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1999 SR-4 Section Conference

On April 16-18, Immokalee Lodge 353 took its largest contingent to section conference in years - 47 people! This year was also the first year Immokalee Lodge chartered a bus to take its Arrowmen to this annual event. Osceola Lodge 564 at Camp Miles in Punta Gorda, FL, held this year's section conference.

For those Arrowmen in our lodge who have never been to one of our section's conferences, this is an annual event held every April. It is a chance for the 13 lodges in our section, SR-4, to come together and compete in a wide variety of events such as Best All Around Lodge, Ceremonies Evaluation, Dance Team, Volleyball, and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Training seminars are also offered in the mornings. This is an extremely exciting weekend and one of the biggest events held throughout the year. If you did not go this year, make plans to attend Section Conference 2000 to be hosted by Echochotee Lodge at Camp Shands. Immokalee Lodge participated in a wide variety of the offered events

this year including the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Volleyball, Dance Team, and King's Cup Competition. Thanks to Austin McGlaun and his father, Stan McGlaun, for all of their hard work and dedication to making this year's King's Cup a success as a third place prize winner. Also, congratulations to Mac McClean who participated in Dance Team competitions. He placed third in straight dance and second in regalia.

Congratulations also to all of our adult advisers who participated in the quest events. Stan McGlaun placed first in the knife-

throwing contest and Jeff Scott placed first in C.O.P.E. competition.

Every Sunday morning at the conclusion of the section conference the annual section business meeting is held. At this time awards are given out to the lodges for their accomplishments over the weekend as listed above, announcements are made, and the new section officers are elected. All youth members in our section are given the opportunity to nominate and vote on candidates for officer positions at the section level of leadership. This year Immokalee Lodge was

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Chiefly Speaking

The Winter Powwow was a huge success. Everyone had a great time, and when I say everyone that is exactly what I mean. Even the section officers enjoyed themselves, but were no match for our Immokalee champions, D.J. Newton and Cindy Gardner who placed first in overall competition events. I would like to thank Matt Hall, Mike Johnson and the Activities Committee for planning and coordinating the weekend. Also I would like to thank Mr. Joe Najjar for dedicating his time in the kitchen so we could all enjoy wonderful meals!

I would like to congratulate those members of the lodge who furthered their bonds in the Order of the Arrow by becoming Brotherhood members. Keep up the good work! Thanks to Mike Johnson for cooking during this weekend - for those of us who got to eat all of your meals, it was delicious. I would also like to congratulate the six new members of the lodge who have just entered into the bond of this "Great and Honored Order."

We are a third of the way through the lodge year and have already accomplished the main goal that was set for the lodge - the forming of committees. Therefore, we are in need of yet another goal to aim towards. We, the Lodge Executive Committee, believe that this next goal should be the forming of Chapters within our lodge. "Long ago in the Dim Ages" Immokalee Lodge 353 had chapters and "all was good." The three chapters that we are looking to form are for the Albany, Americus, and Tifton areas. Once we get these chapters formed names will be given to each of the chapters that describes that chapter.

For those of you who have no idea at all what a chapter is, it is a type of patrol with in the lodge. Imagine the Lodge as a troop without any patrols what so ever, it is eventually destined to fail. Now imagine Immokalee Lodge with three Chapters. There is nothing that is standing in the way of this goal of forming chapters except us. We are the only ones who are keeping this lodge from forming and having productive chapters.

By forming these Chapters we would be better able to increase the communications with in the lodge and enhance the leadership in the lodge by offering more leadership positions. With Chapters the attendance at Lodge and Section functions would undoubtedly increase because there would be a new found spirit of competition within the lodge which would encourage member to attend these functions.

Each chapter would be lead by a youth member. This youth member would be a voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee and would hold the title of Chapter Chief. In a sense he would be like the lodge chief except on a smaller scale. Also, these chapters are going to need an adult member of the lodge to server as adviser. Let us all work together to accomplish this new and exciting goal that we have set out for ourselves so that Immokalee Lodge will grow into a lodge that can compete with the rest of the lodges in our section.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cory Miller

Lodge Chief



Photo: Lodge Chief, Cory Miller

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From The Adviser

This year 47 members registered to go the 1999 SR-4 Section Conference and by CHARTER BUS! There were also a total number of 51 brothers at our annual Winter Pow-Wow held on January 29-31 and 35 brothers who attended our Spring Fellowship on March 19-21. These are numbers we only dreamed of three or four years ago. Imagine the look of surprise on the faces of those larger Florida lodges when we came rolling into Camp Miles on our own charter bus.

Currently we have several functioning committees. It has been a very active year as we witnessed some new faces on the Ceremonies Team at the recent Spring Fellowship as well as the completion of a great deal of "meaningful" labor at Camp Osborn in the past year. The Publications Committee has also come out with this great new format for the newsletter *The Owl Hoop*.

