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Summer in the Brotherhood

by Nick Oliver



Summer is almost here! We are very excited, and hope to see you this summer at the multiple service opportunities at Camp McKee. On May 18th-20th we will be having our Spring Ordeal. We would love to have your help with making more and more history with Kawida Lodge. I especially am looking forward to seeing and talking to all of you at Summer Camp this year, as I will be serving on camp staff. What's a better way to spend your summer than taking a big jump into Lake Vough? Nothing! We will be having our 2nd Ordeal at the end of the first week of summer camp and the 3rd Ordeal on August 17-19. If you're interested in being an

Elangomat, or just feel like helping out, please let me know at viceofservice@kawida.org. Also, we as Kawida Lodge are greatly looking forward to a group of us going to NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) at Michigan State University.

I greatly hope to see you this summer. Have a blessed and safe one, and remember to rock that Kawida SWAG!

Yours in Service,

Nick Oliver

Vice Chief of Service

Register for Spring Ordeal at
<http://kawida.org/spring-ordeal>

The Last Conclave as We Know It!

by Ben Brown

Kawida Lodge, as well as the other lodges in SR-6, had an amazing time at the 2012 SR-6 Conclave, which may very well have been the last Conclave as we know it! The Conclave was hosted by Lodge Talidandaganu' at Skymont Scout Reservation in Tennessee.

Everyone in the lodge had a great time at Conclave, whether they took classes, participated in the ceremony competition, participated in the Quest Games, or even did all three! Kawida did extremely well in the competitions, in-

cluding second place in the tug-of-war – only just coming short of beating Wa-Hi-Nasa. Kawida earned third place in Quest, as well as placing in Newsletters and Planbooks!

The greatness of Kawida Lodge didn't stop there. The 2012 Section Officers were elected, including Aaron Shepherd (Vice Chief) and Jerry McKenzie (Secretary). Great job to both of them and I wish them a great year in both the lodge level and the section level.

Overall, this was one of the greatest years for Kawida Lodge at the SR-6 Conclave. Even with this year being so great, I want to see it be even better next year. We are going to start preparing for next year's competitions and events now to make next year better than ever!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Benjamin Brown

Arrowman



From the Desk of the Secretary

by Nathan Vick

Fellow Arrowmen,

So far, we've been having a great year, both in Publications and otherwise. We did really well at Conclave, including First Place for Newsletter and Third Place for Planbook! That's going to be hard to improve on, but I think we can do it.

As you may already know, this past month we launched the new Kawida Where to Go Scouting Guide! I'm really excited about the potentials that we can do with the guide in website form. Check

Version 1.0 out now at <http://wtgs.kawida.org>, and make sure you come back later for the release of Version 1.1!

My main goal for this year as Secretary is to take Publications to the next level, and in doing so help take the lodge to the next level. I've been trying to do this by making the Publications as neat, organized, and information-packed as I can. So far, it's been going pretty well. However, for this Lodge's Publications to be the best they can be, I need your help. Kawida Lodge has sev-

eral committees, but each only has a few members. I challenge you to go to page 9 in this newsletter and read the list of committees. I challenge you to pick one that you would like to serve on, and email that committee chairman. Most of all, I challenge you to become active in our Lodge and to come to lodge events.

I hope to see you at a Lodge Event in the near future!

Yours in Service,

Nathan Vick

Lodge Secretary



Come to Spring Ordeal!!

by Barry Johnson

Hey guys, my name is Barry Johnson, and I am your Vice Chief of Brotherhood. For those of you that missed out on Spring Fellowship, it was great!!!! Not to mention Conclave at Camp Skymont, which was also great!!!

But anyway, Spring Ordeal is coming up on May 18-20, and it will be

lots of fun!!!! I hope to see each and every one of you guys there. We'll be having a Brotherhood Conversion and much more, so don't miss out!!!! Sign up today!!!!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Barry Johnson

Vice Chief of Brotherhood



**Have you paid
your 2012 dues
yet?**

**You can pay them
at Spring Ordeal.
They're just \$15.**

**Another great
reason to attend!**

**(Sign-up form
found on page 11)**

Chiefly Speaking

by Jake Redenbaugh

Brothers,

I'm glad to report to you that Kawida Lodge has experienced a very successful first quarter of the year, and is set to have an even more successful remainder of the year. From a snow dusted, soul finding gathering at Indian Winter to a phenomenal Spring Fellowship, from a party rocking Conclave at Camp Skymont to our first induction of Arrowmen of the year at Spring Ordeal...we've been busy. If you weren't able to make it out so far, NO NEED TO FEAR! We've got a whole year full of events that all Arrowmen are invited to! To see a full list of

everything we're doing, go to kawida.org, and look under the calendar section. As we start navigating our way towards summer camp, make sure your dues are paid! If yours are paid, check on a neighbor, and get their dues paid! Part of the new National Program (Journey to Excellence) challenges every Lodge to achieve positive growth every year, and while we are well on our way to achieving this goal, we need YOUR help in achieving and surpassing it.

