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Fall Ordeal - Your Lodge Needs You!! Camp Thunder - August 15-17 - \$15

Fall Ordeal is almost here and all Arrowmen are needed to help make it a success for the candidates who will soon be new members. The cost for the weekend is \$15.00, which covers all your meals and cracker barrels. This year's feast will be awesome....

ALL ARROWMEN ARE NEEDED. If you have never attended a Lodge activity, now is the time. We like to say that the troop comes first, but most troops have candidates, so coming to help at Ordeal is helping your troop, as well as others. Without you, the Ordeal can't happen, so step up and pay back a little of what others have done for you.

HOW CAN YOU BE A PART? Lots of ways. Become an Elangomat, who guides a clan through the Ordeal, literally going through the Ordeal again themselves... this time as an older friend and guide. Or serve on an Arrowman service team, taking on special projects too complex for a clan. How about helping the ceremony team? Become a NIMAT, guiding a clan after the Ordeal. Don't forget the fellowship, too.

SERVICE CHAPTER. Ronotohachi Chapter is Service Chapter, so if you are from Ronotohachi, we especially need you to help with meal preparation and service functions. Youth and adults are needed.

BECOME A BROTHERHOOD MEMBER. For Ordeal members who have been a member for at least 10 months, there will also be an opportunity to seal your membership in the order by going through the brotherhood ceremony. Bring \$10 for your new sash.

Check-in Starts: Friday, 6:30 pm, Howard Lodge
Ordeal Ceremonies: Saturday, assemble at 5:30 pm
Feast: Saturday 7:00 pm, late arrivals \$12.00
Brotherhood Ceremony: Saturday assemble at 8:30 pm
Orientation: Sunday 8:00am
Departure: Sunday: 10:30 am (no early departures, please. Flaps issued only after orientation)

Upcoming Events

Fall Ordeal
August 15 - 17

Fall Fellowship
September 26 - 28

Recognition Banquet
December 5

Lodge Leadership
Development
December 6-7

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Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship will take place on September 26-28. It will be a weekend of Native American activities. We currently have the National Champion Dance Team from the 2006 NOAC, Tsali Lodge, scheduled to come teach classes on dance and drum. We will also have opportunities for crafts and plenty of other fun. This is one of the best Fellowships we've ever had and we hope to see everybody there for a weekend of Native American events and Fellowship. Cost TBD, but we will keep it \$25 or less.

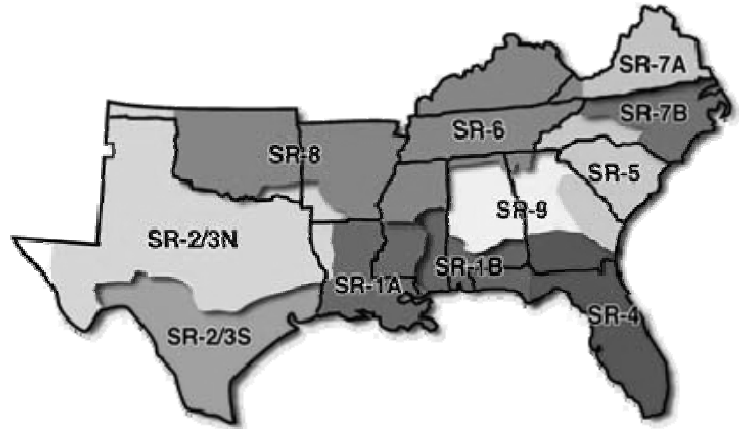


Message from the Chief

My Brothers, we have had a great start to the year. We had a highly successful Klondike, great program at Spring Fellowship (but very low attendance), and a successful Spring Ordeal in which we inducted nearly 100 new Brothers and 6 became Brotherhood members. As we start our summer, it will be a while before we meet again. Remember to keep the spirit of cheerful service alive within you in all your travels and all the fun you have over the summer. I know sometimes it is easy to get wrapped up in what you're doing and forget that there are others around you. Don't let that happen. Always be considerate and helpful while you're having a good time. I thank those of you who have attended our events and helped out, and to everyone else I say: We were good, but we weren't as good as we could've been because you weren't here. We missed you. Our circle was incomplete. Keep in mind the spirit of cheerful service and I hope to see many of you at Fall Ordeal and most of you at Fall Fellowship!

