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POW WOW 2001 JANUARY 26-28

This is the fifth year that our Lodge has had a Winter Pow Wow. Everyone of them has been a blast. **POW WOW 2001** is going to be the best one ever. The Activities Committee has planned a great event!

This year's theme is "A Space Odyssey 2001." The "Quest for the Golden Owl" features many new fun events; a turkey shoot, spaceball paintball, "shimp" shot golf, speed skating and lots of other fun stuff. The highest scoring youth and adult will receive a handsome award.

Saturday night in the "Space Ship" will feature a DJ, an interstellar party and space movies. There will be a contest for the "Best Dressed Spaceman". So, get you a costume or make one up of your favorite space character.

Send in your registration form, pack your bags and come on out to Camp Osborn for a fun filled weekend. **WADE CROZIER**

2000 CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our annual Christmas and Awards Banquet was held at Camp Osborn, December 2. This joyful event was attended by 56 members and guests.

The menu, prepared by Chefs Sam Thompson and Joe Najjar, featured roast turkey breast,

baked ham, combread dressing, green beans, creamed potatoes, green salad and chocolate sheet cake.

After a fun-filled visit by "Santa", a large number of brothers received awards for service in 2000 and before.

Alan Klick (youth) and Joe Najjar (adult) received the Arrowmen of the Year Award. This award is made to those members who were highest in service to the Lodge.

Kevin Bacon and Mike Johnson received the Founders' Award. This is an award made by the National Order of the Arrow Committee on recommendation of a local lodge. Kevin was Lodge Chief in 2000, 1st Vice Chief in 1999, Section Vice Chief 1999-2000 and is a Vigil Honor Member. Mike is Scoutmaster of Troop 3, a Vigil Honor member, is responsible for creation of the Elangomat program in our lodge, and serves as Adviser to the Elangomat and King's Cup Committees.

Those Brothers earning Service flaps were: Mike Johnson, Mike Greene, Larry Harris, Austin McGlaun, Stan McGlaun, Adam Erickson, Dick Erickson, Larry Gray, Sam Thompson, Jason Adams, Tommy Cantry, Joe Najjar, Chris Miller, Alan Klick, Ben Andrews III, Kevin Bacon, Wade Crozier, Mike Boudousquie, Matt Hall, Ben Andrews Jr, Johnny Griner, Eric Ginter, Jimbo Varnum, Allen Brock, and Tony Najjar.
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Officers for 2001 were also installed. They are: Chief-Matt Hall; 1st Vice Chief-Jason Adams; 2nd Vice Chief-Chris Miller; Secretary- Ben Andrews III; Historian-Kris Herrick; Chapter Chiefs: Larry Harris (Gokhotit-Albany); Jimbo Varnum (Gischhatteu-Americus) and David Scott (Wilihan-Tifton).

After the installation, Chief Matt Hall challenged members to become more involved in the Lodge by volunteering to serve on committees and attending and working at lodge functions.

As 2000 comes to a close, we can look back on the many accomplishments that took place. Over 90 percent of the Summer Camp Staff were members of Immokalee Lodge. Through the efforts of our Unit Elections and Camp Promotion Teams, there were 198 campers at Osborn Summer Camp. We inducted 41 new Ordeal members and 22 brothers sealed their membership in the order by becoming Brotherhood members. Over 40 members attended the Section Conference at Camp Shands, FL. Sixteen brothers attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Tennessee. We accomplished a great deal at Camp Osborn as you will see elsewhere in Chris Miller's report.

With so much done in 2000, what can we do to top this? 2000 was the second year of the re-start of the chapter system in our Lodge. However, the general membership needs to get behind their respective Chapter Chief and make chapters more active in Lodge functions. Let your Chapter Chief know you would like to help.

Camp Promotion and Unit Elections are starting. Camp Osborn will be having 3 weeks of Summer Camp for the first time since 1996. Get behind the teams that visit your troop and encourage your fellow scouts to attend camp at Camp Osborn and attend yourself.

As you will see in another article in this issue, we have received money to start building a special Cub Scout Camp during the Spring Fellowship. This project will

require work on several other days during the year. Come out and help us when asked.

Above all we can accomplish these goals only if "we stand by one another." We must work together. *Matt Hall*

OPERATION ONE DAY 2001

Our service is normally to scout camps and councils. In 1996, our OA Section leadership started encouraging individual lodges to have a day of service devoted to local communities and organizations.

This day is called "Operation One Day". This special day of service has now spread to the entire Southern Region and other areas throughout the country.

Our Lodge has been participating in Operation One Day. For the past two years, our project has been to cleanup Camp Osborn Road. In 1999, we didn't have all that great a turnout, but we did a lot of work. On October 7, 2000 we did a lot better. Twenty-three brothers performed over 100 hours of service. We cleaned up 5 miles of Camp Osborn Road and filled over 100 large garbage bags with trash.

