



## The Thunderhead

INI-TO LODGE 324, ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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October 2016

# Ini-To Lodge Winter Events Approaching

We are entering the Winter portion of our lodge events. Be sure to attend the Leadership Weekend November 18-19, Winter Banquet December 3, and the Klondike Derby January 27-29.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find detailed Winter event details, the 2017 lodge calendar, 2017 lodge officer-elect's, unit elections information, an update from Section SR-9, chapter meeting times, and ceremonies information.

### Leadership Weekend

- Are you a newly elected lodge or chapter officer?
- Want to serve as a committee chair or adviser?
- Do you want to take a larger role in the lodge?
- Want to be trained by some of the best Arrowmen?

Then you should attend the Leadership Weekend! This weekend we will set our direction for 2017, including lodge goals and event plans. All in attendance will leave with a role to assist the lodge and feel comfortable how to carry out their part.

ANYONE can attend - no leadership position required.

**Who:** Any Arrowmen interested in helping the lodge

**What:** Leadership Weekend

**When:** November 18-19 - register by November 14

**Where:** Camp Thunder

**Why:** To train the lodge membership for a great 2017 year.

**Cost:** Free - No Cost to the Arrowman!

Go to the council website under calendar and navigate to November 2016 to register. Anyone can attend at no cost, but you must preregister for food purposes.

### Winter Banquet

The annual Winter Banquet is a great evening celebrating the 2016 program year, recognizing individual Arrowmen for their hard work and dedication, and shifting our focus to 2017 with the oath of office for new lodge and chapter officers.

FAMILY members are invited to attend! This is the one event we encourage you to attend and see your son's accomplishments.

**Who:** lodge members and their families

**What:** Winter Banquet

**When:** Saturday December 3 - register by Nov 30

**Where:** Camp Thunder

**Why:** To celebrate 2016 and shift towards 2017, recognize individual Arrowmen for their contributions, and induct 2017 officers

**Cost:** \$15 per attendee

Go to the council website under calendar and navigate to December 2016 to register. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### Follow the Lodge

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## Klondike Derby

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Klondike Derby is quickly approaching. This is a council camporee hosted by Ini-To Lodge.

**Who:** Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews, Webelos Scouts and their parents, and Arrowmen.

**What:** Klondike Derby Council Camporee

**When:** January 27-29, 2017 - register by January 22, 2017

**Where:** Flint River Adventure Area

**Why:** For a great weekend with exciting worry-free program. Focus on cold weather camping skills and youth leadership within your troop or crew.

**Cost:**

- \$8 for Scout / Adult participant - primitive camping
- \$10 for Scout / Adult participant - platform tent camping
- \$10 for Webelos Scout day pass including lunch
- \$18 for Klondike Staff eating and sleeping in the staff area
- Klondike Staff eating and sleeping with their troop should register through their troop, and contact their chapter to help staff the event.

Go to the council website under calendar and navigate to January 2017 to register. Contact Event Chair Austin Clark at [austinclark718@gmail.com](mailto:austinclark718@gmail.com) for more information.

## An Update from Section SR-9

We have two exciting events planned for you in 2017 at the section level. For those of you unfamiliar, Section SR-9 covers eleven lodges from Alabama and Georgia including the Ini-To Lodge. Currently, Ini-To Lodge is the home of two section officers, Section Chief Patrick Mapp and Section Secretary Clayton Carte.

The first event will be **Indian Winter** held February 3-5 at Warner Scout Reservation in Prattville, Alabama. This event has two programs: training sessions for ceremonies, dance, beadwork, drum, and other Native American culture; and leadership discussions focused on lodge event attendance, membership retention, and unit elections rate.

The second event will be the **Heartland Gathering** held April 21-23 at Camp Lumpkin in LaGrange, Georgia. This event is a meeting of over 1,000 Arrowmen for a weekend long celebration of fellowship, competition, and fun. You might think "Heartland" sounds like the Midwest, but we live in the Southern Heartland. Section SR-9 is the geographic and economic center of the South.

