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Trevor Clark, Editor

DECEMBER ORDEAL / WORKDAY

Many of you might not know, but the workday that was scheduled for the weekend of December 6th, 2003 has been changed to an ordeal weekend. This decision was made to accommodate the large number of candidates who were elected this year, but that were unable to make it to an ordeal this year. This issue was discussed and voted on by the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) at this

year's Fall Fellowship.

Ordeal registration will begin Friday night, Dec 5th at 6:30 PM. Candidates need to be at the new dining hall by no later than 7:00 PM. If you know of any candidates in your troop that were elected earlier in the year but who did not go through the Ordeal, please encourage them to do so at this Ordeal. Have them contact Robert Palmer by phone or email no later than November 30th. Rob-

ert's contact information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all there, and don't forget that we will once again need Elangomats for the event. I would also like to encourage anyone who hasn't already signed up, to join a committee for the 2004 SR-6N Conclave that will be hosted by Kawida Lodge, and held at Camp McKee this April. See you all in December!

In WWW,
Tripp Watts 1st Vice Chief

2004 SUMMER CAMP KICKOFF

The annual "Summer Camp Promotion" kickoff will be held in the main meeting room at the Blue Grass Council Service Center on January 17th, at 10:00 AM.

The **2004 Summer Camp Leader's Guide** will be distributed, new programs will be discussed, refreshments will be served, and reservations will be taken. Remember, this will be your first opportunity to reserve a campsite for the 2004 summer camp season. Reservations should be made on that day, or mailed in later. Those received before will not be

added to the list until the following Monday.

Our 2004 season will take us sailing at Cave Run Lake, climbing in the Red River Gorge, caving in the Daniel Boone National Forest, and as those that attended summer camp in 2003 know, we serve the best camp food in the region!

There will also be summer camp staff interviews before the meeting beginning at 8:00 AM (see the article elsewhere in this newsletter).

Please plan to attend and see what The McKee Scout Reservation has to offer your Troop in 2004.

2004 Camp Promotion and OA Unit Election Training

Anyone interested being on an OA unit election team for 2004, must first be trained. If you are interested in being on an OA unit election team, please call Harold Phillips at **859-234-3860** to get more information. The training will be held on January 17th at 1 pm at the Scout Service Center in Lexington. All Chapter Chiefs and their advisers must attend. The teams need to exhibit the best presentation they can in order to emphasize the purpose of the Order of the Arrow to the troops. Properly trained teams will ensure good presentations to the units.

This will be an informative, afternoon course, and it is hoped that many Kawida Lodge members will attend. The secure future of our lodge and its leadership depends upon the active participation of trained, dedicated individuals. Please be on time, in full uniform, and have paper and pen/pencil handy.

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2004 Annual Awards Banquet Is Fast Approaching!

Kawida Lodge's Annual Awards Banquet will be held on February 7, 2004 at the Action Folk Center in Berea, KY. The Annual Awards Banquet is the time that the lodge recognizes its dedicated lodge members for the outstanding achievements made during the previous year. The following awards are typically given annually at the banquet: Mike Butcher Memorial Award, Chief's Citation Award, Lodge Adviser's Award, Founder's Award, Elangomat Awards, and Perfect Attendance Awards. You won't want to miss this event! The banquet is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM. Please be sure to fill out the banquet reservation form located in this edition of *The Thunderbird*.

DIRECTIONS:

Going South on I-75 to Berea

- Take exit # 77 off I-75
- Turn left at stoplight onto Hwy. 595
- Cross railroad tracks and go to 4-way stop
- Turn right onto Ellipse St. and go to 3-way stop
- Turn right onto Jefferson St. and go three blocks
- Center will be on your right.

