# THE THUNDERBIRD!

Kawida Lodge #480– Blue Grass Council #204, BSA

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Chiefly Speaking...

By Nathan Vick

Honor: Vigil Honor

Chapter: Tecumseh

Email: chief@kawida.org

#### Brothers!

Welcome to the next chapter in Kawida history! We've got an incredible ble year with incredible potential ahead of us. But the best part is... you can be a key part of making 2014 outstanding!

First, think back to when you became an Arrowman. Why did you choose to participate in the Ordeal? Now think about today. Why do you continue to be active in Scouting and the OA? With those in mind, let's talk opportunities!

2014 is special. Why? For the first time in 10 years, the SR-6 Conclave will be right here at Camp McKee! Chances are, you've heard about it: how over 500 Arrowmen from lodges spanning 8 states will be attending, how much we get to help out, and most importantly how fun it will be! As an Arrowman, you get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of the excitement!

We all know other Scouts who are OA-eligible and would like to help with Conclave. But they can't help out because the first Ordeal is after Conclave, right? Right??

Guess what?! This year, we're adding a "Conclave Ordeal"! That means that those Scouts can become Arrowmen in time to participate in Conclave. The energy behind this Ordeal is incredible! You want to come! Show your commitment to brother-hood, cheerfulness, and service – and have an awesome time, too!

2014 will be an amazing year for Kawida Lodge. Are you ready? Yes?! Then let's go FULL SPEED AHEAD!!

Nathan Vick

Lodge Chief



From the Desk of the Secretary By Colin Stapleton

Honor: Brotherhood *Chapter:* We-Ha-Li

Email: secretary@kawida.org

#### Brothers.

First of all, welcome to 2014! This promises to be an amazing year for Kawida Lodge.

Second; about the Thunderbird. This edition of the Thunderbird is intended to introduce your new Lodge Officers, Chapter Chiefs, and Committee Chairmen. Next to each article title ist or artist, we want your Boy Scout- themed works in the is a brief bio of that officer.

Also, with a new year comes a new look! (For the Thunderbird, that is.) It now matches our 2014 Lodge Standard. We will continue with the newspaper, as that appears to be working well. Feel free to send me an email with any questions or

comments you have about the Thunderbird! Your opinions are valuable!

Fourth and finally; the Thunderbird has a new look, but it is still missing something: YOUR artwork! If you are a cartoon-Thunderbird. If you want to have your artwork in the Thunderbird, send a picture of it to secretary@kawida.org and I will let you know if it will be published.

Colin Stapleton

Secretary

#### OA Awards, etc.

• OA Unit of Excellence Award

OA Innovation Award

• OA Provisional Troop for summer camp

www.oa-bsa.org/resources/forms/unitexcellenceaward-2013.pdf www.oa-bsa.org/resources/forms/innovationaward-2013a.pdf www.oa-bsa.org/programs/getkidstocamp/



From the Vice Chief of Service By Sean Hillwig

Honor: Brotherhood Chapter: Tomahaken

Email: viceofservice@kawida.org

Hello,

I am Sean Hillwig, your 2014 Vice Chief of Service. In hopes to increase service this year, I ask that your chapter holds four service projects this year. If you plan them out ahead of time and have a committee for each project, the actual work is not hard at all. Next, we are planning to hold workdays and an early Conclave ordeal to

help prepare for Conclave. Our lodge could show we have the best camp in the section, but first we need to put in the work. So, in order to do that you and your friends must come to the workdays and Conclave Ordeal.

Sean Hillwig

Vice Chief of Service



From the Vice Chief of Brotherhood

By Nolan Buland

Honor: Brotherhood

Chapter: We-Ha-Li

Email: viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org

Hey everybody,

Your new Vice Chief Of Brotherhood here. It's a new year, so you know what that means: it's time to start getting ready for the ordeals and elections. My goals for this year are simple yet important; to have bigger and better ceremonies, to have a high Brotherhood conversion rate, to promote summer camp, and to have well-run unit elections. In the past, Kawida Lodge has had great ceremonies. This year is going to be even better, but we need your help!

