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1999 Fall Fellowship



The Immokalee Lodge 1999 Fall Fellowship was held over the weekend of September 10-12. This Fall Fellowship was an extremely busy event. The fall Ordeal brought 44 new brothers into our Order in addition to those brothers who sought Brotherhood membership. With 44 of the 60 candidates elected to order for 1999 in attendance and over 50 members present, Immokalee saw over 100 people at an event for its first time ever!

Friday began with registration and welcome of the new candidates. Candidates were also introduced to their clans and elangomats and given time to meet with our current

members prior to the Pre-Ordeal ceremonies. Members returned to the dining hall later to enjoy a cracker barrel and discuss service projects to be done over the course of the weekend.

On Saturday the service projects began. After a scant breakfast the candidates began work on multiple service projects including the enclosure of project shelters throughout the camp, landscaping for camp beautification projects, and work on our field sports area was initiated. Other members worked on the cleanup of our camp's council ring and the maintenance of campsite. During the break for lunch, the lodge gathered for a

business meeting in which officers were elected for the 2000 lodge year. Be sure to visit the Officers section to learn more about your lodge officers for the year 2000. Service projects continued late into the afternoon. Work ended in the early afternoon. Brotherhood candidates were reviewed while the Ordeal candidates prepared for their ceremony later in the evening. At the conclusion of the second Ordeal ceremony, Immokalee welcomed its new members into the lodge with a huge feast that lasted long into the night.

Sunday morning began with pancakes and sausage which led into a short devotional service. The annual lodge business meeting followed the devotional service. Committees were given the chance to talk about their role in the lodge to all members in order to recruit new members to serve. Kevin Bacon, Lodge Chief Elect, introduced many of the new lodge programs that would be developed over the year 2000. These programs included the formation of several new committees, the creation of a chapter system, and the new OA Unit Representative program. Information on these new programs can be found throughout the website. Other upcoming lodge events were

also discussed such as the new Lodge Leadership Development Conference scheduled for October 2nd for all lodge leadership, the One Day of Service program on November 6th, and the 1999 Section S-4 Seminars on the weekend of November 12-14 near Valdosta, GA. The lodge business meeting was followed by a short orientation session for all new members to help them to become familiar with the Order of the Arrow and our lodge.

The success of the 1999 Fall Fellowship can only be an indication of greater things to come from Immokalee lodge over the next year.



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Chiefly Speaking

Hello brothers! This past year has been a tremendous success. I would like to thank all of our fellow lodge brothers for the support that you have given to our lodge officers as they have striven to give this lodge what it deserves. Immokalee lodge 353 is on its way to great things and it can reach that only with your help. Please, take my advice, this lodge has committees - JOIN THEM. The Order of the Arrow has many opportunities for youth to get involved and to learn skills that you would have not had the opportunity to learn otherwise. So join a committee and learn the necessary skills that come along with being an honored scout. Your troop elected you into this Order. They did it because you exemplified the necessary ingredients that they considered necessary to become a member of our lodge. So please join a committee that you believe you would be interested in and let the fun begin. Thanks again to the fun times that you allowed me to have as your lodge chief. I enjoyed it and I hope that you too, in turn, have enjoyed this past year. This upcoming year, the LEC has already started setting their goals and with your support they can accomplish them and many more.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cory Miller

Lodge Chief

From The Adviser

Our recent Fall Fellowship was one of the most successful ever. Forty-four new members passed the tests of Ordeal Membership. Eleven Brothers sealed their membership in our Order by becoming Brotherhood Members.

We performed really meaningful service to Camp Osborn including enclosing the program shelter at Daniel Boone Campsite, almost completing enclosing the shelter at American Legion, work on the new COPE course and the rifle and archery range, landscaping the entrance to camp, and many other "small" projects. Ninety-five members participated in this service cheerfully. This is over half of our paid membership!

Elsewhere in this "OWL HOOT" is an article asking, "What is Cheerful Service?" There is no better example of Cheerful Service and Leadership to our Lodge than those members who serve as Elangomats. These are members who volunteer to repeat *the entire* Ordeal. These Brothers rededicate themselves to the Order and learn more about service. I congratulate and thank Alan Klick, Jesse Rees, Stephen Otruba, Dick Erickson and Mike Johnson for this service.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Sam Thompson

Lodge Adviser

1999 Section S-4 Seminars



The 1999 Section S-4 Seminars are just around the corner! This year the Section Seminars are being held on the weekend of November 12-14 at Camp Tygrat near Valdosta, GA and will be serviced by

Alapaha Lodge 545. Registration for this event was available at the 1999 Fall Fellowship and was also mailed to lodge members. The cost for the 1999 Section Seminars is \$21.00 that includes your \$16.00 registration fee. This was due in the council office no later than Wednesday, October 13. All late registration will have to pay an addition \$5.00 and find your own transportation.

