



# The Thunderhead

INI-TO LODGE 324, ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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August 2017

## Summer Events Approaching

As the year comes to a close, Ini-To Lodge has many events planned! With our upcoming Summer Ordeal, we will induct many new Arrowmen into our Order. Election season has now started! All Chapters should start their election process. Lodge officer elections are approaching with our Lodge Leadership training shortly after.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find detailed Summer and Fall event details, the 2017 Lodge calendar, 2017 Lodge Officer-elect's, 2017 Service Chapter Rotation, Unit election information, Chapter meeting times, and Ceremonies information.

### Spring Fellowship Recap

Hello Brothers,

Spring Fellowship, which was held the weekend of May 5-7, was a great success as Arrowmen from across the Lodge joined together in brotherhood and cheerful service down at Camp Thunder.

Throughout the weekend, we had great food provided by the volunteers at the dining hall and we worked on two service projects for Camp Thunder. The first project was spreading pine straw near the front gate and the second project was building a Ga Ga ball pit.

I'm sure that the camp and those who visit are grateful for your hard work in making the front gate look great and I'm sure the Ga Ga pit will be thoroughly enjoyed by many future scouts.

In addition, we also played many fun games such as Magic, Capture the Flag, and of course Ga Ga Ball.

Finally, on Saturday evening, we held a heartwarming send off for Mrs. Laura Lovell, Charlie, Richard, and their sister P.J. as the Lovell family has moved to California to run 3 Scout camps in Northern California. We will dearly miss this scouting family and we are very thankful for all they have done for Camp Thunder and Ini-To lodge.

-Jeremy Stevens

Echota Chapter Chief

### Summer Ordeal Approaching

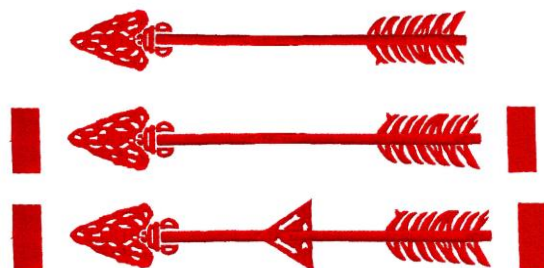
Coweta Chapter will be running Summer Ordeal. Our ceremony team is composed of Joseph Ashley, Brian Bales, Will Harper and I, Jacob Stout. We will need runners and drummers during ceremonies and runners for the day. Also, the Ordeals are always in need of Elangomats. Any help is appreciated, for more info contact myself or Mr. Harper, Coweta's chapter advisor.

-Jacob Stout

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[fourlittleharpers@yahoo.com](mailto:fourlittleharpers@yahoo.com)



## Ceremonies Update

Hello All,

I have a quick update for ceremonies. So, we have been doing a fantastic job on having our ceremonialists prepared for upcoming Ordeals and Fellowships. We are always looking for new ceremonialists and if you want to become one please feel free to contact me at [charlielovell30@gmail.com](mailto:charlielovell30@gmail.com). I will then respond to any questions you might have on being a ceremonialist. I will be at the Summer Ordeal and the Fall Fellowship. You do not have to be a principle in the ceremony. You could be a torchbearer, drummer, or runner for one of the ceremonies. All roles make everyone's life much easier to get everything done. Another thing that I want to mention is that we will be having Brotherhood Ceremony at the Summer Ordeal and Fall Fellowship. If you want to go through the ceremony, all you have to do is fill out a fill in the blank letter. This letter wants you to explain what you have done in the order of the arrow thus far, and what you plan on doing. This letter needs to be turned into the Secretary (Nicky Akin) before noon on Saturday of the Ordeal or Fellowship you plan to attend. If you cannot make it for the entire weekend, please come down an hour before the ceremony starts, and have the letter filled out, so we can get you on the list of going through.

A Sample Brotherhood Letter is attached to the email.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Charlie Lovell

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

## Unit Elections

Brothers,

Summer and Spring Ordeals are the times of the season that we have the opportunity and privilege of accepting new members into our Order. New members potentially bring new leadership, new ideas, and new attendance records. Though, all of this would not be possible without unit elections conducted by the 4 Chapters of Ini-To Lodge. Each Chapter has its own responsibility and area to promote Order of the Arrow and ultimately, promote Scouting. I challenge all of you to meet new people, see new faces, and show the Brotherhood of cheerful service we stand for to all of the troops you contact.

Attached to this email you will find the Unit Election Forms

Yours in Service,  
Nicky Akin

WWW  
Ini-To Lodge 324  
Secretary

## Lodge Chief Update

Brothers,

I cannot express how grateful I am to be part of such an amazing Lodge. Whether it is placing first in attendance and website at Heartland Gathering, being able to plan and promote a Chapter event over the summer, or being able to attend Ordeal to make sure all of our new members have a quality and memorable first impression of our Order. The future looks bright for Ini-To Lodge, and I hope that you will be as active as possible to see what our lodge can achieve. Please make sure you attend the final events of the year Ordeal, Fellowship, Lodge Leadership Development, and Banquet so you can see just how much Ini-To Lodge has grown within the past year.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Austin Clark

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## Advisor's Minute

I'm hoping everyone had a productive summer. We're back to our school schedule, we still have a lot of work before the year ends. Our membership was down this year so start your unit election process. It may help more utilizing social media such as Facebook and our Instagram. It will be looked at for the upcoming Heartland Gathering. It shows how our Lodge is Actively involved in the camp and Scouting program year-round.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Mr. Pesce

Please contact Nicky Akin for the details about getting your input into the Thunderhead!  
[nicholasakin@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasakin@gmail.com)



## 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
  - 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

## 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](mailto:fourlittleharpers@yahoo.com)

### Echota Chapter - Fayette County

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

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

- Mount Gilead Baptist Church - Second Thursday at 6:30 PM
- Advisor: Kevin Kirkland - [kkevinlisa@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Ronotohatchi

**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	Closed	\$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 (LLD)	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/](http://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

**Summer Ordeal-** Coweta

**Fall Fellowship-** Ronotohatchi

**Winter Banquet-** Tussahaw

“Strengthen the  
ties of  
brotherhood”  
-Allowat Sakima

### Follow the Lodge

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