

THE THUNDERHEAD

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New Chiefly Speaking from our upcoming Chief

Brothers,

As your 2012 lodge chief, I would like to start off by saying Hello! If you do not know me, I am a part of Tussahaw Chapter, Troop 162, and attend Ola High School in McDonough. This coming year, Ini-To Lodge will do great things that will include building an Adirondack shelter in the Pine Mountain Backcountry, building a strong dance team program, have a strong OA Troop Rep. Program, and more. However, everything requires arrowmen to step up into roles as lodge and chapter committee chairs and members. In a next few weeks, I will be asking the Chapter Chiefs to appoint members to each of the lodge committees and I encourage you to speak to them and step up into one of these positions. Ini-To Lodge has the ability to be an outstanding lodge, but needs a strong frame of working arrowmen to get there. I leave you with these departing words: *Don't be afraid to step up for fear of failure, yet step up to prevent failure of the committee you will serve on.*

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Fall Fellowship

Brothers, the past weekend was fall fellowship. We had possibly the best turnout in a few years. There were a total of 41 youth and adult OA members present! The weekend was filled with great fun. We had dance training, climbing, repelling, big swinging, and survival bracelet making during the day. The survival bracelets will be in the trading post soon for members of each chapter to buy. The weekend was filled with great times. All in all Fall Fellowship + Member Participation = Success





Ceremonies

Greetings Brothers,

As I am sure you know, the Order of the Arrow offers several Native American-themed activities for anyone who is interested. The most well-known of these is the collection of Ceremony teams. These ceremony teams not only have fun acting out their roles, but they are vital because they inform and guide the new arrowmen during their Ordeal. These teams are well-suited to those more solemn members of OA.

We also offer Native American Dance teams. It is here that OA members get a taste of Native American culture at its most enjoyable. Dancers develop their regalia and learn any number of several dance styles, including Grass Dance, Fancy Dance, Old-Time Sioux, and others. These teams are ideal for the most energetic of our brothers.

Last but not least are the Drum and Song teams. These are perfect for the more boisterous individuals who wish to participate. Team members get to learn many different authentic Native American songs, and therefore are often asked to assist the Dance teams, both during practice and at competitions.

I hope all of you will consider joining a team. They are all fun, and offer an opportunity to view a small portion of Native American culture that is rarely seen anymore.

Garrett Jones
Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies



During July, the Order of the Arrow embarked on SummitCorps, a service project to build trails near the Summit in West Virginia. During the project, 1404 scouts attended and 12.8 miles of trail were completed. Ini-To Lodge was well represented by 13: 11 participants and 2 staff. Contingent member Patrick Mapp described SummitCorps in one word with "fellowship." Overall, it was an experience of a lifetime: The New River Experience.



(From Left to Right) Top Row: Jim Churchill, Ray Willcocks, Mike Strickland, Bob Sharp, Ed Ross, Ron Morton; Bottom Row: Clayton Carte, John Willcocks, Patrick Mapp, Mark Rockwood, Jacob Sharp, Anthony Ross; Not Pictured: Frank Harper



Indian Summer 2011 – Blue Bridge, North Carolina

As I arrived to the campus of the 2011 Indian Summer I was overwhelmed, it was the first time I had ever gone to a national OA event and I was honestly frightened at meeting members from all over the nation. I went to my room and met a contingent of scouts all the way from California. When they asked where the rest of my contingent was I replied they were looking at it. The classes at this were phenomenal. Every single craft class was fully stocked with materials to make indian regalia. The instructional classes were taught by the experts in that division. The overall system was exceedingly well thought out. Then there was the matter of trading posts. What scouting function is complete without a trading post full of interesting stuff to ooh and ahh at. But this wasn't a normal scouting function, this was an OA function. The trading post was filled with just about everything you could possibly need to make an entire set of regalia. Indian summer was by far the most amazing thing I have ever been to.

Matthew Harmon
Newly elected Vice chief of ceremonies



2011 LODGE CALENDAR

RECOGNITION BANQUET: Dec 2

2011 Service Chapter Assignments
Banquet: Tussahaw

NEW IN THE TRADING POST!!!

The lodge recently released a 65 year commemorative flap for the year 2010. Don't be left out and get some at the next lodge event for \$5 each!



P.S. I hear they are popular with traders.



Join us on Facebook. The lodge and Tussahaw Chapter have a group. Why join us? The lodge uses the group as a major form of communication for announcements, events, and more.



Register for NLS & NLATS

This year the Southern Region will host three NLS & NLATS weekends. NLS & NLATS are training sessions to enhance your leadership skills. If you are interested in attending one of these leadership training weekends, please contact Mr. Strickland at - strick54@bellsouth.net

NEW LODGE T-SHIRTS!

There are new lodge t shirts for sale in the trading post. Make sure to pick up your shirt at fall fellowship.



Ini-To Lodge featured in Rednuht Gazette

A story on Ini-To Lodge hosting Conclave 2011 and improving the Pine Mountain Backcountry was featured as a cover story in an edition of the Rednuht Gazette, the summer camp newspaper. People from all over read about our service projects, so don't think it goes unnoticed.

The Blast To the Past Is Coming!

Brothers, our annual winter banquet is approaching. The date has been set to December 3rd so set your Calendars. It will be held at the Stucky Hall at the University of Georgia Satellite Campus in Griffin GA. The cost will be \$15. Look out for registration on doubleknot. You will have until November 15th to register. Can't Wait to see you there!

Chapter Secretaries! Talk with members in your chapter to come up with a report on what is happening within the chapter for our November thunderhead. If you have any questions or comments please e-mail me at initorsecretary@gmail.com

National Order of the Arrow Conference



NOAC 2012 will be held July 30th at Michigan State University. For those that have been to a NOAC, you know how much fun one can be so spread the word to your fellow brothers. Let us make it a goal to be one of the best represented lodges there! Contact Patrick Mapp for more information at [<pmapp_96@yahoo.com>](mailto:pmapp_96@yahoo.com)



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