

IMMOKALEE LODGE #353



This history was first developed for the Order of the Arrow's National Centennial History Project and included the histories of Alapaha and Immokalee Lodges. After the Centennial History was completed each lodges history was separated and placed under its respective lodge's section of the website.

The photos are only a few of those that can be found under the PastEvents page in the Immoaklee Lodge section of the Withlacoochee Lodge website.

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Chapter I

The History of Immokalee Lodge

Immokalee Lodge (#353) of the Order of the Arrow was officially chartered in Chehaw Council on January 17, 1947.¹ It remained the chartered Order of the Arrow lodge when the Council changed its name to Southwest Georgia Council and when the Council changed its name back to Chehaw Council.²

Immokalee Lodge was actually organized in 1945, although it was not officially chartered until 1947.³ The known charter members were: Luther Wood, Jr. (Albany), Jimmy Buchanan (Americus), Billy Morton (Tifton), Henry David “Sonny” Collier (Tifton), and a scout with the last name of Williams (Colquitt). There were possibly one or two more members in the initial group. These members were selected by the Council and went through their ordeal at the Area J Conclave in Jacksonville, Florida, the weekend of November 2nd to 4th, 1945.⁴ Luther Wood, Jr. was lodge chief from 1945 through 1947.

According to Luther Wood, Jr., the first Lodge Chief, the Council professionals gave the Lodge the name of Immokalee with no input from the boys. No one who was interviewed knew if the staff had researched the meaning of the name or if they just picked the name out of a book on Seminole history.

The word “Immokalee” originated from the Miccosukee Indian word “Ah-mo-gee” which means “my home” or “my place.” The Miccosukee language was not a written language, which made it easier for the words to change pronunciations over time. As the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes began to merge in the 1800s, the word became “Immokalee.” Thus, Immokalee is considered a Seminole word. The word “Immokalee,” nor anything with a similar spelling, is found in the Creek Indian language.⁵ In the Creek Indian language, “house” is “Cuko” rather than something similar to Immokalee.

Active membership in Immokalee Lodge varied over time, but averaged 200 scouts at any time, including both youths and adults. The earliest recorded lodge membership was from December 1960, when the Lodge had a total of 98 members. These 98 members consisted of 65 Ordeal members, 31 Brotherhood members, and 2 Vigil members.⁶ In 1997, *The Owl Hoot*

1 The charter date is from the National Order of the Arrow records.

2 In 1984, Chehaw Council changed its name to Southwest Georgia Council, but the name Immokalee Lodge remained unchanged. Southwest Georgia Council returned to the name Chehaw Council in 2005.

3 The information in this paragraph was provided by Luther Wood, Jr.

4 Exact date of Area J Conclave is from the neckerchief slide given to participants.

5 Creek Language Archive, www.wm.edu/linguistics/creek.

6 Owl Hoot, Vol. 1, No. 1, December 27, 1960.

reported an all-time high total membership of 194.⁷ The highest membership was 225 members in 2001.⁸

Lodge news was published in the *Owl Hoot*. The first *Owl Hoot* was published on December 27th, 1960 by Bob Wallis, Editor. The primary topic was the upcoming 1961 6D Area Conference, which Immokalee was hosting. The last *Owl Hoot* was published in December 2011. *Owl Hoots* were not published on any regular schedule. Many of the *Owl Hoots* can be viewed at the Lodge website at WITHLACOOOCHEELDOGE.ORG. The last *Owl Hoot* was published in December 2011. In 1998, Ben Horton took Immokalee Lodge into the internet age by starting the Immokalee Lodge website.⁹ The website was one of the first for an individual lodge.



The Order of the Arrow is a youth-lead organization, even at the national level. Scouts are considered “youth” for purposes of the Order of the Arrow until they reach the age of 21 rather than 18. Each lodge elects a Lodge Chief. A list of past Immokalee Lodge Chiefs can be found at the end of this Chapter. In addition to the Lodge officers, at the yearly conclave each Section elects officers from the Scouts in attendance. Over the years, Immokalee Lodge has had three members hold the position of Section Chief. These members are: Jason Adams in 2002 for Section S4N; Troy Golden in 1990 and 1991 for Section SE4 and Ben Horton in 1987, 1988, and 1989 for Section S4. Additionally, a number of Immokalee members have held other Section offices such as Vice-Section Chief, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

While the arrow sash is the identifier of a member of the Order of the Arrow, a patch for the right shirt pocket (usually with the totem and lodge name) was used as an identifier for the individual lodge into the 1950s. In the late 1950s, a patch designed to fit on the flap of the right pocket became the standard Order of the Arrow identifier. These patches are commonly referred to as “flaps.” During the first Tap-Out held by Immokalee Lodge, a long-eared owl gave its dire hoot of warning and flew down across the dance area as the Tap-Out team selected those chosen for the Ordeal. As a consequence of this, the lodge adopted the large, long-eared owl, the *óbo* of

7 Owl Hoot, Vol. 98, No. 2, March 1998.

8 This information was provided by Sam Thompson, Lodge Advisor.

9 Year provided by Ben Horton.

ancient Creek warriors, as lodge totem.¹⁰ The first patch Immokalee Lodge used was an hourglass-shaped right pocket patch with the owl emblem. In 1958, under the direction of Miles T. Clements, a member of the Lodge, Ken Hancock, a talented Tifton artist (but not a scout), designed the first flap patch and it featured the owl totem.¹¹ The first flap is commonly known as the S1 flap. The “S” means that the flap has stitching covering the backing fabric rather than using the backing fabric as the background. The “1” means that it was the first flap from the lodge.

Immokalee Lodge traditionally provided Camp Osborn with much of its maintenance and most of its summer camp staff, both youth and adult. In keeping with the tradition of service, in 1994 the Lodge initiated a service flap, which was the standard flap (S21, S22 & S23) with a gold Mylar border (S29). The Lodge Executive Committee initially ordered 50 of the flaps, but later ordered 200 more for 250. The requirements to earn the special flap were: (1) 50 hours of community service, (2) attend 75 percent of lodge and chapter functions, and (3) bring the spirit of Order to the scout’s troop. In 2000 the lodge issued a second service flap (S37) based also upon service during the year.

Lodges are subdivided into chapters much like councils are subdivided into districts. Prior to 2004, the Immokalee Lodge’s Chapters corresponded to Chehaw Council’s Districts.¹² Each Chapter had its own set of officers. The first recorded mention of chapters in Immokalee history is in the November 1965 Owl Hoot. Known Immokalee Chapters with traditional names over the years were Achewon, Chehaw, Gischhatteu, Gokhotit, Kinchalee (Thronateeska District, 2004), Kuwewanik (Central District, 1965) and Wulihan. Many times chapters simply went by the name of the Chehaw Council District such as “East District Chapter.” In 2004, Immokalee Lodge did away with its Chapters. The reason was the small size of the Lodge itself made chapters meaningless. In 2009, Immokalee Lodge reinstated Chapters. Two Chapters were formed, a North Chapter and a South Chapter.

At the end of 2012, Immokalee Lodge had 108 registered members.

The Legion of Immokalee

(The following legend was found on the original website. Its origin is unknown.)

Native Americans living in Southwest Georgia during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries believed that a spring called Skywater (now Radium Springs, near Albany, Georgia) had magical healing powers. During the sixteenth century, these natives heard news that strange men with pale faces who dressed in hard, shiny clothing were in the land south of Skywater searching for a spring that would give long life. With this news also came tales of terrible deeds that these strangers were inflicting upon the land and natives in that area.

Afraid that these men would hear of Skywater and come north, a council of chiefs was assembled. After much discussion, the Great Spirit appeared before the council with a

10 This information was provided by Gordon Smith.

11 This information was provided by Gordon Smith.

12 From the personal knowledge of J. Michael Greene.

solution. Taking the form of Immokalee the Spirit Owl, he would fly south, appear in a dream to Ponce de Leon their leader, and instruct him to follow a flying owl, which would lead him to the magic spring. Ponce de Leon had the dream and followed the owl further south into Florida, away from Skywater.

Spanish legend mentions a great owl that guided Ponce de Leon and his men on their journeys. The image of an owl can be found on the tombstone of Ponce de Leon. Our lodge takes its name from Immokalee the Spirit Owl, which protected the springs called Skywater.

The Legion of Immokalee¹³

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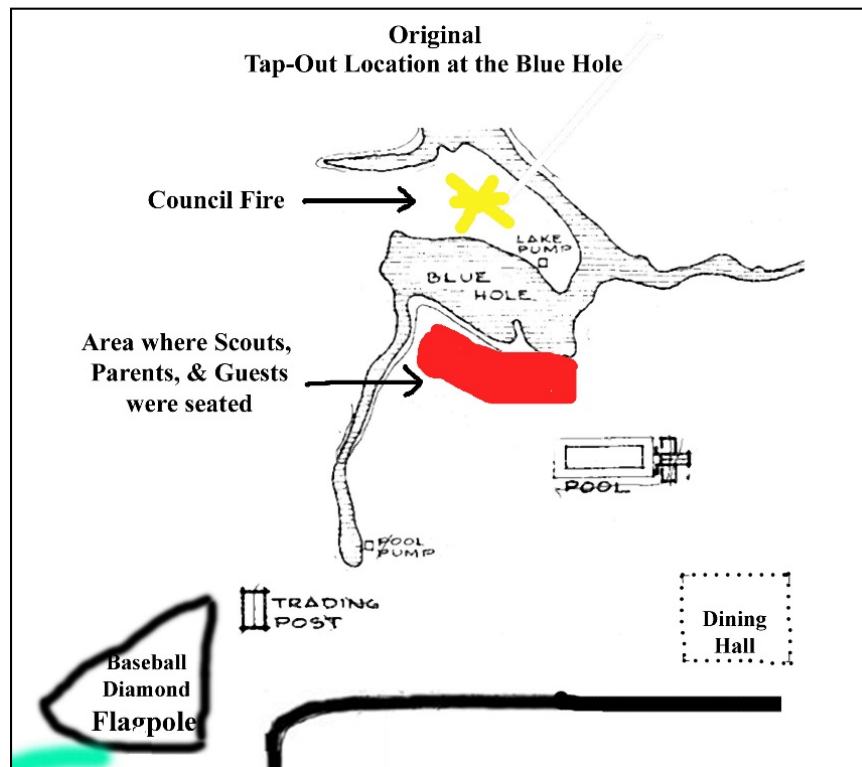
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13 From Gordon Smith and confirmed in 2014 by Henry Helton.

