gatherings. Last year was a great year for our chapter as evidenced by some strong recognition at the Annual Awards Banquet, and so will 2003.



“Gikino Ballet Chapter News”

Hey guys, I'm **Tripp Watts**, and I will be serving as your Gikino Ballet Chapter Chief for 2003. I am proud to say that our chapter achieved “Quality Chapter” status for 2002, and was selected as the outstanding chapter for 2002 at this year's Annual Awards Banquet. This year, it is our plan to once again attain “Quality Chapter” status. As for chapter events, we plan to have an Ordeal callout ceremony during the May workday at McKee Scout Reservation since our district will not be having a Spring Camporee this year. The date for the workday is May 10th, and I hope to see you all there. The Gikino Ballet Chapter covers the largest geographic area of our lodge, and we need all of our chapter members to be active.



“LEC Meeting Set For May 9th”

There will be a meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) beginning at 7:00 PM Friday evening in the Administration building at McKee Scout Reservation on May 9th. All elected lodge officers and their advisers, all chapter officers and their advisers, and all operating committee chairmen and their advisers are encouraged to attend. *Note: any lodge member may attend the meeting, but only designated LEC members (as outline in the **Kawida Lodge Constitution and By-Laws**) have the right to vote in the committee's decisions. If you plan to spend the night and attend the Saturday workday, please bring food for your breakfast.

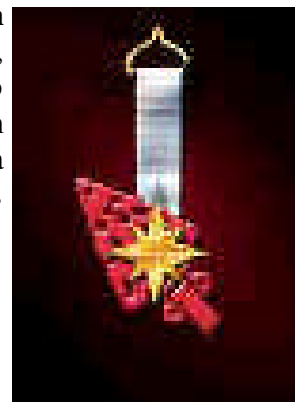
Yours in WWW,

Todd Haydon

“Arrowman Service Award”

Michael Burt, George Cook, **Steve Combs**, Matilda Cox, **Lucas Cummins**, **Tim Cummins**, William Dawkins, Patrick Dean, Tyler Dean, Randy Farthing, Morris Fields, **Wesley Frost**, Johnny Gibbs, Calvin Kerr, **Barry Lynch**, **Harold Phillips**, **Clay Rose**, **Jonathan Rose**, **Charles Seiring**, Debbie Wade, Sam Wade, **Tim Wade**, **Mike Warman**, Claudette Watts, Tripp Watts, Douglas Wehr, Glen Whitis, Shawn Whitis, Sonya Whitis, Roger Woods (Names in **bold** type also received the award in 2001)

*By: Harold Phillips
Lodge Adviser*



FOUNDER'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Tim Terry and Lucas Cummins

“Kawida Lodge Ceremony Team Needs You”

Greetings fellow Arrowmen, my name is Todd Watts, and I am the Lodge Ceremonies Committee Chairman. Kawida Lodge 480 is in desperate need of members for its ceremonies teams. Any member wishing to participate this year in lodge ceremonies should contact me at (606) 784-7088, or e-mail me at sly_guy20@hotmail.com.

Keep in mind that the SR-6N Conclave is the weekend of April 25-27, and we need ceremonies teams that will represent our lodge well. I hope to hear from you soon so that we can begin practicing for our ceremonies...not just for the conclave, but for our lodge events as well.

By: Todd Watts

“Kawida Lodge Dance Team Has The Spirit...Be A Part Of It”

The Kawida Lodge Dance Team continues to meet twice each month on Sunday afternoons at the Blue Grass Council office in Lexington. The Dance Team recently sang the flag song and a veterans song at the Annual Awards Banquet. The team also recently attended the Carolina's Indian Seminar.

The Dance Team has plans to have a craft weekend in March, and to attend the annual SR-6N Conclave in April. We are working hard to have another dancer ready for conclave competition. The team will be attending POW WOW's this year on Memorial Day weekend in Ohio, and on Fathers Day weekend in North Carolina. If you are interested in

becoming a member of the Kawida Lodge Dance Team, you need to contact Shane Patterson at (859) 879-8365 or by email at inshane-ii@att.net. Plans are also being made to attend the “Indian Summer” event being held the first week in August at Ridgecrest in Asheville, North Carolina.

