

The woodbadge was presented by Council Training Chariman Joe Abernathy to Scoutmaster John Griner, troop 33, Sylvester and to Elanie Stacy, District Scouter and John Stacy, Camp Osborne Ranger.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the District award of Merit. Rodney Hutchinson Scoutmaster of troop 100, had the honors. The 1983 recipients were Scoutmaster John Griner, troop 33, Sylvester and Richard Sanderson, troop 10, Albany. Both of these scouters have a rich scouting background of service not only to the local unit but to the district as well. The district volunteers all congratulate these scouters.

Special thanks goes to Pat Hutchinson who was our 1983 dinner chair person, who prepare a first class affair. She even recruited a very special M.C. for the evening, Fred Dent. Thanks Fred and all the others who helped to make this a success.

#### TRAINING

A out door Scout leader training session will be held at Camp Osborne Jan 7. This is either the last training many need or it's the beginning.

Please contact Rodney Hutchinson at 776-7247 or our Executive Charlie Barth at 436-7226 to pre-register for the training. The cost will be very small.

#### FROM THE RANGER'S DESK

A special thanks to John Griner, troop 33, Rodney Hutchinson, troop 100, Gary Duwell, troop 13, and Carlton Ussery, troop 3 for the great Service Project at camp.

Also a special thanks to Lee Bates for all the long hours spent on the dock.

Thank you all!

John Stacy  
Camp Ranger

#### O/A Immaokalee Lodge News

The lodge held their 1983 Father & Son banquet in early December. The banquet had the best attendance ever, 55 Fathers, Scouters and Arrowmen were present. Lodge Chief Tommy Cline address the lodge with the goals he felt the lodge should set.

Scout Executive Tom Dugger, was our guest speaker and remarked about his affection for the Order of The Arrow. Mr. Dugger comment on the goals Lodge Chief Tommy Cline spoke about and also encouraged the lodge to consider tap-outs at summer camp and become actively involved with camp promotion.

The evening conclude with the vigil honor tap-out. In coming lodge Chief Tommy Cline, Scoutmaster R.C. Brookins, troop 26-Americus, Ga., Scoutmaster John Griner from Sylvester, and Scout Executive Thomas Dugger were all tapped for the vigil.

The vigil is something an Arrowman can not earn. The vigil is recognition for his commitment to Scouting which is above and beyond the normal commitment to the O/A and Scouting. All the fellow Arrowmen salute our brothers as they join the vigil circle.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



#### CLARIFICATION GIVEN ON IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Some concern has developed in reference to a requirement that Scouting units have tax identification numbers for their unit bank account.

As written, section 103-26 of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code requires a financial institution to record the tax payer identification number of any person conducting a currency transaction.

A 1973 letter from the Dept. of the Treasury confirmed that units, being integral parts of local, Councils which are tax exempt under section 501 (C) (13), would not be required to have taxpayer identification numbers.

#### HONOR UNIT AWARD

There seems to be concern about the honor unit process. When does the unit earn this award? The unit earns this award for the month and year it is due to recharter. The units' current year is what the award is based upon. An example is troop 1983 recharterers in Dec. the current year for this unit is Dec. 1982-thru december 1983. The unit has 12 months to complete their establish goals and reports their progress during the month of recharter. If troop 1983 began with out a trained Scoutmaster and in December, 1 year later, still has an untrain Scoutmaster this unit does not qualify. If the unit set as a goal to have a trained Scoutmaster and 1 year later at recharter could record a trained Scoutmaster, they would qualify. The ten test of successful Scouting is recorded as a matter of record during the month of renewal. When the renewal papers are turned into the Council Service Center this become the bases for the unit to began meeting its new objectives. Those units rechartering during 1983 would received 1983 recognition, and those in 1984 received 1984.

The unit must apply for the recognition items at the time of recharter. On-time charter renewal becomes very important to each unit to received this recognition. Your District Executive can answer any questions you may have.

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