

# THE THUNDERBIRD!

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## Chiefly Speaking

By Nathan Vick

Brothers,

Wow! Looking back on the year, it's obvious that 2014 has been extraordinarily successful for the lodge and for all its members. So many times this year, we've seen Arrowmen step up to the plate with new responsibilities – and hit home runs! I'd like to thank everyone who has helped out in some way this year, because you are what make this lodge so great.

I'd also like to congratulate all the Scouts who have become Arrowmen this year. Welcome to the Brotherhood!

Regardless of how long you've been in the OA, you

probably have a few questions. Our lodge website, [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org), has a lot of answers. But, if you can't find an answer, send me an email: [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org). I'd be happy to answer your questions!

One of the biggest pieces of advice I can give any Arrowman is that the OA is an organization filled with challenge and exciting opportunities. If you want, you can learn a lot about yourself and have a really fun experience!

Would you like to spend a weekend with your Kawida brothers doing things like playing cornhole, shooting shotguns, and rappelling down the climbing tower? Fall Fellowship is the place for

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you! Do you want to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OA with 10,000 of your new best friends? Come to NOAC 2015! Or do both! In the OA, you could say that the sky's the limit to what you can do.

School's started, and our lives are all getting busy. But check the

calendar on the back of this newsletter, pick a weekend, and come check us out! You won't regret it.

Last December seems so long ago! But if you think back to last Winter Banquet, we unveiled our slogan for this year: Full Speed Ahead in 2014!

We only have four more months in 2014. Remember the Conclave spirit, and let's keep the energy and enthusiasm going. Let's finish out the year strong – Kawida Style! FULL SPEED AHEAD!!

Your brother,  
*Nathan Vick,*  
Lodge Chief



### *From the Desk of the Secretary*

*By Colin Stapleton*

Hey Kawida Lodge!

We are nearing the close of a spectacular year for the lodge. But we're not done yet!

There are several events left on the calendar this year, and we need *you* to make them successful! Go to the lodge website ([www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org)) to find

links for registration. But don't just register yourself for the event!! Encourage the other Arrowmen in your troop and chapter to attend as well!

I hope to see everyone at the Fall Fellowship, LLD, and Winter Banquet!!!

Yours in Service,

*Colin Stapleton,*  
Lodge Secretary

We're taking a contingent to the 100th Anniversary NOAC in 2015 at Michigan State University, but we need transportation!

If you have the use of free or inexpensive vehicles (12 passenger vans), please email [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org). Thank You!!



### *From the Vice Chief of Service*

*By Sean Hillwig*

Hey everyone,

It's me, Sean Hillwig, giving you the most updated messages about service.

The past ordeal was a huge success. We carted over THREE THOUSAND bricks across camp, hauled all the cots to Maintenance, and cleaning all

the camp program areas. Next Ordeal, we will take down all the tents and move them to Maintenance for the winter. Fall Fellowship is the next event, and will include many awesome activities, including shooting and capture the flag.

I hope to see you all at the next Ordeal, and at Fall Fellowship!!

Yours in Service,

*Sean Hillwig,*  
Vice Chief of Service



*From the Vice Chief of Brotherhood  
By Nolan Buland*

Hi Kawida!

Conclave and Summer Camp are now over, which means that real work for the lodge and camp can now start. Over the course of the summer we held a total of six Brotherhood ceremonies, counting both Summer Ordeals and those held during summer camp.

Thanks to ceremonialists Mitchell Redenbaugh, Colin Stapleton, Nikolai Wagener, Nathan Vick, Aaron Reynolds, Barry Johnson, Julian McIntyre, Evan Anderson, Jacob Roberts, Zeke Burskirk, Sebastian Torres, Josh Dyer, and Ben Gilbert for assisting with these ceremonies.

As some of you may know, National has released a new Brotherhood Ceremony that will be instituted in 2015. This change means we need to start studying the new script now. I encourage all Brotherhood and Vigil members to read the new script, which can be found at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/publications#brotherhoodceremony>.

If you are interested in being part of the ceremonies team, please email me ([viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org](mailto:viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org)) or Mitchell Redenbaugh ([ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org](mailto:ceremonies.chairman@kawida.org)).

I hope you all had a great summer, and look forward to an even better school year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Nolan Buland,*

Vice Chief of Brotherhood

**If you have been an Ordeal member for more than 10 months, you are eligible for Brotherhood membership!**

***Sign up for Fall Fellowship, and check the "Brotherhood Conversion" box!***

The Order of the Arrow's 100th Anniversary next year will be highlighted by an amazing event called NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference). We'll be taking a contingent up to this event, and we want you to join us!

Find out more at [www.kawida.org/noac](http://www.kawida.org/noac)



*Treasurer's Vault  
By Ben Gilbert*

Hello Brothers!

I trust you had a most enjoyable summer and are ready to get back in the saddle for the fall. Attendance at lodge events has been steady but I feel that

it could be larger. So encourage your friends and brothers in your chapters to attend the Lodge events. Remember the Lodge's slogan: Full Speed Ahead! Let's finish strong and with FULL SPEED AHEAD IN 2014!

