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Chiefly Speaking....

By Nick Oliver

What's up Kawida Lodge!? I am very happy that we have started off this year with a huge bang! Indian Winter was held earlier this month. We had a great turn out and a ton of knowledge for ceremonies was gained! This year looks

very bright for us. The OA building on camp has successfully been given a new look on the outside with a fresh paint job. I am extremely excited to watch our lodge grow and become the true service organization that we are.

We plan to work close nit with the council on things that not only they want done but what us scouts think would make our beautiful camp even better. I am happy with the steps we as a lodge are taking to make each event great and each

project we take part in a success to get ready for Conclave 2014! I better see you at Spring Fellowship rocking that Kawida Swag!

Nick Oliver



Why Should I Convert To Brotherhood?

By: Nathan Vick

As a member of the Order of the Arrow, you have likely heard a lot of talk about "converting to Brotherhood" and "sealing your membership in the Order." You may be asking, "What does it all mean? And why should I convert to Brotherhood?" Read on...

When you completed your Ordeal, you became a full member of the Order of the Arrow. You could attend all meetings and do everything (except attend Brotherhood/ Vigil ceremonies, etc.). In short, you were "entitled to all rights and

privileges of membership in the Order of the Arrow" (OA Handbook). So, if Ordeal members are full members, is there nothing special about Brotherhood except getting two bars on your sash? Actually, Brotherhood is an important part of your induction into the OA. That's right, induction. The Induction Sequence starts with your election and ends when you seal your membership in the Brotherhood Ceremony. The Brotherhood experience is carefully structured to bring you to a new level of understanding

about your Ordeal, the OA, and yourself. It's truly an amazing experience! OK, so how do you convert to Brotherhood? It's not hard! We're offering Brotherhood Conversions at every lodge event this year and at every week of summer camp at Camp McKee. All you have to do is sign up! (There is a small fee involved to cover a new sash.) You will have to know the Obligation, the OA Song, the Admonition, the Handclasp of the OA, and the Sign of the Ordeal (look in your OA Handbook and at <http://jumpstart.oea->

bsa.org).

Knowing this basic information will really help you learn more about the OA and make the Brotherhood Ceremony more meaningful. I hope that you will take advantage of this awesome opportunity to complete your induction into the Order of the Arrow and join those who have already taken this step!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nathan Vick



From The Desk of the Secretary

By: Jacob Roberts

My Brothers,
This is gonna be a great year for our lodge. If you ever need to know what is going on in our lodge, you can always check the lodge Facebook page. www.facebook.com/KawidaLodge#480.

Another place you can check is our website www.kawida.org. These are some very useful ways we promote our awesome events. If you have any other ques-

tions you can email me at secretary@kawida.org.

Some things I plan on doing this year are making our lodge a gold Journey To Excellence Lodge and getting higher attendance at our events by promoting them through email blasts, Facebook, and the Lodge website. I plan on making our lodge gold in JTE by meeting with our other lodge officers to work

on this. It is an honor to be your 2013 Lodge Secretary and even bigger honor to follow in the footsteps that Nathan Vick did last year. I hope to see you guys around serving cheerfully.

Until then, remember to keep the party rocking, Kawida.

In WWW,

Jacob Roberts



The Treasure's Vault

By: Sean Hillwig

Hey guys, it's your 2013 Kawida Lodge Treasurer here giving you an update on what's happening. First off, you guys need to pay your dues (\$15.00).

Next, this year's event budgets are going great, but it won't matter if you don't come to events and have a great time. Then there is the best part of all, PATCHES,

featuring are new angry thunderbird, if you haven't seen one then you need to check it out because it is rockin'. Finally, we look forward to hosting Conclave 2014 which means we need you to attend events to help prepare.

Sean Hillwig



Spring Ordeal Promotional

By: Jonathon Davenport

Hello everyone its Jonathan here. Spring ordeal is quickly approaching as we speak and we want you!

