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2004 SR-6N CONCLAVE PLANNING BEGINS

My Fellow Arrowmen,
As your 2004 Section Conclave Chairman, I am very excited that Kawida Lodge is the Service Lodge for this prestigious event. I have an excellent adviser, James Smith, but we can't do this job alone...we need your help. Camp McKee has everything we need to host the Conclave, but for us to put on a great conclave, we need both youth and adults to step up and serve (adults advise) on the various committees and subcommittees. These

various committees and subcommittees include: the Logistics/Service Corps Committee, the Registration Committee, the Hospitality Committee, Parking and Security Committee, and the Trading Post Committee. Please be aware that you may sign up for more than one committee. There will also be a specially designed service flap available to those who serve on a committee. If you would like to sign up for these committees, please see me at the next event or e-mail me at awatts@mis.net. I cannot stress enough how much work there is

to be done, and the effort that will be required to put on a great Section Conclave. Keep in mind that we are a brotherhood of cheerful service. This is also a great way for all of you new members to get involved in the lodge. I am really excited about the Section Conclave, and I plan on seeing or hearing from you all very soon.

In WWW,

Todd Watts

SR 6N Conclave Host Lodge Chairman

Interested In A Leadership Position?

Are you interested in running for a lodge or section office? Do you want a chance to gain some valuable leadership information?

There is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what you can do to further get involved with Lodge leadership. There will be a **Lodge Leadership Development Conference offered at Camp McKee on October 4th, at 8:00 AM.**

It is highly advised that if you wish to run for a lodge office, that you be in attendance at this event. The LLDC is the perfect chance for you to learn more about various committees and positions in the lodge, and I hope many of you will be in attendance.

"TRIBAL REVIVAL"

The time has come once again for that wonderful gathering known as the Fall Fellowship. This year's Fall Fellowship has the theme "Tribal Revival". There will be a large assortment of activities, and a few surprises may also be in the works. If anyone is interested in doing any beadwork at the Fall Fellowship, you might want to bring a little extra money so

you could purchase a choker kit. There will be fun and fellowship for all in attendance. Also, if you plan on running for a lodge office, please submit your **Letter of Intent** to the Lodge Chief before noon on Saturday. Other than that, I hope you all are in attendance to this year's Fall Fellowship to help finalize such a great year.

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CHIEFLY SPEAKING!

Greetings fellow arrowmen,

We have had an exceptional year thus far, and we only have a few more events left. It has been a privilege for me to serve my fellow arrowmen this year as the Lodge Chief. I feel that we have accomplished a great deal, and we have also been through a lot of memorable experiences. I feel that everyone has been doing their part to help make this lodge have a successful year. However, we still have a great task before us.

As it has been said before, Kawida Lodge is the Service Lodge for next year's Section Conclave. We must all work together as a lodge, and put forth the best program possible. Everyone can contribute to the fin-



**TODD
HAYDON**
2003 Kawida Lodge
Chief

ished product of the Conclave. Now is the time to hold true to the Ordeal, and its purpose. You can each sign up for a committee, and attend as many workdays as possible. For those of you out there that are confused with what you can do to help the lodge, here is your opportunity. We as a lodge will come together and do an excellent job of running the Conclave. I really would like to thank each and every one of you who put forth a considerable amount of time thus far, and will continue to work hard in the future. I hope to see as many of you as we can at this year's Fall Fellowship. Even with this year coming to a close, we still have some time for some more fun and fellowship.

In Brotherhood,

Todd Haydon
Kawida Lodge Chief

First Vice Chief

Hello once again fellow arrowmen,

The lodge has gotten lots of things accomplished since the last edition of *The Thunderbird* came out. We have had two very successful Ordeals...one in August, and one in September. Between the two Ordeals, we inducted around 120 new members. As to the work that got accomplished, the August Ordeal was a little on the soggy side so the tents were left up. A portion of the roof that needed replacement on the old dining hall was removed, and some land was cleared in an effort to widen the shotgun range. Some more projects that occurred at the August Ordeal were hauling all of the sailboats and rowboats to the maintenance area from the waterfront, removing all of the cots and mattresses from the campsites, and storing them in their

proper places. Also, we continued on the installation of kickboards, and graveling around the benches at the arena.