*Ben Gilbert,*

Lodge Treasurer

We need volunteers to help with parking for the McKee Fall Adventure! Just come out to Camp McKee on October 24th.



### *Ceremonies Committee*

*By Mitchell Redenbaugh*

From the darkness, from the forest, we have come with words of victory. Bringing token of a tie for first place in Conclave's ceremony evaluations!

Though we have a long journey still ahead of us this year, we have successfully completed four ordeals

and many Brotherhood conversion ceremonies. I would like to thank all those who helped us throughout the year. I challenge every eligible Ordeal member to seal their membership in the Order by converting to Brotherhood.

Yours in WWW,

*Mitchell Redenbaugh,*

Ceremonies Chairman



### *Drum Team*

*By Sebastian Torres*

The drum team has held several practices over the summer and we have a wonderful plan for the upcoming months. I hope to hold team practices at each of the upcoming lodge events, and the team is planning to attend a pow wow this January. We are

working hard to refine our drum technique and singing skills. If you are interested in joining the team, please email me at [drumteam.chairman@kawida.org](mailto:drumteam.chairman@kawida.org). No experience is necessary.

*Sebastian Torres,*

Drum Team chairman

Calling all youth (under 21) with artistic ability! We have several projects that we need your help with! Email [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org) to find out more!

### *Lenni Lenape Chapter*

*By Chance Bullock*

Brothers,

The Lenni Lenape chapter has had a good quarter. We have held a few successful events, and will continue to go Full Speed Ahead for the rest of the

year. There are several more events planned for the chapter in the upcoming months, and I hope to see each of you there! I look forward to serving the Lenni Lenape chapter for the rest of this year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Chance Bullock,*

Lenni Lenape chapter Chief

Do you want a patch to put on your OA sash? In honor of its 100th anniversary, the OA has announced the Arrowman Service Award (ASA). This award is one of the few patches approved by the National Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on your sash!

Find out more about this centennial "sash patch" at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3> !! Find the requirements to earn this award at the links below.

Youth ASA card forms: [http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/asa\\_requirementcards\\_youth.pdf](http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/asa_requirementcards_youth.pdf)

Adult ASA card forms: [http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/asa\\_requirementcards\\_adult.pdf](http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/asa_requirementcards_adult.pdf)



## 2014 Membership Update and Dues Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow



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Last Name, First, Middle

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date (M/D/Y)

I am a: (select one)

Scout

Adult (21+)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address—yours & / or your parents (VERY IMPORTANT)

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Mailing Address

I am currently: (select one)

Ordeal

Brotherhood

Vigil

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

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Home Phone Alternate Phone

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Current Leadership Position in Scout Unit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Number

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Ordeal Location

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Ordeal Date

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Brotherhood Date

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Vigil Date

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Occupation / Talents

### Photo Release:

I, being the parent/legal guardian of the Scout listed above, hereby consent that his image or likeness may be used by the Blue Grass Council for future promotional pieces. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

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### Service

Please select areas of interest:

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Leadership

Awards

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Cooking

Membership

Banquet

Ceremonies

Dance Team

Training

Elections

Events

### Dues

**Dues for 2014**  
**\$15.00**

I have enclosed a check as payment (make payable to Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow)

Please charge my:  Visa  MC  AmEx  Discover

**OA MEM**



Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax number: 859-252-3785

Email completed forms to [AnnaMarie.Jackowski@scouting.org](mailto:AnnaMarie.Jackowski@scouting.org)

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# Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow



## Fall Fellowship/ Brotherhood Conversion

**October 3, 4 & 5, 2014**  
McKee Scout Reservation



The Officers of Kawida Lodge invite all lodge members to the 2014 Fall Fellowship! All Arrowmen whose Ordeal was more than 10 months ago are encouraged to seal their membership by converting to Brotherhood. A full weekend of fun, food, and fellowship is planned! This year's program will be better than ever! We'll have shotgun and rifle shooting, and maybe some special events! In addition, the Kawida Lodge patch collection may be on display. The 2015 Lodge Officer elections will be held after lunch on Saturday. Any youth (under 21) who wishes to run for office will need to contact the Lodge Adviser by September 30, 2014. The event cost for Fall Fellowship includes all meals and camping (please bring your own tent). Registration will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, and the event will end on Sunday at 10:00 AM. Check our website, [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org), for more information.

**WALK-ins are discouraged.**

**Please Register by Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

If you have any questions please contact Doug Vick at 859-806-6999 or [adviser@kawida.org](mailto:adviser@kawida.org)

Registration Information: **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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

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

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit (type/number) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Member (includes flap)	\$25.00 each	\$
Brotherhood Conversion	\$45.00 each	\$
	Total	\$

\_\_\_ Payment enclosed \_\_\_ Please charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

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# Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow



## Lodge Leadership Development

**November 8, 2014**

**McKee Scout Reservation**

LLD is a leadership training put on by the lodge in order to train the lodge's upcoming leaders. All 2015 lodge officers, committee chairmen, chapter officers, and advisers are strongly encouraged to attend, as are youth interested in holding one of these youth positions in the future. The event, however, is open to all interested members, both youth and adult. LLD will contain many fun and informative sessions designed to help officers understand their responsibilities, such as leadership, teamwork, elections, and more! The event will take place at Karrick Lodge at the McKee Scout Reservation on November 8, 2014. Registration will start at 8:00 AM, and we'll finish at 6:00 PM.