Yours in spirit,

Shane Patterson
Lodge Team Dancer



"The Second Vice Chief Speaks"

Hello fellow arrowmen, my name is Cody Todd. I am a resident of Winchester, KY, and I am the new Second Vice Chief of Kawida Lodge. I have been a member of the Order of the Arrow for about four years, and I hope to bring new and exciting things to the lodge. If any of you are interested in doing anything with ceremonies feel free to contact me at ccodytodd@yahoo.com.

Yours in service,

Cody Todd
Second Vice Chief



"Sam The Man Speaks"

Hey, I'm Sam Wade your returning Recording Secretary / Treasurer. I'm glad that I will be serving you for another year. We had a good turnout at the Annual Awards Banquet, and we all had a great time. I would like to see all of you at the next workday, May 10th. Come out and join our fellowship. Also, don't forget to pay your 2003 dues ASAP!

Yours in WWW,

Sam Wade
Recording Secretary / Treasurer



"New Event And Sash Pricing"

The LEC has set new event pricing for the coming year to offset rising costs. The price changes by member status are as follows:

Ordeal Candidates.....	\$35.00
Brotherhood Candidates.....	\$25.00
Attending Members.....	\$10.00

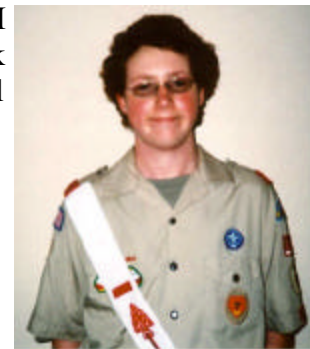
"Thoughts From The Quartermaster"

Hello, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Brandon Hamilton, and I am the new Quartermaster of Kawida Lodge 480. I am a member of Troop 111 in Lexington, KY. I have obtained the rank of Life Scout, and I am actively pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout. I have been a member of the Order of the Arrow since 2001, and it is my desire that my service to the OA will be meaningful, both to others and me.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the next workday on May 10th at McKee Scout Reservation. I will be there handing out work tools, and I hope that you will be there as well. See ya!

Yours in service,

Brandon Hamilton
Kawida Lodge Quartermaster



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KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

April

- **25th-27th** SR-6N Conclave
Western KY Fairgrounds,
Hopkinsville, KY

May

- **9th** Vigil Night, Camp McKee
LEC, Camp McKee
- **10th** Workday, Camp McKee

June

- **6th-8th** 1st Ordeal, Camp McKee

August

- **15th-17th** 2nd Ordeal, Camp McKee

September

- **12th-14th** 3rd Ordeal, Camp McKee

October

- **4th** LLDC, Camp McKee
- **17th-18th** Fall Fellowship, McKee

Annual Awards Banquet

- **TBA** TBA

“Lenni Lenape Chapter News”

Hello, my name is **Shawn Whitis** and I am proud to be serving as the 2003 Chapter Chief for the Lenni Lenape Chapter.

We have just completed our winter camporee on the weekend of January 24th - 26th. At the camporee we held our chapter meeting, and at the meeting we talked about the upcoming conclave and workdays. We talked about paying membership dues for those who have let their membership dues go by unpaid. We encouraged them to pay their dues, and to get their contact information up to date in the lodge records. We also talked about scheduling dates for troop unit elections and camp promotions. At the meeting, we also had OA Troop Representative training.

We expect 2003 to be a wonderful year in the Lenni Lenape Chapter, and we need your help to accomplish this.

Yours in WWW,

Shawn Whitis
Lenni Lenape Chapter Chief



“Man O’ War Chapter News”

Hello, my name is **Roger Woods** and I am once again serving as the Man O’ War Chapter Adviser. This chapter covers all of the troops in Fayette, Jessamine, and Scott counties (Thoroughbred District).

This is a reminder to all Scoutmasters that it is time to get your troop on the calendar for O.A. troop elections and camp promotion. The deadline given to the chapters for submission of troop election results is April 14th. If you haven’t already done so, you need to call now to get your troop scheduled on one of your upcoming meeting nights. The calendar is filling up quickly, so don’t put off making that call. Remember, that the chapter election/camp promotion teams can't do everything the last week.

I can be reached at (859) 272-2626 (daytime number), (859) 885-5270 (evening number), or you can e-mail me at **rvwoods184o@msn.com** to schedule your troop.