Chapter II

Immokalee Tap-Outs and Ordeals

The first “Tap-Out” and “Ordeal” to be held at Camp Osborn was in 1946.¹⁴ Through 1949, each troop voted at summer camp for which of its members would be elected to the Order of the Arrow.¹⁵ Beginning in 1950, troops have voted at a regular meeting prior to summer camp.



The “Tap-Out,” which took place on Friday night after dark, consisted of members of the Order of the Arrow dancing in full regalia among the scouts and striking those elected on the shoulder with an arrow to signify their election. These ceremonies were attended by the Scouts and Staff only.¹⁶ At some time in the 1950s, the “Tap-Out” was moved to Wednesday night to coincide with Family Night.

¹⁴ Information is directly from Luther Wood, Jr.

¹⁵ “BSA News,” Americus Times-Recorder, May 29, 1950. The article reported that Troop 21 elected OA candidate at a regular meeting in advance of camp.

¹⁶ My Love Affair with the Boy Scouts, Iva J. Adams.



Ceremony from 1954
Bill Comer, Henry Wortman, Tommy Williams and Carl Hancock

In the 1940s, upon being “tapped-out” the Ordeal (or initiation) began immediately thereafter with the “night alone under the stars.” Saturday was the workday, which ended at 5:00 pm and was followed by the traditional supper and ceremony.¹⁷ In about 1950, the Ordeal was changed from each weekend of summer camp until the last weekend of camp. All candidates came back on that Friday to begin their Ordeal.¹⁸ At some time in the mid-1960s, the Ordeal was moved to a weekend after summer camp.¹⁹ In the early 1970s, the practice of using arrows for the “tapping” was prohibited at Camp Osborn due to a severe injury to a scout’s ear.²⁰ By the 1980s, the use of arrows was prohibited in all lodges and the “Tap-Out” became known as the “Call-Out.”²¹

17 My Love Affair with the Boy Scouts, Iva J. Adams.

18 My Love Affair with the Boy Scouts, Iva J. Adams.

19 Based upon the letter to Rick Waitsman informing him of the date and time of his ordeal in 1965.

20 Information is from the personal knowledge of Gill Tripp, a District Executive and Camp Osborn staff member at the time.

21 “Scout Camp Going Into Third Week,” The Albany Herald, June 1957.



Ceremony from 1955 or 1956
at Camp Osborn.
Estol Belflower and Henry Wortman.

scouts had the arrow broken over their shoulder. The taped-out scouts were when canoed across the Blue Hole to the location of the council fire. Once all scouts had been taped-out the scouts were lead off to the north to be registered. Sometime in the late 1970s or early 1980s, tap-outs (or call-outs) were moved to fire bowl at Lake Keenan.

Sometime in the early 1980s, the lodge moved its Ceremony Ring to a new Ceremony Ring further back onto the 700 unused acres of Camp Osborn. The 1987 photos are the first from the new Ceremony Ring, although the 1987 ceremonies were not the first to be held at the new ring.

In the early 2000s, the Ceremony team adopted traditional Creek Indian regalia rather than the “Hollywood” style Indian dress that had previously been used.

In 1986, Immokalee Lodge adopted the Elangomat program for use during Ordeals. The first Elangomats were Christopher Merritt, Jim Vinson, Jr., Cleve Roland, Mark Tippins, and Ed Oendroski, Jr. and were used at the Fall Ordeal in 1986.

Tap-Outs were held at the Blue Hole for many years. Scouts, parents, and guests were seated on the south side of the Blue Hole. The Ceremony Team canoed across the Blue Hole and proceeded to dance up and down the rows of scouts tapping the elected scouts on the shoulder. Especially honored



1967 Ceremony Team
Travis Smith, Gordon Reyher, Tom Cordell
and Bill Boone (left to right)



2008 Ceremony Team
In traditional Creek Indian regalia during a Call-Out Ceremony at Lake Keenan



A 1970 or 1971 photo of the Ceremony Team landing on the south side of the Blue Hole where the scouts and guests were seated.

Due to the merger of Alapaha Area Council and Chehaw Council in November of 2012, both Alapaha Lodge and Chehaw Lodge held both joint and individual events through the Section Conclave of 2013. Both held their own Winter Banquets. A joint ceremony team was used for Alapaha's Ordeal at Camp Patten during the weekend of January 12 to 14, 2013, and Randall Whitman of Immokalee Lodge completed his ordeal and was inducted and Carmen Richard also an Immokalee member obtained her Brotherhood



1970 or 1971 Tap Out
Ceremony Team arriving from across the Blue
Hole to tap-out the scouts.



1970 or 1971 Tap Out
Ceremony Team arriving from across the Blue Hole to
tap-out the scouts



1970 or 1971 Tap Out
Ceremony Team actually tapping-out a scout.



1970 or 1971 Tap Out
Ordeal Candidates line-up for the march to the Ceremony Ring



1970 or 1971 Tap Out
Brotherhood Candidates



1970 or 1971 Ordeal Ceremony
Ordeal Ceremony



1980 Tap-Out - Ceremony Team Members
Prior to the mid-1980s face paint was allowed for Ceremony Team members. Also, prior to 2000, Immokalee Lodge did not utilize traditional Creek Indian regalia



1987 Ceremony Team Members



1988 Pre-Ordeal Ceremony



2006 Call-Out at Fire Bowl at Lake Keenan
Ceremony Team canoeing across Lake Keenan



2006 Call-Out at Fire Bowl at Lake Keenan



2008 Fall Ordeal



The last three Vigils from Immokalee Lodge in December, 2012,
at their Vigil Breakfast.



2013 January Alapaha Ordeal

Camp Patten the weekend of January 12 to 14, 2013

The first ceremony team to include members from both lodges.

Dakota Kirkland - Nutiket (Immokalee); Allowat Sakima - Jayson Patterson (Alapaha); Forrest Crowder - Meteu (Immokalee); John Crowder - Kichkinet (Immokalee).

Chapter III

Immokalee Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Dates

The history of Immokalee Lodge would not be complete without knowing the dates of Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies. The list was compiled from various sources. Many members cards or book entries (Member Book) had just the month while others had the extract date for the same month: For example Joe Smith: Ordeal Date June 1970 & Jim Green: Ordeal Date June 12, 1970. Where a number of these indicated a specific date and some only indicated the month, those with only the month were give the specific date, also. Once most of the actual Ordeal dates were established members who had only a year were given the date of the Ordeal with the most candidates for that year. Members who had an Ordeal date of just the month, but for which were not Ordeal were given the nearest established Ordeal date. Dates were modified to reflect the Saturday of the weekend. If it was a specific date but was not a Friday, Saturday or Sunday the Saturday of the nearest established Ordeal was used.

All inductions whether they were Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil was held at Camp Osborn, except the November 1, 1945 and the January, 2013 Ordeals.

Date	Event (and source)
November 01 1945	At Area Conclave in Jacksonville, Florida; Ordeal
July 01 1950	
June 01 1952	
June 01 1953	Member Book; Ordeal
July 01 1954	
July 21 1955	Member Book; Ordeal
June 07 1957	
July 19 1958	Member Book; Ordeal
July 01 1959	Member Book; Ordeal
October 03 1959	From <i>The Tifton Gazette</i> & G. Smith
May 14 1960	Member Book; Ordeal
July 16 1960	Member Book; Ordeal
October 15 1960	Member Book; Ordeal
May 01 1961	Member Book; Spring Ordeal
July 15 1961	Member Book; Ordeal
July 21 1962	Member Book; Ordeal
August 30 1962	
July 20 1963	Member Book; Ordeal
February 15 1964	Member Book; Spring Ordeal March also

March 21 1964	Member Book; Spring Ordeal Feb also
July 11 1964	Member Book; Ordeal
August 22 1964	Member Book; Ordeal
May 01 1965	
July 10 1965	Member Book; Verified by letter to candidates
October 01 1965	Member Book; Ordeal
December 18 1965	Member Book; Ordeal
April 02 1966	Member Book; Ordeal
July 09 1966	Member Book; Ordeal
September 01 1966	Member Book; One person only
October 22 1966	Member Book; In addition to Sept Ordeal
April 08 1967	Member Book; Ordeal
July 01 1967	Member Book; Ordeal
March 20 1968	Member Book; Ordeal
July 13 1968	Member Book; Ordeal
March 08 1969	Member Book; April Also
April 01 1969	Member Book; Ordeal
July 06 1969	Member Book; Ordeal
September 06 1969	Member Book; Ordeal
October 01 1969	Member Book; Ordeal
April 01 1970	Member Book; Ordeal
July 24 1970	Summer Ordeal (from notice card)
September 19 1970	Fall Ordeal (from notice card)
July 17 1971	Summer Ordeal (from notice card)
September 25 1971	Fall Ordeal (from event schedule)
April 01 1972	Member Book; Ordeal
July 01 1972	Member Book; Ordeal
November 04 1972	Fall Ordeal (from event schedule)
July 01 1973	Member Book; Ordeal
February 16 1974	Member Book; Ordeal
July 06 1974	Member Book; Ordeal
October 12 1974	Member Book; From 1974 calendar & cards
February 01 1975	Member Book; Ordeal
May 01 1975	Member Book; Ordeal
June 01 1975	Member Book; Ordeal
July 07 1975	Member Book Multiple dates this month