Those who choose you need you, and we the Lodge Officers need YOU to serve on

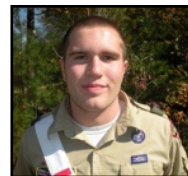
committees! From ceremonies to publications, and everything in-between, there is a committee that will suit your interests! If you'd be interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Lodge Secretary at secretary@kawida.org.

Make sure to come out to the rest of our events if you haven't made it already! We'll make sure to keep the Party Rocking until you get there!

In Service,

Jake Redenbaugh

Lodge Chief



NOAC Promotion

by Sunder Willett

Attention, Arrowmen: the experience of a lifetime is about to begin! In less than three months, NOAC 2012 will be at Michigan State University! WOO HOO! What's NOAC? What's NOAC?! Well, if you leave out the part where it's the greatest week of your life outside of Camp McKee, then NOAC's nothing special. However, if you leave that part in, then IT'S THE GREATEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE OF CAMP MCKEE! Excited yet? No?! Then here's some more info.

At NOAC you can, drumroll please: play badminton, play frisbee golf, play volleyball, play basketball, trade patches, try scuba diving, try

kayaking, participate in the awesome The Outdoor Adventure Place (where you can not only rock climb, rappel and traverse, but also try your hand with ice picks and other extreme activities), go mountain biking, trade patches, sing in a chorus, visit the informational and still cool OA museum, meet your national OA officers, watch the some of the greatest evening shows on earth (they're as good as the Jambo ones, guys), attend training sessions, learn how to do Native American dance, learn Native American crafts, and TRADE SOME MORE PATCHES BECAUSE THE LODGE WILL GIVE YOU A WHOLE BUNCH TO TRADE!

Whew. P.S. this isn't half the stuff you can do at NOAC; the whole would take too many pages. I know because I was at NOAC 2009. (For more info, go to event.oa-bsa.org.)

The dates are July 30-August 4, so contact your lodge officer to see if there's still room for you to go. If you can't go, NOAC will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow in 2015, so mark your calendars guys! Next Stop: NOAC 2012!

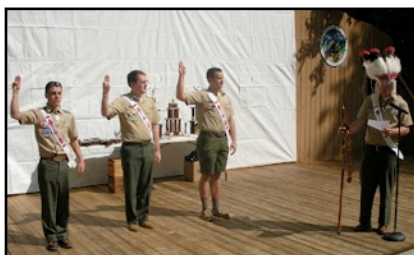
In Brotherhood,

Sunder Willett

Arrowman



Photo Gallery



Chapter Update

News from all the chapters in Kawida Lodge

Gikino Ballet

My Brothers in Service,

Gikino Ballet is going strong as ever. We have had many elections and crossovers and, as I write this, still more to do on the calendar.

The main thing I want to get across to Arrowmen, in my Chapter and outside, is that there are great opportunities coming up this year in the OA. As a Chapter we are going to have more events, so stay tuned on Facebook and here in the Thunderbird. Outside of the Chapter, attend Ordeals and Fall Fellowship. These events can help a young Arrowman see what the Order of the Arrow is about. A common misconception is that

only Conclave and Fellowships are fun events. This is not true. Any OA event can be fun if you make it that way. The Officers at events are going to do their best to make events fun, but the event can only be fun for you if you make it fun. Instead of attending an Ordeal by yourself, bring friends from your troop. This can help a lot. If you and your friends have fun (which I am sure you will), eventually it will be you all telling people and getting people to events.

In Service,

Alan Bast

Gikino Ballet Chapter Chief

Chapter Officers

Alan Bast, Chapter Chief

Chapter Adviser - **Cody Todd**

Lenne Lenape

So far, the Lenne Lenape chapter has had a good year. But it's not over yet! It's about that time for Ordeals and Summer Camp and we are as excited as ever to get new members coming into our chapter. We had our first chapter service project to help an elementary school host an event, and it was very successful for us. Our picnic is getting its final details planned right now and as soon as everything is set in

stone, we will contact you all to inform you. Our chapter adviser has also earned his Vigil Honor, so we are all very proud of you Dale. We would really like to see the rest of our chapter come out for some lodge activities like Fall Fellowship and maybe help out with some Ordeals this year.

