



The Thunderhead

INI-TO LODGE 324, ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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January 2017

Ini-To Lodge Winter Events Approaching

As we transition from our Winter into Spring events, we have enhanced yearly events planned. To conclude the winter season, we will be hosting the Klondike Derby from January 27-29. Indian Winter will be held near Montgomery Alabama. Spring Ordeal, Heartland Gathering, and Spring Fellowship happen in the three months following Indian Winter. Detailed information for all the listed events in this article can be found below.

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

Klondike Derby

The 30th 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.

Contact event chair Austin Clark for more information:
austinclark718@gmail.com

Follow the Link below for registration:

<http://www.flintrivercouncil.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=1858440&OrgKey=2323>

Indian Winter

Indian Winter is an SR-9 event which will be held in Pinelevel Alabama.

Who: All Arrowmen seeking inside and Experience in Indian culture.

What: Indian Winter

When: February 3-5

Where: Warner Scout Reservation

Why: This Section Event features two events in one! Native American activities such as ceremonies, dance, drum, and beadwork will be taught and enhanced. Leadership focuses from membership retention and event attendance to Group discussions and unit elections will be covered.

Cost:

- \$25 for Scout / Adult participant – Registration Closed
- \$10 for Bus transportation

For all who have planned to attend, be sure to find a mode of transportation. The Lodge will be taking a bus to Alabama with a limited number of seats available.

Any cancellations made before January 25th are entitled to a full refund. All cancellations after the 25th will receive no refund unless an alternate Arrowman can be found to take the place of the cancelling Arrowman.

Heartland Gathering

Who: All Arrowmen

What: Heartland Gathering

When: April 21-23

Where: Camp Lumpkin, LaGrange GA

Why: 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.

Cost:

- \$45 per Participant- Registration, lodge patch, and tee shirt

Cancellations may be made on or before March 19th for a full refund. If you are interested in going please go to the Flint River Council Website link below for registration.

<http://www.flintrivercouncil.org/registration/calendartail.aspx?ActivityKey=1858457&OrgKey=2323>

Chapter Officers 2017

Coweta

Chapter Chief: Jacob Stout

Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:

Joseph Ashley

Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:

Brian Bales

Chapter Secretary: Joshua Brandon

Chapter Treasurer: Corey McCarthy

Ronotahatchi

Chapter Chief: Micah Holston

Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:

Vacant

Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:

Chapter Secretary: Jacob Boehler

Chapter Treasurer: Jacob Boehler

Lodge Officers 2017

Below are the 2017 Lodge Officers of Ini-To Lodge 324.

Lodge Chief

- **Austin Clark** – Tussahaw
 - austinclark718@gmail.com

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

- **Caper Steen** – Tussahaw
 - capersteen162@yahoo.com

Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies

- **Charlie Lovell** – Echota
 - charlielovell30@gmail.com

Lodge Secretary

- **Nicky Akin** – Echota
 - nicholasakin@gmail.com

Lodge Treasurer

- **Brian Bales** – Coweta
 - brianlovesmath@aol.com

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.

Echota

Chapter Chief: Jeremy Stevens

Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:

Nicky Akin

Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:

Gus Heatherman

Chapter Secretary: Clay Odom

Chapter Treasurer: Vacant

Tussahaw

Chapter Chief: Harry Poole

Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:

Matthew O'Dell

Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:

Hayden Carpenter

Chapter Secretary: Ian Carpenter

Chapter Treasurer: Vincent Mason

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.

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
- Frank Harper - fourlittleharpers@yahoo.com

Echota Chapter - Fayette County

- All Saints Anglican Church - Second Thursday at 7 PM
- Bob Sharp - 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

Tussahaw Chapter - Butts and Henry Counties

- McDonough First Baptist Church - Second Thursday at 7 PM
- Mike O'Dell - mikeodell56@yahoo.com

Service Chapter Rotation 2017

Spring Ordeal- Tussahaw

Spring Fellowship- Echota

Fall Ordeal- Ronotahatchi

Fall Fellowship- Coweta

Banquet- Tussahaw

Lodge Calendar

Event Name	2017 Date	Deadline	Price	2018 Date
Klondike Derby	January 27-29	January 22	\$8	January 26-28
Indian Winter	February 3-5	January 9- Closed	\$25	TBA
Spring Ordeal	March 10-12	March 5	\$15	March 9-11
Heartland Gathering	April 21-23	March 19	\$45	TBA
Spring Fellowship	May 5-7	May 3	\$20	May 4-6
Summer Ordeal	August 18-20	August 13	\$15	August 17-19
Fall Fellowship	September 29 - Oct 1	September 22	\$20	September 28- 30
Leadership Weekend	November 17-18	November 15	Free	November 16-17
Vigil Night	November 18-19	N/A	N/A	November 17-18
Winter Banquet	December 2	November 26	\$15	December 1

All event registrations may be found by visiting www.IniTo324.org/calendar/. Be sure to register before the deadline. Pre-registration helps with program and food preparation, so that we can continue to offer our events for a low affordable price.

Ceremonies Update

For all of those interested in taking a part in a principle roll in a ceremony, join a ceremonies team! You will learn the symbolic views behind each ceremony and can perform the ceremony for all inductees into the respective ceremony. If the principle roll is filled, you can be an alternate for a part needed in precaution for unexpected and expected absences. If interested, contact Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Charlie Lovell, at charlielovell30@gmail.com.

Also, The Brotherhood Ceremony will be available at Klondike, Spring Ordeal, Spring Fellowship, Fall Ordeal, and Fall Fellowship for those wishing to seal their Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow.

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