July 01 1976	Member Book; Ordeal
October 01 1976	Member Book; Ordeal
February 05 1977	Member Book; Ordeal
July 01 1977	Member Book; Ordeal
May 01 1978	Member Book; Ordeal
June 10 1978	Owl Hoot; Ordeal
July 29 1978	Member Book; Ordeal
May 01 1979	Member Book; Ordeal
June 09 1979	Member Book; Ordeal
October 13 1979	
June 07 1980	Member Book; Ordeal
July 26 1980	Member Book; Ordeal
June 06 1981	Member Book; Ordeal
October 30, 1981	Council Newsletter
March 20 1982	Member Book; Ordeal
June 05 1982	Member Book; Ordeal
August 07 1982	Member Book; Ordeal
June 04 1983	Member Book; Ordeal
August 06 1983	Member Book; Make-up Ordeal
December 2, 1982	Vigil tap-out (at OA Banquet, Council Newsletter)
July 14 1984	Member Book; Multiple dates this month
July 21 1984	Member Book; Multiple dates this month
August 01 1984	Member Book; Ordeal
August 01 1985	Member Book; Ordeal
September 01 1985	Member Book; Ordeal
June 07 1986	Ordeal from Newsletter
August 23 1986	Member Book; Ordeal
October 04 1986	Makeup Ordeal (from Council Newsletter)
March 21 1987	
September 26 1987	
March 19 1988	
March 18 1989	Brotherhood Only
September 23 1989	Square Knot; Ordeal at Fall Fellowship
July 28 1991	
September 21 1991	Owl hoot has wrong date; Ordeal
July 25 1992	Square Knot; Ordeal

September 19 1992	Square Knot; Ordeal at Fall Fellowship
May 06 1995	
September 16 1995	
March 01 1996	
September 01 1996	
September 13 1997	
June 01 1998	
September 12 1998	
March 20 1999	
September 11 1999	
March 11 2000	
September 09 2000	
March 24 2001	
September 08 2001	
September 14 2002	
November 02 2002	Brotherhood Only
March 08 2003	
July 26 2003	
November 22 2003	
June 15 2004	Brotherhood Only
September 11 2004	
December 04 2004	Brotherhood Only at Winter Banquet
March 12 2005	Spring Ordeal
June 05 2005	Vigil Only
June 24 2005	Vigil Makeup
September 24 2005	Fall Ordeal
March 11 2006	Spring Ordeal
November 18 2006	Fall Ordeal (w/Vigil)
March 10 2007	Spring Ordeal
September 19 2007	Fall Ordeal & Brotherhood
November 17 2007	Makeup Ordeal
September 20 2008	Fall Ordeal & Brotherhood
November 15 2008	Fall Makeup O & B and Vigil
September 19 2009	Fall Ordeal
November 21 2009	Fall Make-Up Ordeal
November 28 2009	Vigil

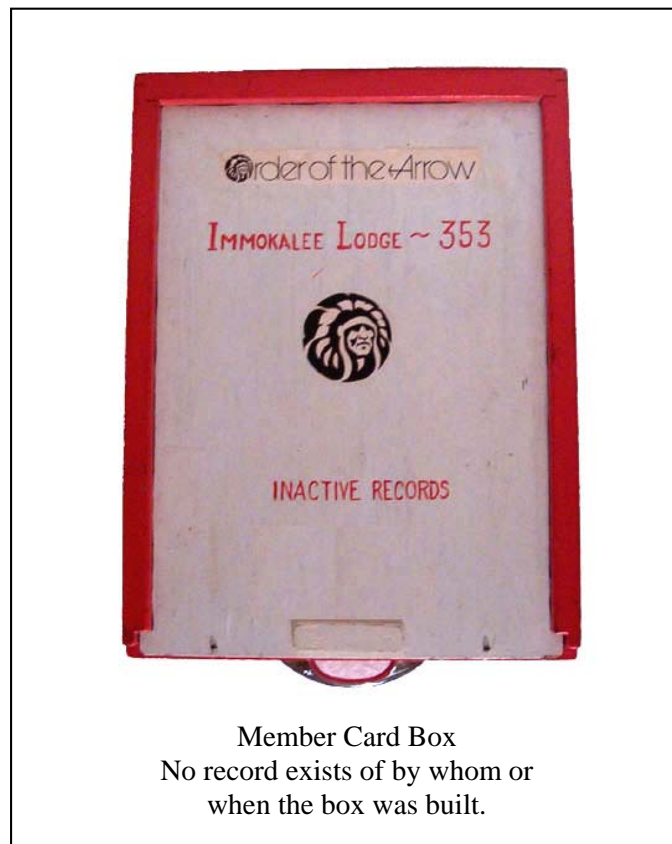
September 18 2010	Fall Ordeal
December 04 2010	Fall Make-Up Ordeal & Vigil
September 17 2011	Fall Ordeal and Brotherhood
December 04 2011	Vigil Only
March 24 2012	Spring Ordeal
September 29 2012	Fall Ordeal and Brotherhood
December 8 2012	Vigil Only
January 13, 2013	Ordeal and Brotherhood (at Camp Patten)
March 9, 2013	Ordeal and Brotherhood (Joint Lodges)

Chapter IV

Immokalee Lodge Member Records

As of 2007, there were over 2200 known past and present members of Immokalee Lodge. Most members were initiated into the Order of the Arrow in Immokalee Lodge, but some were initiated in other lodges and transferred into Immokalee Lodge in the course of their scouting life. The lodge is missing all official records from before 1968 and from 1989 to 1994. Therefore, very little information is known about members from those years except for what has been obtained from oral history, issues of the *Owl Hoot*, and recently found members.

From what appears to be approximately 1968 to approximately 1987, Immokalee Lodge kept the records of its members on the official cards issued by National for that purpose. Examples of the cards can be seen in the Appendix. At some point, a very nice box was built for storing the cards of the inactive members. Some cards are missing for persons who are known to have been members (even lodge chiefs) during this period. According to Ben Andrews, past Lodge Chief, the current members were kept in a separate book, which was last seen at the scout office in the 1990s. Most likely, the book and the cards of those members who were active when the card system was discontinued were destroyed or lost.



There are members whose ordeal pre-dates 1968 with cards, but these were probably members who were active in 1968 or became active again later. Each card has a place for a member number and over half of the cards have numbers. Most are ascending by ordeal date. However, about 45% of the cards do not have a number and there seems to be no pattern to the failure to assign numbers as it includes all years. Some cards have duplicate numbers followed by an 'A' or a 'B' to distinguish it from the other.

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NAME: Greene, Mike CHAP. IN: 1 NO. 314

ADDRESS: 305 Wildwood Circle CITY: Amherst, Mass UNIT NO. 27

PHONE NO. 924-6695

DATE OF BIRTH: 3-24-58 AGE AT ENTRY: 12

BORN AT ENTRY: 17

OFFICER'S SIGN: _____

YEAR	DATE DUES PD.	YEAR	DATE DUES PD.	YEAR	DATE DUES PD.
72	9-71	77	2-77		
1973	4-74				
1974	4-74				
75	2/75				
76	7-76				

No. 3638 Order of the Arrow Mobile Record-4970

1. EAGLE 1974 11

2. AREA 173, 174 12

3. _____ 13 MSST, PL, P, 36, 100, 11

4. _____ 14 AA7 1977

5. LOG IN 1978 15

6. _____ 16 Patten-2 - 1978-11-2-73 0-74, 75, 77

7. _____ 17 NECH 174

8. _____ 18 OT 8-74

9. CAMP 1980 11-77 19

10. 170, 171 20

INDUCT. YEAR: 72 SCOUT OR EXPLORES ✓ SCOUTER LODGE OFFICER LODGE COUN. CH. CHAPTER OFFICER CHAPTER COUN. CH. LODGE NO. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Membership Card

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The computer database from which the website member lists are compiled combines and corrects the information from both the book and the cards as well as other sources. Only a limited amount of information is shown on the web site due to size limitations. For a few members some information conflicted between the card and the book. Sometimes it was impossible to tell if the card and the book were referring to one person or a father & son. Also, whoever did the original cards had an amazing talent for making a '4' and a '9' look alike and this caused many errors in the inputting of the data, which is still being corrected. Any errors or corrections would be appreciated and should be emailed to Mike Greene

In March of 2004, we began adding members to the list other than just those with cards in the box. The card field for these members is listed as 'None' rather than 'blank' as no card exists.

Chapter V

Immokalee Lodge Section History

Each year the Order of the Arrow Lodges in a designated area or section, gather in the spring for a conclave. Immokalee Lodge has been part of a number of sections over the years. They are: from 1945 through 1949, Area J; from 1950 through 1952, Section 6C; from 1953 through 1972, Section 6D; from 1973 through 1982, Area 5; from 1983 through 1992, SE-4; from 1993 through 2001, S4; and, from 2002 through 2008, SR-4N. In July of 2008, Lodges were realigned and Immokalee Lodge returned the new S4. The new S4 was the same S4 that had existed in the 1990s, except that Georgia Lodges 119 and 358 were not included. The first function was the Section Seminar in the fall of 2008 although no Immokalee members attended the event. The new Section S4 consisted of eleven of the prior S4 lodges, which are 85, 200, 229, 237, 239, 265, 326, 340, 353, 545, and 564. Only Lodges 119 and 358 were placed in other Sections. In June 2010, Immokalee Lodge, Alapaha Lodge and Pilthlako Lodge were transferred from Section S4 to Section S9. Section S9 contained most of the other Georgia and north Alabama Lodges. Immokalee Lodge was scheduled to host the Fall Seminar for S4 in 2010; however, due to the lodge's move to S9 the Seminar was moved to a Florida Lodge. A list of the camps and lodges attending each of the conclaves in which Immokalee Lodge has participated can be found at the end of this history.



