



# *The Thunderhead*

INI-TO LODGE 324, ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWSLETTER

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April 2018

## **Ini-To Lodge Winter Events Approaching**

Brothers, in this Thunderhead you will find detailed Spring and Summer events, our 2018 Lodge Calendar, our 2018 Officers, Service Chapter Rotation, and Chapter meeting information! Do not miss out on this opportunity to inform yourself about upcoming events for our Lodge, Section, and Nation!

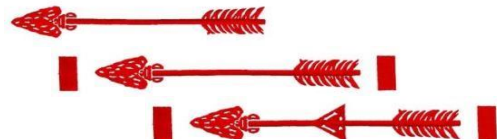
### **Klondike Recap**

Last January was our 31<sup>st</sup> annual Klondike Derby. We saw many Scouts and families alike enjoying the outdoors, nature, and each other. Each year we put on this council event to spread the joy that Scouting brought us in our youth and as we matured. Streamlined as much as we could from the previous year and fixed as much as we could to prepare such a well-attended event! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns for 2019's Klondike, please contact our Klondike Chair, Joseph Ashley!

Joseph Ashley  
[josephashley324@gmail.com](mailto:josephashley324@gmail.com)

### **Spring Ordeal Recap**

Our Spring Ordeal was held on March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at Camp Thunder. During this Ordeal, we inducted 50 new Brothers to our Order as well as helped 5 Brothers seal their membership to our Order. Together, we were able to resurface the beach at waterfront, maintenance the nature trail, install our new chess/checkers set which was aided through a national funding grant, and further beautified our home at camp!



## Heartland Gathering

This event is a meeting of over 1,000 Arrowmen in SR-9 for a weekend long celebration of fellowship, competition, and fun! Previously known as Conclave, Heartland Gathering takes the name of our Section Fellowship for the Our Region. Hosted by SR-9, countless Arrowmen from our Lodge and others alike have devoted many hours into making this Section event something to remember!

**When:** April 20-22, 2018

**Where:** Comer Scout Reservation  
[16490 Co Rd 89, Mentone, AL 35984](http://www.comerscouts.org/)

Our Lodge is taking a bus to Heartland Gathering. If you would like to ride on the bus, please RSVP your spot through the link below!

[Ini-To Lodge Bus Transportation](http://www.comerscouts.org/)

Event Registration can be found through the Ini-To Lodge Calendar, or on SR-9's website:

<http://inito324.org/calendar/>

[SR-9 Website Heartland Gathering Delegate Registration](http://www.comerscouts.org/)

## Spring Fellowship

Our Spring Fellowship is soon approaching! We will have various small projects to be completed. After, we will have a camp-wide fellowship marked with games, activities, and pure fellowship! The weekend will be planned and administrated by Ronotoatchi, the service chapter for Spring Fellowship. With any questions, please contact Ronotoatchi Chapter Chief, Micah Holston.

**When:** May 4-6, 2018

**Where:** Camp Thunder

Micah Holston  
[thrawn299@gmail.com](mailto:thrawn299@gmail.com)

## Service Chapter Rotation 2018

**Spring Ordeal-** Echota

**Spring Fellowship-** Ronotoatchi

**Fall Ordeal-** Coweta

**Fall Fellowship-** Tussahaw

**Banquet-** Echota

**SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

## NOAC 2018



The National Order of the Arrow Conference is the OA's version of a jamboree. Held every few years on a major college campus, the event brings together thousands of Arrowmen for a week-long celebration. The next conference will be held July 30 to August 3, 2018 at Indiana University. Ini-To Lodge has been allotted 17 spots, to include 13 youth and 4 adults, and deposits are now being accepted.

The lodge anticipates for the trip to cost approximately \$1,000. This includes the national conference fee, transportation to Indiana University, contingent expenses, and contingent memorabilia. \$100 deposits are being accepted to declare your interest in attending, and the lodge selection committee will choose delegates in the coming months. Anyone not selected will have their deposit refunded.

## Philmont Opportunity



Upon courtesy of the Scoutmaster, we have found an opportunity for you to go to a high adventure base!

Please see the note below from Patrick Redahan, Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 175 in Peachtree City.

Philmont 2018 slots available! Two crews of local scouts need 3 more scouts and 3 more adults for a 12-day trek that begins on July 3rd. We fly out on July 1st for 2 days of sightseeing in Colorado (to include whitewater rafting), followed by our adventure at Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico. Return on July 15th. Cost is \$2100 per person (includes all transportation and fees...you only need to bring a few dollars for souvenirs if you like). We're preparing now and need you to be a part of our adventure.

