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“Hardcore ‘04” 2004 SR-6N Conclave McKee Scout Reservation

Attention **ALL** Arrowmen of Kawida Lodge. By now you should be well aware that this year’s Section Conclave is being held at our very own Camp McKee. This is an event that you do not want to miss. It is quite possible the biggest scouting event to be held at Camp McKee is years.

What’s a conclave? A conclave is a gathering of Order of the Arrow ledges from across this region of the country. There will be Arrowmen from as far away as Arkansas and Mississippi. There are training opportunities, fellowship, shows, patch trading, American Indian events, competitions, races and much more. Kawida Lodge is recruiting members now to represent the lodge in various events such as a mountain bike/running canoe relay team, a tug of war team, Jeopardy contestants, ceremonial teams, scavenger hunt teams and many more opportunities. There will also be an Indian

powwow. From Friday night when you arrive to Sunday afternoon when you leave, it will be non-stop excitement.

How do I sign up?

Easy. You will find a registration form with this newsletter update. Fill it out, write a check out for \$30 and send it in today.

Are there any benefits to being the Host Service Lodge? Since Kawida Lodge is the Service Lodge for this event, there are even more opportunities for Kawida Lodge Arrowmen to participate. Kawida Lodge members will be eligible to purchase special Service Lodge T-shirts, earn special collectable Service Lodge OA Flaps, serve on the Conclave Service Corp or Logistics Team, and provide service in a number of different ways. Even if you can’t attend the conclave, there are opportunities for you to be involved.

What if I need more information? Contact any lodge officer or adviser for more information. The Conclave Chairman is Todd Watts and the conclave Adviser is James

Smith, their contact information is found else where in this newsletter.

Attention Arrowmen:

Maybe you can fill a need!

With the Section Conclave rapidly approaching, we are in great need of a number of items to make this event a success. First of all, we need you! We need you to attend!

Secondly, there is a lot to do to prepare our camp for the 600+ Arrowmen that will be attending the conclave. Please attend the workdays scheduled this spring to help us get our camp in tiptop shape.

Thirdly, if you have resources to get paper products donated, please consider helping us control our costs by asking. “We need cups, napkins, plates, plastic ware, etc. The more of these items that can be obtained at no cost, the better we will be in staying within budget and providing a great experience for all the Arrowmen attending this event. If you can get anything donated, please contact the Conclave Adviser James Smith.

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Conclave Service Project

As in years past there is a Conclave service project. One that has been done the last two years is each attendant brings one can item. This will be donated to a charitable organization that will distribute to those in need of food. As scouts, we have collected food for local food pantries; so, remember to bring at least one can item with you. THANKS!

Conclave Judges

Each Lodge needs Arrowman to be judges for Quest, Ceremonies, and Publications. If you have been a judge at past Conclaves or haven't and would like to do it again or for the first time please contact Todd Watts. Please contact Todd this week and let him know.

Workday at McKee

To get camp ready for Conclave will mean camp will be in great shape for summer camp. There is one more workday scheduled to get the jobs done – April 10th. The workday will begin at 8 am and end around 4 pm. If you cannot be there all day, come and help when you can that day. The cost is \$1 and the lodge will provide lunch. The \$1 fee is covered in the Kawida Kard. Those wanting to purchase the lodge service flaps must attend both of these workdays if you did not attend the last two.

2004 Conclave Registration

April 23-25, 2004 camp McKee; Jeffersonville, KY

Please check one of each: Male Female Under 21 Adult

Name _____ Phone (____)-____-_____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____

ZIP _____ E-Mail _____ Lodge # _____

Handicap

Needs: _____

Any Other Special Need (i.e. food concerns, etc):

Late Registration (Postmarked by April 9, 2004 or paid as walk-on) **\$30.00**

****Note: Please be sure to fill out a separate form for each person in your household planning on attending. While a separate form for each person is required, you may write one check for the total of all persons.*

*****Please, if you are planning on attending Conclave, but will pay on site, call James Smith by April 15. Food services need to have a more accurate number of attendees to purchase enough food.*

CHIEFLY SPEAKING!