Immokalee Lodge is going great! Our lodge will continue to get better and better as long as we continue working together to achieve our goals. Let's get those chapters formed and functioning so they we may continue to do many great things. We can only be as wonderful as the members in our lodge are willing to contribute. Let's keep working together in supporting our Lodge Executive Officers and committees.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Sam Thompson

Lodge Adviser

1999 Section Conference

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fortunate to have its First Vice Chief, Kevin Bacon, nominated and elected to the position of Section Vice Chief. Other officers elected are Section Chief Devlin Cooper of Echeconnee Lodge, Section Secretary Trevor Kincaid of Timuquan Lodge, and Section Historian Mike Simmons also of Timuquan Lodge.

The next section event to be held will be the Section Seminars which will be hosted by Alapaha Lodge on November 12-14 at Camp Tygrat in Nashville, GA. Watch further issues of the *Owl Hoot* for more information on this training even that our section offers each year. Let's take another large contingent to this event and show our lodge spirit!

Kevin Bacon, First Vice Chief



Photo: (Left to Right) Eric Ginter, Immokalee Lodge Staff Adviser - Kevin Bacon, SR-4 Section Vice Chief - Devlin Cooper, SR-4 Section Chief - Cory Miller, Immokalee Lodge Chief

Committee Reports

Activities Committee

Fellow Arrowmen,

Hello! What a great year Immokalee Lodge has gotten off to! The attendance we've had to all this year's events has been outstanding. Our first event of the year was the annual Winter Pow-Wow to which we had fifty-one members attend. Our next successful event was the Spring Fellowship. We had a total of thirty-five current members attend including seven new brotherhood members and six ordeal candidates who completed their Ordeal. Thanks to all lodge members who came to these events and let's keep up the attendance. The next big event for our lodge is the Section Conference that already has forty-seven members signed up to attend. Lastly there is Summer Camp just around the corner to which all Arrowmen in our lodge are encouraged to attend as either staff or a camper. If you would like any additional information or have an interest in joining the Activities Committee, give me a call at (912) 432-2544 or e-mail me at mahall1810@prodigy.net.

Matt Hall
Committee Chairman

Unit Elections & Camp Promotion

The Unit Elections and Camp Promotions Committee has been attending area troop meetings and performing elections as well as a summer camp promotional. They both have been very successful. We have succeeded in answering many excellent questions that came from younger scouts and sometimes even adults. There have been many well-qualified scouts who have been elected from the Albany, Americus, and Tifton areas. There is also

A dramatic increase in the number of scouts from our council who will be attending summer camp at Camp Osborn this year. I hope to have an even larger number of scouts attending camp and eligible for election within the next year. If for some reason your troop has been overlooked for unit elections or camp promotions this year there is still time to get them scheduled - they must be done BEFORE summer camp! You may schedule a visit by contacting me 432-5859. Below are the requirements for a youth member to be eligible for the Order of the Arrow.

Sean Justice
Committee Chairman

Order of the Arrow - Youth Requirements

- Under 21 years of age
- Minimum of First Class rank
- 15 day and night of camping - 6 of which must be consecutive (a summer camp of high adventure program experience meets this requirement)

Elangomat Committee

The Elangomat Committee has been working extremely hard. I would like to thank all of those members who have dedicated their time to serve as an Elangomat. You have made the Ordeal Experience of our new members a memorable one. If you are already a Brotherhood member then you should consider being an Elangomat. You are probably saying, "I went through the Ordeal once, why should I do it again?" Just ask anyone who has been an Elangomat. When you went through

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as a candidate, you probably did not understand what was happening. As an Elangomat you will experience a deeper understanding of the entire Ordeal process. Right now we need members to think about serving as Elangomats at the Fall Fellowship. If interested, contact me at 273-5489 or adambjja@sowega.net.

Jason Adams
Committee Chairman
Lodge Secretary

King's Cup

The King's Cup Committee has been working hard with Committee Adviser Stan McGlaun to have a bigger and better display for the Section Conference. Last year we had the first display in several years to take home second prize. This year we came back and reclaimed third prize and next year we plan to go all the way! Thanks to Stan McGlaun for all the money he donated to make this year's King's Cup a success.

Austin McGlaun
Lodge Historian

Ceremonies Team

The newly formed Ceremonies Team got its first chance to perform at the Spring Fellowship in March. There were very good performances at the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. We also got excellent reviews from our section visitors who loved the way we use diesel fuel smudge pots in the ceremony. (No Section Officers were permanently injured.) We could use more members on our team so contact me at 924-7157 and join us and be a part of the ceremony experience!

Austin McGlaun
Team Captain

1999 Lodge Calendar

- June 6 - 27: Summer Camp at Camp Osborn
- June 9 - Aug 23: OA Voyage at Canoe Base
- June 13 - Aug 22: OA Trail Crew at Philmont
- July 31 - Aug. 3: National Leadership Summit
- September: Fall Fellowship (dates TBA)



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