In addition to the annual section conclave, Section S4 held a "Section Seminar" each year. The Section Seminar was a fall gathering of the lodges. The Council of Chiefs met all day Saturday and the other members of the lodges had seminars on Indian culture and other matters relating to the Order of the Arrow. The Section Seminar concept is unique to Section S4 (now S4S) and one other section in the country.

Immokalee Lodge has hosted six Section Conferences at Camp Osborn over the years in 1956, 1961, 1967, 1983, 1992, and 2003

According to Carl Hancock, who was Immokalee Lodge secretary in 1956, it was never determined if the 1956 Area 6-D patch was a day time design with the sun or a night time design with the moon. Either way the shadows are pointing in the wrong direction based on the location of the sun or the moon.



The 1967 Section Conference at Camp Osborn one of the first to have a neckerchief. Unfortunately, neither the lodge nor the camp names were spelled correctly.



The 1983 Section S4 Conference was a major milestone, as the lodge had suffered through several lean years, including being on probation from the National Lodge a few years earlier.



For the 1992 Conclave Immokalee Lodge issued a black border regular issue patch and a 200 while border for Immokalee Lodge members. A neckerchief and hatpin were also issued.



The 2003 Conclave was the only Conclave hosted by Immokalee Lodge during the existence of S4-North.



In 2001, the Section Seminar was hosted by Immokalee Lodge and held at Camp Osborn for the newly reformed and divided Section S4.²² In 2001, Section S4 was enlarged to include southern Alabama and west Florida and divided into south and north subsections. At that time, Echeconnee 358 and Tomo Chi Chi 119 lodges were reassigned from Section S4 to other sections. The 2001 Section Seminar at Camp Osborn was the only Section Seminar ever held for all of the new Section S4 (both north and south). All fifteen lodges of the new Section S4 and Echeconnee 358 and Tomo Chi Chi 119 (for a total of seventeen lodges) were invited to attend. Consequently, it was called the “Great” S4 Section Seminar. Section S4S continued to hold fall seminars while S4N did not adopt the practice.

An Immokalee cap was made for the sanitation crew who kept the bathrooms and showers clean on an hourly basis.



22 The exact dates of the Section Seminar were November 2, 3 and 4, 2001.

Immokalee Lodge Section Contingent Photos



1965 Immokalee 6D Conference Contingent
Held at Camp McKenzie by Chattahoochee Lodge #204
(See website for names)



1993 Final-Four Fellowship Immokalee Contingent

In 1992, SE-4 section was dissolved and in 1993, Immokalee lodge became part of the new S4 section. SE-4 was comprised solely of Georgia lodges while S4 was made up of some Georgia lodges and all but Yustaga of the Florida lodges. The SE-4 lodges held a "Final Four (SE-4) Fellowship" March 5-7, 1993. It was hosted by Ini-to lodge 324 at Camp Thunder.



1993 Final-Four Fellowship Immokalee Contingent



2001 Section S4 Seminar
Held at Camp Osborn



2001 Section S4 Seminar



2008 Conclave
Hosted by Alapaha Lodge 545 at Camp Patten



2008 Conclave

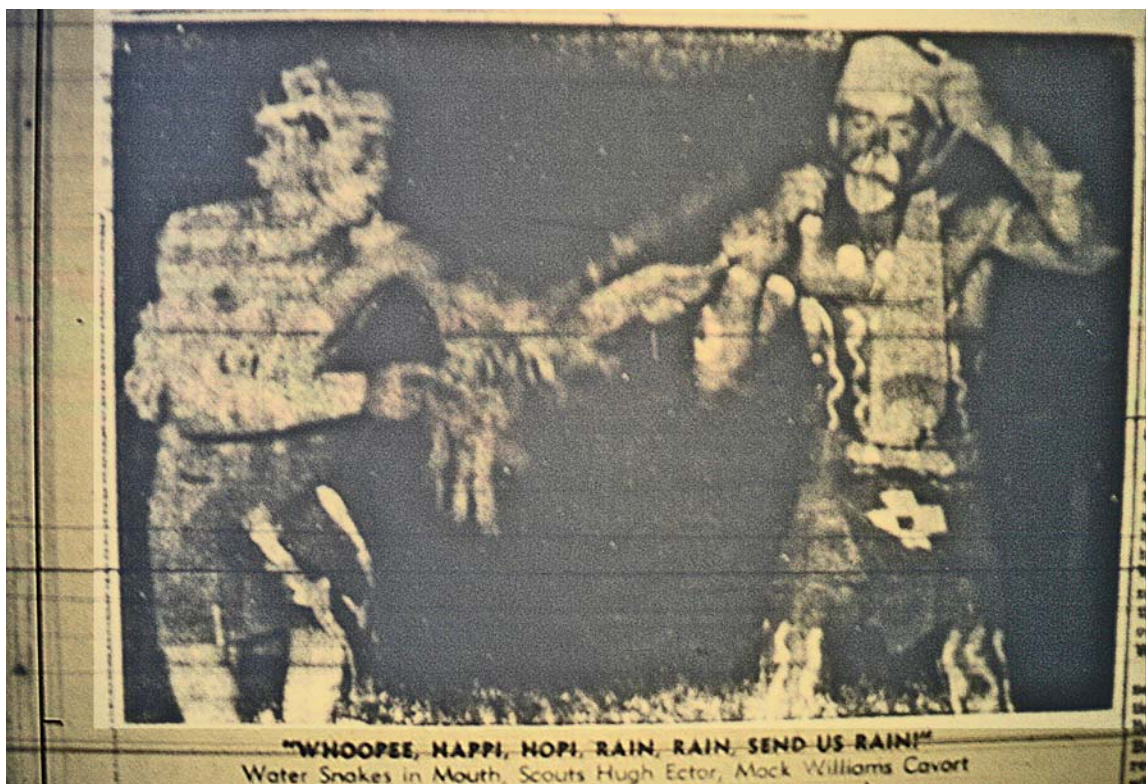


S9 Conclave
Hosted by Echeconnee 358 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins

Chapter VI

Immokalee Stories

The 1952 Snake Dance



"WHOOPEE, HAPPI, HOPI, RAIN, RAIN, SEND US RAIN!"
Water Snakes in Mouth, Scouts Hugh Ector, Mack Williams Cavort

(Photo from The Albany Herald. Used with permission.)

In 1952, a severe drought was destroying crops across South Georgia. Area farmers had jokingly asked the scouts to use their knowledge of Indian lore to perform a rain dance. On Thursday night, June 26, Hugh Ector, Mack Williams, and Jack Duskin dressed in Hopi Indian regalia and performed the "snake rain dance," including the traditional water snakes held in the dancers' mouths. It started raining 23½ hours later.²³

1973 Lake District Tap-Out

In 1973 a Camporee was held at the Americus fairground just in May just before summer camp. Each of the three districts in Chehaw Council held a camporee that weekend, but Lake District was the only OA Chapter that had its own dance team and that held its own tap-out

The lodge did not want the Chapters doing their own ceremonies. The District adults told the ceremony team to go ahead and do it. The District was going through one of those rebellious periods with the Council. The Ceremony Team had to write its own script as it could not get any

23 "Scouts Make Like Hopi Indians, Produce Deluge at Summer Camp," The Albany Herald, June 29, 1952.

ceremony books from the Lodge. The ceremony included a shortened version of the legend, which was taken from the little printed sheet that we got when we bought one of the legend patches for the back of our sashes.



Photo of the Lake District Tap-out.

marched them all off together. The Lodge got its revenge and the chapter did not do it again.

The Ghost Owl at the Ceremony Ring

In the mid-2000s, the Ceremony Support Team purchased an Owl from a local hunting store. They removed the yellow eyes, painted it white, and replaced the eyes. Since then it has roosted on a post behind the alter at the Ceremony Ring during ceremonies. Emory Greene and Patrick Johnson were members of the setup team that painted the Ghost Owl. There were others whose names have been lost to history.



*The "Ghost Owl" at the Ceremony Ring
before the 2008 Fall Ordeal*

Scout Flambeau

Long ago when Miki Hutchinson of Sylvester was Ceremony Team Advisor it was decided that we needed a Ceremony Setup Team and I (Mike Greene) was named the Team Advisor. No one had shown the scouts setting up the ceremony ring how to make torches and they did an



*Torches soaking in diesel fuel
at the Ceremony Ring*

admirable job for a first time. Except they did not hang the torches upside down to let the excess diesel fuel run off. As was tradition, we had two young scouts dress in regalia to serve as unnamed guides for the candidates to the ceremony ring. The ring was far back on the unused and dark 700 acres of Camp Osborn. Each had a torch, which after about 5 minutes began having diesel fuel run down the handle and set the handle on fire. Dutiful to his role, the lead guide held on to his torch until an older scout snatched it from his hands and tossed it away, thus, averting "Scout Flambeau." As a result, the lodge had a specialty machine shop in Atlanta custom make 10 torch heads of titanium, each with a shield to catch any runoff. The torch heads were sized to fit onto standard wooden curtain rods for easy replacement. Several other lodges in Georgia also purchased the torch heads.