If you are an Arrowman who is interested in being in ceremonies, please contact me at viceofbrother-hood@kawida.org.

This is also a time of year for troops to start thinking about OA unit elections. I want to encourage you all to contact your chapter chiefs to arrange your elections. All elections should be conducted before April 4. I'm really looking forward to a great year in our Lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,

#### Nolan Buland

Vice Chief of Brotherhood

#### Skilled In A Craft?

Plumbers, HVAC, Contractors, Electricians, Cooks, Website, Computers ......

**We Need You!!** Many areas of Camp McKee are in need of service/repair. At your convenience, or on the service days listed in this newsletter, please volunteer your time/expertise to helping Kawida prepare for Conclave 2014.

Contact Ranger Ken Green at 859-274-6045 or <a href="mailto:ranger@campmckee.org">ranger@campmckee.org</a>.

Check out <a href="http://campmckee.org/resources/worklist.pdf">http://campmckee.org/resources/worklist.pdf</a>.



Treasurer's Vault By Ben Gilbert

Honor: Brotherhood

Chapter: Mischa Mokwa

Email: treasurer@kawida.org

As the Treasurer of Kawida Lodge, I'm very excited for this year in the lodge. I can't wait to participate and serve in all the fantastic events that we have scheduled. Our most recent event, Indian Winter, provided the opportunity to train and work with our OA brothers. With Conclave coming up, we will all be busy.

tion support committee for the 2014 Conclave that Camp McKee is hosting in the spring. I will execute my job well and help strengthen the lodge in the process. Everyone I meet will see in me what so many others already know: Kawida Lodge is to be admired for its service to all.

My goal is to complete the tasks of being your Treasurer to the *best* of my ability. To do this, I will responsible in all of my duties, I will faithfully observe and preserve the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow, and I will serve my brothers in any capacity. There is no higher calling than service to others. I am also the chairman of the sanita-

I would like to thank all my brothers in the Lodge for their support, and I want to give back and reflect what has been given to me. I look forward to many more opportunities where I can be of service not only to my troop or Lodge, but also in the community in which I live.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ben Gilbert

Treasurer

#### **DUES:**

Contact your SM or crew adviser for a recent mailing -- pay your dues as a troop/crew. Or, fill out the included form and send it to the council office with your dues payment: 3445 Richmond Rd., Lexington, KY 40509



Ceremonies Committee
By Mitchell Redenbaugh

Honor: Brotherhood Chapter: We-Ha-Li

Email: ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org

As we start this exciting year for Kawida Lodge, I would like to say how great the Kawida Ceremonies are going to be this year! We will be going almost completely off script!!! Because of this, we will have impressive memorized ceremonies, with new regalia to match! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org or message me on Facebook. All new ceremonialists are welcome!

#### Mitchell Redenbaugh,

Ceremonies Chairman



Drum Team

By Sebastian Torres

Honor: Brotherhood

Chapter: We-Ha-Li

Email: drumteam.chairman@kawida.org

Kawida Thunder is name of the Drum Team, the newest team in Kawida. We are already gathering around the drum and singing along to the songs of Southern tribes. We are currently preparing for performance at Conclave. The Drum Team is back up and running, and is growing fast, so come and join our circle! If you are interested in joining, email drumteam.chairman@kawida.org.

#### Sebastian Torres

Drum Team Chairman

#### **OAHA**

#### OA High Adventure

www.adventure.oa-bsa.org

Who: 16 to 20 year olds

Where: New Mexico; Canada; Florida; West Virginia

How much: Most are  $\leq$  \$250 How long: Up to 2 weeks!!

This Could be YOU!!!

#### We-Ha-Li Chapter Update

By Jacob Roberts

Honor: Brotherhood

Email: wehali.chief@kawida.org

Hello, my brothers.

I am the new We-Ha-Li chief, Jacob Roberts, and I currently serve as the ASPL for Troop 282. I am honored that my fellow chapter members have voted me to be their chief and I will help them to be the best chapter in Kawida.