Going North on I-75 to Berea

- Take exit # 76 off I-75
- Go through five stoplights (four lanes will turn into two lanes)
- Turn left onto Ellipse St. and go to 3-way stop
- Turn left onto Jefferson St.
Center will be on your right

2004 Kawida Lodge Membership Dues Information

To be an active member of Kawida Lodge, members must first pay their dues on an annual basis. According to the Kawida Lodge Constitution, dues are due by **January 1 of each year.**

The payment of dues entitles a member to receive our newsletter, attend our events, and to wear the lodge's insignia. Annual Kawida Lodge **membership dues are \$10.00** for the standard membership, or you could pay **\$50.00 for the KawidaKard** membership. The one-time KawidaKard payment covers the costs for all scheduled

lodge events that year, and any issued event patches except for Conclave and NOAC.

If you have already paid your standard membership dues of \$10.00, and you want to upgrade to the KawidaKard membership, you need only pay an additional \$40.00.

Make checks payable to: **Kawida Lodge, B.S.A.**, and mail payment and form to: Robert Palmer, 125 Taylor Drive, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

You also need to let us know if you want to receive your copy of *The Thunderbird* by regular mail or by e-mail.

WORDS FROM THE CAMPING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Fellow lodge members,

It has been a pleasure to work with you the past several years to strengthen our lodge. Presently we have good, functioning lodge officers and advisors. Most of the chapters have active leadership as well.

What we need, in my opinion, is more participation from lodge members. Yes, the lodge does a lot of work at McKee Scout Reservation, but we also have fun at the same time. There are great opportunities for youth leadership in the lodge as well as training not afforded to boys in scouting units.

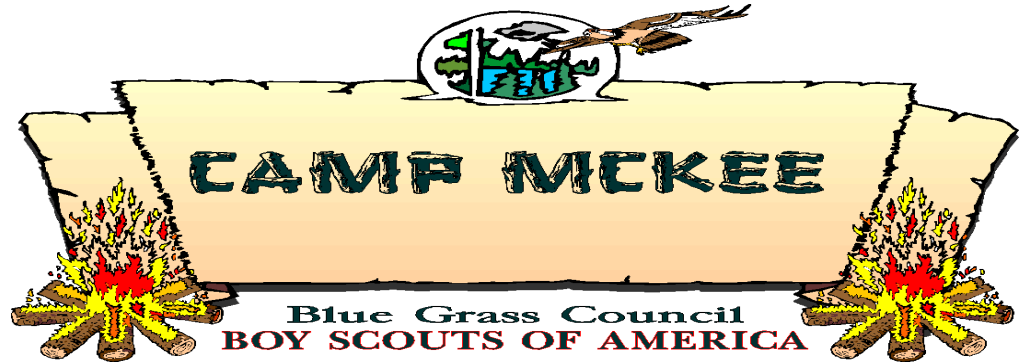
The Order of the Arrow (OA) is an excellent place to retain older boys by offering challenging activities and opportunities from ceremony teams in the chapter, to national offices. I advise you to remember the obligation you took when you joined the OA, and challenge all of you to do your best to live up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Yours in Scouting,
Alan Watts, Camping Com Chair Blue Grass Council

NEW ORDEAL MEMBERS – SEPTEMBER ORDEAL

The following individuals successfully completed their initial Ordeal in September:

Charles Aldrich	Eddie Armstrong	Bill Brown	Phillip Broyles	John Chugg Zach-
ariah Clayton	Jordan Courtney	Brock Deatherage	BJ Duncan	Chris Durman Thomas
Eastam	Jonathan Effgen	Jesse Fries	Iverson Griffin III	David Haye Thomas
Iorio	Michael Kessler	Robert Kincaid	TW 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



DID YOU KNOW?

Weekend camping is encouraged year round at McKee Scout Reservation. We offer the use of the regular troop sites, Writt Lodge, the Lee shelter, the Scoutcraft shelter, the Offutt shelters, the Adirondack shelters, and anywhere along the Pioneer Mountain Trail. For more information on these, contact the Council Service Center or the Camp.

Also, C.O.P.E. is not only available to scouts and leaders, but it's also available to civic, corporate, and other youth groups as well! Go to <http://campmckee.org> for more information.

MCKEE SCOUT RESERVATION NOW HIRING: CAMP STAFF FOR 2004!