The Section Seminars is the fall Section event which focuses around training individual lodge members on many aspects of the Order of the Arrow including Native American Indian Activities, Ceremonies, and Quality Lodge Program. Other activities are also offered at the Section Seminars such as a Native American Pow-wow, patch auctioning, the S-4 Cinema, and the Council of Chiefs will meet to discuss the 2000 Section Conference.

This is an excellent training opportunity for all Arrowmen in the lodge especially those just elected to leadership positions for the next year. Be sure to attend!

Operation One-Day

The National One-Day of Service program is coming up on November 6. This is a service program in which lodges participate in service projects that benefit the community. This year we will be picking up trash along Camp Osborn Road, which runs along side Camp Osborn. Every lodge in our section will also be participating in similar community service projects. There will be news media out there as well as food and drinks. If you would like to volunteer to help at Operation One-Day, call Matt Hall at (912) 432-2544 or e-mail him at matthall1810@prodigy.net.



2000 Lodge Officers Elected



Kevin Bacon, Lodge Chief

Kevin is a Brotherhood member and an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 3 in Albany, GA. In that past he has served as Ordeal Master, Lodge Historian, and Lodge First Vice Chief. He is also currently serving as S-4 Section Vice Chief. His major goals for the 2000-year include the formation of several new committees, the formation of three chapters, the presentation of a Lodge Leadership Development Course, and to register a large lodge contingent for NOAC 2000.

Matt Hall, Lodge First Vice Chief

Matt Hall is a Brotherhood member and a Star Scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 3. He has served as an elangomat and as the Activity/Service Committee Chairman. He attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 1998 and has been to many S-4 Section events. In 2000, he plans to help the chapters get started and to help and oversee the Activities committee.



Jason Adams, Lodge Second Vice Chief

Jason Adams is a Brotherhood member and an Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 270 in Cordele, GA. He has previously served as Lodge Secretary, Ordeal Master, and Elangomat Committee chairman. As Lodge Second Vice Chief, Jason intends to make sure that all the service projects in the lodge are successful throughout the year.

Ben Andrews, Lodge Secretary

Ben Andrews is a Brotherhood member and a Life Scout and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 29 in Americus, GA. He became a member of Immokalee at the 1998 Fall Fellowship and this is his first Lodge Executive Committee position. This year he plans to work closely with the publications committee to ensure the continued success of the lodge's newsletter *The Owl Hoot*.



Austin McGlaun, Lodge Historian

Austin McGlaun is a Brotherhood member and a Life Scout and Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 26 in Americus, GA. This is his second term as Lodge Historian and he also serves as Ceremonies Team Captain. He has been to many S-4 Section events. In 2000, he plans to place first in the section King's Cup Competition at the 2000 Section Conference.

1999 Elangomat Training



On Saturday, August 28, the Elangomat Committee held its annual training session for all brothers who will be serving as an Elangomat throughout the next lodge year. This is an intensive, yet enjoyable training session that is offered once a year prior to the Fall Fellowship. Participants in the Elangomat training are trained in all aspects of being an Elangomat from non-verbal communication skills to maintaining contact with clan member after the Ordeal experience.

The Elangomat Committee was started by Vigil Honor member, Mike Johnson who is currently serving as its adviser. Jason Adams, Elangomat Committee Chairman, provides the youth leadership in the committee and also is currently serving as Ordeal Master and Lodge Secretary.

A special thanks to Sean Justice, Alan Klick, and Stephen Otruba who all attended the recent Elangomat training.

What is Cheerful Service?

1999 Lodge Officers

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Lodge Chief

Kevin Bacon
Lodge First Vice Chief

Daniel Bennett
Lodge Second Vice Chief

Jason Adams
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Austin McGlaun
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You were inducted into the Order of the Arrow "not so much for what you have done, but for what you are expected to do." When you took the Obligation, you promised on your honor, "to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others." One of the stated purposes of the Order is "To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others."

How many times have you said or heard another member say, "All the Order of the Arrow is for working." Have you or that scout forgotten your Obligation? Yes, we work, (and we would like every member to come help us) but "cheerful service" doesn't have to be cleaning up or taking down tents at Camp Osborn. As an individual member you can fulfill your promise of cheerful service in many other ways.

Your first obligation is to your troop. You can be a leader and do service by serving as a elected or appointed leader in your troop. You can promote camping to members of your troop. Camping promotion is a major service of our Order. Encourage your fellow scouts to go camping often.

You can also serve our Lodge by committee service. We need members to help on all

of our Lodge Committees. Committees are a vital part of our Lodge. Be part of a Ceremony Team, most of that "work" is with the mind--memorizing. Committees don't take much time. Say yes when asked or don't wait to be asked--volunteer. You can serve through active committee membership. Just contact one of the Lodge Executive Committee.

1999 Lodge Calendar

October 2 - Lodge Leadership Development Conference

November 6 - Operation One-Day

November 12-14 - 1999 Section S-4 Seminars at Camp Tygrat near Valdosta, GA

December 4 - Lodge Christmas and Awards Banquet

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