## Unit Elections Season

Unit Elections have started, and will run until January 28. The council wide call-out ceremony will occur at the Klondike Derby.

OA Unit Elections may be conducted in Boy Scout troops or Varsity teams. Venturing crews cannot hold an election, as per national policy.

Youth members under 21 may be elected by their troop membership, provided they are eligible for the ballot. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Have attained the First Class rank
- Have completed 15 days and nights of camping within the last two years, including one, but no more than one long term resident camp
- Have Scoutmaster approval of living by the Scout Oath and Law

Chapters will begin contacting units in their district to set up election dates. Please remember after the election, a completed unit elections form with complete contact information for elected candidates must be sent to Ronnie Morton at [mortonronnie@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonronnie@yahoo.com).

## Lodge Officers 2017

Congratulations to the 2017 Lodge Officers! These Arrowmen will be sworn in at the Winter Banquet, and take office on January 1, 2017.

Lodge Chief

- **Austin Clark** - Tussahaw

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

- **Caper Steen** - Tussahaw

Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies

- **Charlie Lovell** - Echota

Lodge Secretary

- **Nick Akin** - Echota

Lodge Treasurer

- **Brian Bales** - Coweta

Contact any of these Arrowmen if you would like more information about the lodge or are looking for ways to become more involved. We are very excited for the direction our 2017 officer team will lead us.

## Lodge Calendar

Event Name	2016 Date	2017 Date	2017 Price	2018 Date
Klondike Derby		January 27-29	See Event Details	
Indian Winter		February 3-5	Will be set on November 19	Will be set on November 19
Spring Ordeal		March 10-12		
Heartland Gathering		April 21-23		
Spring Fellowship		May 5-7		
Summer Ordeal		August 18-20		
Fall Fellowship		September 29 - Oct 1		
Leadership Weekend	November 18-19	November 17-18		
Vigil Night	November 19-20	November 18-19		
Winter Banquet	December 3	December 2		

All event registrations may be found by visiting [www.flintrivercouncil.org](http://www.flintrivercouncil.org) and selecting the calendar. Navigate to the event month and choose the event. Be sure to register before the deadline, usually one week prior to the event. Pre-registration helps with program and food preparation, so that we can continue to offer our events for a low affordable price.

## Attend Chapter Meetings

Each chapter hosts a monthly meeting. This is a great way to interact with local Arrowmen and learn about the OA program. Each chapter has an adviser who is a good contact point for Scout leaders and parents within that district.

### Coweta Chapter - Coweta County

- Cornerstone UMC - Second Tuesday at 7 PM
- Bud Sullivan - [bsullivan30263@yahoo.com](mailto:bsullivan30263@yahoo.com)

### Echota Chapter - Fayette County

- All Saints Anglican Church - Second Thursday at 7 PM
- Bob Sharp - [bobsharp46@gmail.com](mailto:bobsharp46@gmail.com)

### Ronotahatchi Chapter - Lamar, Pike, Spalding, and Upson Counties

- Westside Church of Christ - Second Sunday at 2 PM
- Kevin Kirkland - [kkevinlisa@bellsouth.net](mailto:kkevinlisa@bellsouth.net)

### Tussahaw Chapter - Butts and Henry Counties

- McDonough First Baptist Church - Second Thursday at 7 PM
- Mike O'Dell - [mikeodell56@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeodell56@yahoo.com)

## Ceremonies Update

If you would like to be in a ceremony, and you have not talked with me, please do so before November 23. This is a great way to welcome new members into the lodge and have lower chance of the sash and dashers. Each chapter will have a different ceremony and everyone will participate in the ceremony. Not only can you be a principle, but you can also be a drummer, brotherhood hike guide, or service crew. You can email me at [charlielovell30@gmail.com](mailto:charlielovell30@gmail.com) or message me on social media.

Thank you,

Charlie Lovell  
Lodge VC of Ceremonies 2017