The weather at the September Ordeal cooperated with us enough to get all of the tents taken down for the winter. Also, all of the brush growing on the lakeside of the dam was cut, along with the brush growing on the lakeshore around the arena.

We still have a lot of work to get done before the Section Conclave in the spring. Thus, if you can think of anything that I have missed, or need to look into for possible projects, please bring it to my attention.

In WWW,

Tripp Watts
First Vice
Chief



Ceremonies Team Training

The Gikino Ballet Chapter of Kawida Lodge 480 will be hosting a training session for anyone in the lodge interested in participating in ceremonies. The training session will be held:

**Saturday, December 20th
at Camp McKee from
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

The on will include ceremonies booklets and actual ceremonies presentations. Also, anyone in the lodge who is interested in Indian dancing or drumming is encouraged to attend. If you are planning on coming or have any questions please let me know by email **ccodytodd@yahoo.com** or **cctodd01@morehead-st.edu**.

The Second Vice Chief Speaks

Hello OA members,

The business of the Second Vice Chief has been going very well. I hope that I have had a chance too meet all of you new members, and even the older members at all three Ordeals this year. The lodge has also gained many new Brotherhood members, which is always a good sign to help enhance the lodge's membership.

I hope to see many of you at the LLDC on Saturday, October 4th, and at the Fall Fellowship on October 18th. Come out and have a good time.

Thanks,

Cody Todd
Second Vice Chief



2003—2004

KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

October

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

November

- 15th Workday, McKee

December

- 6th Workday, McKee

February

- 7th 2004 Annual Awards Banquet, TBA

April

- 23-25, 2004 *Section Conclave, McKee*

LAKOTA CHAPTER NEWS

Fellow Arrowmen,

Kawida Lodge recently completed its last Ordeal of the year. Several candidates from our chapter were able to complete their ordeal, and have now joined the ranks of fellow arrowmen. The Section Conclave is coming up in April of 2004. We have four workdays scheduled to help get Camp McKee ready for this event. The workday dates that have been scheduled are November 15th, December 6th, March 20th, and April 10th. The Conclave is scheduled for April 23rd-25th. This event is a great way to meet fellow arrowmen throughout our section. It also provides training in areas such as



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leadership, American Indian events, ceremonies, and other important information to make each one of us great arrowmen. However, before that event we have the Fall Fellowship for Kawida Lodge on Saturday, October 18th. This event will start at 8:00 AM. Lodge officers for the coming year will be elected at this event. However, before a scout can run for a lodge office he must attend training. The training to attend is called LLDC, and is scheduled for October 4th at Camp McKee. If interested, please contact Debbie Haydon, Chapter Adviser, or

myself. Also, our chapter is hosting one of the Fall Camporee events for the Heritage District at Camp McKee on October 24th-25th. We need your help to run this event, so please contact the same people as mentioned above. This year has been a great year for the Lakota chapter. However, let's not stop now with our cheerful service. Let's continue to show what our chapter is all about, and receive the status of quality chapter. If you still have not paid your dues please consider doing so.

Yours in WWW,
Bryan Haydon
Lakota Chapter Chief

Treks From The Trailblazers—Gikino Ballet

By now everyone should be back in school and having some semblance of a “normal routine.” At any rate, this fall will be a busy one for those lodge members who are ready for training, fun, and a little bit more work!

The Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) will be held on October 4th at Camp McKee. If you are interested in holding an office in the lodge, or just want to know more about the inner workings of the Order of the Arrow, you need to attend this training. Let’s have a good showing of our chapter’s arrowmen at the LLDC.

With the last of the Ordeals (congratulations to all candidates) behind us, the Fall Fellowship for Kawida Lodge is quickly approaching. Saturday, October 20th is the date for this event, and many fun things are scheduled for our enjoyment. Please make plans to attend for a day of relaxation and no work!