Steven Cottle

Lenne Lenape Chapter Chief

Next Chapter Meeting

June 10th, Location TBA

Chapter Officers

Steven Cottle, Chapter Chief

Dakota Mitchell, Chapter VC

Chapter Adviser - **Dale Morton**

Chapter Update

(Continued)

Mischa Mokwa

Over the past couple months, members of the Mischa Mokwa Chapter have been working hard to revitalize our chapter. We have successfully contacted troops and carried out all requested elections. In addition to elections, we promoted the payment of dues, brotherhood conversion, and summer camp. We have turned in election results and will now focus on the challenge of contacting members who have not

paid their dues to get an estimate of the number still active. We are very close to reaching our goal of the Quality Chapter Award. We are also planning a chapter event that will be a great opportunity for fellowship among members. It has been a rewarding experience for all those involved in the effort!

Cameron Warren

Mischa Mokwa Chapter Chief

Chapter Officers

Cameron Warren, Chapter Chief
Chapter Advisers - **John David King & David Howard**

Tecumseh

Hey guys, it's Jonathan the Tecumseh Chapter Chief! Hope everyone is having a great year so far in the Order – I know I am! So, what's going on in our chapter? Well, we have had quite a few elections held and have added a lot of new Arrowmen who will be going through their Ordeal! We also had Conclave not too long ago and it was amazing! I had a great time there and I'm

hoping that everyone else who went had as a good time as I did. The Spring Ordeal will be held on May 18th-20th, and everyone should come to make sure our new candidates have a blast! I'm hoping to see as many people as I can there!

Jonathan Davenport

Tecumseh Chapter Chief

Chapter Meeting Time

Second Thursday of every month
7 PM, at Versailles Baptist Church

Chapter Officers

Jonathan Davenport, Ch. Chief
Michael Davenport, Chapter VC
Chapter Adviser - **Barby Newell**

Chapter Update

(Continued)

Tomahaken

It's safe to say that the Tomahaken Chapter has had a stronger presence in the Lodge recently compared to the past few years. At the last meeting, our attendance was up to 9, which was pretty good compared to the past two or three. On the chapter level we are trying our best to increase attendance by increasing interest. We have had more chapter events this year than all the other years I have been in the OA.

Having more Arrowmen coming into the OA this Spring Ordeal will boost our attendance even more, assuming that they successfully and cheerfully go through their ordeal. I am honestly giddy with joy for how crazy this is going to be in the near future.

On the troop level, we have offered transportation via troop van for our brothers in our troop. This has helped a majority of them

due to the fact they just simply couldn't get rides to the chapter meetings. If there was one thing I would recommend to those trying to increase chapter attendance, it would be to get with the OA representatives from each troop in your chapter and see if they can get their troop van together for transportation purposes. BE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL BSA GUIDELINES REGARDING TRANSPORTATION. That would be the only problem you would have with this idea, so be safe and follow all guidelines.

The Chapter Action Plan is going swell with the Tomahaken Chapter and we are excited to see what the future has to bring. If it's getting good this quick, I can't wait to see what's approaching us.

Mac Hall

Tomahaken Chapter Chief

Chapter Meeting Time

First Thursday of every month
7:00 PM, at the First Methodist
Church in Prestonburg

Chapter Officers

Mac Hall, Chapter Chief

Taylor Wells, Chapter Vice
Chief of Brotherhood

Sean Hillwig, Chapter Vice
Chief of Service

Manvir Baghrath, Chapter
Secretary

Chapter Adviser - **Tom Hill**

We-Ha-Li

If you live in the Lexington area or the Palisades District, please come to our chapter meetings – 6:30 PM, Immanuel Baptist Church, every second Thursday of the month. We also participate in many lodge events. If

you need any more information, find me on Facebook or email me at wehali.chief@kawida.org. Thanks!!!!

Go We-Ha-Li!!!!!!

Mitchell Redenbaugh

We-Ha-Li Chapter Chief

Chapter Meeting Time

Second Thursday of every month
7 PM, at Immanuel Baptist Church

Chapter Officers

Mitchell Redenbaugh, Chief

Jose Morales, VC of Ceremonies

Alex Lane, VC of Elections

Ben Brown, Secretary

Chapter Adviser - **Marvin DeBell**

What chapter are you in?

Don't know what chapter you are in?

Use the list below to find out!

Elkhorn District – **Tecumseh** Chapter (p. 6)

Counties Served: Anderson, Franklin, Harrison, Scott, & Woodford

Lake Cumberland District – **Lenne Lenape** Chapter (p. 5)

Counties Served: Casey, Clinton, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, & Wayne

Lonesome Pine District – **Tomahaken** Chapter (p. 7)

Counties Served: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, & Wolfe

Mountain Laurel District – **Mischa Mokwa** Chapter (p. 6)

Counties Served: Bell, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Whitley, Jackson, Clay, & Leslie

Palisades District – **We-Ha-Li** Chapter (p. 7)

Counties Served: Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, & Fayette

Shawnee District – **Gikino Ballet** Chapter (p. 5)

Counties Served – Bath, Bourbon, Bracken, Clark, Estill, Elliot, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Meniffee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Powell, Robertson, & Rowan

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Join a Committee!