The Missing Vigil

All Immokalee Vigils have taken place far on the backside of Camp Osborn. At the conclusion of one Vigil, a person who shall remain unnamed

became turned around and walked for miles winding up far off Camp Osborn property. He was located later that morning after seriously delaying the Vigil breakfast.

Sam's Two Ordeals

Long-time Lodge Advisor Sam Thompson did his ordeal and brotherhood here in Chehaw Council in the 1980s when his son was in Scouting. He kept his Vigil later after he became Lodge Advisor. While he was Lodge Advisor and a Vigil Member he returned home to Louisiana. In discussing scouting with a childhood scouting friend, the friend told him that they had both already done their ordeals and brotherhoods as youth in 1950 and 1951 in Lodge 254. Therefore, Sam had done them twice.

Memories of Our Ordeals

Henry (Harry) Helton 1947

I had been tapped out a couple of weeks prior and had to come back the Camp Osborn for my ordeal. All of us who had been tapped out before would be tapped again that night at the final camp fire for the summer camp. It must have been the summer of 1947 as I was not on the camp staff that year, but became a counselor the next year. I got to camp early in the afternoon and a couple of us started to throw the baseball around. I had a catcher mitt on, and I am not a catcher, I played first base. Anyway the person I was playing catch with decided to become a pitcher. I fell into the catcher role and got down in the catcher position. After a few pitches my pitcher threw a high fast ball to my right. I reached up for the pitch and the ball hit the left side of the mitt and the ball came back right on my nose. Blood was all over the place. I broke my nose. The Scout Executive wanted to take me to the hospital, but I told him that I would be OK. My parents and sister would be coming out soon for the campfire and my mother and sister were both nurses. They could take care of me. I did not want to miss the evening supper. Both my mother and sister thought that I could stay, beside there is nothing much you can do for a broken nose if there is nothing wrong on the inside. I could breathe through my nose, so I passed the nose test.

I was tapped again and taken out into the woods with a blanket, only. I was place in an area and told not to move from that spot until the morning when the leaders came to get me. "Have a good night, and do not make any noise or talk." My nose still had some blood in around it and the mosquitos had a field night. On top of all that the farmers thought it would be a good night to run the coon dogs. I had dogs running all around me and the mosquitos buzzing around my face. I rolled up in my blanket, covered my face and I believe I got a few hours' sleep.

The next day I dug a six foot by 4 foot by six foot hole for the septic take that would be for the new bath house. Bread and water for breakfast and lunch, but the dinner that night was out of this world. We had a big steak with potatoes and green beans. What a meal!

The next year when I came to camp to be on the staff the new bath house was completed and I felt so good that I had dug the hole for the septic tank.

Jack Duskin 1950

I remember my ordeal very well. It was in the winter, cold and wet and miserable. We were left out on the wet ground with nothing but a sleeping bag, while it rained and rained. It was indeed miserable but memberable.

Reuel Hamilton 1950

I do recall that it was very difficult to remain speechless and that I felt extremely fortunate to be able to light a fire with one of the two matches that we were given so that I could boil my egg and to eat with the slice of white bread that constituted my breakfast. I also recall some difficulty with nonverbal communication because we had to use a two-man saw to fell some trees and then to cut them into smaller lengths. This was long before the days of chainsaws.

Bob Ivey 1954

Anyway, yes, I know exactly when I was initiated: Your site shows an article about our 1954 Troop 21 camping trip to Smokemont, N.C. We broke camp in a pouring rain, got aboard an air-conditioned bus (wet), and drove back to Americus. I went home (five or six blocks from the scout hut) only long enough to change into dry clothes and pick up my blanket and flashlight, and went immediately back to the scout hut to be driven to Camp Osborn for the Ordeal. That was the same weekend as the Great Mosquito Convention, held at Osborn in conjunction with the Ordeal. Those very mosquitoes were a large factor in my decision, years later, to settle in California.

Michael S. Meyer von Bremen 1970

I was accidentally tapped out at Camp Osborn the first time. They broke the arrow over my shoulder as the spotter had stood between me and the boy who was to be tapped out. I was shocked as I thought I did not qualify yet. I got in the canoe with others and went across the pond. Cole Powell was one of the leaders dressed in the Indian Costume reading the ritual followed by the others doing the hand on the shoulder thing. He came up to me next in line and his eyes widened. He leaned to me, quickly thinking what to do, and he whispered he was sorry but they accidentally tapped me out and asked me to be a good sport...as a consolation he said something about they would not lower the hands on my shoulders too hard. I was. It was pretty cool to go through the ceremony by accident.

The next year was the real thing. Tom Seegmueller led off with one of those fantastic flaming hoop dances. I officially was tapped out. No broken arrow this time though. Then came Ordeal. When I went through Ordeal, we had to remain silent for the entire weekend. We also wore a stick symbolic of an arrow from what I recall tied around our neck like a necklace. We were required to carve a notch in the stick if we slipped and spoke during the ordeal. Not speaking was difficult given that we were doing a lot of work tasks and verbal communication was almost a necessity. At the same time, not talking during these efforts taught us to learn how to communicate by other means. There were talks that some of the members of OA would attempt to trick us and say "it's okay---I will not make you carve a notch or turn you in" and also that they would follow us around to determine if we talked in private groups. So generally most of us just zipped our mouths. You were allowed, I think, 3 notches---maybe it was 2. When you reached the maximum, you had to carry the stick in your mouth (similar to when you see an old western and the tough cowboy bites a stick when removing a bullet). I was doing real well and was on the last day. Many others had one or two notches already and a few were carrying the sticks in their mouths. For breakfast we were provided a raw egg and a glass of milk. I was really hungry due to the calories burned from working all day the previous day. I had been told ahead of this that we might get the raw egg and the trick to consume it was to break the egg and dump it into the milk and gulp it quickly so you would not barf the raw egg if consumed alone. Russell Davis was nearby and watching me. I cracked the egg on the edge of the cup and overdid it...the egg slipped out of the shell and dumped onto the ground. I had a pure reaction: "oh no" I muttered to myself. Realizing I had spoken words, I looked up hoping that they were so low no one heard. I glanced at Russell, and he had the most sympathetic, understanding look on his face, but slowly shook his head, almost with regret, left and right. He did not have to say anything else. I pulled

out my pocket knife and carved my one and only notch. I kept that stick for years to remind me of a discipline that many probably would have a problem these days in carrying out---even though the equivalent now may be no texting for three days or carve a notch. Oh---and a couple of years later, the arrow was not laid across our shoulders when we were tapped---it was presented. I guess I was among the last to get the swung arrow preceding the phrase which I still remember instilled pride: "Rise and accept the arrow".

Ben Andrews, Jr. 1970

I was a nervous 12 year old First Class Scout when I spent my night alone under the heavens at Camp Osborn. The year was 1970 and I was going through my induction during the Make-up Ordeal weekend in September. We candidates had been spaced out along a firebreak on Horseshoe Ridge. I found myself on the far side of the present day campsites, along the fence line with a farmer's field. Our troop camped in the lower part of Osborn during summer camp, so I wasn't familiar with the ridge. Not really knowing where I was just added to my anxiety.

I had heard stories of how the Arrowmen would terrorize the candidates during the Ordeal, so I was expecting the worst. The full moon rising over the neighboring field gave me no comfort. Its brightness made it easy to imagine that every shadow was an older boy or some wild animal out to get me (There's not any bears on the ridge, are there?). Facing that bright moon was like having a flashlight shining in my face, and it was almost as bad facing the other way because of the moonlight reflecting off the nearby tree line. There was no breeze and it was deathly quiet. It also was stiflingly hot; too hot to stay for long in my Coleman sleeping bag. But when I crawled out of the bag, the blood-thirsty Osborn mosquitoes kept chasing me back inside.

In and out of the sleeping bag, tossing and turning - I couldn't sleep. It was too bright, too hot, too quiet and I was too nervous. I was expecting an attack from something even worse than the dive-bombing mosquitoes. Maybe the guys playing Indian (between dragging me around all over camp with my hand on the shoulder of someone twice my height) told us why I'm stuck out here in Camp Osborn Hell, but I missed that. I just knew it was because the worst was soon to come!

I doze off eventually, but I awake with a start. It's dark! Just the trees in front of me are dark - the ones to either side look bright as day! It's a shadow. And there's a noise behind my back. Someone is behind me, between me and the moon. I can't get up and run; I'm stuck inside my sleeping bag. Nothing happens immediately, so I gather my courage and slowly roll over to face my doom. It's not a Boy Scout - IT'S HUGE! And it moves toward me. And then it softly speaks: MOO. It was a cow. On the other side of the fence. In the field next door. The next morning I had a raw egg and half a glass of milk for breakfast. And later that night I wore my new sash proudly. I had passed my Ordeal, but I did flinch a little bit.

Mike Ellis 1970

In 1970 I was tapped out by the hard wrap of an arrow. The entire camp including all the parents was on the back side of the blue hole in a small set of bleachers. The Indian team came across the blue hole in a canoe to tap us out and then take us back to the dining hall side. Joel

Abernathy dressed only in paint and a loin cloth and bells on his ankles did an excellent fire hoop dance. He actually stored Kerosene in his mouth to spit in and stoke the flames of his hoop. I will never forget this.

Mike Greene 1972

I have my own great memories and stories about my ordeal in 1972. "My ordeal was on a hot July night in 1972 at Camp Osborn. The line of candidates was marched along the ridge with sleeping bags in hand. Someone (either Tom Seegmuler or Ned Newcomb in full regalia and by torch light) would grab the next candidate's sleeping bag and throw it as far down the steep ridge toward Mill Creek as he could. You had to find your sleeping bag and sleep there for the night."