Last spring I attended my first Section Conclave in Hopkinsville, KY,

and had an absolutely wonderful time. If you don’t already know, Kawida Lodge will be the service (host) lodge for the Conclave next spring at Camp McKee. This is a “biggie” event for us, and I know if you haven’t been to a Section Conclave, the time has come. The excuse “it’s too far away” won’t do. Since we are the service lodge, bodies (not just your name on a list) are needed to help work in the different areas we are responsible for. If you have questions, contact Todd Watts, youth chairman for further information. Don’t forget the remaining two workdays this year on November 15th and December 6th. Hope to see you all at the LLDC and the Fall Fellowship. In WWW,

C. Watts, Gikino Ballet Chapter Adviser



Chapter Chief

Fellow Arrowmen,

The Section Conclave is coming up in April, and I’ll be serving as the youth chairman of the Parking and Security Committee. With the possibility of there being more than 600 people on camp property, we will need all of the manpower (a considerable amount of youth) to coordinate the parking activities. A Section Conclave will only be successful when all youth members step up to be on this committee and others. I encourage you to step up and be a member of these committees for the Conclave. We also need you to show up to the workdays on November 15th and December 6th.

See you guys at the Fall Fellowship in October,

Yours in Service,

Anthony Kenney
Gikino Ballet Chapter Chief

2004 NOAC TO BE HELD AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The National Order of the Arrow Committee has selected Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa as the site location for the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). This is the same location where the 1998 NOAC was held. For those of you who have never attended a NOAC, now is the time to start thinking about going next July-August.

The lodge is making plans to take at least forty-five (45) members to the Conference. The National Committee has once again set an attendance quota, which states that there must be at least two youth members (under 21 years of age) who attend the event for every one adult (over 21 years of age) who attends. So, every adult member who desires to go to NOAC next year must recruit at least two youth members. Additional details will be made available in subsequent editions of *The Thunderbird* as they are received from National.

INDIAN SUMMER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The week of August 4th-9th in Ridgecrest, North Carolina there was learning, watching, participating, and a lot of fun going on. The event was “Indian Summer”. This was a nationally sponsored OA event, and the first time this type of event has been held. Indian Summer was a great success according to all that attended. Bud Tobin and Harold Phillips were the only members from Kawida Lodge who attended the event. Kawida member Tim Terry served on Indian Summer staff, and did a fantastic job.

There were classes offered in ceremonies, Indian culture, Indian dance, and Indian regalia. Participants could learn about a specific culture, then learn how to dance and make regalia from that culture. There were more than 900 OA members who attended the event, and there are plans to have another one again. If you missed out on Indian Summer, you can get the same experience at the 2004 NOAC at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.



This is National Chief Nick Digirolama winning in Indian Leg wrestling over National Vice Chief Rich Moore.

PURPOSE OF THE ORDEAL

We've all been through it. It is the one thing that all members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) have in common. Regardless of which lodge we were in, regardless of whether we have Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil Honor status, regardless of whether we are youth or adult, our memory of our Ordeal experience binds our bonds of brotherhood even tighter. It is a testament to the founders of our Order that the Ordeal with its tests and ceremonies has remained virtually unchanged for nearly 100 years. An Arrowman who passed through their Ordeal 30-40 years ago will find familiarity in an Ordeal in 2003. Going through your Ordeal at Camp McKee has become a living legacy and a right of passage for thousands and thousands of Scouts and Scouters across the Blue Grass Council over the years. The grounds of our council ceremony ring has had many feet circle around it and enter to the voice of Allowat Sakima saying, in the silent of the night, "Who are these who seek admission to our circle?" And, the bold answer from our brother Kichkinet responding with, "These are they who have been chosen by their fellow scouts to become a part of our Order."

To think about our Ordeal is to remember a time when we experienced something we will probably never experience again. We experienced a time of testing of our character and our resolve. It wasn't always easy and we may have stumbled as we tried to live out the tests of the Ordeal but we did it. Yet, how much do we really know about the Ordeal and what we have all passed through? Do those who are responsible for putting on the Ordeal realize its true importance to our lodge and to our future? Do those of us serving, as Elangomats really understand the significance of such "little things" that so often go unnoticed but which we should take the time to explain to those whom we lead?

How many of the following questions can we answer?