My goals this year are to get more members from my chapter to be active at lodge events, to have more brotherhood members from our chapter, and to begin a ceremonies team for our chapter to use for callout ceremonies, crossovers for Webelos, and for anything else the Lodge would like. First, to get more members active at lodge events, I will send an email blast out two weeks before every lodge event to get more members to come. Second, to have more brotherhood members I will see who is eligible for Brotherhood and help them to become full members of our lodge. Lastly, to start a ceremonies team I will send an email blast out and see who is interested in joining and hold practices at our Chapter meetings, which are held at 7pm on the THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH at Tates' Creek Presbyterian Church.

Yours in WWW,

Jacob Roberts

We-Ha-Li Chief

Gikino Ballet Chapter Update

By Jacob Elam

Honor: Ordeal

Email: gikinoballet.chief@kawida.org

I am really excited to be Gikino Ballet's new Chapter Chief. My vision for this year is to have more people involved in in the chapter and to have better elections to get more people in to the O.A. I think that the more people in the O.A the better. Our chapter has grown small, but I hope to build it back up with your help.

I also want to get increase activity among current members, and to be more involved in the O.A. myself. I hope that I can revive this chapter. If you are ready to schedule elections for your unit contact me at gikinoballet.chief@kawida.org

Jacob Elam

Gikino Ballet Chief

Yours in Service,

# Make sure to pay your 2014 DUES

using the form on the back of this page!

Pull out this center sheet for the 2014 dues form

and Registration sheets for Spring Fellowship

and Spring Ordeal!



#### 2014 Membership Update and Dues

#### Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow



Blue Grass Council BSA, 3445 Richmond Road - Lexington, KY 40509 Phone: 859-231-7811

#### www.kawida.org

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#### Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow Blue Grass Council, BSA



Conclave Ordeal & Brotherhood Conversion McKee Scout Reservation April 4-5, 2014

Are you an OA-eligible Scout who wants to help out with Conclave? The Conclave Ordeal is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become an Arrowman before this incredible event! Registration will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday night, and the event will end on Saturday at 8:00 PM. Meals include cracker barrels Friday and Saturday, breakfast, lunch, and supper on Saturday. A Call-Out Ceremony will be held Friday evening for those not yet recognized, and a Brotherhood ceremony will be held Saturday afternoon for those whose Ordeal was more than 10 months ago. Walk-ins are discouraged. Please register to the council office by Wednesday, April 2 (this helps us make sure there is enough food).

Check our website, www.kawida.org, for more information.

If you have any questions please contact Doug Vick at 859-806-6999 or adviser@kawida.org.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM & COPY OF INSURANCE CARD

Make check payable to: Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow

RETURN PAYMENT AND FORM TO: Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America, 3445 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40509 Fax: 859-252-3785





#### Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow Blue Grass Council, BSA



Spring Fellowship/Vigil Registration Form March 21-23, 2014 McKee Scout Reservation Stamler Dining Hall

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Vigil Candidates will be contacted individually for arrival times. All members should plan to attend a weekend of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and SERVICE. There will be no Friday meal, but a cracker barrel will be available late in the evening. On Saturday morning the Vigil Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Anyone may attend the Vigil Breakfast. It is highly desirable if we know you are attending so we can plan to have the proper amount of food. Lunch, supper, and a cracker barrel will also be served on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday morning. The event will conclude at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. All the water will not be on at camp and no wall tents will have been set up, so plan accordingly. We are scheduled to be operating out of Stamler Hall. **Walk-Ins are discouraged**. Please register by March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website, <a href="https://www.kawida.org">www.kawida.org</a> for program information.

If you have any questions please contact Doug Vick at 859-806-6999 or adviser@kawida.org

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Mischa Mokwa Chapter Update

By TJ Melton

Honor: Brotherhood

Email: mischamokwa.chief@kawida.org

The Mischa Mokwa chapter has had a good year so far. We have continued our attempts to fulfill our goal to be a more active as a chapter. We have held several chapter activities, including a hike and several meetings, and our current chapter members have been promoting the Order to their troop members throughout the year.

