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## LOVELACE STEPS DOWN AS LODGE ADVISER

Mr. Lovelace announced at the annual business meeting, during the Fall Fellowship, that he was stepping down as Lodge Adviser at the Christmas Banquet, December 2, 1988.

He said, that he had worked with the lodge elected officers for over three years and feels the time is right for a new adviser. The lodge is in good shape, even though some of the goals have not been met, with outstanding and dedicated lodge officers, operating in accordance with the National OA rules and providing the type of program that is producing outstanding benefits to the local council and its membership.

Mr. Lovelace said, that he has enjoyed working with the lodge officers, adult and youth members, and council professional staff these past three plus years. It has taken the entire active membership to have accomplished what progress that has been made.

He thanked all for the support and friendship that you have so freely given to him and the lodge.

He also said that he isn't leaving the lodge and its work, but will work and support the lodge in any way that he can.

Scout Executive Sam Richmond will announce the name of his selection as lodge lay adviser shortly.

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET DECEMBER 2

Our Annual Christmas Banquet will be held on December 2, 1988 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Banquet Room on the 9th floor starting at 7:00 P.M. (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, AS IT IS A CHANGE FROM THE LODGE CALENDAR.)

This is the last activity of our lodge for this year. Newly elected officers will be sworn in and the changing of the "Bonnet" will take place.

The meal will consist of turkey & dressing or roast beef, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, bread, and coffee or iced tea. The Food Service staff at Phoebe always has the very best food and lots of it at our banquets. So come on, let's have a good time, enjoying the company of good Scouts and their families.

The cost of this activity is a modest \$5.25 per person. All members of our family are invited to attend.

Reservations are required and the DEADLINE for them is November 28. Mail or take your reservation(s) with \$5.25 per person to the Scout Service Center, Southwest Georgia Council, 930 West Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, GA 31701.

As with all lodge scheduled activities, patches and hat pins will be on sale.



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## POLE BARN STATUS

### FROM THE CHIEF

Brothers:

This year has quickly ended and I am sad to say that many of our hopes and goals haven't been reached.

Now as we start a new year, we must strive to put Immokalee Lodge on the road to accomplishing the goals that we set. We have to potential leadership to be an excellent lodge. For example, we had eight youth members from our lodge attend the 1988 NOAC held at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Four new officers will lead us into the new year, but they cannot run this lodge alone. We must have the determination and devotion of all the members in this lodge.

Let us make a commitment for improvement resulting in excellence in the coming year. This can be done by increasing membership, active participation, and more leadership. If we work on all three, 1989 can be the best year ever for Immokalee Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you all at the lodge banquet.

In Brotherhood,

*Larry Parr III*

Larry Parr  
Lodge Chief

At the Fall Fellowship most of the members in attendance spent most of Saturday erecting the pole barn.

As most of you know the pole barn idea was conceived by many Scouts and Scouters wanting to know why the program shelters were not usable most of the year. The reason was that our summer camp tent platforms were being stored in them, due to the necessity caused by a "wild fire" we had on the ridge, which destroyed a number of the platforms. Our insurance coverage would not pay because the platforms were not in a building! So the council corrected the problem by storing them in the program shelters, as there was no other place to store them.

Our lodge executive committee requested that the council executive board give the lodge its permission to construct a pole barn, at no cost to the council. Permission was granted and the lodge proceeded.

Location of the pole barn is on the ridge in an area central to all campsites. Selection of the site was made by Fred Dent, Brooks Lovelace, Sam Richmond and John Stacy.

Lee Bates was asked to head the design and construction operation for the lodge. Lee designed the structure for the lodge, and located much of the materials that were required. He got the project "on the road."

At the present time all of the construction is complete, with the exception of putting on roof tin and ridge cap.

Some of the people that have made this structure a reality are Fred Dent (loan of his BIG truck), Otis Horton (donated the ridge cap and got Reynolds Aluminum to donate the roof metal), Rodney Hutchinson (did the site survey and layout), Cecil Riggs (SW Wood Components, who gave the rafters and wood to repair them), Terry Fennell (who transported the power poles from Cordele to camp), Brooks Lovelace and Ellis Thompson (who used the BIG truck to get the rafters to camp), Sam Richmond (who did a lot of phoning, getting people to help with materials), John Stacy (who worked with the bull-dozer operation to get the stumps out of the area), and to everyone who helped in one area or another, THANKS.

What we have to do now is to get the roof tin and ridge cap on the barn, and move the platforms in it. Lets get to it!



## IF YOU NEED A SWAGGER STICK, THEN CARRY ONE!

**M**ilitary officers stopped carrying swagger sticks so long ago some might not be aware of why they were so much a part of the military scene, particularly in training camps. A swagger stick is a short (about 18 inches) straight cane usually carried by one with a lordly stride.

While undoubtedly few recruits were indiscreet enough to mention it, it did seem unnecessary to have a symbol to distinguish the officers from the recruits. Insignia aside, the former had the tailored uniforms.

Eventually, a four-star general came along who *didn't* carry a swagger stick. Shortly after assuming command, he had a memo posted on every bulletin board. It read simply: "If you need a swagger stick, then carry one." Before nightfall, swagger sticks were as scarce as hair on the recruit's head.

