



# THUNDERBIRD



## INTRODUCTION TO 2019 LODGE OFFICERS



**Steven Misczanski, Lodge Chief**

Hi! My name is Steven Misczanski, and I'm very excited to serve as your 2019 Lodge Chief. We've already had a great start to the year at Indian Winter where we received a lot of training from Sequoyah Lodge. If you missed out on their training more will be available at Southern Region (SR)-6 Conclave this year at Camp Roy C. Manchester.

I am a Life Scout from Troop 12 in Pikeville, KY. I served as Vice Chief of Brotherhood in 2018. My goal for the year is to have large lodge events and to fully incorporate young women into our organization as members.



**Jesse Cathey, Vice Chief of Service**

My name is Jesse Cathey I am the 2019 Vice Chief of Service. I am Vigil Honor and Life rank with Troop 382 in Lexington Ky. I'm 15, I have been on NYLT staff. My personal goal is to attain my Eagle Scout this spring. My goals for Kawida Lodge is to see more members involved along with improving the service days.



**Trey Embry, Vice Chief of Brotherhood**

Hello My fellow Kawidans, My name is Trey Embry, I will be serving as your 2019 Vice Chief of Brotherhood, and the 2019 Vigil Chief. I had an excellent year serving as chief for 2018 and I am super excited to see what this year brings! I'm glad we had a successful Indian Winter with our guests from Sequoyah Lodge. I'm really stoked to see if we can't get a dance team together by the end of this year and I hope to have some excellent ceremonies this year. I also thought I should take another second and tell some of you a bit more about myself. I am studying Biosystems Engineering at the University of Kentucky, and one day I hope to be a Zoologist. So if anyone is interested in drumming, dancing, or ceremonies please email me at [viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org](mailto:viceofbrotherhood@kawida.org). Thanks guys!

Yours In Service,  
Trey Embry

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**James Ward, Treasurer**

Hello my name is James ward, I am the Kawida lodge treasure for 2019. I am an Eagle Scout with troop 180, and vigil honor. In 2020 I hope to reach my goal of making it to Philmont for my second time. This Year My goal for the lodge is to develop a consistent budget system that keeps track of our lodges records. I also would like to help increase profit for the lodge.

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**James Blankenship, Secretary**

Hi Lodge, I am happy to serve as your 2019 Lodge Secretary. Last year, I served as Wi-Ha-Li Chapter Chief. I am Vigil Honor and earned my Eagle rank last August with Troop 2014, Richmond, KY. This is my second year staffing for NYLT. I enjoy the Lodge events and my goal this year to encourage more to attend the events and do my best as Lodge Secretary.

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**Ben Ferguson, Digital Media Coordinator**

Hello World! My name is Ben Ferguson, and I am the Kawida Lodge Digital Media Coordinator for 2018. I am a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. My home troop is 177, and I am currently a Life Scout and working to become an Eagle Scout. I am also a Troop Guide for the Bluegrass Council NYLT course. I am an aspiring electronics/computer engineer. To describe myself in a word, I am a nerd (ha, that rhymed).

My idea of a good time usually involves a computer or a soldering iron, and sometimes both. That said, I am totally excited to keep these services in tip-top shape and provide our Arrowmen with the best possible user experience.

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**INDIAN WINTER**

What a amazing opportunity to meet more fellow Arrowmen from the Nguttitehen council and the Pellissippi council. The lodge got to learn a lot about the different types of dancing, costumes (pictures on pg. 3), and how to drum. There are a lot of different costume and dancing styles too. The costumes looked like they were a million bucks but turns out, they make their own costumes and materials which makes it cost a lot less. They can get up to 100 dollars to even up to 10 thousand dollars too. The best part was when they preformed a ceremony and it was outstanding to watch them. It was such a blast to be there and we hope we can see you there next year.

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**SPRING FELLOWSHIP –  
MARCH 15-17**

We are pleased to announce that registration for Spring Fellowship 2019 is officially open! This will be a

weekend full of fun, food, and of course, fellowship with your fellow lodge members. Non-members are also welcome to attend. We would also like to note that if attendance reaches fifty people, then our very own lodge adviser, Anthony Kenney, will brave the icy waters of Lake Vough in the sacred tradition of the Polar Bear Plunge. That said, we would like to invite everyone to Camp McKee from **March 15th-17th** for what will surely be a memorable weekend. We hope to see you there!

*-The Kawida Lodge Officer Team*

**Event Details**

- Date/location: March 15, 6:00 PM – March 17, 2:00 PM @ Camp McKee
  - Registration cost: \$25
  - Register and see the packing list at <https://kawida.bgbsa.org>
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**CONCLAVE**

Early-bird registration for Conclave 2019 is live! This event is an opportunity to meet with Arrowmen from across the section, plus there will be plenty of activities, such as dance, drum, and ceremony competitions. This is definitely a great experience to be a part of, and we encourage all members to attend.

**Event Details**

- Event cost: \$44 (early-bird cost is time-sensitive)
  - Location: Camp Roy C. Manchester in Benton, KY
  - Date: April 26-28
  - This is a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tent) event
  - For packing list/more information, go to <http://oasection6.org/conclave/>
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## A NOTE FROM OUR LODGE ADVISOR

I would like to first thank Chip Armishaw and the Blue Grass Council for the opportunity to serve as the lodge adviser. Secondly, I would like to congratulate this year's newly elected officers and most importantly thank Mike Warman for his service as the lodge adviser.

For those who don't already know me and my scouting history. My scouting career began as a Cub Scout in Mt Sterling, Ky. From there I further continued my scouting career in Morehead, KY. Where I earned my Eagle Scout. In 2009, I had the opportunity serve as the lodge chief for Kawida Lodge. The next year I worked as OA Trail Crew Forman at Philmont Scout Ranch. During my time as an OA youth I earned the OA triple crown award. As an adult I continued serving in many roles as a volunteer and Ranger for the Atlanta councils camp Bert Adams.

Many of you may be aware that the OA is going through some major changes this year. We will be welcoming the Scouts, BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts to our Honor Society. So, it's sure to be an exciting new year for both our OA lodge and the scout members entering the OA.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to register for the upcoming spring fellowship and SR-6 Conclave. We look forward to seeing you at the next Kawida Lodge event.

*In Service,  
Anthony B. Kenney  
Kawida Lodge Adviser*