Fellow Arrowmen,

A challenging few weeks is in store for us soon. Not only is the time before us of great testing in service, but we must also remember that it is a time of cheerful fellowship. As we continue to prepare for this year's SR-6N Conclave, we must all remember to have fun. The members of the respective committees are working diligently to make this year's Conclave one to be remembered. It is never too late to help out though. If you wish to get involved on a committee, be sure to contact Todd Watts, James Smith, or myself. We will make sure that those willing to serve their lodge and the section are given the opportunity to do so. We want the best

attendance possible at this event. Those of you, who can only attend the Conclave itself, please try to come. Those who cannot make the event, you will be with us in spirit. As always, I look forward to seeing you all at the next event... the April 10th Workday.

Todd Haydon
Kawida Lodge Chief



First Vice Chief

My Brothers,

Wow! 2004 has rushed in quickly, and the lodge has responded by jumping in full force to meet the challenges that the new year brings. The March 20th workday was a huge success, and I extend my thanks to the healthy crowd that came out. We set up tents in Campsites 10-13, cleared trees in those campsites, and also managed to spruce up the Trading Post to prepare it for Conclave.

Speaking of Conclave, if you have not yet registered, please do so! You don't want to miss out on a premiere OA experience. I am looking forward to all of the fun events that the Conclave will offer...especially the quest events. The Section Conclave staff has prepared an extremely fun-filled event for the weekend of April 23rd - 25th. So, come out, have a blast, and experience the FUN that the OA is all about. When you need a break from the action, by sure not to miss an opportunity to serve your lodge on a committee. Did I mention that serving on a conclave committee makes you eligible for the awesome, cool looking **Hardcore '04 T-Shirt** and service flaps? Yes, I said flaps. Next to a Jamboree, a conclave is as much fun as a scout could experience. Please don't miss out on this awesome OA experience.

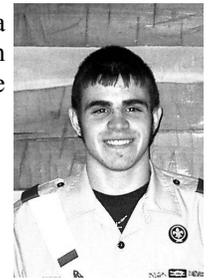
I would like to call to your attention a few things coming up on our OA lodge calendar. On April 3rd, the Ceremonies Team will be hosting its first Ceremonies Team Workshop. This is an opportunity for all arrowmen to be a

part of the lodge's ceremonies, whose responsibilities include performing at call outs, ordeals, and other events within the lodge, council, and districts including chapter events. The Ceremonies Team encourages all arrowmen who are interested to learning a speaking part, drumming, or dancing to please attend this workshop at Camp McKee on April 3, 2004. The workshop will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Stamler Dining Hall, and last well into the afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

Another calendar reminder is that there will be another workday scheduled before Conclave. This will also be held at Camp McKee on April 10th. This will be our LAST opportunity to prepare camp for the Conclave, and with that said, I strongly encourage all lodge members to be in attendance. As a lodge, we want to make our camp as prepared as we possibly can. Also, we have an obligation of service to uphold to the other 8 lodges within the Section. So, please come out for this workday and when Conclave arrives, we'll show these other lodges "what we got".

Well, that is it for this month. As a parting shot, the only ideas I want to leave with you all are first of all, don't ever forget to have fun; and lastly, be careful out there.

In WWW,
Todd Watts, First Vice Chief



The Spirit Within

Fellow Arrowmen,

First of all, I would like to congratulate Todd Watts, Cody Todd, Harold Kenney, Debbie Wade, Ken Sturgill, and Sam Wade on their well-deserved Vigil Honor recognition. Secondly, I would like to remind everyone of this year's SR-6N Conclave, which is April 23-25, 2004. This event will be held at Camp McKee. It is a rare occurrence to have a Conclave this close to "home", so make plans to attend. There is another work day on April 10th starting at 8:00 a.m. Getting the camp ready for Conclave will be the objective. In addition, there will be a ceremonies training on

April 3rd hosted by Gikino Ballet. Anyone planning to participate in ceremonies should attend if possible. If you haven't paid your OA dues, you need to do so as soon as possible. I hope to see everyone at the next event.

Yours in W.W.W.,
Evan Hardeman
Chairman,
Spirit of the Arrow Committee



Treks From The Trailblazers—Gikino Ballet Chapter News

Greetings to all! I trust everyone is rejoicing that winter is behind us, and that spring is finally here.

