



The OWL Hoot

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Immokalee Lodge #353
Chehaw Council #97



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Words from the Lodge Chief

2011 Lodge Chief Pat Madden

Hello brothers, I would like to say it is an honor to be elected to lead the lodge this year. For those of you who may not know me, I am a scouter from Troop 3 and a recent Albany resident. I have been involved in scouting since I was in the first grade. I have been an Eagle since September 2009. I have attended camp in various scout camps, both large and small. I have been to Philmont and a Jamboree. I have worked at Camp Osborn for 5 years now and have enjoyed the experience. As far as OA experience, I have been involved with other lodges, but Immokalee the longest. I have been an Elangomat, a Native American dancer, been involved in ceremonies support, vice chiefs (in one year), and now the lodge Chief of the Immokalee Lodge. I am very excited about the upcoming year. The Lodge leadership has big plans to make 2011 fun and a worthwhile experience. We plan to make a new and better identity for the lodge. We will uphold our great traditions and create new ones together, with the goal to build a bond of brotherhood that will stand the test of time. Every single arrowman is important to the lodge; it takes everyone working together in our lodge to operate successfully. With that thought in mind, I present a challenge to each member. Rekindle your fire, participate at the next event, and find a way to get involved, offer ways to improve the lodge experience. A lodge is nothing without its arrowmen. Ask lodge leadership how you can help. Once you feel apart of something you will want to see it succeed. You will receive the benefits of helping your fellow brothers and feel the spirit to help others in you. I am always seeking ways to improve the lodge and would love to hear from you. Every lodge member has a say in the direction of the lodge. Its not just the elected leaders lodge, it is OUR lodge. Let us reflect on the obligation we all took during our ordeal and strive to meet our commitments.

Your Brother,
Pat Madden

The OWL Hoot is the official membership publication of Order of the Arrow Immokalee Lodge #353. The Editors gladly accept articles from the Lodge membership. Please contact the current Lodge Secretary at: matt.dickinson22@gmail.com and the Lodge Historian at: mikegreene353@bellsouth.net to submit an article.

Lodge Leadership Development



The Lodge Executive Committee participated in Lodge Leadership Development on January 8th in order to make your Order of the Arrow experience even better in Immokalee Lodge. The 8-hour training session held at the Lem Griffin Chehaw Council Service Center included topics such as the roles and responsibilities of each Lodge office, effective communication, goal setting, event planning, and effective meetings. The Lodge Officers had several opportunities to improve their skills in these areas by working in small groups on practical exercises. The Lodge youth officers would like to express their appreciation to the Lodge Advisors for providing this high-quality training and to Mr. Clay Chester, Chehaw Council President, for providing lunch for the participants.



Seal Your Membership in the OA

For more than 90 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Arrowmen with 10 months of service as an Ordeal member attending camp at Camp Osborn this summer will have a unique opportunity to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood requirements during summer camp. Brotherhood ceremonies will be held each week of camp. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order. Contact your Scoutmaster or Troop OA Representative for more information on this special opportunity.

2011 Immokalee Lodge Officers

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| Pat Madden | Lodge Chief |
| Richard Taylor | Vice Chief of Administration |
| Dale Lackey | Vice Chief of Programs |
| Michael Owens | Lodge Treasurer |
| Matt Dickinson | Lodge Secretary |
| Forrest Crowder | North Chapter Chief |
| Dakota Kirkland | West Chapter Chief |
| Kwasi Wrensford | Inductions Chairman |
| Grayson Drew | Activities & Training Chairman |
| Michael Braswell | Service Chairman |
| Mr. Mike Greene | Lodge Historian |
| Mr. Tim McRae | Lodge Advisor |
| Mr. Brad Walbridge | Staff Advisor |
| Mr. Ray Allen | Supreme Chief of the Fire |

Upcoming Lodge and Section Events

| Event | Date | Location |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Winter PowWow | Jan 28-30 | Camp Osborn |
| Scout Sunday | Feb. 6th | Place of worship |
| Endurance Ride | Feb. 11-13 | Camp Osborn |
| Section S9 Conclave! | Apr. 15-17 | Camp Thunder Lawhorn Scouting Base |
| Council Scout Show | May 13-15 | Location: TBD |
| Summit Corps | July | New River Gorge Nat'l River |
| Indian Summer | Aug. 1-6 | Ridgecrest Conference Center |
| One Day of Service | Oct. 22 | Locations: TBD |
| NLS/NLATS | Nov. 4 | FL FFA Leadership Center |

Immokalee Lodge welcomes its new brothers and honors its older ones

Trevor Barajas, Michael Braswell, Jake Coptsiak, Richard Dayhuff, Pepper Greene, Matt Howard, Tyler Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Russell Johnson, Charles Kinnamon, Gregory McDonald, Geffory McDonald, Heeral McGhee, Khelan McGhee, Brian Means; Gerald W. Miller, Bailey Nipper; William F., Payne Clint Parker, Trenton Pepito, Tylen Pepito, Noah Phillips, James Reese, Jonathan Ruberson, Justin Sears, Garrett Skates, John Waller, Jonathan Webb, and Stephan Williams.

Immokalee Lodge proudly recognizes two of its members who have been recognized with the Order of the Arrow's highest level of understanding: The Vigil Honor. Congratulations to Past Lodge Chief Ben Crawford (Immokalee Vigil #121) and Council President Clay Chester (Immokalee Vigil #122) for their cheerful service in the brotherhood.

Back with the Georgia Lodges!

Many of you are far too young to remember when most of the Georgia lodges were together as a Section. The last time was 1992. We had been together since the founding of the Section system in 1945. The Georgia lodges had such a bond that we even had an extra Farewell Conclave in 1993 for the old Georgia Section in addition to the regular Conclaves with our new Sections. Section Conclave is always exciting, but this time will be special. Plan on attending!

Mike Greene



Current Lodge Membership

Ordeal: 88 Brotherhood: 65 Vigil: 33

Thought of the Month

(From the February, 1961 Owl Hoot)

"It is the duty of every arrowman to spread camping in his unit, community, and nation."

1970 Ordeal Work Crew

Cleaning out creek from
Jasmine Springs to Blue Hole



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