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LLD AND BANQUET UPCOMING!

LLD - NOV 21-22

BANQUET - DEC 5

Lodge Leadership Development is this weekend! We invite all 2015 Chapter Officers and Advisers, Lodge Officers and Advisers, Lodge committee Chairs, and any youth interested to attend this important weekend as we plan out and prepare for the Centennial year of the Order. LLD will be held Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, November 21-22, and all attending need to register for food purposes. The best part? There is no cost. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/IniToLLD2014>.

All members are invited to our annual Lodge Banquet December 5 at 7 PM. The Banquet will be held at Camp Thunder and will feature the induction of our 2015 Lodge and Chapter Officers, Vigil Honor Call-Out Ceremony, and Founder's Award recipients. Cost is \$20 per person so register now at <http://tinyurl.com/IniToBanquet2014>. Registration is due by Tuesday, November 25.

Remember to pay your 2015 dues for only \$15 to continue being part of the Lodge and be able to participate in Lodge functions. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/IniTo2015Dues> to pay them.

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Centennial Flaps

Gold Border - Standard

1350 Produced

Released at Banquet 2014



Silver Border - Service

150 Produced

Given Out at Banquet 2015

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LODGE OFFICERS 2015

Our 2015 Lodge Officers were elected at Fall Fellowship. Together they are prepared and ready to take the lead this next year for the Lodge.

Chief **Clayton Carte** is in his senior year at Ola High School and lives in Locust Grove. He is an Eagle Scout in Troop 162. His previous Lodge service includes being the 2013-2014 Lodge Secretary and 2012 Tussahaw Chapter Chief. He is most looking forward to continue growing the Lodge membership.

VC of Administration **Daniel Kirkland** is in his freshmen year at Pike County High School and lives in Zebulon. He is a Life Scout in Troop 38. His previous Lodge service includes being the 2014 Ronotahatchi Chapter Chief. He is most looking forward to improving fellowship programs.

VC of Ceremonies **Philip Crane** is in his junior year at NCCA and lives in Ellenwood. He is a Life Scout in Troop 63. His previous Lodge service includes being the 2014 Lodge Treasurer and 2014 Tussahaw Chapter Chief. He is most looking forward to improving ceremonies.

Secretary is currently vacant and one will be appointed by the 2015 Lodge Chief in the coming weeks.

Treasurer **Will Harper** is in seventh grade at Evans Middle School and lives in Newnan. He is a Star Scout in Troop 2193. He is most looking forward to getting more members active in the Lodge.

OUTGOING CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

I hope you all have had as fantastic of a year as I have. We have done some great work this year increasing our membership retention and improving both our Fellowships and Ordeals. I look forward to the coming year under the leadership of Clayton Carte; he will do a great job and has a lot planned for us. I will continue to be active within the lodge and look forward to another great year with Ini-To!

Matthew Harmon

Lodge Chief 2014

UNIT ELECTIONS SEASON

Now is the time to hold Troop elections. With the change in Ordeal schedule and Call-Out moved to Klondike, election season is now October 1st to Klondike. It is important each troop hold an election to continue to grow the troop's number of OA members and Lodge membership. This is the only time during the year you can elect so do not miss the opportunity. Contact your Chapter leadership about setting up a date and time for your troop to hold one.

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INCOMING CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers,

During the last two years I have served as your Lodge Secretary and am looking forward to the opportunity to now serve as your Lodge Chief. We as a Lodge have had tremendous growth over the last few years and I am optimistic to see how large we can grow.

During my election speech, I stated a goal of holding a joint fellowship with Chattahoochee and Echeconnee Lodges to celebrate the centennial of the Order. I am working with their Lodge Chiefs to make this happen. In addition, I am working with our Lodge Officers to ensure we continue to deliver quality fun Fellowships and meaningful Ordeals. During the next year, we challenge the Lodge members to have **100** people in attendance at every Lodge event and Section Conclave.

We as the Lodge have a special opportunity this next year to take part in history as our Order celebrates its centennial anniversary. I encourage each and every one of you to take part in as many ways as possible.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Clayton Carte

Lodge Chief 2015

LODGE CALENDAR 2015

Klondike	Jan 23-25
Spring Ordeal	Mar 13-15
Section Conclave	Apr 24-26
Spring Fellowship	May 1-3
Fall Ordeal	Aug 21-23
Fall Fellowship	Sept 25-27
LLD	Nov 20-21
Banquet	Dec 4

KLONDIKE DERBY 2015

Be sure to come to our annual Klondike Derby January 23-25. We have many exciting activities planned, both new and old, for those that attend. New this year will be the Call-Out ceremony for the Lodge. This year we have an attendance goal of **1000!** Encourage your troops to join us for this fun-filled weekend. Cost is only \$8 per person and registration may be found on the council website.

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

Coweta - 2nd Tuesday 7-8 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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OFFICER REPORT

Hello Ini-To!

Over the past few months, I have made a noticeable change in how our ceremonies are organized, improved, and displayed. I've also gotten a few more arrowmen interested in joining ceremony teams and being more involved. With my final months coming to an end, I realize that we still have a long way to go and I trust that our 2015 VC of Ceremonies, Philip Crane, will get another noticeable amount done! There's always room for improvement.

Honestly, over the past year I have not completed all I set out to do while running for VCC, but not accomplishing some goals teaches all of us how to be better prepared for the future! Being this past year's VCC has changed my perspective on the backstage of our camp's functions! I have had a lot of fun and am now ready to pass on the responsibilities. I am currently working on becoming a member of the ceremony committee and hope to see others involved in ceremonies very soon!

Thanks for an amazing year, Ini-To Lodge!!

WWW,

Logan Clifton

Lodge VC of Ceremonies 2014

CENTURION AWARD



Know of any Arrowman that has contributed unselfishly to the success of our Lodge?

Know of any Arrowman who are exemplars of the high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow?

Consider nominating these Arrowmen for this one-time recognition. The Centurion Award is one of the national programs commemorating next year's centennial anniversary.

Nominees can be for their service as a youth or adult, living or deceased.

Nominees need not be a current active

member of the lodge. A youth nominee needs at least three years of service and an adult nominee needs at least six. The nomination form may be found on the national OA website and can be sent to IniTo324@gmail.com. Nominations are due by December 5.

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