Yours in Service,

Will McCranie
Lodge Chief

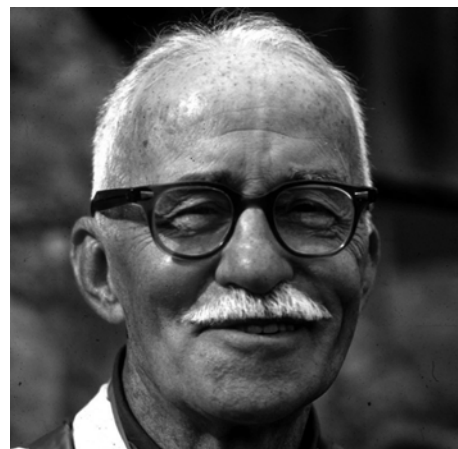


The Southern Region was realigned and as of June 1, 2008 Ini-To Lodge belongs to SR-9 along with Coosa Lodge, Aracoma Lodge, Waguli Lodge, Echiconnee Lodge, Alabama Lodge, Mowogo Lodge, EgaTawaDe Lodge, Chattahoochee Lodge

2009 SR-9 Conclave Date/Place: The inaugural SR-9 Conclave will be held at Comer Scout Reservation, Mentone, Alabama on the weekend of April 17-19, 2009. Please take note of this, and place it in your council's calendar as soon as possible.



This past January 1st, as promised, a special area of the national OA web site has been created to assist new members of the Order of the Arrow to learn more about the OA quickly and easily. This introduction to the Order and its programs catches-up any new arrowmen with the OA. Jumpstart's flash presentations and interactivity will help to seal the bond of Brotherhood, helping lodges and Arrowmen throughout the nation. You can visit Jumpstart at <http://jumpstart.aa-bsa.org>. You will need to have your Order of the Arrow Handbook with you when you go to the website to be able to enter.



“For he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest.”

E. Urner Goodman - Co-founder of the Order of the Arrow.

Spring Ordeal Follow-up

We had a very successful Spring Ordeal in which we helped the camp prepare for Summer Camp. We made erosion breaks and other stonework around the new archery range, helped to finish painting the newly renovated dining hall and clean up all of the dining hall equipment, cleaned up campsites, and more. We inducted nearly 100 new Brothers, and we hope to see every one of them later this year.

**One Day of Service
October 18, 2008**

Troop OA Representative

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge, purpose of the Order and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

To find out more about becoming a Troop Representative, talk to your Scoutmaster, visit your Chapter meeting, or visit your next Lodge event.



Your Chapter Needs You

The Chapter supports the troops and the programs in your Chapter by providing service, unit elections, ceremonies and support as requested by the district. If you would like to be a part of this, visit your Chapter meeting listed below.

Coweta	Meetings 1st Sunday 2-4pm Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Newnan Al Bauer, 770-253-5937
Echota	Meetings 3rd Thursday 7:00pm Fayetteville First Baptist, Fayetteville Mike Strickland, 770-461-9145
Ronotohachi	Meetings 2nd Sunday 2-4pm Westside Church of Christ, Griffin John Youmans, 770 228-9048
Tussahaw	Meetings 2nd Thursday 7:30pm First Baptist Church McDonough Mark Crane, 770 981-7726



Pathways to Brotherhood

Ini-To begins comprehensive approach to bringing full Brotherhood membership to all Arrowmen.

New members of the Lodge leave the Ordeal feeling good and proud of themselves. But they are still tired from their Ordeal. Even after a great orientation, they still have a way to go to understand what it means to be an Arrowman. Who will answer their questions?

That's where the **NIMAT** comes in.

A **NIMAT** is a brother who is willing to help a clan discover the meaning of the arrow.... What it means to be an Arrowman. He supports and encourages them so that they ultimately seal their membership in the Brotherhood.

Dedicated **NIMATs** who complete the required tasks log will be recognized with a special award: a **NIMAT** lodge flap that only they can wear.



For more information, go to <http://ini-to324.org/nimat.htm>.

The successful implementation of this program is essential to the growth and success of our lodge. All members are encouraged to participate, and everyone, youth and adult, that steps up to participate will be given the opportunity. "Those who chose you, need you". Now is the time to "lift the burden" from the shoulders of your brothers. Become a **NIMAT** or a **NIMAT Adviser** today.

INI-TO LODGE EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Not for use by Candidates or as a transfer form. See <http://www.ini-to324.org> for the proper forms.

Check All that apply: _____

Ordeal \$15.00 _____

Brotherhood \$10.00 _____

Fall Fellowship \$20.00 _____

Vigil Breakfast \$10.00 _____

Vigil members only _____

Annual Dues \$10.00 _____

Recognition Banquet \$15.00 _____

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