Some things that we are going to be working on at this ordeal are setting up the tents for camp. This is a huge job in by itself.

We also have the sporting clays classic this weekend at camp McKee. If possible

please talk with your troops and see if you can bring some troop members who aren't going through ordeal to help work with the sporting clays.

Also I would like to see as many attending members as possible. This is the first time besides the call out ceremony. I want to give these new arrowmen the best ex-

perience possible and the best first impression of the order of the arrow. This means that we need attending members there to help things run as smooth as possible. Some things that we will need from the attending are help transporting the tents, poles, and other supplies to the campsites the night before.

We also need at least one to transport meals to the clans for breakfast and lunch. Any adults that aren't working with the clans if you could possibly help work the sporting clays classic that would be awesome! Again I'd like to see as many arrowmen at the ordeal to help give the candidates the best experience

possible and help best serve our great council and camp.

Come out and lets how the council what the order of the arrow is all about!

Yours in service,

Jonathan Davenport

Conclave Promotional

By: Nick Oliver

I am extremely excited to be attending this years SR-6 Conclave at Camp Yocona, Home of the Chicksa #202 Lodge in Randolph, Mississippi on April 19-20th. It will be an amazing weekend full of fun, training, and show our section who's best. Cough Cough Kawida.

If you are wanting to attend, which I

know you are, head to www.kawida.org for the easy registration. I hope all of you arrowmen decide to go. I recently attended a special meeting about the conclave. It's looking like it is going to be one of our best yet. I hope to see you there!

Nick Oliver

Our New
Supreme
Chief!
James
"Chip"
Armishaw



Chapter Updates

Gikino Ballet

My name is Deven Gonzalez; I am the new Gikino Ballet Chapter Chief for this year. I am a member of Troop 75 in Winchester, KY where I am currently hold the position of Senior Patrol Leader. I'm very glad to have been elected, I would like to thank everyone that has helped me get this far, and I intend to work hard and hope to serve our chapter well.

Where will chapter meetings be held? Chapter meeting will be held at a different community roundtable every month. We hope to put out a schedule soon of when these chapter meetings will be held, be sure to check the district's calendar for updated information. We also have a Facebook group for meeting and chapter updates, please look us up

under "Gikino Ballet".

Troop OA Elections

Scoutmasters, if you haven't done so already please be sure to contact me or my adviser to schedule your OA troop elections, we hope to have all elections done by April 15th so those elected have as many opportunities to complete their ordeal before year's end.

P.S. Spring Fellowship is just around the corner (March 22nd – 24th), mark your calendars now and I hope to see a huge turn out from Gikino Ballet, it should be a great time!

Yours in Scouting,

Deven Gonzalez

Mischa Mokwa

We have finally started this year off, and I cannot wait to see just what our lodge will bring to the table! As for the Mischa Mokwa chapter, however, we are just getting geared up. In recent meetings, we have decided to do a service project involving our chapter's namesake. It will definitely be challenging, but we plan to remark the Mischa Mokwa Trail.

This project will take some time to complete, but in the meantime we are doing everything we can to achieve some smaller goals. By

continuing our Journey To Excellence, we hope to attain Gold once again through increased membership, Brotherhood conversions, and attendance at lodge events. Along with the work, though, comes fun! We also plan on having a chapter wide backpacking trip that is sure to be a blast! With a lot on our plate, we are sure to be busy, but we will keep everyone informed on the latest news from Mischa Mokwa.

Ben Mills

Tecumseh

Hello everyone my name is Daren Jones and I am the new Tecumseh chapter chief. Myself along with the other members of our chapter are so excited about the upcoming events we have planned this year, and we have already started off strong with Indian Winter and for those of you who missed it that's okay there is

always next year. I can see many great things coming from our chapter this year, but in order to accomplish these tasks I will need the help of my Brothers and the best way you can help me is to come to the chapter meetings.