Would you like to help out in a particular area of the lodge? Join a committee! Follow the instructions below to join the fun!

If you know which committee you would like to be on, email that committee chairman.

If you do not know which committee you would like to be on, email committees@kawida.org and we will help you find which area you would like to serve in.

Thanks a lot!

Your 2012 Kawida Lodge Officers

Committee Feature: Publications



A look at one of the Lodge Committees

The Publications Committee is the team that brings you lodge publications such as this newsletter! It is also in charge of the Lodge Planbook and Where to Go Scouting Guide (<http://wtgs.kawida.org>), and even helps out with the Lodge Website (<http://kawida.org>)! Two less-well-known responsibilities of this committee are taking minutes at lodge meetings and helping out with registration. Whether you are interested in reporting, layout, or just want to help get the word out about the awesome things the Lodge does, join the Publications Committee! Just send an email to the email address listed, and we'll get back with you. Thanks!

At-A-Glance Specs

Chairman: Nathan Vick

Adviser: Claudette Watts

Email: publications@kawida.org

Responsibilities: In charge of Lodge Newsletter, Lodge Planbook, and the Where to Go Scouting Guide. Also helps with the Lodge Website, photography at lodge events, and The Guide (the lodge rulebook).

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Lodge Adviser's Minute

by Doug Vick

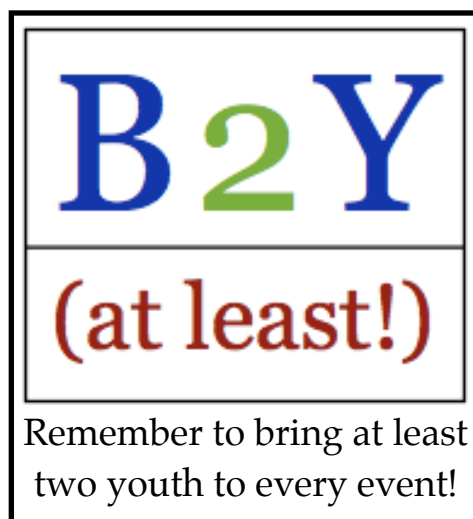


Greetings Arrowmen!

Kawida Lodge continues a successful and exciting 60th Anniversary year. Spring Fellowship was well attended and enjoyed by all. Not only did eight Brothers keep their Vigil, but we also had events such as the Race for the Arrow, shotgun shooting, and archery! At the Section SR-6 Conclave, Kawida took 3rd place overall in Quest For The Golden Arrow, thanks to 1st Place for Newsletter and several other wins in publications and games! Congratulations to Aaron Shepherd for being elected Section Vice-Chief for 2012!

Currently, plans are underway for service at the Spring Ordeal and the first Summer Ordeal. I encourage all Arrowmen to come out to at least one of

these events. All adults, remember to Bring 2 Youth (at least!). So far this year, we've had record numbers of Arrowmen at Kawida events. Increased attendance allows increased quality service to our camp and council.



We have had a terrific year so far, and we are looking forward to even more! Each Chapter has made significant strides in organization and function – we can't wait to see where they will go next! As some of you know al-

ready, the old Quality Lodge program is being replaced with a new program called Journey To Excellence, which has levels of Bronze, Silver, and Gold. This year, Kawida officers are shooting for at least the Bronze level (the equivalent of Quality Lodge), and possibly the Silver or Gold level! With your cheerful service, you can help make this a reality. Pay your dues and get your fellow Arrowmen to pay their dues. Be active in your Chapter and Lodge. Buy a Showerhouse flap. Be proud of who you are, whom you serve, and what you represent!

Yours in Service,

Doug Vick

Lodge Adviser

Is your troop coming to summer camp? No? Well then, we have good news for you!

There are still openings for summer camp at Camp McKee! If your troop isn't coming, you can still register as a provisional Scout.

We'll see you there!!

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For updates and other events, visit www.kawida.org/calendar

Spring Ordeal.....May 18-20, 2012

First Summer Ordeal.....June 22-23, 2012

National OA Conference (NOAC).....July 29-August 4, 2012

Second Summer Ordeal.....August 17-19, 2012

Fall Ordeal.....September 7-9, 2012

Fall Fellowship.....October 5-7, 2012

Lodge Leadership Development.....November, 2012

Winter Banquet.....December 1, 2012

2012 CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS