



The Thunderhead

INI-TO LODGE 324, ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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April 2017

Spring Events Approaching

Jumping off into the warmer seasons, Ini-To Lodge will be participating, and hosting activity filled events! We will have a large contingent attending the inaugural Heartland Gathering and a season characterized through fellowship of all of our brothers.

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 Recap

The 30th annual Klondike Derby seemingly slid into the past with smiles shining and sleds racing. Hosting the Flint River Council's Klondike Derby, our Lodge Officers worked tirelessly to put together a memorable time for all scouts and participants. We are further working to critique the event for Klondike of 2018! We have received input and suggestions from many and will take all opinions into consideration for future Klondikes.

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The Sled Racing was a blast!

- Anonymous

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Thank you to all Arrowmen and chapters for your efforts to make the only council wide camporee a success!

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-Austin Clark

If you would like to make any suggestions, feel free to contact 2017's Klondike event chair Austin Clark.

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Spring Ordeal Recap

Spring Ordeal was nothing less than a success achieved through many hands working in cheerful service to benefit our home, Camp Thunder. We inducted 47 new members into our Brotherhood and hope to see you at future events. We also had 3 new members seal their membership into our Order going through the Brotherhood ceremony. Together we enhanced the Nature Trail, beautified the entrance to camp Thunder, and shaped our camp into our home.

“Many thanks to all Arrowmen in attendance as well as Tussahaw, the Spring Ordeal service chapter, for putting together a successful Ordeal!”

-Austin Clark

We are also looking for more Elangomats and hopefully future Nimats!

Please contact Caper Steen, Ini-To Lodge's Vice-Chief, with any questions comments or concerns.

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Heartland Gathering

This event is a meeting of over 1,000 Arrowmen for a weekend long celebration of fellowship, competition, and fun. Previously known as Conclave, 2017 marks the Inaugural Heartland Gathering! Hosted by SR-9, countless Arrowmen have been devoting time and leadership to make this event possible!

Heartland Gathering
April 21-23
Camp Lumpkin, LaGrange GA

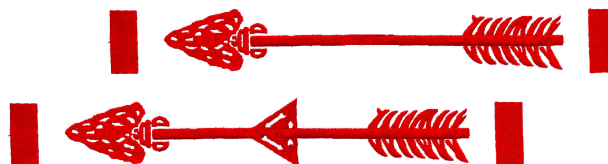
At last year's conclave, Ini-To Lodge 324 won the football game!

Visit SR-9's website for more information about Heartland Gathering and Region events!

<http://sr-9.org/heartlandgathering/>

Summer Ordeal

Go ahead and mark your calendars with "Cheerful Service"! Summer will be our second induction of candidates into our Brotherhood. In good hopes, Elangomats can return to give back in service alongside the candidates, and Spring Ordeal inductees will return to help as Arrowmen or as Elangomats.



Ceremonies Update

Ceremonies spots available and needed! If you have an interest in ceremonies, join a ceremonies team! Spots are open for Guides, Drummers, and Principles/Alternates in all ceremonies. You will learn the symbolic views behind each ceremony and can perform the ceremony for all inductees into the respective ceremony. As of March 2017, we have had 47 new Ordeal members inducted into our brotherhood! We have also had 25 total Arrowmen seal their membership into our Brotherhood having gone through the Brotherhood Ceremony.

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

Ini-To Lodge 324 Ceremonies teams will be performing at Heartland Gathering! For those attending, watch a ceremony team perform to support them in their evaluation process! The Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies will be performing under evaluation.

If interested in any positions, please contact our Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Charlie Lovell.
charielovell30@gmail.com.

Advisor's Minute

All Arrowmen are invited to have input, recommendations, comments, and any areas concerns with improvements mentioned in the Thunderhead.

Also, what does the Order of the Arrow mean to you? Have you thought through the Obligation you promise and to whom you promise it to?

Please contact Nicky Akin for the details about getting your input into the Thunderhead!
nicholasakin@gmail.com

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Lodge Chief Update

Brothers of Ini-To Lodge,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for all who attended Indian Winter and Spring Ordeal. I am blessed to be a part of a lodge who is enthusiastic about everything we do. With that being said, Heartland Gathering is just weeks away, and I am excited to see what Ini-To Lodge can accomplish. So, take advantage of all aspects of this unique experience, such as training, quest events, ceremonies, patch trading, drumming, dancing, and all other special events going on during the weekend. Right now, we have 82 members registered for this historic event! This far exceeds our goal that we set for ourselves, and shows other lodges that Ini-To is strong within SR-9. I look forward to seeing all of you on April 21!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Austin Clark

Lodge Officers 2017

Contact any of these Arrowmen if you would like more information about the lodge or are looking for ways to become more involved.

Lodge Chief

- **Austin Clark** – Tussahaw
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Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

- **Caper Steen** – Tussahaw
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Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies

- **Charlie Lovell** – Echota
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Lodge Secretary

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

Lodge Treasurer

- **Brian Bales** – Coweta
 - brianlovesmath@aol.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 their respective district.

Coweta Chapter - Coweta County

- Cornerstone UMC - Second Tuesday at 7 PM
- Advisor: Frank Harper - fourlittleharpers@yahoo.com

Echota Chapter - Fayette County

- All Saints Anglican Church - Second Thursday at 7 PM
- Advisor: Bob Sharp - bobsharp46@gmail.com

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

- Westside Church of Christ - Second Sunday at 2 PM
- Advisor: Kevin Kirkland - kkevinlisa@bellsouth.net

Tussahaw Chapter - Butts and Henry Counties

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

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

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

Lodge Calendar

Event Name	2017 Date	Deadline	Price	2018 Date
Heartland Gathering	April 21-23	Closed	\$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.

Service Chapter Rotation 2017

Spring Ordeal- Tussahaw

Spring Fellowship- Echota

Fall Ordeal- Ronotohatchi

Fall Fellowship- Coweta

Banquet- Tussahaw

“ He who serves his
fellows is of all his
fellows, greatest ”
-Meteu

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