1. Why is the fire unlit during the Pre-Ordeal ceremony
2. What do the 15 blazes represent that the Pre-Ordeal principles cite during the Pre-Ordeal ceremony?
3. Why do the candidates walk into the Ordeal ceremony with their hand on the shoulder of the person in front of them?
4. Which hand is it that grasps the shoulder and which hand grasps the rope? When are the candidates bound in this way?
5. What question are they asked on their way to the ceremony ground and when is it asked?
6. What is the significance of the lodge closing and who extinguishes which flames?
7. What is the purpose of the Ordeal?

This last question is very significant in that the answer should shape everything we, as a lodge, do during an Ordeal weekend. Do we see the purpose of the Ordeal as what we do to "get camp set up" or "take camp down" or to "do this project or that project?" There is often such a focus on the work we have to get done that often we become more like drill sergeants pushing recruits to "perform" rather than really focused on the heart and purpose of the Ordeal. That purpose, as detailed by the OA Handbook, is "to have candidates reflect on their own Scout life and character and come to a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath and the principles of the Order." It goes on to say that the four "elements of the Ordeal are a meaningful and inspiring experience for the candidate. They provide a total participation of the mind and spirit.

As members of this Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, I urge you to seek and discover the deeper mysteries of the Ordeal in the Order of the Arrow. Go through it again as a member; watch the ceremonies and what the candidates undergoing their time of testing. Seek to know the deeper meaning of those experiences that you had, whether long ago or just a month ago. You will grow as much as, if not more than, you did when you passed through as a candidate. If you are serving on the Ordeal staff, search for the deeper knowledge of how things tie together and how one piece leads to another. There are links in the Ordeal ceremony that foreshadow the Brotherhood ceremony; do you know what they are? If you are an Elangomat, seek to know so that you can share. But above all, let us focus everything we do on the fulfillment of the purpose of the Ordeal. When we have done these things, the Ordeal will come alive for us all, old and new, youth and adult.

Yours in WWW, James D. Smith Kawida Lodge Chief ...1987, 1988, 1989

NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS—AUGUST ORDEAL

Scott Ashcraft	Joshua Hubbard	Jon Ormsby
Bryan Aulisio	Jesse Hungerford	Joshua Ormsby
Alexander Bath	Stephen Jett	Mike Parker
Josh Benton	Cory Jones	Ryan Parker
Brannon Blankenship	Chris Jones	Jason Petrey
Daniel Burton	Barney Judd	Maxwell Rechel
Eric Burnside	M. Daniel Keeton	Jared Roaden
Koji Buterbaugh	Jacob Kelsay	Josh Robbins
Jacob Carter	Austin Kennedy	Aaron Roberts
Alex Culler	David King	Jacob Roberts
Aaron Corley	Chris Kirkland	Lucas Roberts
Chris DeMoi	Steve Kirkland	Thorne Roberts
Ben Dever	Gregory Kyes	Scott Rowland
Joseph Eigel	John Lakes	Jonathon Saunders
David Eley	Roger Loiselle	Andrew Smith
Clark Fischer	Aaron Madden-Grider	Joshua Smith
Kevin Froehlick	Jim Mangum	Timothy Smith
Robert Goh	Aaron McCollum	Max Swartz
Andrew Graham	Richard McCollum	Sam Tobbe
Austin Green	Travis McHenry	Justin Walker
James Grisby	Zachariah McIntosh	Jeremiah Weddie
Shawnery Grisby	Tracy McQueen	Brian Weinberger
Hunter Hanks	Kevin Minke	Anthony Wilson
Mark Hanks	Patrick Moecher	Nathan Winner
Carl Hill	Jason Moffatt	David Worley
William Hogg	Carla Neeley	Jordan Wright
Eric Hopewell	Jerrid Neeley	Billy Zoellers

NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS-SEPTEMBER ORDEAL

Charles Aldrich	Eddie Smyth	Bill Brown	Phillip Broyles
John Chugg	Zachariah Clayton	Jordan Courtney	Brock Deatherage
B.J. Duncan,	Chris Durman	Thomas Eastam	Jonathan Effgen
Jesse Fries	Iverson Griffin III	David Haye	Thomas Iorio
Michael Kessler	Robert Kincaid	T.W. King	Brent Kuhn
Aaron McKee	Jesse McVey	Johnny Meade III	Ben Mudd
Greg Nease	Michael Negaard	Clinton Noble	Adam Noel
Dan Patrick	Matt Pendergest	Tyler Riddell	Cleopas Roberson Jr.
Erile Rogness	Brian Slusher	Sto Strouss	Jason Szaks
Joshua Taylor	Bart Van Dissel	Jeremy Veters	Aaron Wedlund

2003 NEW BROTHERHOODS

Willard K. Allen	William Catlett III	Jonathan Chansler	David Chase,	Trevor Clark	Scott Collard
Marilyn Cook	Joe Cooper	Aaron DeBord	Ronnie DeBord	Patrick Dunn	Justin Ewadinger
Tim Gaskell	Jeffery Goh	Adam Halbert	Elizabeth Hawkins	Jacob Hawkins	James Hill
Shelby Jett	Robert Jones	Anthony Kenney	Ryan Kessler	Joe Lacny	Matthew Lodmell
Ronnie Martin	Drew Nichols	Rusty Patrick	Adam Peak	Norman Rechel Jr.	Eric Sieman
Sam Staggs	Marshall Tingle,	Lee Tobbe	Christian Tobbe	Daniel Vickous	Jacob Vickous
Andrew Weinberger	Ruth Weinberger	Ella Wilson	Gary Witt	Logan Witt	Ean Young,
David Yurek	Margie Yurek				

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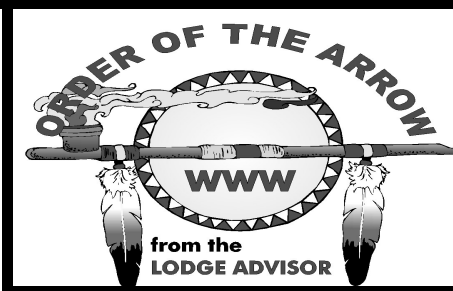
**For 2003 Fall Fellowship Info
We're on the web!**

<http://members.aol.com/kawidalodge480/>



Where has the year gone? It seems like the Lodge was just getting ready for the first ordeal, and now the third ordeal is over. I want to thank the lodge officers and committee chairmen for stepping up their efforts this summer. Even with many involved in high school graduations during the first ordeal, and many starting college before the third ordeal, the ordeals were a huge success. Also, thanks to all of the attending members who came and helped out wherever there was a need. Most of all, I wish to extend my congratulations to all of the new members that went through their Ordeal, and to our new Brotherhood members as well. Welcome to you all!

The year is not over yet! I hope that several of you will step up and help out with the upcoming 2004 SR-6N Conclave in April. There are several Conclave Service Committees that need both youth and adults members. Please read the Conclave article inside *The Thunderbird*, and find out more about these committees. Kawida Lodge will also participate in the many Conclave



events, please inquire about these. Youth can be on a Service Committee and participate in Conclave. There will be an incentive for those Kawida members who are on a Service Committee.

It is time to get serious about attending NOAC 2004, at Iowa State University. Those adults who want to go should encourage youth members to go. There must be two youth attending for every adult. There are 2004 NOAC flaps for sale, and the profit from these will help offset the cost of the youth fee. So buy, buy, buy!!!

Please plan on attending the Fall Fellowship, as the LEC is plan-

ning on having some fun and interesting events. If you plan on attending, please call or email Robert Palmer by October 14th. This is also the event where the youth members elect new officers. Any active youth member may run for an officer position. There will be a Lodge Leader Development Conference (LLDC) on October 4th, and you must attend this to be eligible to run for an office. Please, look at the lodge calendar and plan on attending these last events.

To our new members, you can be a **BIG** part of our lodge now. With Kawida Lodge hosting the Conclave, and NOAC fast approaching, several lodge committees are in need of members. There is plenty to be a part of.

Please, let us try to live according to the Scout Oath and Law...We are Scouts.

In W.W.W.,

Harold Phillips
Lodge Adviser