At the lodge's recent Annual Awards Banquet, the Gikino Ballet Chapter was fortunate to have three of its members nominated to this year's Vigil Honor class. The three were: Cody Todd, Todd Watts, and Harold Kenney. Congratulations to these gentlemen on their well-deserved recognition.

Also, our chapter was recognized for achieving "Quality Chapter" status for the second year in a row. I would like to extend a word of thanks to all of the Scoutmasters / Arrowmen that paid their dues on time, to all of the eligible brotherhood candidates who sealed their membership, and to everyone who ensured that successful camp promotions and elections

were conducted. In addition, a major wa-do (thank you in Cherokee) to the chapter from me personally. I can't wait to try out my surprise rocking chair this summer!

Don't forget the April 3rd *Ceremonies Workshop* at Camp McKee. Also on April 10th is our last workday before this year's Conclave.

Are you ready? If you can just come for part of the day...great, but all day would be even better. Some help is better than none. See you there. *Listen! Or your tongue will make you deaf.* (Cherokee Saying)

C. Watts, Chapter Adviser



'The Beating Drum' News from the Man O'War

2004 will be a great year for the Man'O-War Chapter. We have two new Advisers. Tom Peek is the Chapter Adviser. Tom is Vigil, Achgameu. He is a lifelong member of Kawida Lodge. Tom is an Eagle Scout from the Blue Grass Council. He was in Troop 86, Lexington, and Joe White was the Scoutmaster. The new Associate Adviser is Benjamin Alexander. Alexander is Vigil, Gettenageonsit. His OA call out and Ordeal was in Mischigonong Lodge. He is an Eagle Scout from the Lake Huron Area Council. He was in Troop 623, Shepherd, Michigan, and Jim Smith was the Scoutmaster. Both are looking forward to a great year in the lodge and chapter.

We would like to thank Roger Woods for doing a fine job as chapter adviser the last couple of years. Our main goal in 2004 is to help Kawida become a quality lodge. We hope to reach this goal by becoming a quality chapter. Our chapter elections will be held at Scout World on Saturday morning, at 9:00 am. It is on 17 April, 2004, at Masterson Station Park. The callout ceremony at Scout World will be on Friday, 16 April, at 10:00 pm. Also at Masterson Station Park, all youth chapter members are welcome, even if not attending Scout World. Please come out, run for chapter chief or vice chief and VOTE!! Any questions or comments can be sent to ballex8@verizon.net
Ben Alexander Associate Chapter Adviser



Tom Peek
Chapter Adviser

Kawida Lodge Going To Philmont In 2005

You heard correctly, Kawida Lodge has two (2) twelve-man crews reserved to go to Philmont Scout Ranch on July 15th-27th, 2005. Both youth and adult dues-paying members of Kawida Lodge will be eligible to attend. The Philmont fee itself will be \$500 per person, and travel expenses will be extra. In order to reserve a spot, you will need to send a \$50 deposit to Harold Phillips. Harold will keep a list of the names in the order in which they were received. There must be at least two adults per crew, however there can be more if not enough youth sign up (up to four adults per crew can go). An adult is defined as an arrowman who is 21 years of age or older. Youth arrowman are less than 21 years of age, and they must not turn 21 until after the trip ends.

If you are interested being a part of this great adventure, send your deposit soon. Send a check for \$50 made to Kawida Lodge #480, B.S.A. to Harold Phillips. Also, include your name, address, email address, date of birth, and troop number along with your deposit check.

2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference

"Chosen To Serve, Inspired To Lead"

July 31st through August 5th will be a great time to be in Ames, Iowa. That is when the biennial event known as the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will take place. The Conference will be held on the campus of Iowa State University (Go Cyclones!), and will be filled with shows, training, interactive displays, and patch trading, as well as meeting National Officers/Advisers, enjoying great food, and living on a major university's campus for a week.

