



The Owl Hoot

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CAMP OSBORN CALL-OUT

Miki Hutchinson and the ceremony team did a great job at the summer camp call-out. Thanks to Beau Carroll, Emory Greene, Marty Davis and Joshua Jack for taking time to learn the ceremony and providing a great experience for the candidates and parents. Also,



thank you to Patrick Johnson, lodge chief, who came out both nights. As the public part of the OA an outstanding call-out does make a good impression on all involved. This year Immokalee Lodge had twenty-nine scouts called-out during the two weeks of summer camp, they are: Christopher Hawkins, Jamarcus Stone, Tony Sears, Matthew Lingefelt, Jacob Benton, Peter Davis, Faro Palazzolo, Sean Tagwell, James Fisher, Richard Fisher, Alan Herrin, Will Smith, Evan Sheorn, Andrew Carroll, Adam Heath, Theo Baldwin, Logan Hanley, Jake Pittman, Jake Revell, Doug Roseth, Tyler Ledbetter, R. D. Hall Jr., Ashley Roig, Dante Denson, Chance

Anderson, Thomas Burtle, Gary Burtle, Michelle Willis, Allen Maples, Charles Dayhuff IV, Charles Dayhuff V, Michael Hamilton, Grayson Drew, Mark Brown, Richard Taylor and Benny Hall. *(Photo by Pat Bonz)*

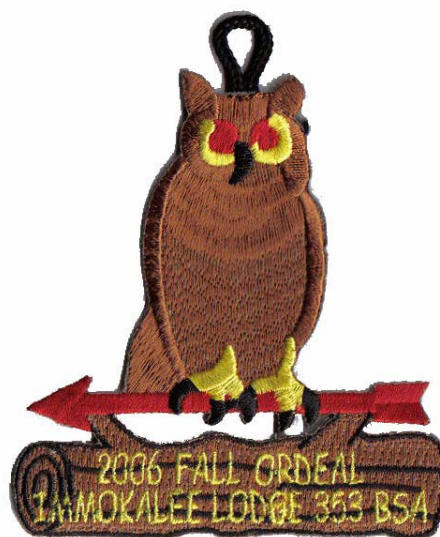


FROM THE LODGE ADVISOR

Brothers, Camp Osborn Summer Camp 2006 was a huge success, the biggest and best summer camp we have had in years. There was a total of 149 campers for the two weeks. Leaders were very positive in their compliments about camp: "the best in years", "the program was great", etc. Certainly, a large part of these compliments were due to our staff, almost all of whom were members of Immokalee Lodge. These young men (and adults) demonstrated what "Brotherhood in Service" means by devoting themselves to helping their fellow scouts have a great time and earn advancements.

Summer camp is always in need of staff. If you will be at least 15 years old by June 1, 2007, you too can be a part of this great Brotherhood. (We can also use a few 14 year olds). Send me an email @ negatamen353@cybersouth.com and I will get you a staff application. *(Continued on page 2)*

DON'T FORGET



FALL ORDEAL
November 17th to 19th, 2006
at Camp Osborn

FROM THE LODGE CHIEF

I want to thank each of you who helped with the call out this summer at Camp Osborn. This ceremony is the only one that the public sees. An impressive call out reflects well on our lodge.

Please plan on attending the Fall Ordeal and Fellowship. We are holding it later in the year to avoid conflicts with football games and gnats.

Patrick Johnson

Lodge Chief

The 'OLD OWLS'

Gordon Smith is the first in our series of biographies of the early members of Immokalee Lodge. We appreciate Gordon volunteering to be the test subject.

Gordon B. Smith became a member of Immokalee Lodge by completing his ordeal at Camp Osborn in 1958. He became a brotherhood member in 1959. After high school, he attended the University of Georgia and Cumberland Law School in Birmingham. Gordon then completed Ranger and Airborne Schools at Fort Benning and served our country both state side and overseas. He retired from the army with the rank of colonel.

Gordon is a member of a strong Scouting family. His great-uncle John L. Travis and his father Dr. William T. Smith both being recipients of the Silver Beaver Award. Gordon's three younger brothers are Dr. Bruce A. Smith, former president of Southwest Georgia (Chehaw) Council and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award; Dr. L. Travis Smith, recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and the Woodbadge; and Dr. Chris C. Smith. All are Eagle Scouts, all served on the staff at Camp Osborn, and all were inducted into Immokalee Lodge. Bruce and Travis both have Eagle Scout sons who were members of Immokalee Lodge. In addition, their sister Judge Nancy S. Stephenson has two sons who are Eagle Scouts and members of our lodge.

Gordon is currently president of Coastal Empire Council in Savannah which is served by Tomo Chi-Chi Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. He has served as chairman of the Chatham County Board of Elections. In addition to his public service he has published several books, including the four-volume *History Of The Georgia Militia, 1783-1861*, and with his wife the first of four volumes of early Georgia ghost stories, entitled *Ghost Dances and Shadow Pantomimes*. Shortly to be released is his three-volume *Morningstars Of Liberty: The Revolutionary War in Georgia, 1775-1783*. Also, Gordon has just compiled the history of Chehaw Council No. 97, originally known as Nochaway Council No. 100, an account of our lodge totem the owl, and a history of the origins of the names Immokalee and Chehaw as they apply to our lodge.



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There are also other ways to serve. Vice Chief Devin Hutchinson will be asking for volunteers to serve during the "One Day of Service" in October. This year, he is planning to have a service project in each Chehaw Council District. This way you can be right at home and help. When you are asked, please say 'yes'.

Sam Thompson

Lodge Adviser



COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS & ARTICLES

Please send comments and suggestions to Mike Greene, Editor, at mikegreene353@bellsouth.net

Editor's Note: The Spring 2006 Owl Hoot has Number 2 in the heading. This is an error as it was the first issue for 2006 and should have been Number 1.

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