Richard Greene 1978

I remember my ordeal there was much talk from the arrowman about all the big rattlesnakes they had seen on the ridge. I had stuffed a big piece of plastic down in my bag and I put it over me instead of under my bag. The mosquitos were for the most part on outside and the condensation was on the inside. I figured wet was better than being eaten alive. After the Ordeal ceremony there was a cracker barrel and it was a fantastic feeling to talk with all my new brothers.

Troy Golden 1989

I believe mine was a Fall ordeal, though Camp Osborn in September doesn't really feel like fall. It was hot and sunny. The year was 1989. We took our bedrolls up to the ridge past the lake, and were sorted out wherever a place could be found. Saturday's breakfast and lunch were a biscuit and a cup of milk. Our service project was to clear a bunch of branches and small trees that had blown down in a recent storm. My induction ceremony featured Troy Golden (I think) as Allowat Sakima and Trey Causey as Meteu, and was the highlight of my young life, especially with the light of the campfire illuminating the massive oak at the head of the council circle.

Chapter VII

Immokalee Lodge Patch History

Why patches are important: Patches are a Scouts way of recording where they have been, when they were there, and what they did.

Patches are shown in the order of date issued rather than the order of Blue Book designation. Designations are from the Blue Book and used with permission.



X1a



X1b



X1c

Immokalee Lodge began identifying its members with a pocket patch before 1952. Although the exact date of issue is unknown, the X1a is listed and shown in the WAB (Wabaningo Lodge Emblem Handbook, 1952), which was the first book published showing OA lodge patches. Three versions of the X1 patch have been identified.



The X1a and X1c are known to have been issued on a blue neckerchief with red piping. Most likely, the X1b was also issued on a neckerchief.



The first pocket flap is known as the S1, which is seen in photos as early as the 1959 Chehaw Council Philmont contingent. The first edition of *The Blue Book*, does not list a flap for Immokalee lodge as of November 30, 1958. Therefore, a 1959 issue date has been established for the S1. The book *First Flaps: In Color* also puts the issue year as 1959. According to Gordon Smith, lodge member Miles T. Clements had Ken Hancock of Tifton (not a scout) designed the S1 flap for the lodge.



The N1 was designed in 1961 by Gordon Smith. It was only issued to members of Immokalee Lodge who attended the 6D Conference hosted by Immokalee Lodge in the spring of 1961. Only one box was made and each Immokalee lodge member who attended the conference received only one. Currently only 7 are known to still exist. (See also the fake ZN1.)



At least through the 1960s Arrowmen who attended NOACs were required to have a lodge neckerchief. For the 1963 and 1965 NOACs, special neckerchiefs were made. Less than a dozen of each were made and only a few still survive.





The different variations were not known at time of first Blue Book indexing consequently they are in reverse order. The P1b was issued before the P1a. Travis Smith and the others who attended the 1965 NOAC got the P1b (in addition to the N3) for the NOAC. The general release of the P1b may not have occurred until 1966 as a number of member cards have notes that they received a neckerchief in 1966, but no cards for members are noted as receiving their neckerchief before 1966. The last neckerchief was given to Ben Horton in 1986. No more neckerchiefs were ordered after 1986. The 1960 by-laws (lodge rules) limited neckerchief's to one per life. This restriction was applied to all P1a and P1b neckerchiefs issued and was strictly enforced. The issuance of a neckerchief was recorded on a member's official membership card. The by-laws also stated that the lodge neckerchief had to be worn to all lodge events.



The S2 versions were issued in the mid to late 1960s



S3 Issues

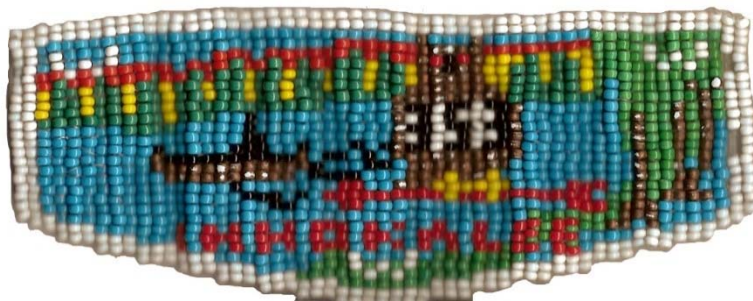
The Blue Book lists two variations of S3 with the only difference being a slight change in the color of the sky and both at 123 mm wide. Mike Greene has in his collection three distinct widths of S3 being 121 mm, 123 mm and 125 mm. The 123 mm has slightly crisper lettering than the 121 mm and the 125 mm widths. The 123 mm possibly has a slightly different sky than the 121 mm and the 125 mm widths. The issue date is either the very late 1960s or early 1970s through the mid-1970s.



S4 and S5 Issues



A summer of 1974 photo of the Charles L. Sommers' Canoe Base crews from Chehaw Council shows a number of known Brotherhood and Vigil members of Immokalee Lodge all wearing the blue border S3. None of the yellow border (S4 brotherhood) or white border (S5 vigil) are being worn. Therefore, it is unlikely that S4 & S5 were issued prior to the fall of 1974.



The beaded flap (left) is from Bruce Valari of Nachamawat Lodge 275 in Pennsylvania. He found this beaded S5 in a dollar box at a collectables in 2007.

X2 Issue

1975 was not the 30th anniversary of the lodge. At the time, the current members thought the lodge was chartered in 1945 because the lodge became active in 1945. The lodge was chartered in 1947 and so 1977 was the correct 30th anniversary of the lodge. The Ordeal and Fall segments are considered activity patches. 400 sets were made.



S6 Issue and
S7 Issue

Issues S6 (blue border, ordeal), S7 (yellow border, brotherhood), and S8 (white border, vigil) were issued 1975. Each had a white FDL.





S8 Issue



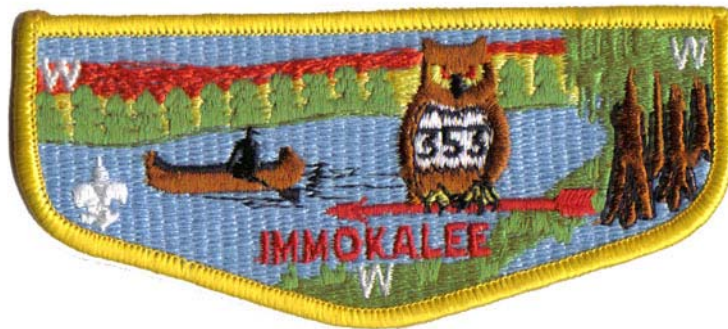
X3 Issue

The Bicentennial Issue is the center patch. The ordeal and fall fellowship patches are considered activity patches. 200 sets were made.



S13 Issue

The Blue Book designation is out of order for the S13, S14, and S15 Issues. They were issued in about 1980 and are the same as the S6, S7, and S8 issues except they were made by a different company and had a slightly different shape.



S14 Issue



S15 Issue



P1a

Issued after the P1b neckerchief. See P1b neckerchief above for details.

S10 Issue



S11 Issue



S12 Issue

Flaps S10 and S11 were issued in 1982. The only change was that the FDL matched the border; therefore, the Vigil flap was unchanged from S8 and the Blue Book issue S12 is in error.

X4 Issue
40th Anniversary patch. No rockers were made.



[No such patch]

X5 Issue
The Blue Book designation X5 is an error. There is no such patch.



S9 Issue
The September 1986 Southwest Georgia Council newsletter stated that the S9 flap was first issued at the 1986 Ordeal, which was held August 22, 23 and 24, 1986 at Camp Osborn.



S16 Issue
 Issued in 1987. 200 were made.



R1 Issue

The August 1988 Owl Hoot states that the Arrowman's Achievement Award design was approved at the LEC in July. The newsletter reminds members to bring their award cards to the Fall Fellowship and that the award will be given out at the Christmas Banquet. Consequently, a 1988 first issue date was established for the R1 patch.



R2 Issue

The August 1988 Owl Hoot states that Elangomat program will be used in all ordeals from that date forward. Consequently, a 1988 first issue date was established for the R1 patch.



S17 Issue

Flap first issued in 1988. 500 made.



S19 Issue

The 75th / 45th Anniversary S19 Issue was for the 75th anniversary of OA and the 45th anniversary of Immokalee Lodge. Again, the anniversary of the lodge was calculated incorrectly (based on 1945 and not 1947). The S19 was first issued at the 1990 Fall Fellowship (September 21-23). 200 were made



S18 Issue
Issued in 1991. 200 were made.



Issues S28a and S28b

Lee Bates, who was Lodge Advisor at the time these were issued, told Mike Greene that he did not intend to order a navy blue border but apparently one loom run come back with the dark navy blue border and the lighter color lockstitch (S28b in the Blue Book). Based on Lee's dates of service as Lodge Advisor this would place the patches as being issued in 1991 or 1992.



S20 Issue
Made for NOAC 1992; 200 made



Ordeal issues S21a (200 Made in 1992) and S21b (200 Made in 1994)



Brotherhood issues S22a (200 Made in 1992) and S22b (200 Made in 1994)



Vigil issues S23a (200 Made in 1992) and S23b (50 Made in 1994)
All “b” versions are over stitched red borders.



S24 Issue



S25 Issue



S26 Issue

Flaps issued for the 1993 Jamboree. Yellow border is youth participants and 350 made. Red border is leaders and 75 made. Green border is staff and 75 made.



S27 Issue
Made for NOAC 1994



S29a and S29b Issue
S29b had an overstitched border and 50 were made according to *The Owl Hoot* for the Spring of 1994. 200 of the S29a were made.



