

# THE THUNDERBIRD!

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## Chiefly Speaking

By Nathan Vick

Brothers!

Thanks for making 2014 so successful for Kawida Lodge! From our Conclave to Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet, we've done things and gone places that once we could only dream about. As I look back on this past year, I'm profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve you as your Chief. Y'all are awesome!

Sitting here and thinking about Kawida 2015, I am just getting more and more excited! What happens when you combine the energy and support of hundreds of Kawida Arrowmen with an awesome leadership team and the once-

in-a-lifetime experience of our Order's 100th anniversary? #Kawida2015!

Kawida 2015 is already promising to be one of the best years in Kawida history! The best way to describe next year is through our lodge slogan, "Living the Dream!" What's that mean? Having dynamic events, exciting activities, and an engaging program. Showing that all Arrowmen belong as brothers in Kawida Lodge. This is our vision, and when we achieve it, we will be living our dream! #winning!

We want Kawida Lodge to be a great place for *all* Arrowmen! So what do we need? YOU! Come and be a part of the #Kawida2015 adventure! There are so many ways to join in, from lodge leadership

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to telling your troop how awesome the OA is!  
Wherever you decide to belong, you have a place in  
Kawida Lodge!

We're reaching for the stars in 2015. We're going on  
an adventure, and we want you to come along!

Kawida, let's be living the dream in 2015! Let's be a  
#winning lodge!

Brothers in Service,

*Nathan Vick,*

Lodge Chief



### *From the Desk of the Secretary*

*By Colin Stapleton*

Hey, Kawida!

It has been a great year for Kawida Lodge. Given  
the great new team of lodge officers, 2015 looks to  
be even better! Oh, and the OA's 100th anniversary  
is this year as well....meaning you all will be a part  
of this historical event.

It's been a pleasure serving as Secretary this year!  
As I step into the position of Vice Chief of Brother-  
hood for 2015, I leave publications in capable hands.  
Alex Odgers will be the 2015 lodge secretary, and I  
am excited to see what he will do with publications  
this year.

*Colin Stapleton,*

Lodge Secretary

Do you enjoy cooking? If you are coming to Indian Winter, we have a service opportunity  
for you!! We need cooks for the event....if you are interested, contact [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org).



### *From the Vice Chief of Service*

*By Sean Hillwig*

This year has been a great year for Kawida Lodge  
and I am proud to have been your Vice Chief of Ser-  
vice. The Lodge has accomplished a lot this year,  
and I would like to thank everyone for helping us  
accomplish so much.

When I started this position last Winter Banquet and  
was told about how many projects needed to be  
completed, I never thought that we would be able to  
finish them all. As the year progressed, I was im-  
pressed at each Ordeal at the amount of work that  
was done. The projects completed this year are

countless. The work that needed to be put in for this  
much to be achieved is great, and both the ordeal  
candidates and those already members of the lodge  
put in that effort.

I could not have completed all this by myself. I was  
given an advisor that is unmatched in every cate-  
gory you could think of, whether it was planning or  
thinking of solutions. Thank you to Larry Lowe for  
all you have done to help me and the Lodge in your  
years of service. Along with Larry, I had a terrific  
Quartermaster staff and an Elangomat support team  
to handle gathering elangomats and supplies for  
each project.

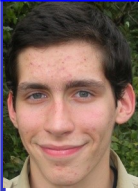
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I have all the confidence in the world that Sebastian will do a great job as the new Vice Chief of Service. I wish him luck as he accepts this undertaking.

This is your 2014 Vice Chief of Service, Sean Hillwig, signing off for the last time - goodbye.

*Sean Hillwig,*

Vice Chief of Service



*From the Vice Chief of Brotherhood  
By Nolan Buland*

Hello Kawida,

The year is coming to a close, and what a year it has been! Five ordeals, Conclave and everything else we have done has made this a very busy (but amazing) year for us all. This year, Kawida Lodge started a drum team, which Kawida has not had for many years. The team was renewed under the capable leadership of Sebastian Torres (the 2014 drum team chairman) who guided the team in its early stages and helped them to get ready for the Conclave drum competition, where they won second place!! I can't wait to see how the team will do this year with Aaron Reynolds as the new chairman. Drumming was not the only induction team that did well this year; the ceremonies team did an ex-

cellent job during ordeals. Mitchell Redenbaugh did a fantastic job as Ceremonies chairman, as he has done for the past three years. Mitchell and his team went above the call of duty multiple times this year. As we head into 2015, we need to keep in mind the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order and NOAC. I greatly encourage youth to look into the different teams that handle the induction process. It's a very fun and rewarding part of the Order of the Arrow. If you are interested in the ceremonies or drum team, you should consider going to Indian Winter, you can learn a great deal about the inductions process, and have a great time. It is personally my favorite Kawida event of the year!

