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First Ordeal On The Horizon Presents Great Opportunity

I hope by now that you all have marked your calendars for June 11-13, as this is Kawida's first Ordeal. This will be a great opportunity to get other service projects that usually are left untouched throughout the usual year because setting up tents has always consumed the majority of our time.

At press time, the definite project I am aware of is the construction of new platforms and outriggers—this is what I know to prepare for so far. All tents are set up and the tasks remaining for our tents are a few cots being placed in them.

As a reminder for any leaders having or knowing scouts going through the ordeal, they **MUST** have their medical form with them to go through the ordeal. We will also hold elangomat training for anyone wanting to serve as an elangomat.

Please come out June 11-13 and help us usher in the unofficial beginning of our summer by welcoming new members into the lodge as they will undergo their ordeal. Every ordeal is special, and to make one's ordeal memorable, we (returning lodge members) have a responsibility to our lodge, to ourselves, and these who will undertake their ordeal. We need to be there for our fellow Arrowmen and support them in taking a new leap into an opportunity of scouting.

I see this weekend as an opportunity for success and a great venue for fun—bear in mind we will not be working the entire time. I hope to see you all there and if you have any fur-

ther questions about the upcoming ordeal, please do not hesitate to contact a lodge officer or adviser. I'll see you there

!By: Todd Watts

CONCLAVE 2004: HARDCORE AND A HUGE SUCCESS

By: Todd Watts
Conclave Youth Chairman

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all of you who attended to the SR-6N Conclave. I have received nothing but compliments—ranging from punctuality to how well we accommodated folks, you—the members of Kawida Lodge owe yourselves a “job well done.” Weather wise, it got a little muddy as Friday night activities got under way, but we were treated to a gorgeous weekend and it was just an awesome time for our Arrowmen to meet members from other lodges (and I daresay we had some heavy patch trading happenin’ on the porch of the new Dining Hall). I would personally like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of those Arrowmen that served on a committee. You guys and gals made the events happen—and the Section was pleased as well. I think it would be safe to say that Kawida's prominent reputation was upheld.

With all of these things aside, I would like to point out one thing I haven't mentioned yet—FUN! We had a total blast at Conclave and all of you who attended supported your lodge to the fullest extent and got to witness firsthand the meaning of The Or-

der and what OA is all about.

Even though Kawida is not due up to be the service lodge for nearly another decade, we should be proud of our lodge and what it has accomplished. Conclave was a huge success and we should use it as a springboard into this upcoming year. 2004 looks to be a successful year. I say this to pass the fire of cheerfulness and willingness that has been brought to life since Conclave. Let's make this a memorable and exciting year for Kawida Lodge. I say this, and I know it won't be for the last time either, “job well done and mission accomplished. You all have done an awesome job!”



Kawida Lodge members help direct cars to the registration area.

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More June Ordeal Info

This year's summer camp staff will have new and larger tents to live in. This means that larger platforms will need to be built at the first Ordeal to accommodate them. If you are a carpenter or a carpenter's helper, we need your experience and tools to get these new platforms built. Those arrowmen who were in the lodge when we made 50 to 100 platform halves on a workday, knows that it can be fun. There are outriggers in campsites that need repaired also. So, please come to the first Ordeal and help out with these projects, and others to get camp ready for summer camp.

Pictures say a thousand words (Conclave Pictures)



Kawida members cook food and serve snacks for hungry scouts.



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CHIEFLY SPEAKING!

Well, Conclave turned out to be a great success. I am really proud of all of my fellow lodge members for such an excellent job as the service lodge. The hard work put forth by the Lodge made the Conclave a memorable event. I would especially like to thank Todd Watts and James Smith for their above and beyond efforts to serve our lodge and section at the 2004 Conclave. Soon, we shall have our first ordeal of the year, and that means new members will enter the lodge.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming ordeal to welcome these new arrowmen. We are going at this year with full-force and I can see

many great events to come. If any of you are ready to seal your membership within the lodge by obtaining their brotherhood, plan on attending the Ordeals. I also encourage you each to participate in the Elangomat program to further experience the Ordeal by helping candidates obtain their membership. I will see you all at the first Ordeal.