Daren Jones

Lenni Lenape

I would like to say that this year we plan on having many more events planned due to the interest of more active kids in our chapter to go and do things. This year we have planned a greeting picnic that at this moment is still tentative due to the lack of 2 of the 3 officers attendance because of summer camp staff training. We have planned an overnight backpacking trip for June 1-2 on the Sheltoewe trace. Then, we have a whitewater event planned for the weekend before school starts on August 2- 4. This

will be an all weekend event with the trip scheduled all Saturday if weather permits. Members of the Lenne Lenape Chapter should expect phone calls for head counts a month prior to these events. If you have new or updated contact info, please contact Dale Morton or me at steven.cottle@kawida.org and your info will be changed accordingly.

Thank you,

Steven Cottle

Tomahaken

In the next few months, the Tomahaken Chapter has a few items on the agenda to improve the quality of the chapter, which will then increase the quality of the Lodge. We have made it one of our personal goals to strive to be the best we can be and give our chapter members the opportunity of being involved in an active chapter and lodge. A quick outline of what we have in mind: the creation of a ceremonies team, get more troops involved in our chapter (troops in our chapter that aren't active in the OA), and increasing the amount of involvement in our district.

After an inspirational Indian Winter, one of our goals is to create a ceremonies team. We still have to decide on how we are to get the regalia, but we have scripts and the motivation to get us started. A few scouts have already asked to be part of this new Tomahaken project.

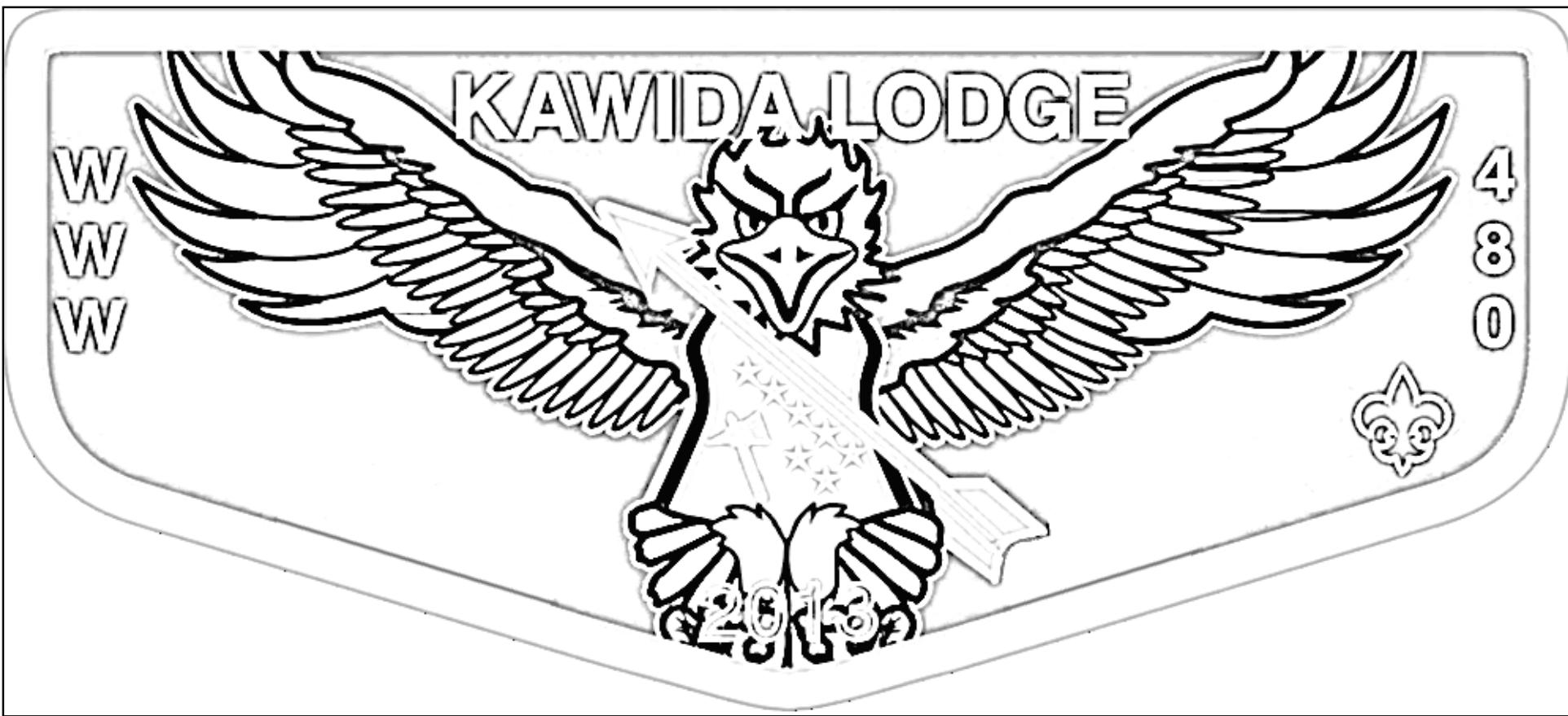
As for getting more troops involved, we are already making good progress. The local Mormon

