

# The Thunderbird



Kawida Lodge #480—Blue Grass Council #204, BSA

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## The OA and Summer Camp, by Colin Stapleton

### Special points of interest:

- Post Conclave report!
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The OA is involved at summer camp! What do we do? Well, quite a lot. The OA Camp Coordinator supervises all the OA events for the week, as well as takes pictures of everything going on at camp. This year's OA Camp Coordinator is Lodge Chief Nathan Vick—make sure to introduce yourself to him at camp!

We hold a weekly Brotherhood ceremony for any of the campers who are eligible for Brotherhood. Also, we put on a weekly movie night for the whole camp. Plus at the closing campfires we perform the call-out ceremony to recognize elected Scouts. We'll also hold a Summer Camp Ordeal at the end of Week 1. Those are all big events that



everyone can see. On a much smaller level, the Arrowmen working on camp staff all serve cheerfully to make summer camp the great experience it should be for each and every participant.

Now, we invite you to come and be a part of the OA at summer

camp. Sign up for camp staff, attend a movie night, wear your OA sash on OA Day, volunteer to help with one of the Brotherhood ceremonies, or just promote summer camp attendance in your units. We hope to see you at Camp McKee this summer!



## Spring Ordeal, by Sebastian Torres

Brothers,

We need your help! It is that time of year again, and summer camp is almost here. The Spring Ordeal is also fast approaching, and will be held on May 15th thru the 17th at Camp McKee. Check-in starts at 6:00 PM on Friday at Stamler Dining Hall, and the event continues until 10:00 AM on Sunday. Registration links are on [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org).

We'll be setting up tents, painting, and hav-



ing a great time of fellowship. Please spread the word to your troop and chapter, and especially encourage your troop's elected candidates to attend.

I hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Yours in Service,  
Sebastian Torres

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**“Brothers,  
we need  
your help!”**

## Join the Drum Team, by Aaron Reynolds

For those who were not there, during Conclave the drum team competed in the Quest games competition; where for the second year in a row, we took 2nd Place!

On drum was Ben Gilbert, Joey Smith, Brandon Barlow, and myself. We did a phenomenal job guys. As the loudest team out there, I can honestly say that we've come a long way since the reformation of the team.

If you are interested in joining, email me or see me at the next OA event! This is a great opportunity



to get more involved in the lodge. I would love to hear from you about how you can help!

Yours in Service,  
Aaron C. Reynolds

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## Chiefly Speaking! By Nathan Vick

Brothers,

Welcome to a special year! This year will go down in history as one of the best years in Kawida history! Why? First, it's the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow! Who wouldn't be excited about celebrating 100 years of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service?!

But wait... there's more! There's another reason why 2015 is special. One word... YOU! We want you to be involved in Kawida Lodge!

How? That's easy! It starts with attending Spring Ordeal, an awesome time of cheerful service and fellowship, where we get to bring new Arrowmen into our Order. We're hoping to have 150 can-

didates and Arrowmen in Stamler Dining Hall on May 15-17, so please spread the word, especially to the candidates and Arrowmen in your unit! Check out [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org) for more details!

But it doesn't end with Spring Ordeal...at Winter Banquet, we unveiled our 2015 slogan and vision: "Living the Dream!" How are we going to achieve that vision? By having dynamic events, exciting activities, and developing an engaging program where all belong as brothers. That last part is especially important: belonging as brothers. There's a place for you in Kawida Lodge!

Brothers, I challenge you: take the next step. Move a little bit out of

your comfort zone. See how you can get involved, whether it be in your chapter, a committee, the lodge itself, or all three! Being an active Kawida Arrowman is a wild, crazy, exciting ride! So take that next step! You won't regret it. There's never been a better time to be a Kawida Arrowman! What are you waiting for? Jump in, and join the fellowship!

In Brotherhood,

Nathan Vick  
Kawida Lodge Chief  
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## We-Ha-Li Chapter Update, by Aaron Reynolds

With election season being over, we move into the biggest part of the year; inductions. As the biggest chapter in the lodge, we are excited to welcome in the dozens of members that have been elected in and will be going through their ordeal.

Planning has commenced to visit [wehali.chief@kawida.org](mailto:wehali.chief@kawida.org)

the VA hospital in Lexington and do some cheerful service in September. More info to come soon! All Arrowmen will be welcome!

Yours in Service,  
Aaron C. Reynolds



## Lenni Lenape Chapter Update, by Chance Bullock

We have completed all unit elections in our chapter! I am planning a couple of small events this year around the fall time to welcome new Arrowmen to our chapter, as well as conduct elections for next year's chapter officers.

