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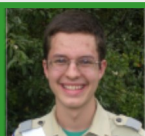
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### *Chiefly Speaking...*

*By Nathan Vick*

Brothers,

We're on a run for the ages! With a Camp Service Day, Spring Fellowship, the Pre-Conclave Ordeal, and then Conclave itself, we've accomplished a huge amount and had tons of fun. But we aren't done yet!

The Camp Service Day went off without a hitch, and got McKee ready for tent set-up. At the Pre-Conclave Ordeal, we actually got the tents set up so that Arrowmen could stay in them at Conclave!

A little background on the Pre-Conclave Ordeal: at Indian Winter, we voted to have it so that candidates could become Arrowmen in time to help with Conclave. Less than four months later, our terrific team of lodge lead-

ers presented a successful Ordeal –outstanding!

Spring Fellowship, as always, was amazing – great job to our Vice Chief of Service and my right-hand man, Sean Hillwig! We had corn hole, Quest games, Race for the Arrow, March Madness basketball (go UK and EKU!), shooting, great food, and more! It was nice to have a fun event in the middle of Conclave preparations!

Conclave was simply amazing. We had over 190 Kawida Arrowmen there – running logistics to make Conclave happen, having fun, being friendly and helpful, and providing our famous Kawida hospitality. In fact, I've heard nothing but positive comments and lots of compliments!

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Congratulations, Kawida – you knocked it out of the park!! Thank you!

I'd also like to publicly thank our outstanding Conclave Chairman, Nick Oliver; his adviser, Tim Brown; and our incredible team of Conclave committee chairmen and advisers. We couldn't have done it without you: thanks for your leadership!

I continue to be amazed by the amount of Lodge Spirit that we

had at Conclave! Two of my favorite examples are the entire lodge charging across the spillway right before Quest Games, and almost losing our voices cheering our team on during the games themselves. And later, at the campfire, the Kawida part of the arena would erupt with cheers every time we took home an award or one of us was recognized.

You made it happen, Kawida! Now, it's time to carry that spirit

forward! Summer camp is right around the corner, and it won't be long until our fall events. If the spirit we showed at Conclave continues through the rest of 2014, I can say with complete assurance that we will have one of the BEST years EVER in Kawida history!! What are we waiting for?! Let's take that spirit and run with it!

FULL SPEED AHEAD!!

*Nathan Vick*  
Lodge Chief



*From the Desk of the Secretary*  
*By Colin Stapleton*

Brothers,

This has been an incredible few months for Kawida Lodge. Due to preparation done during the events earlier in the year, Conclave was a huge success. Kawida Lodge put on an impressive display during Conclave, taking home multiple awards and recognitions. Let's carry this momentum through to the end of the year!

From the publications/digital media standpoint,

Great job helping with Sporting Clays, Kawida! This fall, the council will hold its other big fundraising event: BRAVE THE BLUE, where participants rappel down the side of the big blue building in Lexington. Youth and adult volunteers are needed to support this event, so mark your calendars for October 8-9, 2014, and plan to be there to represent our council through great service!

Kawida publications all earned first place in Conclave judging. The publications evaluated were the website ([kawida.org](http://kawida.org)— go check it out for up-to-date information about the Lodge and lodge events), the Lodge Planbook, the Thunderbird, the Lodge's historical display (special thanks to Nolan Buland for putting it together), and the Where To Go Scouting Guide ([goscouting.kawida.org](http://goscouting.kawida.org)).

*Colin Stapleton*  
Lodge Secretary



Kawida Lodge placed second in Conclave Quest Games!



### *From the Vice Chief of Service*

*By Sean Hillwig*

Hello everyone,

I'm here to give you an update on what's been happening with service. First off, I would like to say the Pre-Conclave Ordeal was a huge success: we set up all the tents and cots in preparation for Conclave and Summer Camp.

At Conclave, we had tons of people from every lodge comment on how great the camp was. I would like to

thank every one of you for helping prepare for the event, whether it was by setting up, cooking, or bringing people to the events.

Next, the Spring Ordeal was a success. We started to repair Allowat's place for use in ceremonies once again, and we also helped the council Sporting Clays event by providing Scouts to help run the course.

*Sean Hillwig*

Vice Chief of Service



### *From the Vice Chief of Brotherhood*

*By Nolan Buland*

Hello Kawida Lodge! This is your friendly neighborhood Vice Chief of Brotherhood here to give you an update on what's going on in our part of the Lodge. With the help of many amazing Arrowmen; many unit OA elections are done. I want to give a big thank you to anyone and everyone who played a roll in helping us get to this point! Please continue to help finish elections up before summer camp!

As many of you may know, Kawida Lodge was the service lodge for the 2014 SR-6 Conclave. Kawida Lodge won many awards, including second place in the Drum competition and a tie for first place in the

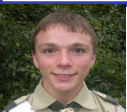
Ceremonies competition! We have had a great first part of the year, but that doesn't mean that the next part of the year can't be even better.