S30 Issue
50th Anniversary; Issued in 1997; Oversize Flap



S31 Issue
1997 Jamboree Issue; Oversize Flap



Issues S32 (ordeal arrow), S33 (brotherhood arrow), & S34 (vigil arrow). Issued in 1997



S35 Issue
Issued in 1998 for NOAC 1998



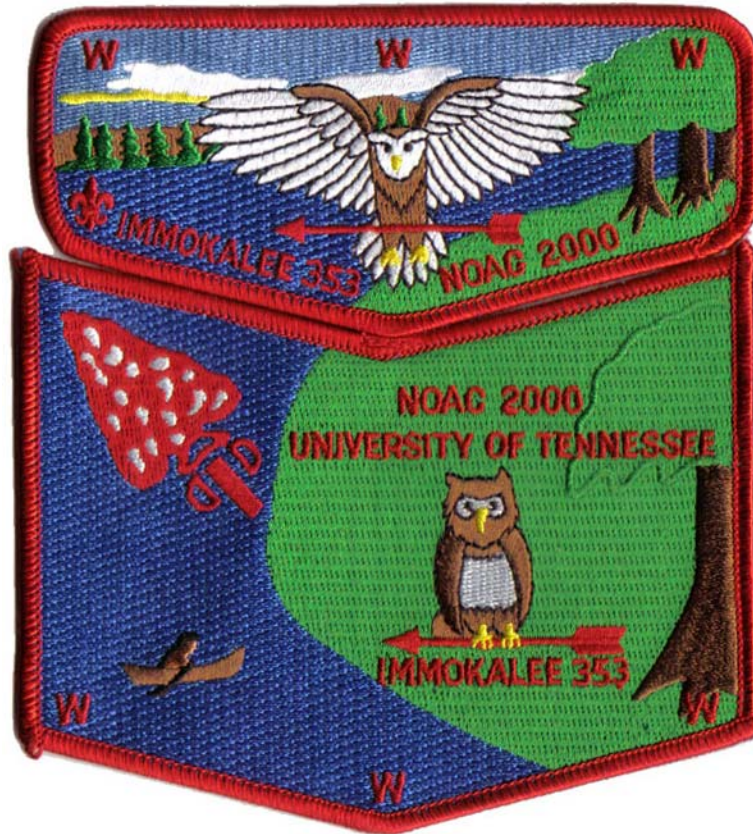
S36 Issue

Requirement to earn the flap were:

1. Attend at least one Lodge ordeal weekend;
2. Attend two other events, including another ordeal weekend;
3. Participate in One Day of Service project; and,
4. Be active in your Unit.



S37 Issue



S38 flap issue and X6 bottom part issue.
 Made for NOAC 2000; 300 of the S38s made and 150 X6 made. Each sold separately.



Blue Book Issue S39 (top - light sky)
Blue Book Issue S39 (middle - regular sky)

Blue Book Issue S39 (bottom - regular sky, square upper right corner
and lockstitch runs to edge of right border at upper right corner)



Issue S40
Probably 200 made.



Issue S41
Issued for 2001 Jamboree



Issue S42
500 made; Brotherhood flap with no bars; Issued in 2001



S43
400 made; Vigil flap



F1 and X7 Issues
Issued for the 2002 NOAC. 300 Sets made.



F2 and X8 Issues
 Issued for the 2002 NOAC; 300 Sets made.



F3 and X9 Issues
 Issued for the 2002 NOAC; Delegate; 2 per person; 60 Sets made.

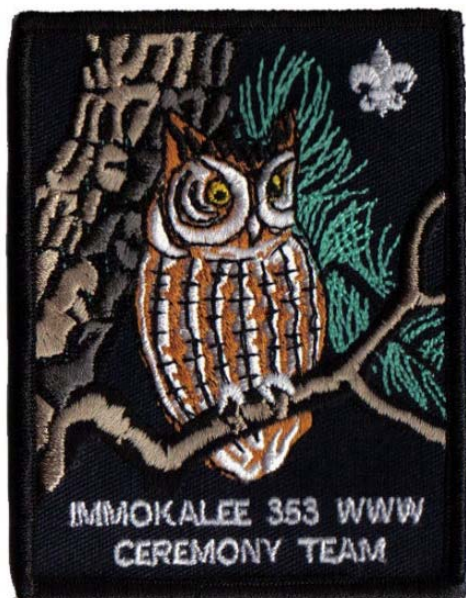


F4

Issued for the 2002 NOAC; No bottom part; 50 Made
Produced with extra patch money by Sam Thompson, Lodge Advisor.



2003 S4N Conclave Host; 200 made



X10 Issued in 2004
Ceremony Team Award; 36 made.
"Ceremony Team" on bottom line.



S45 Issue; Issued in 2004
S43 without Vigil triangle or bars; 200 made (76 converted to S46)



S46 Issue
NOAC 04; 76 made (converted from S45)



S47 Issue; Issued in 2004
Brotherhood flap; 200 made; Same as S42 but with Brotherhood bars



X11 Issue; Issued in 2004
 Ceremony Team Award; 50 made.
 "Ceremony Team" on top line



S48. Issued in 2005
 2005 Jamboree; 800 made



S48. FAKE
 Two of these fake flaps appeared on eBay in July 2011.
 Other than the border, the flap is identical to the S48.
 The origin is unknown.



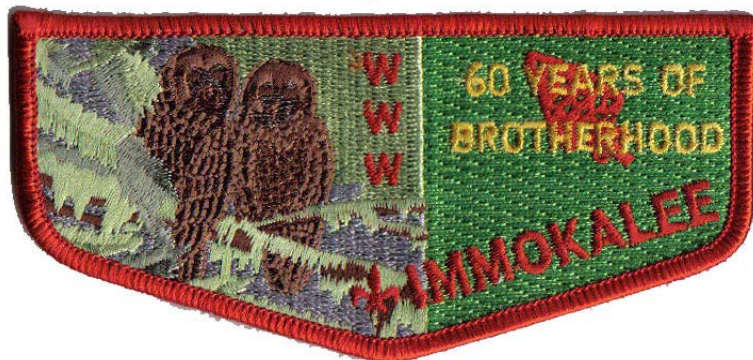
X12. Issued in 2006
Ceremony Support Team Award; 50 made



X13. Issued in 2006
Ceremony Team Award; 50 made



ZN1. Issued in 2006. Fake of N1. Unknown number made. Appears to be a copy of the real N1 just smaller as if copied and reduced in size for screen-printing. Thin cloth. The only objective difference is that the arrow is 7.5 inches in the real N1 and 7.0 inches in fake (ZN1).



S49. Issued 2006
60th Anniversary Flap; 300 made



J1 Issue. Issued in 2007.
51 were made. Character is based on Devin Hutchinson's regalia.



J2 Issue. Issued in 2008.
Issued to those Arrowmen who were on the Ceremony Team in 2008.
However, since the makeup Ordeal, which would have been held in the Spring of 2008
was moved to the Fall of 2007 it was awarded to Ceremony Team
members beginning with the 2007 Fall Makeup Ordeal.
51 were made. Character is based on Beau Carroll's regalia.



S50 Issue. Issued in 2008



J3 Issue. Issued in 2009.
50 were made. The patch does NOT have red Mylar letters.



S51 Issue.
Issued in August 2009 for Dance Team Members. 100 made.



S52 Issue. Issued in 2009 for the 2010 BSA Centennial.
One per life per Immokalee member. 100 made.



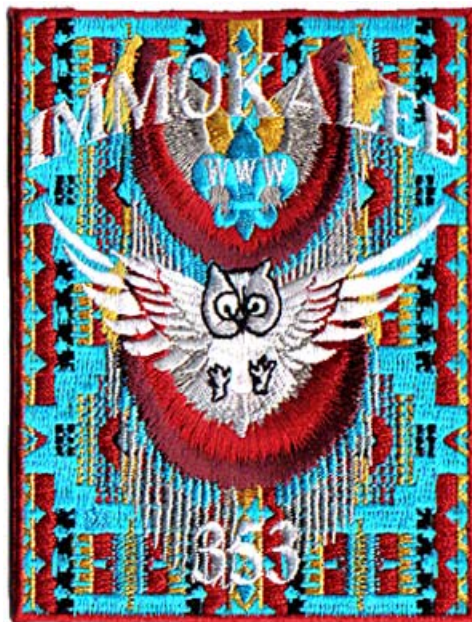
S53 Issue. Issued in 2010.
1500 made for the Jamboree.



J4 Issue. Issue in 2010.
50 were made. The patch does
NOT have Mylar letters.



S54 Issue. Issued in 2011. Vigil Flap.
Owl and large trees outlined in black. Red in sunset. 200 made.
Designed by Mike Greene.



X14 Issue. 100 made.
Issued as part of the 2011 activity patch series as the center piece.
Designed by Mike Johnson.



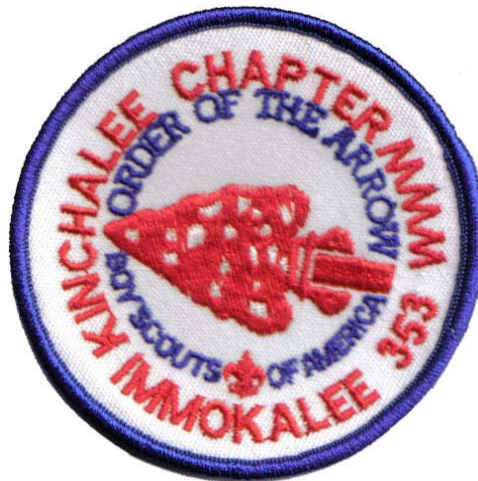
X15 Issue. 100 made.
 Issued as part of the 2011 activity patch series as the Conclave patch.
 Designed by Mike Johnson.