Yours in Brotherhood,

*Nolan Buland,*

Vice Chief of Brotherhood



*Treasurer's Vault  
By Ben Gilbert*

Greetings!

As you may or may not know I have been re-elected as the treasurer for the Kawida Lodge. I am so excited to serve the Lodge in this capacity once more. This year has been an amazing one indeed as our Lodge hosted the 2014 Conclave at Camp McKee!

We have truly stuck to our motto to going "FULL SPEED AHEAD IN 2014!" which is something that I and the other 2014 officers take pride in. I have learned much in my position this year, and I feel that I can do even better this year. As we gain new leaders this year, I implore you to take steps to becoming a cheerful brother in arms. Thank you!

*Ben Gilbert,*

Lodge Treasurer



## *Ceremonies Committee*

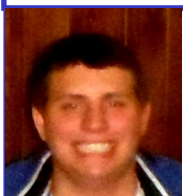
*By Mitchell Redenbaugh*

As my term comes to and end as ceremonies chairman, I would like to thank everyone who helped the ceremonies team this year! We've made so many improvements to our ceremonies over the

years, and I would like to see this progress continue! So I challenge each of you to get involved in ceremonies and help our new chairman, Nolan Bland, as he keeps on living the dream.

*Mitchell Redenbaugh,*

Ceremonies Chairman



## *Drum Team*

*By Sebastian Torres*

The drum team is still looking for members. We would like to invite all arrow men to join us at Indi-

an Winter and learn how to participate in this wonderful activity.

*Sebastian Torres,*

Drum Team chairman

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)

## *We-Ha-Li Chapter*

*By Aaron Reynolds*

As a Chapter, in the last few months we have already brought in many new faces. Now, as a team, we plan to jump into this next year head first and work harder than we ever have before.

As 2015 begins, we step into a brand new season. A new season full of adventure, brotherhood, and, most of all, service. Staying true to our beliefs, we

hope that we can begin to help not only the council, but our community as well. That is, in fact, what we are all about.

We-Ha-Li is looking forward to what this next season has in store for us all.

Yours in Service,

*Aaron Reynolds,*

We-Ha-Li Chapter Chief

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!



## 2015 Membership Update and Dues Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow

A 2013 Gold Journey To Excellence Lodge

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



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### Personal Information

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Please check here if you are submitting information to be updated (i.e., change of address, new phone, etc.)

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)

Mailing Address

I am currently: (select one)

☐ Ordeal

☐ Brotherhood

☐ Vigil

City, State, Zip

Home Phone Alternate Phone

Current Leadership Position in Scout Unit

Unit Number

Ordeal Location

Ordeal Date

Brotherhood Date

Vigil Date

BSA Number I.D.

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.

By: \_\_\_\_\_, parent or guardian Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Service

Please select areas of interest:

☐ Elangomat

☐ Service

☐ Banquet

☐ Training

☐ Leadership

☐ Cooking

☐ Ceremonies

☐ Elections

☐ Awards

☐ Membership

☐ Dance Team

☐ Events

### Dues

Dues for 2015

**\$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 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Blue Grass Council BSA, 3445 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40509

Fax number: 859-252-3785

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

#### FOR LODGE OFFICE USE ONLY:

Dues Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date Entered in DB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Member Card Given \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Processed by \_\_\_\_\_





Kawida Lodge, Order of the Arrow

# Indian Winter

January 16-18, 2015

Keeneland Lodge, Camp McKee



You feel like you have been walking for what seems like a lifetime. Your feet hurt, your hands hurt, and you have not eaten anything all day. All you can think about is getting some sleep. Continuing on with the fellow Scouts you've been working with all day, you walk even more. Drums resound in the distance, and a glimmer of hope resides within your heart.

Remember this point in your Ordeal? That point of anticipation; not knowing what was in store for you. Everything leading up to that instance was the result of the hard work from fellow youth working together as a lodge to bring forth your Ordeal. What happened after that was really special and helped pave a foundation in your Order of the Arrow legacy...

Ceremonies are a vital part of what the Order of the Arrow is. American Indian lore is a major ingredient to the effectiveness of the ceremony and is a key way the Order projects its vision and mission. Every youth member of Kawida Lodge is encouraged to be a part of its legacy by taking part in ceremonies.

**INDIAN WINTER** is an event being held annually by Kawida Lodge. All Arrowmen with an interest in learning more about the American Indian culture, Kawida Lodge, or the Order are of course welcomed. Participants will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of settings, props, symbolism, performing the ceremonies, the development of ceremonial attire, and understanding the ten induction principles. Whether you've been in ceremonies since your induction, or have yet to make that step, Indian Winter will be an event that will bring you to places you didn't know you could go.