The Kawida Lodge Ceremonies Team is working super hard to make sure that we will have smashing good ceremonies. If you are interested in working with the ceremonies team, please contact me at [viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org](mailto:viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org) or Mitchell Redenbaugh at [ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org](mailto:ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org). I hope to see you soon and often at Camp McKee.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Nolan Buland*

Vice Chief of Brotherhood



### *Treasurer's Vault*

*By Ben Gilbert*

Greetings, Kawida!

Kawida Lodge Treasurer Ben Gilbert here! I am very happy with the way that Conclave 2014 turned out. I really appreciate all of the effort that went on behind the scenes to make this event memorable.

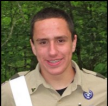
I have been working on the budget for 2014. My goal for the next three months is to complete the Lodge's Annual budget and the final budgets for the last few events that the Lodge is conducting.

"Full Speed Ahead in 2014!"

Yours in WWW,

*Ben Gilbert*

Lodge Treasurer



## *Ceremonies Committee*

*By Mitchell Redenbaugh*

So far this year, we have completed two ordeals and are almost halfway done with the busiest point of the year as far as ceremonies are concerned.

As you may have heard, the old ceremony grounds, also known as Allowat's Place, at the north end of camp is to be resurrected. It will provide us with a very scenic

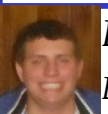
ground for Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood ceremonies.

If any of you wish to be a part of Kawida's ceremony team, contact me at [ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org](mailto:ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org).

Yours in Service,

*Mitchell Redenbaugh*

Ceremonies Chairman.



## *Drum Team*

*By Sebastian Torres*

Kawida Thunder has come a long way within the past few months. We currently have a team of six members. We met at Indian Winter, where we practiced basic drumming. At Conclave, we competed in the Drum Competition and brought home second place.

I am extremely satisfied to see the enthusiasm going into the drum and I hope to find Arrowmen who would be interested in forming a dance team. I look forward to our next meeting at Summer Camp Ordeal, where I urge Arrowmen to join us around the drum.

*Sebastian Torres*

Drum Team Chairman

## *Mischa Mokwa Chapter Update*

*By TJ Melton*

The Mischa Mokwa Chapter is looking forward to this upcoming summer and our plans for it! We had a good showing at Conclave, and we used the free time we had there to discuss plans for the future of the chapter. Several possible activities came out of this discussion, such as hikes and service projects. We also used this time to

get to know each other better and improve communication between chapter officers and troop OA representatives. We are expecting a fun and meaningful time this summer.

*TJ Melton,*

Mischa Mokwa Chapter Chief

## *We-Ha-Li Chapter Update*

*By Jacob Roberts*

Hey Everyone,

The We-Ha-Li chapter is hard at work doing elections and whatever else the Palisades District asks of us. We have all of our election officers assigned to contact Scoutmasters and SPL's and are going to make a database of the email addresses of the SPL's and OA Troop Representatives. This will make it much easier to con-

tact each troop at the youth level. This is important since Scouting *is* a youth-run organization. We hope to finish elections before summer camp so that we can have all those elected complete their Ordeals before the awesome events coming up this fall and winter. I would like to give a big shout out to Sebastian "Seabass" Torres and Aaron Reynolds for helping with almost all of the We-Ha-Li elections.

*Jacob Roberts,*

We-Ha-Li Chapter Chief





**Kawida Lodge  
Order of the Arrow  
Blue Grass Council, BSA**  
Ordeal & Brotherhood Conversion  
McKee Scout Reservation



**Registration Information:**

May 9-11, 2014 (3 days, 2 nights)	August 8-10, 2014 (3 days, 2 nights)
June 27-28, 2014 (2 days, 1 night)	September 5-7, 2014 (3 days, 2 nights)

**IMPORTANT:** Check the appropriate date

If you were elected to become a member of the OA in 2014, select one of the above listed Ordeals as your opportunity to complete your induction and become a member. If you're an Arrowman, Kawida Lodge invites you to attend any or all of the 2014 Ordeals. The Ordeal is truly a unique experience, filled with service, fellowship, and fun! If you are an Arrowman whose Ordeal was more than 10 months ago, you are invited to seal your membership in Brotherhood Conversion at one of the Ordeals. Registration for each Ordeal starts at 6:00 PM on Friday night, and the event ends on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM (except the June Ordeal, which ends after supper Saturday due to summer camp). Meals include cracker barrels Friday and Saturday, breakfast, lunch, and supper on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. A Call Out Ceremony will be held Friday evening for those not yet recognized. **Walk-ins are discouraged.** Please register to the Council Office by Wednesday before the event (this helps us to make sure there is enough food). Check our website, [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org) for program information.

