

Due to issues with sending out these documents and the accidental removal of the hyperlinks that carried the meaning of the information, I have decided to resend both out, but with everything corrected. The hyperlinks are now the actual URL and an additional section has been added. Please reread through this and of course share the information with those around you in our lodge. The original message begins here:

To keep your inboxes nice and clean, I thought that it would be a good idea to send out one email to everyone with all of the current updates. I know it's a lot, but it is important that you read the entire email so that you do not miss any important information.

### **September Thunderhead**

The September Thunderhead can be found here:

<http://www.ini-to324.org/downloads/Thunderhead%202011%20SEP.pdf>.

This update and Thunderhead together have everything you need to know that is currently going on.

### **Spook-O-Ree Help Requested**

The lodge has been asked by camp operations director, Mack Culverhouse, to provide a good turn-out of staff volunteers for Spook-O-Ree. It is very important for the lodge to support the council's Cub Scout program and this is an excellent opportunity. The remaining Spook-O-Ree is the weekend of October 21-23. Ini-To Lodge can easily fulfill this request and provide plenty of help to these great events.

### **University of Scouting Help Requested**

Mr. Allen Peeler is organizing the instructor corps for the upcoming University of Scouting being held on November 5th. He has asked us to poll the lodge membership to find out if there was anyone interested in teaching any of the following courses:

- Webelos Den Leader Specific Training
- Planning High Adventure Trips
- How to be a Successful Song Leader
- Travel Plans/Weather & other items of Safe Scouting
- Plant Identification
- Story Telling
- All Tied Up in Knots
- Cooking with Cub Scouts
- Putting ZING into your meetings

If you can help Allen/University of Scouting out this year by serving as the instructor for one on these courses, please contact him at [rpeeler@numail.org](mailto:rpeeler@numail.org), home 770-502-0097, or cell 770-301-1848.

### **2012 Lodge Officers**

Fall Fellowship included elections of the 2012 Lodge Officers. They are: Clayton Carte is Chief from Tussahaw Chapter, Louis Pesce is Vice-Chief of Admin from Tussahaw Chapter, Matthew Harmon is Vice-Chief of Ceremonies from Echota Chapter, Mark Rockwood is Secretary from Tussahaw Chapter, and Jeremiah Smith is Treasurer from Echota Chapter. The five of us are

ready to serve to improve the lodge and will answer any questions you have at any point during our terms.

## **2012 Chapter Chiefs and Elections**

Recent chapter meetings have had chapter officer elections. Let us congratulate those newly elected chiefs: Ronotahatchi Chapter Chief Patrick Mapp and Tussahaw Chapter Chief Clayton Carte. Please make sure and get me the names of all chapter officers as soon as they are elected for me to enter them into the 2012 Lodge Leadership spreadsheet.

## **Chapter Reports for the Thunderhead**

Our Secretary Mark Rockwood has requested that Chapter Reports be sent into him by the Chapter Secretaries. The next Thunderhead will be in November, so go ahead and get them into him. Reports may be sent to [initorsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:initorsecretary@gmail.com).

## **Banquet**

The 2011 Winter Banquet will be held December 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The location is Stuckey Auditorium, UGA Griffin Campus. The lodge is catering the event and for this reason, food is not guaranteed unless you pre-register. The registration deadline is Monday, November 14, 2011. Registration is here:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=844429>.

Cost is \$15. The theme is "Blast to the Past" and Tussahaw Chapter has some incredible things planned. You do not want to miss out, so take care of registering right away to prevent any issues.

## **2012 Dues**

In order to continue being a part of our lodge, your annual dues need to be kept up to date. Dues are only \$10 a year and allow you to participate in the exciting activities of the lodge. Your 2012 dues are payable through banquet registration. Please note that those that went through Ordeal in 2011 do not need to pay dues for 2012 as their ordeal fees covered it.

## **LLD**

This year's Lodge Leadership Development Training will be held Saturday December 3, 2011 at Camp Thunder. This year, Waguli Lodge from Northwest Georgia Council and Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge from Atlanta Area Council will be joining us. All recently elected or appointed committee chairs; lodge and chapter officers should consider and do their best to attend. It is a free event for y'all. For food purposes, please e-mail me if attending by end of day Saturday November 26, 2011. I hope you will attend.

## **2012 Events and Event Pass**

The LEC has recently approved the introduction of an event pass that will cover the registration of every event during a year (Spring and Fall Fellowship; Spring and Fall Ordeal; and Banquet) and your dues. The first one will be for 2012 and available for purchase at Banquet up to Spring Fellowship. The cost is \$75 and is a discount from the \$100 spent paying for dues and each event separately. Consider purchasing this great item to secure your spot at lodge functions for the entire year.

## **2012 Klondike**

The 2012 Klondike will be held January 27-29, 2012 at the wilderness area of the Flint River Adventure Area. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Klondike and we are in the final stages of planning this special event. Please consider serving on staff or assisting your chapter out by helping run one of their three events.

## **2012 Conclave**

The 2012 SR-9 Conclave will be April 20-22, 2012 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins in Central Georgia Council. The lodge has a goal of 30 attendees and the cost is \$28. The registration form can be found here:

[http://www.ini-to324.org/downloads/2012\\_Conclave\\_Participant\\_Registration\\_Form\\_FRC\\_Inito.pdf](http://www.ini-to324.org/downloads/2012_Conclave_Participant_Registration_Form_FRC_Inito.pdf).

The memorabilia order form is here:

[http://www.ini-to324.org/downloads/2012\\_Conclave\\_Memorabilia\\_Pre\\_Order\\_Form\\_FRC\\_Inito.pdf](http://www.ini-to324.org/downloads/2012_Conclave_Memorabilia_Pre_Order_Form_FRC_Inito.pdf).

Both are due by January 28, 2012 to council office if ordering memorabilia.

## **2012 NOAC**

The 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held July 30-August 4, 2011 at Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan. If you are planning on attending, the section is offering NOAC scholarships. The deadline to have your form into Section Chief Jacob Schlies is November 20, 2011 and the form can be found here:

<http://sr-9.org/forms/NOAC%20Scholarship%20Form.doc>.

The final contingent plans will be approved during LLD, but go ahead and reserve these dates on your calendars for this incredible event.

## **Facebook Groups**

The lodge and multiple chapters have Facebook groups that are used as main forms of communication. The lodge group is . Confirmed chapter groups are Tussahaw: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/150023821696110/> and Echota: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=138716412007>.

I believe Ronotohatchi will be starting one soon as well. Please join them if on Facebook and add friends of yours to these groups if they should be a part of them.

## **OA Troop Rep Program**

During my term as lodge chief, the lodge will get a working OA Troop Rep Program up and running. To begin this process early, I ask that if you are a OA Troop Rep or know the one in your troop, please respond to this e-mail. If your troop currently does not have one, please say something to your scoutmaster and possibly step up into the position yourself. The OA Troop Rep is one of the first methods available for communicating to lodge members and vital to have in each troop across the council.

## **Share This Please**

When we mass e-mail the lodge, we get a large number of bounce backs. Please make sure and share all of this information within your troops and those in Ini-To Lodge. The lodge leadership appreciates it.

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