There is a limited number of youth and adults that can attend NOAC from each Lodge across the nation. In addition to set lodge quotas, the National OA Committee has also determined youth/adult ratios for lodge participants. Meaning, that for every adult who attends NOAC, there must also be at least two youth members who attend. Thus, if you are an adult who wishes to attend next year's NOAC, you had better talk it up with the youth arrowman to ensure your space reservation. You don't want to miss this opportunity, as I guarantee that you will have the time of your life. Please look for the NOAC registration form located elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yours in WWW,

Tim Brown
NOAC Contingent Leader

The Second Vice Chief Speaks

Hello Arrowmen,

I hope that everyone is having a great start to the new year. I have just a few reminders, first...for any of those wishing to gain their Brotherhood status, you are eligible if it has been at least ten months since your ordeal. The brotherhood ceremony is offered at all ordeals and every week of summer camp. Second...anyone interested in serving as an Elangomat at any of this year's ordeals please let me know by e-mail or at lodge events. I hope to see many of you at the SR-6N Conclave, as well as other lodge events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

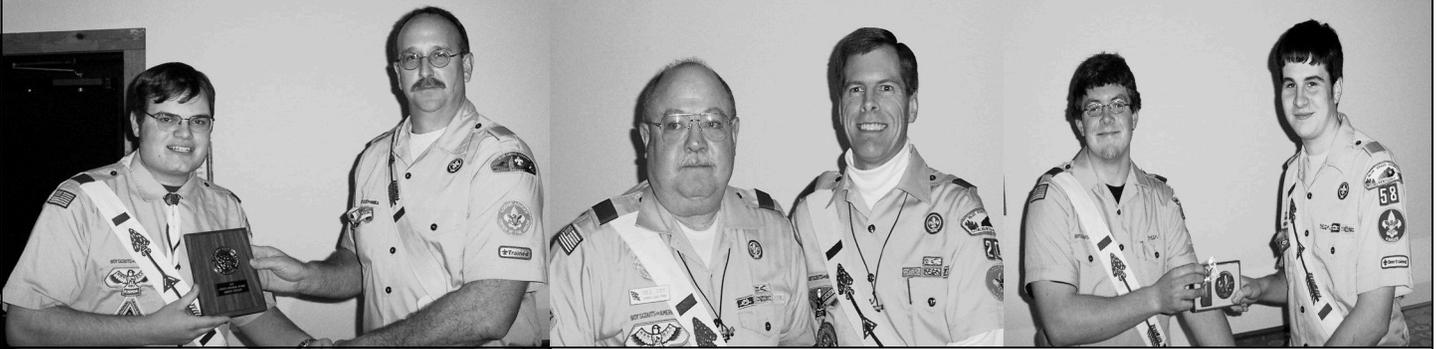
Cody Todd
2nd Vice Chief



2004 KAWIDA LODGE CALENDAR

- **April**
10 Workday (McKee)
23-25 *SR-6N Section Conclave*
(McKee)
- **June**
11-13 1st Ordeal (McKee)
- **July 31-Aug. 5** *NOAC (Iowa State University)*
- **August**
13-15 2nd Ordeal (McKee)
- **September**
10-12 3rd Ordeal (McKee)
- **October**
15-16 Fall Fellowship (McKee)