If interested, please contact Patrick Redahan:

[phoenix72rpm@icloud.com](mailto:phoenix72rpm@icloud.com) or 678-876-1491.

Don't miss out on this Experience... Philmont is the one of the pinnacles of Scouting High Adventure.



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## ORDER OF THE ARROW

### 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
- Advisor: Eric Stout  
[Eric.Stout@faa.gov](mailto:Eric.Stout@faa.gov)

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: John Kominsky  
[john.kominsky@yahoo.com](mailto:john.kominsky@yahoo.com)

Tussahaw Chapter – Butts and Henry Counties

- McDonough First Baptist Church – Second Thursday at 7 PM
- Advisor: Ronnie Morton  
[mortonronnie@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonronnie@yahoo.com)

### 2018 Lodge Officers

#### Lodge Chief

- Caper Steen  
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#### Lodge Vice Chief of Administration

- John Malneritch  
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#### Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies

- Jacob Stout  
[jacobstout242@gmail.com](mailto:jacobstout242@gmail.com)

#### Lodge Secretary

- Nicky Akin  
[nicholasakin@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasakin@gmail.com)

### 2018 Chapter Officers

#### Coweta

**Chapter Chief:** Joseph Ashley

**Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:**

Brian Bales

**Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:**

Evan Goembel

**Chapter Secretary:** Joshua Brandon

**Chapter Treasurer:** Radford Wyrick

#### Echota

**Chapter Chief:** Alexander Ayers

**Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:**

Jeremy Stevens

**Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:**

Matthew Hyle

**Chapter Secretary:** Clay Odom

**Chapter Treasurer:** Billy Arnsdorff

#### Ronotohatchi

**Chapter Chief:** Micah Holston

**Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:**

Micah Holston

**Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:**

Micah Holston

**Chapter Secretary:** Micah Holston

**Chapter Treasurer:** Micah Holston

#### Tussahaw

**Chapter Chief:** Hayden Carpenter

**Chapter Vice Chief of Administration:**

Ethan Coker

**Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies:**

Evan Barker

**Chapter Secretary:** Ian Carpenter

**Chapter Treasurer:** Vacant



## 2018 Lodge Calendar

| Event Name          | 2018 Date       | Deadline                          | Price         |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Klondike Derby      | January 26-28   | January 22                        | \$8           |
| Indian Winter       | February 2-4    | January 15- Late fee begins       | \$25          |
| Spring Ordeal       | March 9-11      | March 5                           | \$15          |
| Heartland Gathering | April 20-22     | April 10- Late fee starts April 1 | \$45          |
| Spring Fellowship   | May 4-6         | April 30                          | \$20          |
| NOAC 2018           | July 30- Aug 3  | TBA                               | \$100 Deposit |
| Summer Ordeal       | August 17-19    | August 13                         | \$15          |
| Fall Fellowship     | September 28-30 | September 24                      | \$20          |
| Leadership Weekend  | November 16-17  | TBA                               | TBA           |
| Vigil Night         | November 17-18  | N/A                               | N/A           |
| Winter Banquet      | December 1      | November 28                       | \$15          |

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.

### Chiefs Address

So far, the past four months have been a huge success for Ini-To Lodge, and I would like to thank all of you for making that possible. From Klondike to Spring Ordeal, we helped provide cheerful service and a great experience to the Scouts and Arrowmen of Flint River Council.

In my eyes there is no plateau for success in our Lodge. If we keep working together and focus on our main goal of being the best Lodge we can be, there is nothing that can stand in our way and stop us from achieving it!

“Attitude is a little thig that makes a big difference” – Winston Churchill

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Ini-To Lodge Chief

### Advisors Minute

I would like to thank everyone who has made this year a success so far. Great Klondike and Ordeal. The lodge worked together and provided service to our camp, cleaning the waterfront, building new bridges, and the Chess and Checker sets to help teach chess merit badge for summer camp.

We're now looking forward towards summer with Heartland Gathering, Spring Fellowship and the premiere event of NOAC.

During the summer months it's important to stay engaged, we'll need to get ready for August Ordeal.

Yours in Brotherhood

Mr. Pesce

Ini-To Lodge Advisor

Irresponsibly- the one rain drop that doesn't think he's responsible for the flood.

### Follow the Lodge

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