S55 Issue. Issued in 2012.
 One per life per Lodge Chief. 50 made.
 Designed by Mike Johnson.



S56 Issue. Issued in 2013 at Conclave.
200 made. One per life per member. Designed by Mike Greene



Kinchalee Chapter (Americus) Issue. Issued in 2003.
Given to members who assisted with unit elections.
25 made.

Chapter IX

Immokalee Lodge Fellowship, Banquet, and Ordeal Patches



1973 and 1974 ACTIVITY PATCHES

The first fellowship patches. Designer is unknown as is the number produced.



1976 ACTIVITY PATCHES

X2 patch (center) with fellowship patches (rockers). 200 made.



1977 ACTIVITY PATCHES

X3 patch (center) with fellowship patches (rockers). 400 made.



1979 and 1980 ACTIVITY PATCHES



2004 ACTIVITY PATCHES

The next set of Fellowship patches after 1980 was not made until 2004. They were BSA National produced patches that the lodge purchased with the wording stitched.



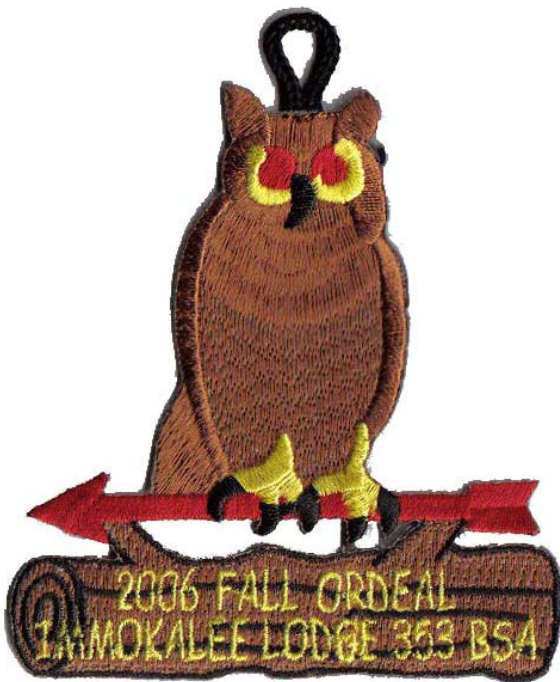
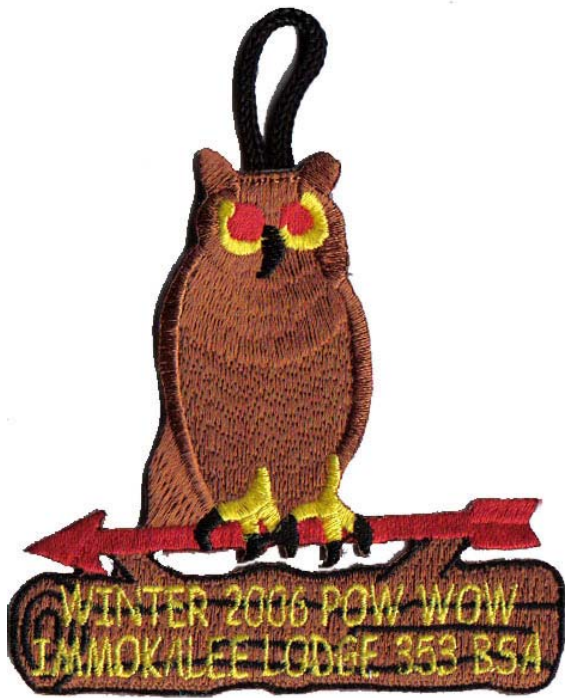
.The 2005 ACTIVITY PATCHES

Patches were BSA National produced patches that the lodge purchased with the wording stitched.

Winter Banquet – 50 made; Spring Ordeal – 80 made;
Fall Ordeal – 80 made; and, Winter Banquet – 75 made.



Issued for those Arrowmen on the Ceremony Team and who attended the Fall Ordeal in 2005. 30 made.



2006 ACTIVITY PATCHES
100 of each made. Designed by Mike Greene.

The patch was slightly changed from the Winter Pow Wow design for aesthetic purposes.
The owl is bigger & more to the right and the log is balanced.



2007 ACTIVITY PATCHES
100 of each made. Designed by Mike Greene.

The Winter Pow Wow patch is twill behind the text and the twill is slightly darker than the solid stitching behind the text on the later three patches. Any other differences in these scans are solely from the scanning. .



2008 ACTIVITY PATCHES
100 of each made. Designed by Mike Greene.

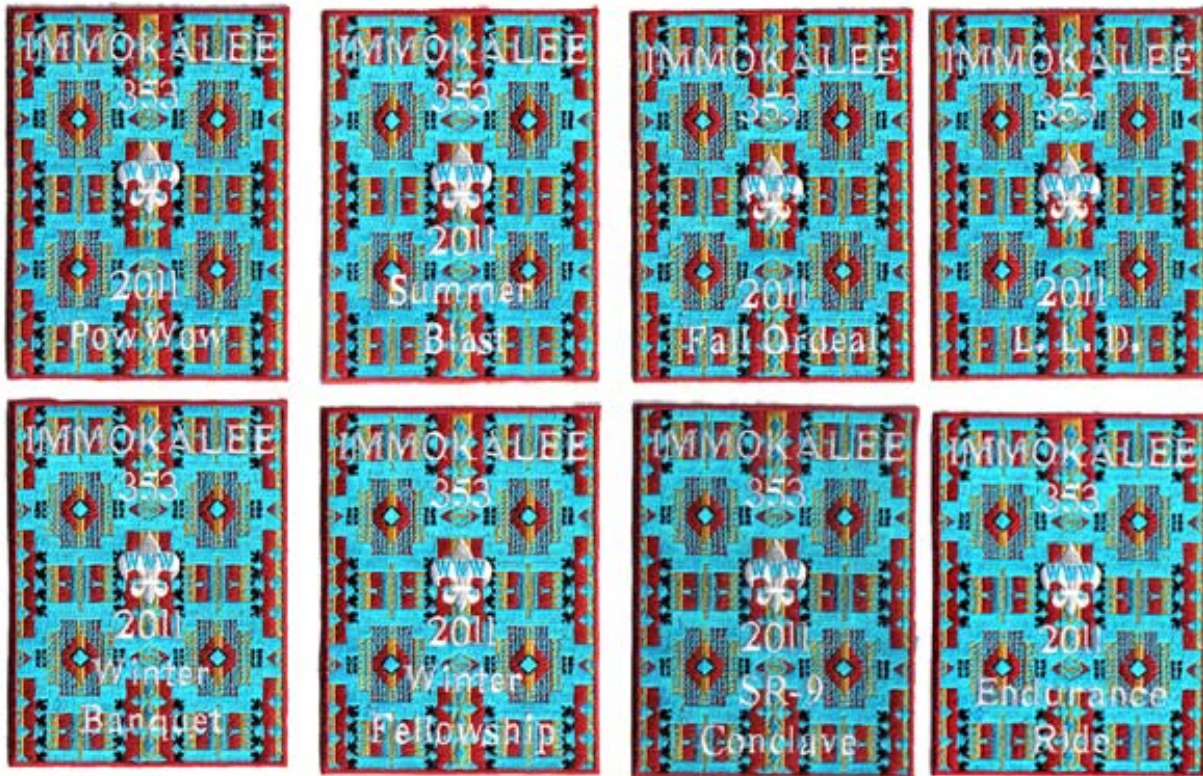




2009 ACTIVITY PATCHES
100 of each made. Designed by Mike Greene.



2010 ACTIVITY PATCHES
100 of each rocker made. Designed by Mike Greene.



2011 ACTIVITY PATCHES

100 of each rocker made. Designed by Mike Johnson.



2012 ACTIVITY PATCHES

100 of each made. Designed by Mike Greene.

All patches are the same size and color. Any differences are in the scans only.

The Vigil Reunion patch was the first patch made with the temporary council name of "South Georgia Council."



2013 ACTIVITY PATCH

150 made. Designed by Mike Greene.

Issued for the joint Alapaha and Immokalee ordeal and fellowship.
(Loop omitted)



2013 ACTIVITY PATCH

100 made. Designed by Mike Greene.

Issued to Brothers who attended the 2013 Conclave in April.
(Lettering is silver Mylar which blurred in the scan.)

Chapter IX

Immokalee Lodge Other Historical Items



At left, is a hand carved and painted neckerchief slide from Ralph Ellis, Field Executive for Chehaw Council, from 1943 until 1945. After his service with Chehaw Council, he served in Okefenokee Council, Pee Dee Council, and, a Council in West Virginia. He accumulated a large patch, neckerchief, and slide collection from Georgia. Although there is no way of definitely connecting this slide with Immokalee Lodge, it is a logical conclusion. The slide would have been produced in the late 1940 or early 1950 for use with the blue neckerchief with red piping with the X1 patch sewn onto it.

According to Wayne Woodard, in the 1960s the ceramic slide (right) was made by Wayne and a friend and hand painted. Each time they made a new batch the design changed a little. Therefore, many variations exist.



According to Herman Gaskins he obtained the metal slide (left) from one of the old Immokalee members.



Flap Pin
Issue date unknown.



Ordeal, Brotherhood, & Vigil generic pins
Date produced unknown but probably the early 1980s.
All pins are the same size and color. Any differences are in the scans only.



60th Anniversary Pin. 100 made.
'353' in chest of owl. '60 Years' with fdl to the right are below the owl.
Issued in 2007 at the Winter Banquet. Designed by Mike Greene