We have also recently held chapter elections, in which I was elected Chapter Chief, Parker Fredrick was elected our Vice Chief of Ceremonies, and Cameron McHargue was elected Treasurer and acting secretary. We have met to discuss the

future of our chapter and our goals for the coming year. We

have all agreed to make our chapter a leading chapter in our lodge, and to strive to provide whatever the lodge needs of us.

We are currently planning more chapter events, hikes, campouts, and the like, and we hope that we get a large turnout for them. If you are a member of the Mischa Mokwa chapter and wish to become involved in revitalizing our chapter, talk to your troop's Order of the Arrow Representative and have them contact me.

#### 7j Melton

Mischa Mokwa Chief

How Do Kawida Arrowmen Keep Up To Date?



#### Here's how!

- Facebook: Kawida Lodge #480 Order of the Arrow
- Internet: <u>www.kawida.org</u>
- Twitter: @kawida480
- Newsletter: Thunderbird
- Council: <u>www.theresapatchforthat.com</u>
- <a href="http://goscouting.kawida.org">http://goscouting.kawida.org</a> (previously known as the Where To Camping Guide)
- email: make sure that the lodge has your correct email address -- send it to secretary@kawida.org

#### Lenni Lenape Chapter Update

By Chance Bullock Email: lennilenape.chief@kawida.org

Hello Everyone,

First off, I would like to begin by saying that I am honored to be serving as the chief of the Lenni Lenape chapter. My goal for the time I am in this position is to get as much attendance at events and meetings as possible. I plan to do this by getting as many new members as I can to not only ordeals but to conclave as well and to get as many of our other members, whether they be recent or older members, involved. As of right now, we have a couple of events tentatively sched-

uled for the year and from what I've heard from members so far it looks like we are going to begin to have a better turnout this year than we have in a long time.

Yours in WWW,

#### Chance Bullock

Lenni Lenape Chief

## **Trail Crew!!** Interested in being a part of restoring the Pioneer Mountain Trail? Check out Spring Ordeal ....

Tecumseh Chapter Update

By Eric Lawson

Honor: Brotherhood

Honor: Brotherhood

Email: tecumseh.chief@kawida.org

Brothers,

As this New Year begins, I would like to say thank you to the people who have been helping me in my new position as the Tecumseh chapter chief. I look forward to all the upcoming Kawida Lodge events. As the new chapter chief, my main concerns this year will be to increase attendance at Lodge events, as well as try to create more events for members to enjoy.

I'm excited to be working with a great group of people, and I am confident they will help me achieve my goals for this

year. At most of the OA events I attend, there is always room for more people, so attendance will be one of my main concerns during my first year as the Tecumseh chapter chief. I also believe that newer activities will help OA members enjoy being in this organization as well as attract more new members into the Order.

#### Eric Lawson

Tecumseh Chief

#### Conclave Ordeal

By Nolan Buland

This year Kawida Lodge has the privilege of being the service lodge for the SR-6Conclave!

That's why Kawida Lodge will be having a fifth Ordeal this year. An ordeal that happens once every nine years, THE CONCLAVE ORDEAL!

For those of you who don't know, Conclave is a yearly event,

run by the section for the lodges in its area. Conclave is a time for fellowship, learning, and especially fun! It is also a

time when lodges compete in events such as drumming, cer-

emonies, dancing, quest games, and many other fun activi-

ties. There are nine lodges in our Section, which means that a

lodge will host a Conclave once every nine years.

Mark your calendars for April 4-5, 2014. This is an amazing opportunity for anyone looking to make the most of their time in the OA! Generally, your lodge will service only one Conclave while you are a youth. That means you only have one chance at attending a Conclave Ordeal as a youth.

I really encourage every Arrowman and OA candidate in our Lodge to attend this amazing once-in-a-youth-Scouting-

career opportunity!

The last Conclave serviced by Kawida Lodge was in 2004 at

Cmp McKee. There is a lot of work involved in servicing a

Conclave; we'll need the help of all Arrowmen.