church is starting a new troop and we have already communicated with them. A few of the scouts are already in the OA there, so we have already been talking about having OA reps elected in their troop. This new troop shows promise with the OA. We are going to make communications with other troops soon.

Our district gives us a lot. They are so supportive of our chapter and we are constantly in contact with them. To show our thanks and give them our respect, our chapter will make a larger effort to help our district out with whatever we can. Whether it be a service project or a Cub Scout Campout, we will try our hardest to help them.

With these goals and plans for the next few months, we will strive to make the Tomahaken Chapter better than ever. We all are looking forward to whatever the next few months shall bring.

Mac Hall



Fall Fellowship Patch Design Contest

Hello Arrowmen,

At Fall Fellowship a committee sign up form was sent out for the committee

Patch Design. You signed up on this sheet. We have a mission for you! We need you to design our next Fall Fellowship patch. Attached above is a blank photo of our 2013 Lodge Standard.

You can take it out and after you finish designing it mail it to 216 South Main Street Winchester, Kentucky 40391. We want you to come up with the colors/designs of the flap. You must

follow the included guidelines.

My fellow lodge officers will look at each design and decide which one will be the next lodge flap. Thanks so much!



Guidelines

- Everything you see on the “coloring template” must be on the patch
- You may add things to the patch if you wish. Such as pumpkin heads, fall leaves, etc.
- Patch design must be turned in by 4-5-13
- Remember it needs to be semi-fall/Halloween themed



Lodge Advisors Minute

By: Doug Vick

Kawida Lodge is in the capable hands of its 2013 youth leaders. Well prepared with an outstanding LLD and several LEC's, they are ready for 2013 and are gearing up for 2014.

Have you heard? Kawida is the Service Lodge for Conclave 2014! That's right, next year's Conclave will occur at our own Camp McKee on April 25-27, 2014. Such fun -- and so much to do! Mark your calendars now for the upcoming OA service days at McKee this March 16 and April 13. In addition to re-

pairing winter damage to camp, Arrowmen will get to paint the buildings around the Cox OA building. The LEC wants to see you! If we can get a head count ahead of time, lunch may be provided. Food!!

Spring Fellowship is almost here! The lodge leadership have cooked up a fun filled weekend of events.

Please join the LEC as we extend greetings to our new Supreme Chief of the Fire, James "Chip" Armishaw, who began serving the Blue Grass Council as Scout Executive Feb. 1.

Welcome!!

Congratulations to Kawida Arrowman Aaron Shepherd who, after serving as section secretary and vice-chief, is now our current Section 6 Chief!

Chapters are currently scheduling troop/team OA elections before April 15th -- contact your Chapter Chief & Adviser to schedule your unit's elections. Registering troop Arrowmen during troop rechartering seemed successful and convenient. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership in

the lodge with the enclosed form or online before April 15th.