If you have any questions please contact Doug Vick at 859-806-8999 or [adviser@kawida.org](mailto:adviser@kawida.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Youth ☐ Adult (over 21)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_, KY, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_, Unit (type/ #) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:**

May, August and September	Ordeal Candidate	\$50.00 each
	Brotherhood Conversion	\$40.00 each
	Attending Member	\$20.00 each
June ONLY	Ordeal Candidate	\$45.00 each
	Brotherhood Conversion	\$35.00 each
	Attending Member	\$15.00 each
TOTAL DUE		\$

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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

OAORDEALONE (May)



OAORDEALTWO (June)



OAORDEALTHREE (Aug)



OAORDEALFOUR (Sept)



## Arrowman Spotlight

By Sebastian Torres

Aaron Reynolds is a Brotherhood member of Kawida lodge. Aaron has been doing multiple elections throughout We-Ha-Li, and is also a member of the drum team that competed at Conclave.

The Lodge Executive Committee would like to extend a big thank you to Aaron for becoming so involved and supporting the Lodge.

### *Tecumseh Chapter Update*

By Eric Lawson

Hello Kawida Lodge. Conclave has come and gone and it was quite a success. Now that April is over, so are OA elections. I hope to see new members at the next OA events and round table meetings. I would like to thank everyone –youth and adult who assisted in the elections, and I would also like to welcome our new members.

*Eric Lawson*

Tecumseh Chapter Chief

### *Lenni Lenape Chapter Update*

By Chance Bullock

Brothers,

We here in the Lenni Lenape Chapter have had an excellent first quarter of the year. We have had a couple of events come off rather well and are planning a few more for this next quarter. Our elections went smoothly and we expect a great many of the newly elected Scouts to go through their Ordeals by the end of summer camp. We look forward to fun, fellowship, and service to the Lodge throughout the rest of the year.

*Chance Bullock*

Lenni Lenape Chapter Chief

## NOAC 2015

By Aaron Shepherd

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the Order of the Arrow's premier event. Thousands of Arrowmen from all across the country gather for a six-day conference. In 2015, in conjunction with the Order's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the OA will be having a NOAC on August 3-8 at Michigan State University with an expected attendance of 10,000 Arrowmen.

The conference includes top-notch training, professional evening shows, a full selection of outdoor adventure activities, games, ceremonial/AIA competitions, service, and so much more! One unique opportunity about this conference is that attendees stay in college dorms and eat in the cafeterias instead of camping in tents and cooking their own food.

One of the special events at this NOAC is that everyone in attendance will receive a special red sash with a white arrow. This sash is being given to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The current fee for NOAC is \$475, though this does not cover any additional expenses that the Lodge will incur for transportation to and from Michigan.

This event is something that you do not want to miss, be sure to have the date saved!

For more information be sure to check out event [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org) and the lodge website, [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org).

*Aaron Shepherd.*

2013-2014 Section Chief

## Conclave 2014

By Colin Stapleton

Kawida Lodge, *you* made Conclave an amazing event. From the time our Section guests arrived to the time they left, they were witness to our famous Kawida hospitality. Friday evening, Arrowmen from all over our section started arriving at McKee and settling into their campsites. Several activity areas were open until the opening campfire, which introduced the theme of this Conclave— College Game Day.

The various training areas opened after breakfast on Saturday. Ceremonies competitions also took place in the morning, with Kawida Lodge ceremonialists tying for first place. The Quest games were held Saturday af-

ternoon, and Kawida Lodge took second place overall in the competitions. The closing campfire was held Saturday evening after a Section officer candidate forum. Sunday morning started with a Scout's Own service, followed by elections for Section officers. The Section officers are: Nick Oliver, Section Chief; Hunter Jones, Section Vice Chief; Nathan Vick, Section Secretary. Our Section guests were free to leave as soon as the officers were sworn in. Kawida Arrowmen stayed until camp was cleaned up from the weekend.

We received nothing but compliments over the weekend, and we showed more spirit than any other lodge in attendance. Let's keep this spirit through the end of the year! Full Speed Ahead!!!

### Lodge Adviser's Minute

Game Day Conclave and 2015 NOAC .... what do they have in common? Read on ....

Stand tall and be proud, Kawida Lodge: you just completed an outstanding job of servicing the Section Conclave! It was wonderful to see new faces mingled in with familiar ones. The service and fun that I saw was phenomenal. Arrowmen returned home to their units with more training in leadership and the benefits of cheerful service. Kawida Spirit is at an all-time high!

In the meantime, the lodge continues the day-to-day functioning. Does your troop have an OA Troop Representative and adviser? Have dues been paid for you and those in your unit? Has your troop had their OA election? Are you attending or staffing summer camp? How about OA High Adventure? Chapter meetings are great places to find out more about OA -- your Chapter Chief is always ready to receive and answer your questions. Exploring [kawida.org](http://kawida.org) and [oa-bsa.org](http://oa-bsa.org) can be fun and provide great mountains of information -- just keep clicking until you find your answers.

So, what is common to this Conclave and NOAC? The answer is ... YOU!!! Your Kawida Spirit is similar to what we'll see from Arrowmen all across the nation at the 100th anniversary NOAC next year. Start making plans!



*Doug Vick,*  
Lodge Adviser

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# ***2014 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR***

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
Indian Winter 2015.....	January 16-18

For Updates and Other Events, Visit [www.kawida.org/calendar](http://www.kawida.org/calendar)