A local council official telephoned the National Eagle Scout Service to complain that at a court of honor, he saw an Eagle Scout wearing a gold earring. Our reply was: "If he *needs* a gold earring, he should wear one."

The same might be said about young Eagle Scouts who wear an Order of the Arrow sash over their merit badge sash, skill awards, contest and/or trail medals, and patches other than merit badges on their sash, or adult Eagle Scouts who wear the Eagle Scout medal at camporees. They should wear them if they need that level of ego support.



Eagle Scouts wear their Order of the Arrow sash when they are engaged in service projects. The sash may also be worn at courts of honor, as **Chris McClain** (class of 1987) wears his at his Eagle ceremony.



Eagle Scouts not in uniform when attending special functions may wear the Eagle Scout medal with civilian dress, as does **Carroll Gant** (class of 1948).

Eagle Scouts wear the *official* uniform trousers with official uniform shirts. If, because of a welcomed increase in height, the trousers do not fit, Eagle Scouts wear the Eagle medal with civilian dress, as does **Carroll Gant**.

Eagle Scouts wear dark colored socks and matching shoes. Save the sneakers for prom night.

On normal occasions and during field activities, Eagle Scouts (under the age of 18) wear *only* the Eagle Scout emblem on their left shirt pocket while adult Eagle Scouts wear *only* the Eagle Scout award square knot. No Eagle Scout wears both the emblem and the knot. The medal is reserved for special occasions.

Eagle Scouts restrict their wearing of medals to the Eagle, religious award, Heroism Award, Honor Medal, Medal of Merit and Youth Leadership in America Award. Eagle Scouts restrict the number worn to three and have them pinned to the seam of the top of the left shirt pocket.

The *Eagletter* prints pictures as they are submitted with the hope that the message will be spread that something positive needs to be done about uniforming. We know that in each issue there is at least one picture of improper insignia placement.

Units, districts, and councils organizing events such as courts of honor and recognition dinners have the responsi-

bility of issuing instructions that will ensure uniformity, i.e., will neckerchiefs be worn? If so, are they worn above or below the collar? Will merit badge sashes be worn?

A good place for Scoutmasters to start is to have a copy of the *Insignia Guide* (No. 3064B) and advise Eagle Scout candidates *before* their court of honor picture is taken. Adults are responsible for coaching Scouts of the higher ranks on which insignia to wear and which to keep in a "memory box".

A good place for Scout officials to start is to exercise some restraint on the creation of additional awards. We're running out of uniform space to place more.

Chances are, an Eagle will receive the same respect and admiration if he wears only the Eagle Scout insignia. It says it all. Does the military man who holds and wears the Congressional Medal of Honor *really* need any other ribbons, or for that matter, a swagger stick?

But if you really have to wear skill awards, then by all means do so.

### EDITOR'S REMARKS

This article was taken from the *Eagletter*, Bulletin of the National Eagle Scout Association.

The picture in the first column shows an Eagle Scout with the OA sash under the belt. This is strictly against National OA policy. I quote from the Order of the Handbook, 1986 Printing, page 126. "The sash is worn at Order of the Arrow functions and special Scouting activities including Courts of Honor. It is not worn to troop meetings nor is it to be worn draped or folded over the belt. It should only be worn on occasions when members need to be identified as rendering special services."



## RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ELECTION PARR ELECTED CHIEF

At the Fall Fellowship annual lodge elections were held for the purpose of electing lodge chief, vice chiefs and secretary/treasurer.

The results were:

Chief, Larry Parr  
Vice Chiefs, Troy Golden And Trey Causey

No one ran for the officer of secretary/treasurer. The lodge executive committee appointed Spence Jackson to the office. Spence has accepted the appointment.

We wish these officers much success in the coming year.

## NEW BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

During the Fall Fellowship four of Immokalee's Ordeal members undertook the quest for Brotherhood. All say that their enjoyment and knowledge of the Order is greater for having had this opportunity.

Those members are:

Houston Daniels  
Jeff Rogers  
Hal Pinson  
Harold Pinson, Sr.

The lodge is enhanced with these new Brotherhood members and they will be the leaders of tomorrow in the lodge. This brings the total number of Ordeal members becoming Brotherhood members in the lodge to 11 during the year.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The Boy Scouts of America is the keeper of America's values—patriotism, fair play, and respect for life, religious freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for each and every citizen. Scouting endeavors to preserve our system of government: of the people, by the people, and for the people. It strives to instill in our young people the values that are essential to our system of free enterprise—self-reliance, integrity, courage, and thriftiness.

The values of Scouting are the values that built our nation, and they are the ones that will keep it strong.

With this in mind, it is time to take an active role in the betterment of our world. We must wholeheartedly accept our responsibility to protect the weak, the needy, and the destitute. It is not a time to preach ideology, but a time to thwart the oppression brought about by illiteracy, hunger, unemployment, child abuse, and drug abuse.

—Ben H. Love

## STAFF POSITIONS AT NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Here is an opportunity for Eagle Scouts and Explorers to participate in the 1989 national jamboree in a special way: as members of the jamboree subcamp, regional, or headquarters staff. They must be at least 16 years old by July 1, 1989, but not have reached their 21st birthday by September 1, 1989. Eagle Scouts who meet the qualifications will receive special consideration. Youth staff members pay only half the adult staff fee. See your local council service center for an application.

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