Yours in Service,

Roger Woods
Man O’ War Chapter Adviser

“First Vice Chief Feels That Service To Others Is What’s Most Important ”

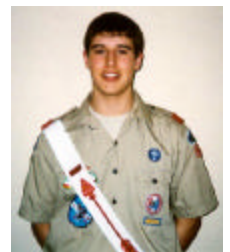
Hello, my name is Shane Patterson and I will be serving as the First Vice Chief of Kawida Lodge for 2003. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 118 in Richmond, KY, and I am currently registered with Troop 14 in Versailles, Kentucky. I have been in the Order of the Arrow for three years. I am a brotherhood member, and a Vigil Honor candidate. I have attended a National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) twice, the section conclave three times, one National Leadership Seminar, and one OA University. I am actively involved in Indian Events such as dancing and crafts, and I have competed as a grass dancer at both conclave and NOAC. Outside of Scouting, I am a member of Engineering Explorer Post 112, a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church, and a member of the football and basketball teams at Woodford County High School.

My main responsibility as First Vice Chief is

to plan lodge events and make sure they run smoothly. Service is an important part of the Order of the Arrow, and it is my duty to make sure that worthwhile work projects are completed during our workdays and ordeals. We also will be working with our new Ordeal candidates to encourage them to take an active role in the lodge. I oversee the ceremonies committee, and I will help them make the ceremonies more impressive and more meaningful. I look forward to a great year, and I welcome your feedback and suggestions. I can be reached by phone at **(859) 879-8365**, or by email at **inshane-ii@att.net**

Yours in WWW,

Shane Patterson
First Vice Chief



“Images From The Building Of A Dream...Fall And Winter Of 1976”

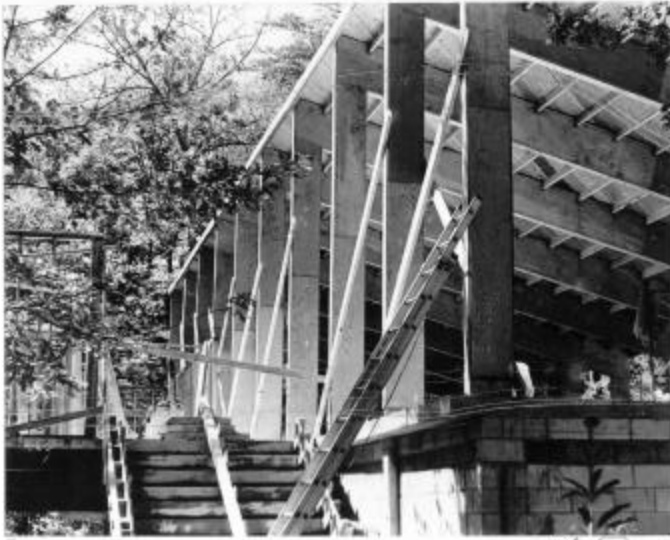
The photographs below depict the construction phase of what is now known as the ***Douglas Winn Cox O.A. Lodge***. They were taken during the Fall and Winter of 1976 by Doug Sherwood. Doug served as a lodge officer during that time, and was elected as Lodge Chief in 1978. The groundbreaking for the 4,500 square foot Kawida Lodge building began in 1973. Using only lodge finances and resources, the project took nearly four (4) years to complete. The Kawida Lodge Building was officially dedicated on October 30, 1977, the same year as the lodge’s 25th anniversary. It was renamed the ***Douglas Winn Cox OA Lodge*** on October 14, 2000.



This makeshift, but infamous sign reads “O.A. Const. Co.” That’s a term that has been heard time and time again on other various projects.



Do these objects look familiar? These are the support rafters for the portion of the roof that covers the concrete slab at the Cox Memorial OA Lodge.



Here is a construction view of the OA building before the office area was completed. Note the formation of the original concrete back steps.



This December 1976 photo shows the completed office area and concrete back steps. The original steps were turned 90 degrees from today’s steps.

“Elangomat Training Offered”

Anyone wanting to serve as an Elangomat at this year's Ordeals must be properly trained. Elangomat training will be offered at the May 10th workday. This training is for both youth and adults. If you are interested, please call or email Chief Todd Haydon.



“2004 NOAC Flap Design Needed ”

At the April 4th LEC meeting, it was decided to offer the lodge membership a chance to design a new flap for the upcoming 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference. The design must: be of a flap shape to fit easily on the pocket flap, include the lodge's name and number, include the lodge's totem, and include the words “2004 NOAC”. If you would like to submit a design, give it or send it to Chief Todd Haydon.