## Gikino Ballet Chapter Update, by Bradley Shook

Our chapter is doing well so far! We have performed many crossovers and also performed our first call-out ceremony during the Shawnee District camporee, which was really exciting.

We have held a few elections so far, meaning that our numbers have gone up, which is always a plus. I am working to get dues paid by the members of our chapter and reverse the

culture of that aspect. It has been an exciting experience so far in the Chapter Chief role, with many more experiences to come!

Do you know which chapter you are in? Check it out and get more involved locally at: [kawida.org/chapters](http://kawida.org/chapters)



## Conclave Recap, by Brandon Barlow

Conclave this year was held at Camp Buck Toms in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Sitting on Watts Bar Lake just south of Rockwood, TN, Camp Buck Toms was a camp unlike any I've seen before! At every campsite, there were Adirondack shelters equipped to hold 8 scouts a structure, a covered pavilion and easy access to bath-houses. We had an awesome weekend of fellowship and competition.

When we arrived, they came in full force to accommodate all the Scouts coming in to their camp. They even had a very familiar canoe sitting in the registration tent, although there was no Ale-8-1 to be found but instead it was filled with their local favorite drink. Cracker barrel started the weekend off hard with a HUGE selection of food. So much food waited in the dining hall for everyone to enjoy a hardy "snack" after their road trips. Saturday morning, Scouts went to a variety of training sessions or competitions in order to learn and grow as Arrowmen.



For the first time in over 20 years, this lodge took home the gold and won Quest Games! In a hard fought battle between lodges in the areas of publications and physical ability, Kawida Lodge reigned supreme and came home with the trophy.

All in all, this was one of the best Conclaves I have been to, and I will certainly be ready to take on the other lodges next year! Be sure to save the date for next year's Conclave April 15 to 17, 2016, at Kia Kima Reservation.



## Adviser's Minute, by Todd Haydon

It is now 2015, the Centennial of the Order of the Arrow. Looking back on my own Ordeal almost 17 years ago, I pondered then what life would be like when the Order reached its 100th birthday. Then, it seemed so distant, but now the centennial is upon us and my induction feels as if it was but a few seasons ago.

Excitement is the simplest word I can use to describe what Kawida Lodge members are feeling. It rests in the hearts of every member, from our youngest to our oldest. It is not every year that we can herald in a century of service. It is not every day we can spend with our fellow Arrowmen in fellowship. Grasp the excitement with both hands. Take charge and find your place in Kawida Lodge. Breathe in the Centennial of the Order, and let the vision our founders saw a century ago reside in you.

Riddled throughout all of our facets of communication, ([kawida.org](http://kawida.org), **The Thunderbird**, social media, and emails) you will notice quite a few

events are in store. These events are going to be done up right in a centennial fashion. Spring Fellowship and Conclave are fine examples of the spectacular hundredth anniversary activities in 2015.

The Arrowman Service Award, or as it has been commonly called, "The Sash Patch", is attainable by any member of Kawida Lodge. The requirements vary between youth and adult members, but I assure you in either case, you do not want to pass up the chance to earn this. This is directed to you. Yes, you. Whether you are our newest member, or a Kawida legend, you need to complete these requirements. I've included the image of the Arrowman Service Award, and you will find the Youth Progress Tracker and Adult Progress Tracker later in **The Thunderbird**. When you feel as if you've completed the appropriate progress tracker, find me at a Lodge event, and I will review your progression.



Capture the excitement of the Centennial. Encourage your friends and troop members in the Order to renew their dues with Kawida. Attend each event you can, and you will not regret it.

Yours in service,

Todd Haydon  
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# 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



[www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org)

### 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)

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

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Unit Number

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Please select areas of interest:

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### 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

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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)

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# Kawida Lodge Order of the Arrow Blue Grass Council, BSA

Ordeal & Brotherhood Conversion  
McKee Scout Reservation



**Registration Information:**

May 15-17, 2015 (3 days, 2 nights)	August 21-23, 2015 (3 days, 2 nights)
June 26-27, 2015 (2 days, 1 night)	September 11-13, 2015 (3 days, 2 nights)