If you (or some of your fellow scouts) are at least 15 years old, and are interested in a fun-filled, challenging summer job, why not apply to join the McKee summer camp staff? We are looking for Directors, Merit Badge Counselors, Instructors, and support staff. There will be staff interviews on December 13th at 10:00 AM, and on January 17th at 8:00 AM. Both dates are to be held at the Blue Grass Council Service Center in Lexington.

Applications are available online, and at the service center. Many positions are still open, so please apply for all that you are interested in. How do you apply you ask? It's easy. Go to "Camp Staff" on the <http://campmckee.org> website, or just simply contact the Camp Director at:

McKee Scout Reservation
8695 Levee Road
Jeffersonville, KY 40337
859-498-1328
Email: director@campmckee.org

Why Apply for a Camp Staff Job?

Here are a few of the countless reasons that are frequently expressed:

- To make lots of new friends in your area, other states, and even other countries
- To spend a summer in the great outdoors where nature prevails
- To acquire a lifetime experiential education (learning by doing)
- To be part of an effective team and to cooperate with others to get things done
- To learn how to lead others and to apply leadership skills
- To undertake and fulfill meaningful challenges,
- To work with youth and adults of all ages
- To serve others (the most noble and fulfilling pursuit of all)
- To give something back for the opportunities you have received
- To live in a wholesome environment based on the Scout Oath and Law
- To have meaningful spiritual experiences
- To have the advice, counsel, and support of a dedicated senior staff
- To be paid and receive food and lodging in return for something challenging and fun

Thus, why work at a fast food or retail establishment that focuses on sales when you can have opportunities like these that will prepare you for more meaningful endeavors?

CHIEFLY SPEAKING!

Well folks, it's been one fantastic year. We have accomplished many of the things that we have set out to accomplish, and I really enjoyed serving my lodge in doing so. I have grown as a person, and I credit that to taking on this leadership role on behalf of the lodge. With this year coming to a close, I ponder about our great memories. Memories such as: OAU, Conclave 2003, the Ordeals, Thursdays at summer



TODD HAYDON
2003 Kawida Lodge Chief

camp, and Fall Fellowship. These are such great memories.

My goal for next year is to make it an even better year than this one. I want to share more memories with more people. We have Conclave coming up this spring, and it is also a NOAC year. There are plenty of things to look forward to. I want everyone in the lodge to experience all that they can this next year. There is so much room for opportunity that there's hardly any time to sit down. If there's anything that you should do next year that you didn't do this year, is to embrace the spirit of the order. As stated by Allowat Sakima in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, "Who among you now is ready?"

Yours in Brotherhood,

First Vice Chief

Hello everyone. As I am sure that you know by now, the office of the First Vice Chief was vacated this summer by the unfortunate relocation of Shane Patterson and his family to Florida. The Lodge Chief asked me if I had an interest in filling this position after Shane officially moved to Florida, and I gladly accepted. I have had a great time being your First Vice Chief this summer, and fall.

With Kawida Lodge hosting the SR-6N Conclave this coming April, we will all need to help

in the preparations. The Conclave Committee Chairman, and the new First Vice Chief (both of these positions are being filled by the same person this coming spring) will need your help.

In closing, I just wanted every arrowman to know that it's been fun, and I thank everyone who has helped me out this year.

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.

2004 CONCLAVE SERVICE FLAP REQUIREMENTS

For the upcoming SR-6N Section Conclave, Kawida Lodge has produced a limited edition "Service Flap" that will be available to its members who satisfy certain eligibility requirements. The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) has approved and set forth these requirements.

The lodge will offer the service flap to those of its members that give service in specific ways before, during, and after the Conclave. Note*: every member of the lodge will be eligible to earn at least one of these service flaps just by attending and participating at the Conclave. Additional flaps may be earned according to the following guidelines, which were determined to let you know how many flaps that you can purchase:

- (Purchase 1st Flap) Attend the Conclave and participate
- (Purchase 2nd Flap) Attend and work at two (2) of the scheduled four (4) workdays
- (Purchase 3rd Flap) Actively serve on a committee's
- (Purchase 4th Flap) Stay to help clean up after the Conclave

After everyone gets what they are eligible for, members can purchase an additional flap on a single file format until there are fewer flaps remaining than members willing to purchase them. The remaining balance of flaps will then be sold on a raffle basis. Meaning that every member still wishing to purchase one of the remaining flaps, will have their name placed in a hat to be drawn out until all of the remaining flaps are sold.