Winter Banquet February 2004

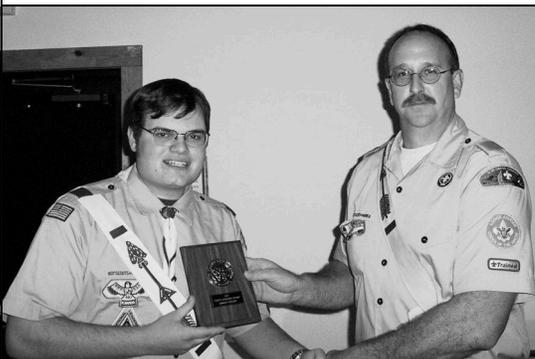


**2003 Mike Butcher Award
Todd Haydon**

**2003 Founder's Awards
Bill Gay
Tripp Watts**



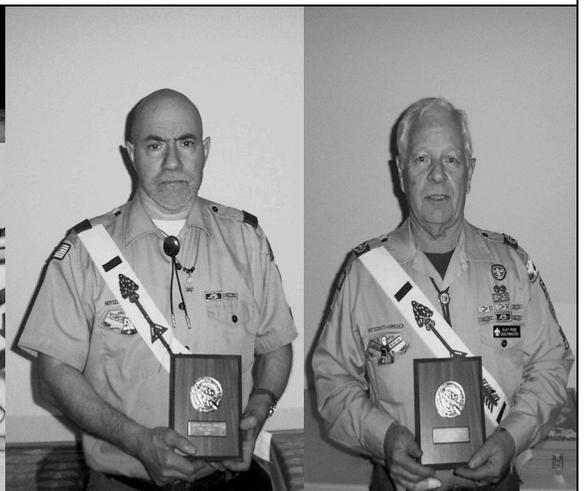
2004 Vigil Candidates: Left to Right: Candidate Todd Watts, escorted by Alan Watts; candidate Cody Todd, escorted by Tripp Watts; candidate Debbie Wade, escorted by Tim Wade; candidate Sam Wade, escorted by Wesley Frost; candidate Ken Sturgill escorted by Harold Phillips (not shown). Candidate Harold Kenney is not pictured. Candidates completed their vigil March 20, 2004 at Camp McKee.



**2003 Lodge Chief's Citation
Award
Harold Phillips**



**Council President
Ken Sturgill gave the
keynote address at the
banquet**



**2002 & 2003 Lodge Advisor's
Awards
Bud Tobin
Clay Rose**

Watch for more pictures from
the Winter Banquet in the
next issue of the Thunderbird!

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Words of Wisdom from the Lodge Advisor

This year's SR-6N Conclave is fast approaching, and there are still several projects and committees to be taken care of. In order for the Conclave to be a great success, Kawida Lodge needs more of its members to step up and get involved. The more arrowmen that we have working together towards this effort, the less of a burden it will be for everyone. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter, and contact the arrowman in charge of the committee or project that you would like to help on. We need everyone to try to make it to the April 10th Workday.

The Annual Awards Banquet was recently held in Berea, and it was an exciting event. Yes, the food was great too. Congratulations to all the Arrowmen who received awards and reconnections. At the Banquet, the 2004 Vigil Honor candidates were called out. There were three youth members and three adult members nominated. These six candidates went through their Vigil Honor night on Saturday evening, and their private recognition ceremony on Sunday. My congratulation goes out to these new Vigil Honor members of Kawida Lodge. They will be publicly recognized at the April 10th Workday.

Camp Promotions and Unit OA Elections are underway with the usual issues. Remember, April 14th is the deadline for elections,

however Camp Promotions can be scheduled up until Summer Camp. If any unit has not contacted their Chapter Adviser yet to schedule a camp promotion / unit OA elections, do so soon. There will be a call-out at Scout World, and it will be for the Man-O-War Chapter. Any district having a Spring Camporee should also have a call-out. OA call outs make a good impression on younger Scouts in the district by affording them the opportunity to see one performed at their first Camporee.

In recent years, Kawida Lodge has had a problem with numerous scouts being elected by the members of their troop as OA candidates, but failing to ever go through an ordeal. These OA candidates MUST go through an ordeal to become an OA member. Many of the reasons given for not going through the Ordeal are related to Band and Football. I have heard there are no practices in June for Band or Football. Also, tents for Summer Camp will already be up by the June ordeal. So these three excuses will be ignored this year. If a candidate cannot go through the Ordeal in August or September, then they need to come to the June Ordeal.

This newsletter was sent to one member of members of same address. Please share this with all members in your family. It was only sent to dues paying members, if Scouts and Scouters do not pay their annual dues, they are not members. Please help get your family members and Troop members to pay their dues. They will not receive any more editions of *The Thunderbird* until they become Kawida Lodge members again.

It would be great for Kawida to be a Quality Lodge this year. Paying ones dues, attaining Brotherhood status when eligible, and having all elected candidates going through an ordeal will help to ensure this happening. By Kawida Lodge achieving Quality Lodge status, there will be great benefits to members of the Lodge and Scouts of the Council.

Hope to see and talk to you all at Lodge events this year.

Yours in W.W.W.,
Harold Phillips
Lodge Advisor