“SR-6N Section Conclave Will Be Here Before You Know It”

The 2003 SR-6N Section Conclave will be held on **April 25-27** at Western Kentucky Fairgrounds near Hopkinsville, KY (**directions can be found on Kawida's web site**). Here is truly an event that everyone can attend and participate in. For those of you who do not know what a Conclave is, let me tell you. The Section Conclave is a weekend OA fellowship involving all of the OA Lodges in our Section. This includes most every lodge in both Kentucky and Tennessee, and one lodge from Mississippi. The more recent Conclaves have seen attendances approaching 750 arrowmen. Everyone camps for the weekend with their own lodge in assigned campsites (bring your own tent), and we eat all meals at the host camp's dining facilities. There will be competition in ceremonies, Native American dancing, Native American drumming and singing, and the Quest for the Golden Arrow (a variety of team and individual events). There will also be training in lodge administration, lodge publications, lodge websites, youth protection, Native American events, competition, camp safety, cooking, and many other subjects. Of course, there will also be plenty of good old patch trading for everyone! The price for attending the Conclave weekend is \$37.00

Attendees will need to bring a recent personal medical form, and bring at least one can good for the lodge's participation in a service project. If you plan on attending and you have not yet registered, please contact Harold Phillips (Lodge Adviser) for more information.

“Kawida Lodge's 2003 Vigil Honor Night To Be Held May 9th”

At this year's Annual Awards Banquet, the members of Kawida Lodge recognized eight of its brothers as Vigil Honor candidates. These arrowmen will be required to “keep the vigil” on Friday night, May 9th. The Lodge would like to invite any and all Vigil Honor members to attend this great event. The ceremony will start at 9:00 PM on Friday night, and the induction of the new Vigil Honor members will begin at 6:00 AM on Saturday morning, May 10th. There will be a breakfast at the new Stamler Dining Hall for all Vigil Honor members at 7:00 AM following the induction ceremony. The cost will be \$3.00 per person. If you are a Vigil



SR-6N SECTION CHIEF

Chris Hunt accepts a token of gratitude from Kawida Lodge at this year's Annual Awards Banquet in February.

Honor member of Kawida Lodge and plan to attend the breakfast, please call or email your intentions to Harold Phillips (Lodge Adviser) by May 7th. Please come and join in to welcome our new Vigil Honor brothers.

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Can you guess which arrowman this license plate belongs to?

The Thunderbird

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For 2003 Conclave Info...
We're on the web!
<http://members.aol.com/kawidalodge480/>



“A Few New Thoughts For 2003 From The Lodge Adviser”

A new season is upon us, and I hope that this letter finds all Arrowmen and their families in great health and spirits. WOW, has this been a tough winter or what? I can hardly wait 'till Spring...how about you?

I would like to offer my congratulations to all of the award recipients at the Annual Awards Banquet, and to those who were selected as Vigil Honor candidates. Their dedication to Scouting, as well as their daily use of the Scout Oath, Law, and Obligation has caused them to be recognized by their fellow arrowmen.

I want to personally thank everyone who helped to make 2002 a huge success, especially those youth and adults who were in leadership positions. For all of your efforts, 2002 was a very successful year. With everyone's willingness to help, 2003 will be an even better year.

There are still several lodge committees that have not had any arrowmen volunteer to serve on them. The lodge needs

you to sign-up for these committees, and take an active role in the leadership of the lodge. Other ways to be of service to the lodge is to pay your annual dues, and attend as many lodge events as possible.

There are many projects planned for McKee Scout Reservation over the next two years, and we need your help. The lodge has been asked to help on many of these projects, and we need to know what our talents are. Thus, please fill out the resource sheet that was in the last Thunderbird, and send to Robert Palmer. Help to make McKee Scout Reservation the place to be in 2003.

There will be many opportunities to attend leadership training this year. This training will be locally, sectionally, and nationally. Articles on this training will be in the Thunderbird as information is available. These are leadership opportunities to better yourself, your troop, and your lodge.

One opportunity to learn and have fun

is the upcoming Section Conclave. Please fill out your registration and medical forms, and send to Robert Palmer ASAP. This will be a very fun and exciting weekend, so please be a part of it.

Camp Promotion and Unit Elections are well under way, so let us all work together on these for the betterment of the units and the lodge. A list of all Lodge and Chapter officers, as well as their advisers can be found in this edition. Please contact your representative if you have any questions.

All Arrowmen working together equals better Fellowship.

In W.W.W.,

Harold Phillips
Lodge Adviser