“2004 Kawida Lodge Regular Membership Dues- \$10.00”

Or

“2004 KawidaKard Membership Dues- \$50.00”

Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#:(Home)_____ (Work)_____

E Mail Address: _____

Date of Ordeal: Month_____ Year_____

Date of Brotherhood Month_____ Year_____

Date of Vigil Honor: Month_____ Year_____

Chapter: _____

Troop and Position in Scouts: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Youth: _____ Adult: _____ Receive The Thunderbird By: Mail _____ or E-Mail _____

Send your dues soon as receiving the next issue of the *Thunderbird* depends on it! You can pick up your card at the next lodge event, or if you want your 2004 membership card mailed to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with this dues form and payment.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO..... **KAWIDA LODGE 480, B.S.A.**

SEND CHECKS TO..... **ROBERT PALMER 125 TAYLOR DRIVE, CYNTHIANA, KY 41031**

“Annual Awards Banquet (February 7th) Reservation Form”

Name(s): _____

Number Paying For: _____ X \$12.00 (Before Jan. 20th) = \$ _____

_____ X \$15.00 (After Jan. 20th) = \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **KAWIDA LODGE 480, B.S.A.**

SEND CHECK TO: **ROBERT PALMER, 125 TAYLOR DRIVE, CYNTHIANA, KY 41031**

Treks From The Trailblazers—Gikino Ballet Chapter News

Gikino Ballet Chapter has been quite busy this year, but who hasn't since the last edition of *The Thunderbird*. The "biggie" event was the Fall Fellowship with several youth from our chapter in attendance. Our chapter's officer elections were held, and the results are as follows: Anthony Kenney, Chapter Chief; Evan Hardeman, Vice-chief; Aaron DeBord, Vice-chief; Derrick Henry; Vice-Chief. Congratulations to these gentlemen.

For the November 15th workday, it was quite evident that we needed more youth from our chapter in attendance. After all, Camp McKee is in our own district, our own backyard, and not that far to travel to. Guys, where were you?

Other upcoming events and activities:

- December 6 – workday / Ordeal
- December 20 – Our chapter is hosting a "Ceremonies Workshop" open to all Kawida Lodge members. This will be held at Camp

McKee from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in participating in ceremonies, or dancing, or just interested please feel free to attend. There will be food, and of course the infamous brownies.

We are now having our chapter meetings during the District Roundtable meetings. These are open to all O.A. Troop Representatives and members from the chapter. So, please come and find out what we're doing within our chapter at the January Roundtable. The meeting will be held in Morehead at 7:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Cheerfully serving you,

Anthony Kenney, Gikino Ballet Chapter Chief
Claudette Watts, Gikino Ballet Chapter Advisor



LAKOTA CHAPTER NEWS

Well, the 2003 OA year is coming to a close, and I feel that it has been a good year. The Order of Arrow has accomplished a lot this year, but we still have some things to be done before we can host a successful conclave at Camp McKee in Aril of 2004. What is the conclave you ask? It is a weekend event held the last full weekend of April in which arrowman from all across our section attend.

Events such as American Indian Events competition, Quest events competition, training, etc. are common at a conclave, not to mention just plain old good food and fellowship. But of these, most importantly is the fellowship of others that everyone can enjoy. You meet old friends and make new ones. Why, do you ask am I providing this explanation? It is to inform you that we have several workdays scheduled to make this event a

success, and we need your help.

By the time you receive this publication of *The Thunderbird*, one workday will have gone by as of November 15th. The other scheduled workdays are 12/6/03, 3/20/04, and 4/10/04. The workday for December 6th may actually be converted to an ordeal. The ordeal candidates that did not go through the previous ordeal dates have one more opportunity to do this. However, you must notify myself, Bryan, Todd, or Debbie Haydon at (502-696-9442) if you plan to attend in ad-



vice of this day.

If we do not anticipate enough candidates attending for the or-

deal, then this day will revert back to a workday. Either way, there will be an Order of Arrow event that day. Also, if you have not paid your dues for the 2003 year, please do so. If you know a fellow arrowman who is no longer active in OA, now is the time to ask this individual to return and join us. We need everyone to help with the conclave's preparation, and who knows, that individual may even have some fun doing so.

The conclave dates are April 23-25, 2004. I have enjoyed being your chapter chief for 2003. Come and join us on the workdays. The Lakota Blues keep on going.

Yours in WWW,

Bryan Haydon
Lakota Chapter Chief

2004 NOAC TO BE HELD AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

July 31st through August 5th will be a great time to be in Ames, Iowa. That is when the biennial event known as the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will take place. The Conference will be filled with shows, training, interactive displays, and patch trading, as well as meeting National Officers/Advisers, enjoying great food, and living on a major university's campus for a week.

There is a limited number of youth and adults that can attend NOAC from each Lodge across the nation. In addition to set lodge quotas, the National OA Committee has also determined youth/adult ratios for lodge participants. Meaning, that for every adult who attends NOAC, there must also be at least two youth members who attend. Thus, if you are an adult who wishes to attend next year's NOAC, you had better talk it up with the youth arrowman to ensure your space reservation.

As soon as there is more information from the National OA office regarding price and quotas per lodge, the information will be made available to lodge members. Make plans now to attend, as you don't want to miss this opportunity. I guarantee that you will have the time of your life.

Yours in WWW,
Harold Phillips
Kawida Lodge Adviser

The Second Vice Chief Speaks

Hello Kawida Lodge Members,

Just because the year is coming to an end doesn't mean that there aren't still plenty of things to do. I'd like to encourage all of you that are interested in participating with ceremonies or doing Indian dancing and drumming to attend the ceremonies workshop.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, December 20th from 11am to 3 pm at Camp McKee. You will get a chance to listen to the current lodge ceremony people speak, and even get a chance to hear and possibly watch some of the lodge's Indian dancers.

All of those who are interested in attending please let me know by e-mail at ccodytodd@yahoo.com. Thanks for the great year we've had, and lets bring it to a good close. I also hope to see many of you next year, as I will once again be serving as your Second Vice Chief of Kawida Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cody Todd
Second Vice Chief



2003—2004

KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

December, 2003

- **6th** Workday, McKee

2004 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

- **January**
17 Camp Promotion/Unit Election Training (Scout Office, Lex.)
- **February**
7 Annual Awards Banquet
- **March**
20 Workday (McKee)
- **April**
10 Workday (McKee)
- **23-25** SR-6N Section Conclave (McKee)
- **June**
11-13 1st Ordeal (McKee)
- **July 31-Aug. 5** NOAC (Iowa State University)
- **August**
13-15 2nd Ordeal (McKee)
- **September**
10-12 3rd Ordeal (McKee)
- **October**
15-16 Fall Fellowship (McKee)



2004 SR-6N CONCLAVE PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY

Under the direction of Todd Watts (Chairman, Conclave Service Lodge), Kawida Lodge is already taking strides to put on a fabulous section conclave at Camp McKee next April. All Arrowmen, youth and adult, should make plans now to attend this event. There will be a great deal of opportunities to participate in many conclave activities from training, to Native American events, to Quest games, to shows, to great fellowship, and fun with Arrowmen from all over the section.

Since Kawida Lodge is the host lodge for this event, there is much preparation to do. We've already formed committees, and have had some interest in filling them. Do not let this event go by without getting involved in some way. A lot of the fun and reward will come from being part of a team of Arrowmen serving to pull this event together. Take a look at the following committees and decide to which you can and would like to contribute. Most committees will be meeting during planned lodge events like the workdays scheduled in December, March and April. As a youth led organization, it is very important that the lodge has some youth members that will step up and assist in this important endeavor. The following conclave committees have been formed, and are in need of being completely filled:

Logistics/Service Corps – This workhorse committee is responsible for camp facilities, setting up for events (i.e. training, shows, American Indian Events, Quest, etc...), setting up and maintaining campsites/buildings, meeting the needs of section conclave committees, and running the camp Quartermaster.

Parking and Security – This committee is responsible for seeing to it that 600 participants get parked on Friday night, their gear gets to the campsites, that the vehicles get out of campsites, and that a security presence is maintained throughout weekend.

Foodservice – This committee is responsible for providing all meals to participants.

Trading Post/Concessions – This committee operates the lodge trading post and concession stands.

Hospitality – This committee operates hospitality and information booths to help participants feel welcomed at Camp McKee.

Registration/Finance – This committee is responsible for registering all participants, printing name badges, checking in everyone on Friday night, maintaining control of budget and payments, tracking registration fees, all section trading post pre-orders, and balancing the budget after the event is over.

As you can see, this is going to be a BIG event, but we will have a great deal of fun as we serve cheerfully together. None of the committees are full to date, so we still need you. Even if you serve on a committee, you will still be able to participate in the conclave events. To sign up, come to the December Ordeal, or contact Todd Watts at awatts@mis.net (adults contact James Smith at JamesD.Smith@mail.state.ky.us)

TRIBAL REVIVAL – FALL FELLOWSHIP 2003

This year's Fall Fellowship is now behind us. I feel that it was a successful event, and that the 'Tribal Revival' theme made it an even more enjoyable event. Of those members who were in attendance, the overall mood appeared to be a cheerful one. Our guests from Pellissippi Lodge were present to provide a wonderful display of Native American dancing, drumming, and singing. The wonderful evening meal was followed by our annual officer elections for the upcoming year. The elected officers were: Todd Haydon, Lodge Chief; Todd Watts, 1st Vice Chief; Cody Todd, 2nd Vice Chief; Bryan Haydon, Recording Secretary; William Treadway, Quartermaster. The office of Corresponding Secretary was not filled, and is currently still vacant. If you have an interest in the Corresponding Secretary's position, or if you know of someone who is interested, please contact Todd Haydon. I would like to offer my congratulations to these newly elected officers, and wish them success in with their new responsibilities. Several chapter meetings were held following the elections. I hope everyone who attended the event really liked the themed Fall Fellowship, and maybe we could consider it again in the future.

Yours in WWW,

Todd Haydon Kawida Lodge Chief

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“2003 MASTER ROSTER”

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Banquet Information**
[http://members.aol.com/
kawidalodge480/](http://members.aol.com/kawidalodge480/)



Words of Wisdom from the Lodge Advisor

The 2003 calendar year is coming to an end, and there is just one more lodge event to take place. Please don't quit now! The December Workday event is very important for the betterment of camp for the 2004 SR-6N Section Conclave. Let's make the last event of the year the largest attended and most successful to date. Please pass the word to other Lodge members in your Troop and Chapter that their attendance is needed. If you know of any youth or adult members that need a ride to the event, please offer them one or help them find a ride with someone else.

As many of you know 2004 is going to be a busy year for the Lodge. All of you new Ordeal members can play a major part in the Lodge's regular events, hosting Conclave, attending NOAC, and help with the administration of the Lodge. Look at the Lodge calendar inside this newsletter, and try to attend as many events as you can.

I have and will be calling within in your troop to find out if your troop has an OA Representative. If not, please encourage a responsible OA youth member to accept this position. This can help spread any announcements that the Lodge has going out to the troops easier. There are forms to fill out, so please ask any officer or adviser to assist you.

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adult arrowman to help out in various officer and committee adviser positions. When asked, please think about it. Be sure that you can and will assume the responsibilities of the position. I ask the same of the youth members in their various positions. There are Conclave committees that still need many more youth and adult arrowman to help make them a success. Please read the Conclave article inside this newsletter to find out more. The Lodge has several committees that are designed to "spread the load" of the responsibilities of each of the Lodge officers. Remember, the more arrowmen working together, the smother and less work that there will be per person.

Youth members, please consider being your OA Troop Representative. Adult members, check

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