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Lodge Chapters Initiated

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR IMMOKALEE LODGE IN 1991!

In 1991 our lodge will go through several changes. Five major areas in our Council will have a substructure called a Chapter. Each chapter will have a chapter chief, vice-chief, and adult chapter advisor. The chapters will be in Albany, Americus, Cordele, Tifton, and Southwest Georgia area. The chapters will meet monthly to discuss lodge business, coming functions. Chapters will be asked to be responsible for areas of need the Lodge may

establish as necessary. These chapters will have appropriate Indian names.

If you would be

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interested in a January chapter meeting, call your Chapter Advisor. He will need your help for a successful year of fun. (See New p.4)

Immokalee Holds Fall Fellowship

Immokalee held its annual Fall Fellowship at Camp Osborne on the weekend of September 21-23. Having a number of brotherhood candidates, the weekend was planned for fun and fellowship.

Mr. Johnny Griner and Mr. Tom Brender laid out the Friday night cracker meal while many participants took advantage of their first opportunity to

purchase the new anniversary flap. Other Lodge members enjoyed trading flaps as the night wore on.

After breakfast on Saturday, the Lodge brothers participated in a lodge training session. Saturday afternoon was scheduled with volleyball games and

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Chiefly Speaking:

For those of you who missed the Christmas banquet, Mr. Lee Bates has taken over as Lodge advisor. Mr. Bates hasn't wasted any time in getting started. His new ideas and enthusiasm were the driving force behind the re-establishment of chapters in Immokalee Lodge and the increased Lodge presence at the Council Conclave.

The executive board as a whole has many new projects on the horizon as well. In the works are a new participation award system, fun activities for our Fellowships, and improvements in our ceremonies.

A lot of plans are being made, but the leadership of the lodge can't carry them out alone. Every member is important. Everyone who wears an Immokalee Lodge flap has a part to play. Mr. Bates' ideas, the officers' ideas--all of these mean nothing without the support of the members-at-large.

If you want to make our Lodge better, the change starts with you. If you're not active, then get active: Contact Mr. Bates, myself, or another one of the officers to find out what you can do to help Immokalee Lodge be the best it can be in the year to come.

Yours in brotherhood,

Trey Causey

From the Editor:

Hello! Fellow Lodge brothers! As your newly appointed Owl Hoot Editor, I plan to do a good job. Whether you believe it or not, this is a tough job. I need your help! Please send me any article of interest. Send your articles to:

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1991 Conclave in Valdosta

The 1991 Conclave will be held at Moody Air Force in Valdosta, Georgia. The Air Force has revised the dates for the event. Mark your calendar for April 26-27-28, 1991.

Our lodge will have one large tent. Additional tentage may be needed. You may want to bring your own tent.

Immokalee Lodge will be responsible for the Tug of War which will be part of the Quest for the Golden Arrow. We will supply a rope, flags, a whistle, one adult, and two youths under the age of 18.

All supplies for the Conclave must be ordered by Jan. 15, 1991. This year one of the items is a 9 color design t-shirt. The lodge will not commit to the purchase of the shirts. You must send in your order and money by Jan. 15. Additional shirts will not be available. Don't forget to include the size (adult sizes up to XL) on the order form. Send the order blank/registration form and money to the council service center in Albany.

Highlights of the Future

March 1991--Our spring fellowship will be in March. Ordeal practice is planned, so all ceremony team members need to attend. Arrowmen wishing to seal their membership in the lodge will have an opportunity to obtain Brotherhood. A fun-filled Friday night is being planned. Come find out about our new system for participation recognition.

June 1991--The June weekend will provide an opportunity to plan for the calling out ceremonies at summer camp, practice the Ordeal ceremony, and complete service projects for the camp. Come out and help your lodge serve your council.

July 1991--Calling out ceremonies will be held each week of summer camp. The Ordeal will be held near the end of the month. All ceremony team members should participate, in Indian costume. All OA members are requested to wear sashes for both the calling out ceremonies and the Ordeal.

Immokalee Serves

At the most recent Fall Council Camporee, the lodge participated in several service projects. The first was a drug awareness booth that was manned by members of the lodge. Second, members of the lodge ceremony team opened the campfire and participated in an Indian dance with two dancers from the Creek Nation. Last but not least, arrowmen lighted the trail for the campers as they returned to their campsites.

Immokalee to Host 1992 Conclave

1992 seems like a long time away. Yet in a mere 18 months our lodge will be hosting the '92 Section IV Conclave at Camp Osborne. We need to begin planning now.

We will need PA systems, food for 700 arrowmen, ideas for a new patch, and great programs that will showcase our lodge and council. Our ceremony team will need to prepare themselves to compete in the Ordeal Ceremony competition. A dance team needs to be organized.

The 1992 Conclave will be here sooner than you think, so let's get started now.

Annual Christmas Banquet

On December 7, the Lodge held its annual Christmas banquet at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Troy Causey, lodge chief, began the banquet with the much awaited, "O.K., let's eat." After everyone has eaten the delicious repast catered by the hospital, the business meeting began.

Harvey Causey, our past lodge advisor, gave a stirring resignation speech, followed by an inspiring speech on future reforms in the lodge by new lodge advisor, Lee Bates.

The lodge was honored to have as guest speaker our section advisor, Mr. Dan Musak. He reminded us that successful lodges as youth-led and hold events that include a balance of service projects and fun activities.

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listening to the Georgia\Alabama football game. As Saturday night wasted away, the brothers enjoyed several movies.

The business meeting was called to order on Sunday morning. Elections were held for Lodge officers and then the meeting was adjourned. Officers elected were:

Chief, Trey Causey; First Vice Chief, Spence Jackson; Second Vice Chief, Jeff Causey; Secretary/Treasurer, John Roberts.



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The success or failure of the individual chapters will depend upon the willingness of the members to support its activities and the activities of the Lodge. The chapter functions to support the total Lodge program and allow broader participation, not to replace it.

Lodge Group Attends NLS

On November 9 - 11, our lodge was represented at the National Leadership Seminar in South Carolina by a contingent led by Lee Bates, our new lodge advisor, and Terry Fennel. Youth arrowmen attending NLS were John Roberts, Traver Smith, and Chris Grimes. NLS prepares youth to serve as effective chapter and lodge leaders.



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