In 2001, the Service Committee will be looking for another project. If you have any ideas, tell somebody on the Executive Committee. *Matt Hall*

FALL FELLOWSHIP AND ORDEAL

Howdy, Brothers. What better way can we start the new year than to have 38 new Ordeal members. The Fall Fellowship was a tremendous success with the following new members inducted into the Lodge: **Austin Suggs, Mary Erickson, Michael Erickson, Russell Wheeler, Cam Ellis, Ryan Smith, Tyler Griffin, Matt Smith, Wade Power, Justin Patten, David Grindle, Jeremiah Thalheimer, Justin Paramore, Brandon Merrill, Andrew Cook, Matt Kiley, Jonathan Smith, Inez Harris,**
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Spencer Freeman, Jake Nessamer, Tim Gray, Steve Lunsford, John Dupre', Ryan Brown, Gary Gordon, Scott Holt, Andrew Austin, Mitch Toblas, David Slaton, Gary Newton, Chris Buis, Brandon Derosia, Matt Davis, Tripp Jernigan, Jeremiah Johnson, Doug Cole, Keith Ransom and Richard Kennedy. Also, the following Brothers sealed their membership in the Lodge by converting to Brotherhood membership: Larry Harris, Robert Dupre', Allen Brock, Charles Barr, Mike Velez, Daniel Matthews, Mitchell Matthews, Jesse England, Clayton Moore, Ray Harris, Lois Bopp, Chris Borghi, David Scott, Rob Scott, Jimmy Pond, Bart Pond, Wade Crozier, David Crozier, and Michelle Andrews.

There were a total of 45 members present. During the weekend we improved several areas within the camp. We built a bridge across Jasmine Springs Creek, worked on the bike/hiking trail, built new platforms for tents and completed enclosing the shelter at American Legion Campsite.

We should think Mike Johnson and the 5 Brothers who served as Elangomats. And Joe Najjar and his helpers in the Dining Hall for the delicious food they prepared.

I am looking forward to serving you as 2nd Vice Chief during the coming year and looking forward to seeing you at the Pow Wow. YIS, *Chris Miller*

WHAT CAN SCOUTING MEAN TO YOU? JUST ASK CORY MILLER

November 10-12, 2000, Troop 3 took a trip to Pensacola, FL to see the Blue Angels Homecoming Show and to visit the Naval Aviation Museum. It was also the 50th Anniversary of the Blue Angels, and we were treated to a great show. We were also lucky enough to spend the weekend with Cory Miller, past Lodge Chief, now enlisted in the Navy. Cory looked great and seems to be enjoying the Navy, but he is also ready

to move on to greater challenges. I wanted to share a story about him with each of you.

Cory was in a class with a large group of Naval Recruits. During a talk by a captain, the following questions were asked: "How many of you are Eagle Scouts?" Several raised their hands. "How many of you were in the Order of the Arrow?" A few dropped their hands. "How many were lodge officers?" Several more dropped their hands. "How many served on Summer Camp Staff?" Cory was the only one with his hand still up. The captain told Cory he wants him to go to Officers' Candidate School at Texas A & M University after he completes his Air Traffic Controllers' School in Pensacola.

Cory is a young man that made some wise decisions about becoming an Eagle Scout and serving others through his leadership. In a few brief moments, he was given the opportunity to earn a college degree and a commission as an officer in the Navy. Just for being an Eagle Scout, he was given an additional stripe (rank) and a raise in pay immediately out of Boot Camp. Just for serving others, he will soon embark on an education that will help him have a life long career.

Do you still think that becoming an Eagle Scout won't influence the outcome of your life? Just ask Cory!! *Mike Johnson, Scoutmaster, Troop 3*

FALL FESTIVAL (HAUNTED FOREST)

This past October, our Lodge sponsored a "Haunted Forest" at Camp Osborn. This was done as a money making project. Several Scout Troops and Cub Packs participated by having "scary" stations along the hayride trail.

We didn't make a lot of money, but it was very successful for a first year effort. Over 200 people came out to enjoy the ride, bob for apples and eat popcorn and hot dogs. Plans are underway for this event on October 26 and 27, 2001. (continued on page 3 "Haunted Forest")

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We are asking all you Unit Leaders to put this event on your unit calendars, help us by planning to have some type of "scary" station and bring all your boys and their parents.

IMMOKALEE LODGE RECEIVES \$2000 GRANT

Each year, the National Order of the Arrow Committee awards individual Lodges up to \$5000 in matching grants. To receive one of these grants, a lodge must submit a proposal to use the money to enhance Boy Scouting or Cub Scouting in the council or camp. This year we submitted a proposal to build a Cub Scout Camp at Camp Osborn and requested \$2000.

We were one of only twelve lodges awarded grants. There were 70 lodges that submitted requests. We have to match this amount and the work must be completed this year. We plan to start work at the Spring Fellowship, March 23-25.

UP COMING LODGE EVENTS

POW WOW.....JAN 26-28

HORSE TRAIL RIDE.....FEB 9-10

**LODGE LEADERSHIP
TRAINING.....FEB 17**

SPRING FELLOWSHIP.....MAR 23-25

**SECTION CONFERENCE
SAND HILL SCOUT RESERVATION
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