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Re: Boy Scouts v. Odd Fellows

Dear Del and Mike:

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of an article which in today's Modesto Bee. I thought you might find the article interesting and amusing.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

Boy Scouts recognize Modesto lawyer

Schrimp joins list of presidents, heroes

By **KIM PERRY**
BEE STAFF WRITER

Modesto attorney Roger M. Schrimp is now among a group of select Americans — a list of fewer than 700 that includes Bob Hope, Neil Armstrong, Colin Powell and 15 American presidents.

Schrimp is one of 11 recipients this year of the Boy Scouts of America's greatest honor, the Silver Buffalo Award. The commendation, established in 1925, is granted for service to youth.

Schrimp said he was surprised to receive the award. "They don't give very many of these out," he said. "To get attention, you have to be in the public (eye). I come from Modesto."

While the 64-year-old doesn't consider himself a public figure, he has racked up many Scout awards. Schrimp began his career as a scout in 1948. Raised in Modesto and Stockton, Schrimp earned Eagle rank as a teenager. He earned an associate's degree from San Joaquin Delta College, then undergraduate and law de-



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grees from the University of California at Berkeley. Last year, the Greater Yosemite Council of Boy Scouts named him its Distinguished Citizen, while the Boy Scouts of America named him a Distinguished Eagle Scout.

Schrimp is a member of the Yosemite Area Council executive board and is on several national committees, including the International Committee. He's also vice president of membership for the Western region of

the Scouts.

The last local person to receive the Silver Buffalo Award was Amos Alonzo Stagg from Stockton in 1935. This year, award recipients were honored at the Scout's annual meeting in May in Grapevine, Texas.

The Silver Buffalo Award differs from most Scout honors because medal receivers don't have to be Scout members. But in Schrimp's case, he's a lifer.

"He's never been out of the Scouts," said Robert Dees, a Greater Yosemite Council executive. "He started as a Cub and stayed in his entire life."

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