As we look forward to hosting Conclave in 2014, keep checking the lodge website <http://kawida.org> for updates.

Contact Nick Oliver & Tim Brown to include your name and desired area of service for Conclave 2014.

Kawida is a 2012 Gold JTE lodge, and the LEC is looking towards earning Gold JTE in 2013. The LEC invites you to attend events, convert to Brotherhood, and experience the fun of ser-

vant leadership. As always, drivers, if you're planning on attending an event, don't come alone --- bring at least 2 youth!



Remember to bring at least two youth to each event.

Don't know what chapter you are in? Use the list below to find out!w

Elkhorn District - Tecumseh Chapter (p. 7)

Counties Served: Anderson, Franklin, Harrison, Scott, & Woodford

Lake Cumberland District - Lenni Lenape Chapter (p. 6)

Counties Served: Casey, Clinton, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, & Wayne

Lonesome Pine District - Tomahaken Chapter (p. 8)

Counties Served: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, & Wolfe

Mountain Laurel District - Mischa Mokwa Chapter (p. 7)

Counties Served: Bell, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Whitley, Jackson, Clay, & Leslie

Palisades District - We-Ha-Li Chapter (p. 8)

Counties Served: Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, & Fayette

Shawnee District - Gikino Ballet Chapter (p. 6)

Counties Served - Bath, Bourbon, Bracken, Clark, Estill, Elliot, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Powell, Robertson, & Rowan



2013 Membership Update and Dues Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow



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Personal Information

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)

You are a: (select one)

Scout

Adult (21+)

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

Mailing Address

You currently are: (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:

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Cooking

Membership

Banquet

Ceremony

Dance Team

Training

Elections

Events

Dues

Dues for 2013

\$15.00

I have enclosed a check as payment (make payable to Blue Grass Council)

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

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Email completed forms to AnnaMarie.Jackowski@scouting.org

FOR LODGE OFFICE USE ONLY:

Dues Received \$ _____

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Date Received ____/____/____

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Member Card Given ____/____/____

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Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow Blue Grass Council, BSA



Spring Fellowship/Vigil Registration Form
March 22-24, 2013
McKee Scout Reservation *Stamler* Dining Hall

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Vigil Candidates will be contacted individually for arrival times. All members should plan to attend a weekend of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and SERVICE. There will be no Friday meal, but a cracker barrel will be available late in the evening. On Saturday morning the Vigil Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. Anyone may attend the Vigil Breakfast. It is highly desirable if we know you are attending so we can plan to have the proper amount of food. Lunch, supper, and a cracker barrel will also be served on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday morning. The event will conclude at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. All the water will not be on at camp and no wall tents will have been set up, so plan accordingly. We are scheduled to be operating out of Stamler Hall. **Walk-Ins are discouraged.** Please register by March 19th. Please check our website, www.kawida.org for program information.

If you have any questions please contact Connie Lane at 859-231-7811 or connie.lane@scouting.org or Doug Vick at 859-806-6999 or adviser@kawida.org

Registration Information:

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:



Attending Member	\$25.00 each
Brotherhood Conversion (includes sash)	\$20.00 Additional
Vigil Breakfast Only	\$6.00 each
Elangomat Training (please check if attending)	No Charge
TOTAL DUE	\$

Cash enclosed Check enclosed Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV Code _____

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM & COPY OF INSURANCE CARD

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2013 Kawida Lodge Calendar

Spring Fellowship.....	March 22-24
Conclave.....	April 19-21
Spring Ordeal.....	May 10-12
Summer Camp Ordeal.....	June 21-22
Third Ordeal.....	August 9-11
Fall Ordeal.....	September 6-8
Fall Fellowship.....	October 4-6
Lodge Leadership Development (LLD).....	November 15-17

For Updates and Other Events, Visit

www.kawida.org/calendar