



THE THUNDERBIRD!

KAWIDA LODGE #480 – BLUE GRASS COUNCIL, BSA

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The Rules Inspired by H. B. Olson

When on the road to the next scouting event—be sure to stop and eat at Cracker Barrel.

Return messages promptly. They took the time to contact you.

Rarely can you build yourself up by tearing someone else down.

24 MPH –whether in the middle of summer camp or the middle of the night.

Chiefly Speaking: By T Alex Hill

Brothers,

We've just completed the first Ordeal of 2011. It was a success! 33 new Ordeal Members, and 7 new Brotherhood Members were inducted over the weekend at Camp McKee. We've had a good spring here in the Lodge. Spring Fellowship, Conclave, and now an Ordeal. At Conclave I was elected Section Chief for Section SR-6. Aaron Shepherd was also re-elected as Section Secretary. Because, I couldn't hold the positions of Lodge Chief and Section Chief, I resigned May 15th at the Spring Ordeal. We conducted an election - Alan Bast will serve the remainder of the current term as Kawida Lodge Chief. I congratulate Alan in his victory.

I have truly enjoyed serving as Lodge Chief. I hope I've lived up to what I said I'd do - and I hope I didn't make anyone too upset in the process. I've been advised by some of the best people there are in the Order of the Arrow. My Dad has been with me from the start: Our Ordeal, Brotherhood Conversion, Vigil weekend, and every election, won or lost. Barry Goff has been there as well from the start. If it were not for him just "Driving the Van", my unit would not have had an election. Alan

Watts has been the rock I turn to when things don't go according to plan. He's always has a good piece of advice to give me.

If it were not for those individuals advising me, I wouldn't be where I am today.

I'd like to close with a blurb from Alan Watts' service Sunday morning at this most recent Ordeal.

You can be anything you want to be. You just have to have the "want to" - to do it. If you lose an election, try again. Trust me. Just because it doesn't work out the first time, doesn't mean it won't on the second, third, or even fourth time running. You can be, or do anything...you just gotta want it.

Over and out one last time,

T Alex Hill
SR-6 Section Chief



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In This Issue:

T. Alex Hill, says goodbye as he takes the position of SR-6 2011 Section Chief (pg.1). For a full recap of Spring Fellowship 2011 see pg.2. Full a full recap of Conclave 2011 see pg.3. Jake Redenbaugh discusses progress on the shower house (pg.2). And of course, our Lodge Adviser, Alan Watts, has a minute (just one!) on pg.4 Check the patches from 2011 from Kawida and SR-6! (pg.5)



Lodge Chief, T. Alex Hill, gets it done with Council President, Billy Forbess, and Scout Executive, Kelly Hampton, as they break ground on the shower house.

Shower House Update:

Attention all Arrowman! So far since our ground-breaking ceremony, the foundation has been dug, the forms built, now we're ready run the plumbing that will be in the concrete. I'd like to thank all of those who have "raised some bones" and financially contributed to the effort, as well as those who have invested physical labor. The lodge is depending on you, the Arrowman, to make this thing happen. GET involved in 2011 if you haven't already, by getting behind this project!

We need your time now. If you're willing to spend a Saturday working on the shower house, please let us know.

Jake Redenbaugh

Spring Fellowship: By Jake Redenbaugh

Fellow Arrowmen,

If you were unable to attend Spring Fellowship, you missed out on an amazing weekend that will go down in Kawida history! Seven Brotherhood members keep their vigil, and four Ordeal members sealed their membership by converting to Brotherhood. The weekend was action packed with our three-event "Race to the Arrow" competition, where teams worked together to solve unforeseen problems. The excitement continued with an epic two hour game of Egyptian Rat Slap that night. We were even honored by having the youth leadership of Ittawamba Lodge join us for the excitement. Finally,

while all of these fun events make Spring Fellowship what it is, this year we had a special opportunity to break ground for the new shower house. (For a full video of the groundbreaking, go to kawida.org)

If you weren't able to join us this year, make sure to mark Spring Fellowship on your calendars next year!

See you at camp!

Jake Redenbaugh

Vice-Chief of Brotherhood.



The Vigil Class of 2011.

From left to right: Marvin De-Bell; Leta Davenport; Sunder Willett; Alan Bast; Jonathan Davenport; Ben Brown; Doug Vick.