**WALK-ins are discouraged.**

Please Register by Wednesday, November 5, 2014

If you have any questions please contact Doug Vick at 859-806-6999 or [adviser@kawida.org](mailto:adviser@kawida.org), or Marlene Gonzalez at 859-771-8173 or [marlene.gonzalez@scouting.org](mailto:marlene.gonzalez@scouting.org)

Registration Information: **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit (type/number) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring \$5 for lunch.**

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## Mischa Mokwa Chapter

By TJ Melton

The Mischa Mokwa chapter has much to look forward to in the coming months. As chapter members may know, the Mischa Mokwa trail's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is next year! There are many things that must be done to prepare the trail for the celebrations. We

will be working closely with the park service in order to complete this work. There are several trail workdays scheduled already, and we hope to see volunteers from both inside and outside of the chapter there to help us.

*TJ Melton,*

Mischa Mokwa Chapter Chief

If the tents weren't taken down at Camp McKee during Fall Ordeal due to rain, we'll need volunteers to take them down and fold them.

Email [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org) to set up a good time for you to come and help!

## Tecumseh Chapter

By Eric Lawson

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed your summers. I am working on planning events for the next few months, and would like everyone in the chapter to share their opinions and express what they'd like to do in

the future. I would also like to ask that everyone attend chapter meetings, which are held at 7:00pm at Versailles Baptist Church on the second Thursday of every month.

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Eric Lawson,*

Tecumseh Chapter Chief

Are you a youth who's interested in holding a leadership position in Kawida? Here are some opportunities!

- We need strong and capable leaders to be Chapter Officers, and really build up our chapters! Contact your chapter chief and adviser for more information.
- Committee chairmen lead teams that cover everything from Elangomats to training. We're really looking to build up our committees, and you can be an integral part of that!
- Lodge officers work together to run the lodge. A complete list of officer responsibilities can be found in "The Guide" (<http://kawida.org/downloads/Resources/The%20Guide.pdf>).

If you want to run, you'll need to email [adviser@kawida.org](mailto:adviser@kawida.org) before September 30 with a declaration of your intent to run. Then, if the Scout Executive approves you, you can run for office at Fall Fellowship!

We'll prepare you for success in your position at LLD on November 8th, so make sure you'll be there!

We're glad you're interested in a leadership position with Kawida. It's a great and rewarding experience!

We need volunteers to help out with Brave the Blue! Contact [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org) for more information!



## *Lodge Adviser's Minute*

*By Doug Vick*

This summer marks another great season for Kawida Arrowmen! Thanks for serving summer camp, NYLT, and Cub/Webelos Resident Camp!

- Very important upcoming events include lodge/chapter officer elections and committee chairmen appointments. Youth Arrowmen wishing to run for lodge office must declare to me their intent to run by Sept. 30th; that gives time to obtain the necessary approvals.
- It has been quite evident that new officers and advisers who attend the November LLD succeed well in their new position ... and those who don't attend, well, they typically struggle. Schedule your calendar so that you can attend LLD on Nov. 8 at Karrick Lodge and the COPE course. It's going to be a blast!
- OA's 100th anniversary is being celebrated Aug. 2-8, 2015 at Michigan State University. It will be a celebration that you won't want to miss! Online registration is coming soon.
- Please join me at Winter Banquet in thanking the youth officers and adult advisers who have served you this year. At the same time, we will be welcoming the incoming 2015 youth officers and advisers. There will be some changes to the adviser roster. For example, due to health reasons (nothing super serious), this December, I will be stepping down. With my blessing, Todd Haydon has accepted the Supreme Chief's appointment to Lodge Adviser, beginning Jan. 1, 2015. Thank you all for the privilege of serving you.

Speaking of upcoming events, it's not too early to be thinking about the OA Unit of Excellence Awards, Indian Winter .....

*Doug Vick,*  
Lodge Adviser



## *Did you know... ???*

Your troop can earn a special award, just by supporting the OA program!

Awards are also available for OA Troop Representatives, OATR Advisers, and Scoutmasters. Find out more at <http://www.oe-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/unitexcellenceaward-2013.pdf>.

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# **2014-2015 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR**

Fall Fellowship.....	October 3-5
Lodge Leadership Development.....	November 8
Winter Banquet.....	December 6
Indian Winter (includes training for conducting OA Unit Elections).....	January 16-18
Camp Service Day.....	March 7
Spring Fellowship.....	March 20-22
Conclave at Camp Buck Toms.....	April 17-19
Spring Ordeal.....	May 15-17
Summer Camp Ordeal.....	June 19-20
National Order of the Arrow Conference.....	August 2-8

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