



THE THUNDERHEAD

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2011 Winter Banquet



UGA Griffin Campus

The 2011 Winter banquet had a great turnout. The theme: "Blast to the Past." We had a full display on all lodge patches that we have had, dating back to 1949. A lot of awards were

given out and new lodge officers inducted. There was a surplus of service flaps awarded demonstrating how much everybody in our lodge has done and served. We also had a number of other awards. We received 4 new Vigil Honor Recipients, Robert Sharp, John Willcocks, and Ray Willcocks. Or Founders Award recipients were Ray Willcocks and Garret Jones. Coweta Chapter has not presented their cheerful service awards at this time. Echota Chapter presented to Matthew Harmon for the youth and Wilvor Butler for the adult.

Ronotahatchi Chapter presented to Ethan Miller for the youth and Ken Manley for the adult. Tussahaw Chapter presented to Clayton Carte for the youth and Melissa Ingram for the adult. In addition, the lodge presented three to Keith Larson for his trail work, Chris Dunn for his conclave work, and Chuck Kelley for his treasury work.

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New 2012 Lodge Officers

CHIEF– Nathan Loughner. Was last years treasurer. And is an active scout and leader in his troop and council.

VICE CHIEF OF ADMIN– Louis Pesce. Some of you may know Louis from previous lodge service. This is his 2nd year as VCA and he has also served as lodge secretary and is an Eagle Scout.

VICE CHIEF OF CEREMONIES– Matthew Harmon.

Matthew Harmon is a hardworking brother who came back from an event called Indian Summer with a great deal of knowledge on ceremonies and dance.

SECRETARY– Mark Rockwood. This is my Second year as our lodge's Secretary

TREASURER– Jeremiah Smith. Jeremiah has done a great deal of service to the lodge especially on the Pine Mountain Back Country trails.





Tussahaw Report

Tussahaw Chapter has been busy in the past few months. We have quickly transitioned into our unit elections, are working to put on Cub Scout ceremonies this year, and are looking ahead to performing an unforgettable tap out ceremony for our district in April. If you are in our chapter, join us for our monthly meetings. We have food at each one. As to rest of the lodge, see you in April at conclave.

2012 Lodge Calendar

- Event Planning Meeting- Feb 21- 7:00
- Spring Fellowship- March 12
- NLS- Mar 2- 4
- LLD- Mar 24
- SR9 Conclave- Apr 20- 22
- Spring Ordeal- May 11- 13
- NOAC- Jul 30- Aug 4
- Fall Ordeal Aug 17-19
- Conclave Planning Seminar- Aug 21-26
- NLS- Sep 14-16
- Fall Fellowship- Sep 28-20
- One Day of Service- Oct 20
- NLS Nove 16-18
- Winter Banquet- Dec 7

2012 Chapter Rotation

- Spring Fellowship- Coweta
- Spring Ordeal- Echota
- Fall Ordeal- Tussahaw
- Fall Fellowship- Echota
- Winter Banquet- Ronotohatchi

Klondike Thanks

Brothers, I would like to personally thank all arrowmen who came out to join in cheerful service for the 25th Anniversary Klondike weekend. We ended up with around 500 campers and enjoyed great weather for this historical event. We also welcomed 9 brothers who sealed their membership in the Order and becoming Brotherhood members. With the exception of the sled race all our events were new & different offering a great change of pace for this signature event.

A special thank you to Chuck & Charlie Kelley who organized & prepared the meals to keep the event staff well fed during the weekend. The meals were, as usual, great.

In service,
Mike Strickland
Ini-to 324 - Lodge
Adviser



Chapter Information



Coweta-

+Chief- Matthew Kindle

+Advisor- Alan Coady 770-253-1345
+Meetings- 1st Sunday, 2-4pm
Cornerstone United Methodist Church,
Newnan



Echota-

+Chief- Ian Greenles

+Advisor-Bob Sharp 404-735-0719
+Meetings- 2nd Thursday 7pm
Fayetteville First Baptist Church



Ronotohatchi-

+Chief- Patrick Mapp

+Advisor- John Youmans 770-228-9048
+Meetings- 2nd Sunday 2-4pm
Westside Church of Christ, Griffin



Tussahaw-

+Chief- Clayton Carte

+Advisor-Louis Pesce 770-914-7010
+Meetings- 2nd Thursday 7:30pm First
Baptist Church McDonough

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 inisecretary@gmail.com



Ronotahatchi Report

Dear brothers,
 The Ronotahatchi chapter has shot of with a great year. We are meeting every second Sunday of each month and are going to start having an activity for arrowmen at meetings. As Chapter Chief I look forward to Excelling in the areas of ceremonies, fellowship , and growing together as brothers in scouting's honor society. The 2012 year brings us many opportunities and experiences for us as brothers to attend one of which, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, a one in a life time experience for arrowmen to travel to Lansing, Michigan and fellowship with thousands of arowmen from around the country. Opportunities in the OA start right here in your chapter, myself as chapter chief is always looking for dedicated men to feel chapter level positions. So i encourage all arrowmen to step up this year and find your spot in the OA, you are always needed and the Order is always a great society to be apart of.

Chiefly Speaking

Hello,
 I am Nathan the newly elected Ini-To Lodge chief. I am the SPL of troop 66 and a staff member at camp Thunder. Aside from keeping to our previous commitments to camp Thunder and the Pine mountain backcountry project the lodge is going to be working on getting our ceremony teams back to being amazing again, and we are going to working on communication with a new approach to the OA troop rep program. But this can't happen without you. Please everybody if it is physically possible show up to an event: Conclave, ordeal, fellowship, or banquet. Just please show up and enjoy the group you're a part of. If you need anything feel free to email me at nloughner2015@gmail.com

Thank you,
Nathan Loughner | Lodge Chief

Secretary's Address

Hello Brothers,
 I Know it has been a while since the last Thunderhead. I apologize for that, and did not mean to keep you all waiting for lodge information. I admit I have been very preoccupied. Here however, we have a new edition of our newsletter. It has had much time poured into it. I would love to improve this publication so if any of you have articles you would like to see in here or you have suggestions, questions, or comments, please e-mail me at:

initosecretary@gmail.com

Without Wax,
 Mark Rockwood

Next Stop, NOAC 2012!



The 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be one of your most memorable Scouting experiences. NOAC 2012 will be held at Michigan State University from July 30 through August 4, 2012 and is projected to be one of the largest in the Order's history with more than 8,000 Arrowmen in attendance.

NOAC will feature a number of unique events, including national competitions for ceremonies, drum, and dance; evening shows; the OA history museum; and awesome recreation competitions such as soccer, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee.. Highlights such as the Founder's Day festivities including the Founder's Day Parade, the Grand Hodag, and the inter-Region dodge ball battle are some of the exciting events at NOAC.

Arrowmen can participate in service projects, high adventure opportunities, leadership training, American Indian

Activities training, and much more. While enjoying the various activities, Scouts will have a great time meeting new brothers and sharing their experiences with people from around the nation.

Our lodge will send a contingent to NOAC 2012 and you won't want to miss out. To sign up, contact the lodge Advisor Mike Strickland, youth contingent leader Patrick Mapp to sign up today or Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org .

Patrick Mapp



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