**IMPORTANT:** Check the appropriate date

If you were elected to become a member of the OA in 2015, select one of the above listed Ordeals as your opportunity to complete your induction and become a member. If you're an Arrowman, Kawida Lodge invites you to attend any or all of the 2015 Ordeals. The Ordeal is truly a unique experience, filled with service, fellowship, and fun! If you are an Arrowman whose Ordeal was more than 10 months ago, you are invited to seal your membership in Brotherhood Conversion at one of the Ordeals. Registration for each Ordeal starts at 6:00 PM on Friday night, and the event ends on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM (except the June Ordeal, which ends after supper Saturday due to summer camp). Meals include cracker barrels Friday and Saturday, breakfast, lunch, and supper on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. A Call Out Ceremony will be held Friday evening for those not yet recognized. Walk-ins are discouraged. Please register to the Council Office by Wednesday before the event (this helps us to make sure there is enough food). Check our website, [www.kawida.org](http://www.kawida.org) for program information.

If you have any questions please contact Todd Haydon at 859-319-0712 or [adviser@kawida.org](mailto:adviser@kawida.org).

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

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

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**Emergency Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment Information:**

May, August and September	Ordeal Candidate	\$50.00 each
	Brotherhood Conversion	\$40.00 each
	Attending Member	\$20.00 each
June ONLY	Ordeal Candidate	\$45.00 each
	Brotherhood Conversion	\$35.00 each
	Attending Member	\$15.00 each
TOTAL DUE		\$

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OAORDEALONE (May)



OAORDEALTWO (June)



OAORDEALTHREE (Aug)



OAORDEALFOUR (Sept)





ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD: PROGRESS TRACKER

Initial

- 1. Registered and in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge.
2. Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (bold denotes required items)

PERSONAL GROWTH (complete two total)

- Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)
Be an Eagle Scout, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Silver/Summit award recipient; or advance one Boy Scout or Sea Scout rank or Venturing award level
Participate in or staff a BSA youth leadership training course
Earn a STEM Nova or Hornaday award
Participate in an OA High Adventure program or attend a BSA High Adventure Base with your unit

SCOUT SERVICE (complete two total)

- Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g., in uniform) service benefiting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands (i.e. a National Forest or Park)
Serve as a chapter or lodge chairman or officer for a minimum of six months
Participate as a ceremonial principal in a Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil ceremony
Serve on staff of a council camp or national BSA High Adventure Base
Serve in a unit leadership position for a minimum of six months

100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (complete two total)

- Contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100 OR contribute to your lodge's centennial history book
Attend your section's 100th anniversary conclave
Attend your lodge's sponsored 100th event
Attend an ArrowTour event
Attend the 2015 NOAC

1Arrowmen who were inducted as an Ordeal member after January 1st, 2015 are exempt from this requirement and need to complete only one requirement in Personal Growth.

2Suggested courses include National Youth Leadership Training, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, ILST, National Leadership Seminar, Powder Horn, Kodiak Challenge. Youth Arrowmen over 18 years of age should complete an Adult BSA training course such as Wood Badge, IOLS, or University of Scouting. For a full list of non-Youth Protection, position-specific courses, please visit www.scouting.org/training. Youth Protection training does not qualify.

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2. Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (bold denotes required items)

PERSONAL GROWTH (complete two total)

- Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)
Participate in or staff a BSA youth leadership training course
Attend a council long-term camp of a BSA high adventure program as a unit leader or crew adviser
Recruit a new or currently inactive Scouter to serve as a registered BSA volunteer

SCOUT SERVICE (complete two total)

- Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g., in uniform) service benefiting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands (i.e. a National Forest or Park)
Serve on staff of a council camp or national BSA High Adventure Base
Support a youth chapter/lodge officer or chairman in an adviser or associate adviser capacity for a minimum of six months
Serve as an active Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Team, or Venturing unit volunteer (including Unit Committee) for a minimum of six months
Serve on a district/council committee or in a district/council role for a minimum of six months
Provide a campership for at least 2 Scouts or Venturers to attend a council summer camp or BSA High Adventure program

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2Youth Protection training does not qualify. Suggested courses include Wood Badge, IOLS, University of Scouting, National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar, OA Advisers' Training at Philmont. For a full list of non-Youth Protection, position-specific courses, please visit www.scouting.org/training.

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## 2015 Kawida Lodge Calendar

Spring Ordeal	May 15-17
<i>Parking Support for Rodeo</i>	<i>June 19-20</i>
Summer Camp Ordeal	June 26-27
National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)	August 2-8
Second Summer Ordeal	August 21-23
Fall Ordeal	September 11-13
Fall Fellowship	October 2-4
<i>McKee Fall Adventure Service</i>	<i>October 23-25</i>
Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)	Date TBD
Winter Banquet	December 5