Conclave: By Sunder Willett

This year, Conclave was a blast (again)! I feel sorry for everyone who missed it. Some highlights are as follows:

We got to see an awesome scout camp in Camp Crooked Creek. We had a ceremonies team compete at conclave for the first in at least 6 years. (They did great too!) There were new Quest Games this year to challenge your mind as well as your body. There was a great campfire. The food was amazing! (I really feel sorry now because at cracker barrel we had sno cones, nachos, fresh popcorn and cotton candy and ten sheet cakes! We even had chocolate cake for breakfast!) Oh yeah and two of our lodge members got elected as section officers. Congratulations to T.

Alex Hill and Aaron Shepherd, section SR-6's 2011 Section Chief and Section Secretary respectively. The best part was seeing T. Alex get dunked in the lake as the incoming section chief.

I hope to see more guys at Conclave next year hosted by Talidanganu Lodge. (Maybe we'll see T. Alex catch a tiki torch on fire like the 2010 Chief did.)

In Brotherhood
Sunder Willett
Lodge Secretary



Kawida Preordeal Team 2011 From left-to-right: Sunder Willett; Alan Bast; Christian Pena; Nathan Vick



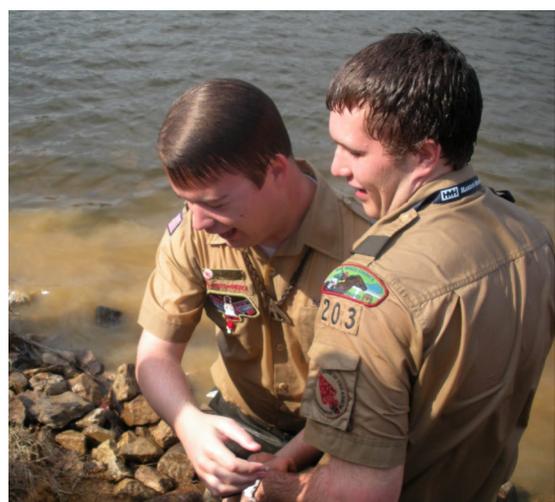
Someone's patch trading!



The 2011 Section Officers are sworn in by Mitchell Saulsbury, the 2010 Section Chief.



Someone's about to get dunked! Don't worry we took his iPhone and emptied his pockets.



T. Alex gets a helping hand from Jake out of the lake. (Jake helped him in too.)

Lodge Adviser's Minute: By Alan Watts

The lodge has had a busy spring. Seven Arrowmen kept their Vigil at Spring Fellowship. And we just returned from Conclave where over sixty members participated. Several lodge members attended a conclave for the first time. We won some recognition in publications and ceremonies. Kawida Lodge now holds two of the three section offices.

Congratulations to Alex Hill getting elected Section Chief for 2011 as well as Aaron Shepherd being elected Section Secretary again. Great Job! Now the lodge will need to align its officers for the rest of the year. Good job on publications too as well as the boys who com-

peted in the ceremony competition for the first time in several years. We also appreciate the Quest and American Indian Event folks as well. I hope every Arrowman from Kawida Lodge had a great time and will work to take another Arrowman with them to Conclave next year.

As we turn our attention to the swiftly approaching camping season we still have a shower house to finish building, tents to put up, and all the other help we can offer.

I wish to thank all the young men as well as adults who made our trip to Conclave a great success. Now let's roll our sleeves up and make

our camp a better place for the Blue Grass Council.

Alan Watts
Lodge Adviser



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Patches, Patches, Patches!



2011 Kawida event flaps. Top-to-bottom: 2011 Kawida Lodge Standard; 2011 Kawida Spring Fellowship; 201 Kawida SR-6 Conclave. Wait till you see what's coming for Fall Fellowship and Winter Banquet!



Have you "raised some bones"? These will be gone quick, especially with the glow-in-the dark bones! Youth flaps (red border) are \$15. Adult flaps (gold border) are \$100. Support the shower house at the next lodge event you attend!

Conclave attendees may have ended up with any of these patches on the right. The Chicksa turtle looks pretty cool doesn't it? Then again, the guys from Ahoalan-Nachpikin dressed up as knights like the flap. (Last year they were Canadians.) Maybe next Conclave we should make a nin-ja flap and dress up as ninjas!



Our hosts for next year: Tali-dandaganu 293!



What you're raising bones for: the new shower house! It's located at the edge of the Kawida green just past campsite 13.

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Calendar 2011

Summer Camp Ordeal (recent change) Fall Ordeal—Sept 9-11th
Summer Camp Ordeal (recent change) Jun 24-25th
Summit Corps—Jul 17-23rd
Indian Summer—Aug 1-6th
Lodge Leadership Development—Nov 11-12th
Sporting Clays Service Ordeal (recent change) Winter Banquet—Dec 3rd
Sporting Clays Service Ordeal (recent change) Aug 19-21st