**"Who among you now is ready? Who will go upon the journey? You must choose..."**

**Please register by Monday, Jan. 12th, 2015**

**NOTE: Walk ins discouraged due to supplies being ordered.**

Arrive Friday 6:00 PM, depart 10:00 AM Sunday

\*\*Includes: Cracker barrels, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Sunday breakfast

Cost:

Event Registration Fee (mandatory)	<input type="checkbox"/> X	\$25.00
Brotherhood Conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> X	\$20.00
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		

If you have any questions please contact:

Todd Haydon at 859-319-0712 or [adviser@kawida.org](mailto:adviser@kawida.org)

Marlene Gonzalez at 859-231-7811 or [Marlene.Gonzalez@Scouting.org](mailto:Marlene.Gonzalez@Scouting.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 \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment: ☐ Check ☐ Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING MEDICAL FORM & COPY OF INSURANCE CARD**

Make Check Payable to: Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow

and return payment to

Blue Grass Council,

3445 Richmond Road

Lexington, KY 40509

FAX: 859.252.3785

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## *Lenni Lenape Chapter*

*By Chance Bullock*

My Brothers,

As we draw the year to a close I would like to say that it has been a great year, and thank you all for allowing me to serve as chapter chief. This past quarter has been a little slow for the chapter, but nonetheless membership has been pretty good and my chapter and I look forward to the upcoming

year. Personally I feel that this has been a good year both for the lodge and for my chapter, but I believe that next year can be even better. As always it has been a pleasure to serve and I will endeavor to continue to do so.

*Chance Bullock,*

Lenni Lenape chapter Chief

## *Tecumseh Chapter*

*By Eric Lawson*

Hello fellow OA members!

As the year is coming to a close, we begin to plan for events next year. A new chapter chief, Evan

Anderson, been elected for 2015 and I am confident he will be a great leader for our chapter.

*Eric Lawson,*

Tecumseh Chapter Chief

## *Year in Patches*





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!!

### *Winter Banquet*



Appliance repair needed!! The washing machines and driers in the Cox OA Building are in need of service. If you are experienced in appliance repair and are able to help with this maintenance, contact [chief@kawida.org](mailto:chief@kawida.org) for more information.





## Lodge Adviser's Minute

By Doug Vick

Fun...fellowship...cheerful service...trainings...leadership...ceremonies...great food...Conclave 2014... staff for summer camp....staff for NYLT...and the list goes on & on & on.... Kawida Lodge is committed to providing Scouts with fun, service, and skills to take back to their troops & crews.

In 2015, let's look to continue the centennial celebration with NOAC, an awesome Conclave in April for those like myself who won't get to NOAC, Arrowman Service Awards, Unit of Excellence Awards, OA trainings, etc. Stop by any lodge or chapter event, and experience the fun of Kawida enthusiasm!

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who have served Kawida Arrowmen these past three years.

"Welcome" to all those who are stepping up to serve. Youth – remember to 'Keep Your Eyes on the Prize' and to 'Capitalize on Everything'! Adults – remember that we are the cheering section from the sidelines.

Kawida, let's be "Living the Dream" in 2015! *#winning*

*Doug Vick,*

2014 Lodge Adviser



*Remember to  
bring two youth  
to every event!*

### 2015 Lodge Officers and Advisers

Nathan Vick, Lodge Chief

Sebastian Torres, Vice Chief of Service

Colin Stapleton, Vice Chief of Brotherhood

Alex Odgers, Secretary

Ben Gilbert, Treasurer

Deven Gonzalez, Quartermaster

Todd Haydon, Lodge Adviser

Tripp Watts, Vice Chief of Service Adviser

John David King, Vice Chief of Brotherhood Adviser

Aaron Shepherd, Secretary Adviser

Robert Palmer, Treasurer Adviser

Anthony Kenney, Quartermaster Adviser

### 2015 Chapter Chiefs and Advisers

*Gikino Ballet Chapter*

Bradley Shook, Chapter Chief

Greg Watkins, Adviser

*Lenni Lenape Chapter*

Chance Bullock, Chapter Chief

Dale Morton, Adviser

*Mischa Mokwa Chapter*

Parker Frederick, Chapter Chief

Bryan Frederick, David Howard, Co-Advisers

*Tecumseh Chapter*

Evan Anderson, Chapter Chief

Leta Davenport, Adviser

*We-Ha-Li Chapter*

Aaron Reynolds, Chapter Chief

JD Carruthers, Adviser

*Tomahaken Chapter*

Election not held for Chapter Chief

Jearl Stiltner, Adviser

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# 2015 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

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

Second Summer Ordeal.....August 21-23

Fall Ordeal.....September 11-13

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