

THE THUNDERHEAD

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SPRING ORDEAL IN MAY! CAMP THUNDER - MAY 2-4

Join us in a few short weeks as we induct new members into our Lodge and provide cheerful service to our camp. Your support is needed as elangomats, ceremonialists, and on work projects to make the weekend a positive memorable experience for our incoming Brothers. The weekend is only ten dollars for Arrowmen, so come on out and support your camp! Encourage candidates from your troop as well and offer them a ride to the event.

The Lodge Officers hope to see everyone there. Registration may be found on the Lodge website.



CENTENNIAL LODGE FLAP

The Lodge will be taking pre-orders of our centennial standard Lodge flap. Pre-orders will be taken through Fall Fellowship in September, and the flap will be released at Banquet in December. A special bulk price is available only through the pre-order: 10

flaps for \$30, or \$5 each. Once released, the bulk rate goes away. Order now to be sure and get the quantity you want and the best price.

To purchase, go to <http://tinyurl.com/IniTo100YearFlap>. Use multiple registrations to purchase multiple sets of ten. Lodge dues must be current to order and payment is required at time of order.

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Section Conclave

Over 40 of our Brothers will be traveling to Moundville, Alabama this weekend, April 25-27, for this year's SR-9 Conclave. The Lodge is excited to be taking one of our largest groups in recent years to conclave and will have our first ever conclave flap. Based around the popular mobile game Clash of Clans, our contingent theme is Clash of Ini-To and promises to be a fun time had by all. Any remaining stock of the flap after conclave will be sold at Spring Ordeal for \$5 each.



NATIONAL OA CONFERENCE 2015

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW
AUGUST 3-8, 2015 – MICHIGAN STATE



Every three years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). These gatherings draw nearly 8,000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for six days of training and fellowship. With each progressing year, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and larger than the previous year.

The 100th anniversary NOAC will be held at Michigan State University August 3-8, 2015. If you are able to attend, **GO!** Many exciting elements are planned for this event, and everyone should try to attend. The Lodge estimates the total cost of the trip will be \$800 and is collecting \$100 deposits at this time. More information will be distributed to those going as it becomes available.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/IniToNOAC2015Deposit> to place your deposit to reserve your spot. The Lodge hopes to see at least 25 attend this once-in-a-lifetime event. The OA will only turn 100 once, don't miss the celebration.

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Get to know your 2014 Lodge Officers!

Matthew Harmon	Chris Akin	Logan Clifton	Clayton Carte	Philip Crane
Chief	Vice-Chief of Administration	Vice-Chief of Ceremonies	Secretary	Treasurer
Troop and Rank				
Troop 75 Eagle Scout	Troop 73 Eagle Scout	Troop 12 Star Scout	Troop 162 Life Scout	Troop 63 Life Scout
Hometown				
Peachtree City	Fayetteville	Griffin	Locust Grove	Ellenwood
Favorite OA Activity				
Fellowships	Fellowships	Fellowships	Patch Trading	Ceremonies
Favorite Scouting Memory				
Northern Tier canoe trip	1st Summer Camp in 2009	Eating a charred Dorito	NOAC 2012	Watching his friend fall out of a hammock into a lake

New Vigil Honor Members

Congrats to the Lodge's newest Vigil Honor members, inducted at Spring Fellowship.

Nathan Loughner	Chuck Kelley
Danny McCranie	Kevin Kirkland



Don't forget about your monthly Chapter meetings!

- Coweta* - 2nd Sunday 2-4 PM @ Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Newnan
- Echota* - 2nd Thursday 7-8:30 PM @ Fayetteville First Baptist Church, Fayetteville
- Ronotahatchi* - 2nd Sunday 2-4 PM @ Westside Church of Christ, Griffin
- Tussahaw* - 2nd Thursday 7-8 PM @ McDonough First Baptist Church, McDonough

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CENTENNIAL LOGO RELEASED



In the fall of 2013, a nationwide search began to find a brand and identity for the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary through the Centennial Design Contest. Announced this month is the chosen design which will be used on all centennial elements next year. The selected brand elements are derived from a winning design submitted by Arrowman Nathaniel Kelton of Coosa Lodge. Coosa Lodge is in Alabama and a part of our section.

Order of the Arrow Troop Representatives

The Lodge is always looking to improve the effectiveness of the OA Troop Representative program and number of OA Troop Representatives within the council.

A Troop/Team Representative should:

- Make at least one high adventure presentation to the unit annually
- Coordinate the Ordeal induction process for newly elected candidates
- Participate in unit members' paths to Brotherhood
- Lead community service projects for the unit
- Advocate environmental stewardship and Leave No Trace camping



The OA Troop Representative program serves an integral function as a way to enhance the experience of youth in the Order of the Arrow. The program also aims to help communications among the unit, Chapter, and Lodge thrive. Use the opportunity now to take your unit to the next level by making involvement in the Troop Representative program a priority!

Event Dates 2014

Spring Ordeal	May 2-4	
Fall Ordeal	August 15-17	
Fall Fellowship	September 26-28	
Lodge Leadership Development	November 1	
National Leadership Seminar	November 7-9	Fairhope, Alabama
Banquet	December 5	

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