#### Nolan Buland

Vice Chief of Brotherhood

#### **CONCLAVE 2014**

Mark your Calendars: March 8 -- Camp McKee Service Day

April 4-5 -- Conclave Ordeal

April 25-27 -- Conclave at Camp McKee!!

May 9-11 -- Spring Ordeal & Sporting Clays

#### Lodge Adviser's Minute

Your 2014 Kawida Leaders have a Dream -- a Dream that challenges the status quo -- a Dream that promises fun, service, & brotherhood in a way that leaves you feeling better about the world -- a Dream that sees quality Scouting reaching throughout eastern & central Kentucky! Are you an Arrowman who likes to be involved? who likes to make a difference? who likes to push your skills to the limits? Take 3 minutes and read their Annual Plan on pages 36-39 of the *Planbook* at www.kawida.org/resources/planbook.

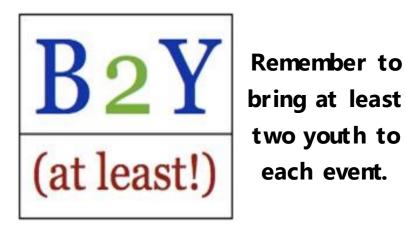
Be On Board! In less than 3 months, McKee will be full of Arrowmen from the other eight SR-6 lodges, and we want our camp to look top-notch! Are you an Arrowman who can make a difference at McKee this winter/spring? At campmckee.org/resources/worklist.pdf, you will still find several items that could use your attention: some are small, simple things that just need someone to do them; others are more complex and require particular skills. Maybe you don't live nearby or can't get over to McKee -- how about making a donation to get one or more of these projects completed? Either way, contact ranger Ken Green at 859-274-6045 and he will coordinate all activity and donations.

Conclave -- getting excited?? You need not wait for the formal service days to make a difference at camp, but just in case you're wondering, March 8 is the first "clean-up & repair camp" day and April 4-5 has been turned into a *full ordeal* in order to give newly elected candidates an opportunity to attend April's Conclave at McKee! There will be something for eve-<u>rvbody</u> to do -- plan to be there for the service & the fun! Then, two weeks after Conclave is the Spring Ordeal with Sporting Clays and plans for some awesome service to our Pioneer Mountain Trail.

Chapters have their work cut out for them to collect dues and have unit elections/camp promos done by the Conclave Ordeal, so if you can help by being part of an election team, please contact your Chapter Chief and volunteer! Contact info is at kawida.org.

Full Speed Ahead in 2014!!!!!





Remember to

### Conclave is coming to Camp McKee April 25-27

Register now at **Kawida.org** so *you* can be a part of this amazing experience!!!

#### Your 2014 Lodge Officers and Advisers

Lodge Chief: Nathan Vick Doug Vick

Vice Chief of Service: Sean Hillwig

Larry Lowe

Vice Chief of Brotherhood: Nolan Buland Todd Haydon

Lodge Secretary: Colin Stapleton JD Carruthers

Lodge Treasurer: Ben Gilbert Robert Palmer

Lodge Quartermaster: Deven Gonzalez Anthony Kenney

Chapter Chiefs and Advisers

Gikino Ballet: Jacob Elam Greg Watkins

Lenni Lenape: Chance Bullock Dale Morton

Mischa Mokwa: Tj Melton

John David King and David Howard

Tecumseh: Eric Lawson Barby Newell

Tomahaken: Cameron Wright Jearl Stiltner

We-Ha-Li: Jacob Roberts

Marvin DeBell

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### 2014 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

Camp McKee Workday	March 8
Spring Fellowship	
Conclave Ordeal	
Conclave	April 25-27
Spring Ordeal	May 9-11
Summer Camp Ordeal	June 27-28
Third Ordeal	August 8-10
Fall Ordeal	September 5-7
Fall Fellowship	October 3-5
Lodge Leadership Development	November 8
Winter Banquet	December 6

For Updates and Other Events, Visit <a href="www.kawida.org/calendar">www.kawida.org/calendar</a>