In Service,
Todd Haydon



Words From The First Vice Chief

My Brothers,

I would first like to express my deepest and sincerest gratitude for everyone in the lodge that came to this year's Conclave. It is the efforts of devoted members of the Order of the Arrow like yourselves that make the OA what it is, what it symbolizes, and are excellent examples contributing to the good of the Order. I also would like to thank my youth committee chairmen for their hard work and commitment to service, and more importantly, all of the adult advisors (James Smith, Harold Kenney, Bud Tobin, and Scott Beckett), your work and service are greatly appreciated.

Now that Conclave has given us a boost of spirit for 2004, it is time for "**HARDCORE '04**" to officially get underway. Mark your calendars for June 11th -13th ...this is our first Ordeal. Please be mindful that all of the tents are already set up. This means that candidates and returning members

can now offer their skills at more than just setting up tents. It is a tremendous opportunity to get some new and different projects done that usually cannot be accomplished because the tents consume the majority (if not all) of our time. Come on out and let's have an awesome and **fun** Ordeal. There will be more than service projects done, as we are planning a time for games as well.

I am very excited and I'm looking forward to kicking off Kawida Lodge's Ordeals. I hope to see you all there. One other reminder...if you have any ideas or suggestions that I can do in my position to make lodge events more fun or interesting, please do not hesitate to contact me (or track me down at lodge events). Remember, it is **your** Lodge. I'm really excited about this upcoming year.

In WWW,
Todd Watts
First Vice Chief

The Spirit Within

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

First of all, I would like to congratulate everyone who helped to make this year's Conclave such a successful event. Secondly, the lodge's first Ordeal weekend is quickly approaching. The Ordeal will be held June 11th - 13th at Camp McKee. Those of you who went through

your Ordeal last August will be eligible for Brotherhood membership at this Ordeal. I hope to see and meet everyone at all of the upcoming lodge events.

Yours in WWW,

Evan Hardeman
Spirit of the Arrow Committee Chairman

Treks From The Trailblazers—Gikino Ballet Chapter News

From this adviser's standpoint, Conclave was a success! Of course my standpoint was usually behind the serving line in the dining hall. It was a pleasure meeting new people for the first time, and seeing familiar faces from previous events.

Don't forget our first Ordeal weekend is coming up June 10th – 13th. Please plan to attend for some fun, fellowship, and to do a little work! Encourage fellow arrowmen who have not been back for an Ordeal to come for the event. They will find the experience totally different than from when they went through as a candidate.

Also, brotherhood conversion will be offered during this weekend as well. If you know of an Ordeal member who is eligible, try and get them to come to McKee and seal their membership.

See you in June!

C. Watts, Adviser, Gikino Ballet Chapter

Hello fellow arrowmen! I hope you are doing well. I would like to thank those of you who provided your services to the parking and security committee during conclave. Your service to the Kawida lodge and my committee were sincerely appreciated. Many of you went above and beyond the call of duty. Also, I would like to give thanks to the many other people who volunteered their time with the other committees during the 2004 Conclave event.

Recently, our chapter performed a call out ceremony at Millersburg Military Institute in Millersburg during the Spring Midland Trail District Camporee. I was glad to be part of another successful brotherhood conversion and call out ceremony during the Camporee. Furthermore, I wish those persons converted and called out during the ceremonies a great future with the Order of the Arrow.

Coming in the very near future are Ordeal opportunities for those tapped out. I hope to see you there along with our fellow brothers in the lodge providing cheerful service to the Order of the Arrow.

See you there,

Anthony Kenney,

Gikino Ballet Chapter Chief

'The Beating Drum' News from the Man O'War

The Man-O-War Chapter recently conducted its officer elections, and now has a new Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary. Justin Cardiff (from Troop 208) is the new Chapter Chief, Rusty Patrick (from Troop 186) is the new Chapter Vice Chief, and Chris Kirkland (from Troop 100) is the new Chapter Secretary. All three of these arrowmen plan on working towards receiving the Quality Chapter Award, as well as attending as many lodge events as they possibly can this year.

Yours in WWW,
Ben Alexander, Adviser,
Man O' War Chapter

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.

Kawida Lodge Members Prepare For NOAC

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 sends 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.

The conference fee is \$285.00 for youth members (under 21 years of age), and \$335.00 for adult members (over 21 years of age). The fee includes five night's housing in the university's dormitories, 14 meals on campus, program and support materials, and recognition items during the six-day conference.

Transportation to and from the conference, have been arranged and will be supervised by the adult and youth leadership of Kawida Lodge. No private transportation, which is separate from the lodge contingent, will be permitted. The cost per person for the transportation to and from the conference is currently estimated to be \$115.00. The total number of participants will determine the final transportation costs. Every member of Kawida Lodge's NOAC contingent is also required to have current membership registration status in the B.S.A. and in Kawida Lodge, as well as a recently completed Class III Personal Health and Medical Record Form.

Kawida Lodge still has vacancies for this year's NOAC, and any member who desires to be a part of the 2004 NOAC contingent must immediately contact the Kawida Lodge Contingent Leader, Tim Brown at (859-881-9736) or (kawida480@aol.com).

2004-2005 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

"2004 Kawida Lodge Calendar"

April 10 th	Workday- McKee
April 23 rd – 25 th	Section Conclave- McKee
June 11 th – 13 th	1 st Ordeal- McKee
July 31 st – August 5 th	NOAC- Iowa St. Univ.
August 13 th – 15 th	2 nd Ordeal- McKee
September 10 th – 12 th	3 rd Ordeal- McKee
October 15 th – 16 th	Fall Fellowship McKee
December 18 th	Annual Awards Banquet- TBA

"2005 Kawida Lodge Calendar"

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



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Words of Wisdom from the Lodge Advisor

A word of **THANKS!** This goes to all of the Kawida Lodge members who helped with this year's Conclave. Going into planning for Conclave, Kawida knew it needed several members to step up and make Conclave a great success. First, Todd Watts and James Smith volunteered to be Youth Conclave Chairman and Advisor. They set out to select youth and adults to head up the different committees. As Conclave arrived, there were more Arrowmen needed on committees. As usual, when help was needed some Arrowmen did double and even triple duties. There were Arrowmen who were not on a committee that also stepped in and helped. Thanks also to those that got things donated or bought items needed for a **SUCCESSFUL** Conclave.

During the Quest games, I saw both some familiar faces and some faces that I had not seen before. All of these faces had several things in common. They were all smiling, laughing, and having a great time participating in the games. This is what Kawida is known for during the Quest games at Conclaves. Their great time also meant placing first in three of the events. I hope that the youth that had a great time at Conclave will come back to

Lodge events and help out. A great time can be had at Ordeals!

During and after Conclave there were praises to Kawida Lodge members by many individuals not only for a job well done, but also for being great hosts. I have received several emails from Arrowmen from other lodges telling me how they had a great time at Conclave, and also for what a great camp and facilities we have at McKee.

Kawida Lodge is a major part of maintaining and constructing buildings and areas at McKee. Most Arrowman have a great time doing these projects. Kawida's first Ordeal is coming up soon, and I hope that as a Kawida Lodge member that you will make an effort to attend. The large number of members attending and participating at the Ordeals will help new members to decide to attend lodge events after they become members.

If you are in a troop that has elected candidates, encourage them to attend one of the three ordeals this year. The lodge needs all of the elected candidates to attend an Or-

deal, and become lodge members this year. Also, if you know any member that is eligible to receive their Brotherhood, encourage them to seal their membership this year. If you know anyone actively registered in Scouts and wears a Kawida flap, but has not paid their 2004 dues, encourage them to do so. These things will help Kawida Lodge to attain Quality Lodge status for 2004, and thus reap many benefits for Kawida Lodge members.

Remember, being better members of the Order of the Arrow will also enable us to be better Scouts.

Yours in Service,

Harold Phillips
Kawida Lodge
Advisor

