

SEMINOLE LODGE 85 BACKSTORIES

S-5 (RED bdr) and S-6 (LBL bdr)

From "The FloridOA Handbook" by Rick Obermeyer (1976). "At a meeting in the Summer of 1974, the Executive Board gave preliminary approval to an amendment that would use a different border color for each kind of membership in the Order: red for Ordeal, black for Brotherhood, and deep blue for Vigil. There seemed to be strong support for the move, so flaps were made to have them available at the Fall Fellowship after the general lodge membership approved the amendment. The amendment was not approved. The black borders were, of course, usable by the lodge. After a great deal of discussion, it was decided that the red and blue borders were the property of the council. The council has them in a safe place, for disposal at some future date." These were sold later in 1976. A few years later, fake versions of the three colors were made, from a source in the Far East. The lodge-ordered issues were Swiss embroidered.

N-3 1977 SE-6 CONFERENCE HOST neckerchief varieties

Demand exceeded supply for the host neckerchief created by the lodge for the 1977 Section SE-6 Conference. The problem was solved when some of the regular conference neckerchiefs were taken to a vendor, and had the word HOST embroidered into the patch. What that meant was that the embroidery went through the patch and the neckerchief cloth.

S-9 (GRY border) and S-10 (SMY border)

Seminole decided to order flaps with a silver border. Thinking that everybody knew that silver meant silver mylar, flaps were ordered with a silver border. The vendor thought that silver was silver (gray), and made them accordingly. This was corrected on future orders.

X-4 "THE IMAGE OF THE FUTURE"

The patch made for the 1988 Lodge Banquet did not have an event name or date, only the lodge name, totem, and the slogan "The Image Of The Future". Without a name or date, the piece is often listed as an odd-shaped patch, even though its purpose was for a specific event.

2003 HOME OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF FLAP, SMY border

At the 2002 National Council of Chiefs, member Nick Digirolamo was elected National Chief. By 2003, it had become a custom that the lodge of a national officer would create at least two flaps to commemorate the election of one of their own members. One version would be specifically for that officer to give away to those that have provided some sort of assistance. In this case, S-40 (GLD border) was sold by the lodge, while S-41 (GMY border) was given to Nick for his distribution; 100 were made with the GMY border. When he ran out, another 200 were created by an OA member outside the lodge. These were ordered from the same vendor that created S-40 and S-41, this time with a SMY border. Many believe that this should be considered an unauthorized issue, as it was not ordered or paid for by the lodge.

2008 ARROWCORPS5 “ODDITY”

For the OA ArrowCorps5 project at Bridger-Teton National Forest, at least one Arrowman from Seminole was a participant. A patch had been created to represent all of the lodges that rode on one of the buses to and from the venue, thirteen lodges from eight states.