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O-Shot-Caw Lodge made history at the Section Conference! ~THREE TIME BEST ALL AROUND LODGE~

O-Shot-Caw Lodge has done it again! At this past Section Conference, the Brothers from down south once again showed the rest of Section-4 why we consider ourselves the best! The Section Conference was held on the weekend of April 20-22, 2001 at the Sand Hill Scout Reservation. The Timuquan Lodge 340 had the distinct pleasure of hosting the Conference this year.

Since last years gathering, the

O-Shot-Caw Lodge has been in deep preparation for the competition this year. The only way you can keep winning the contest is by showing signs of growth and/or improvements in the certain areas. In order for the Lodge to compete in all the activities offered at the Section Conference, the Lodge Executive Committee (L.E.C.) delegated certain responsibilities between both the Lodge Officers and the Committee Chairman. Josh Levenson represented the Lodge in the Best All Around Lodge competition, Corey Castillo headed



Josh Levenson receives the Best All Around Lodge Trophy from Section Chief, Devlin Cooper!

up the Inductions Competition, Andre Cupas handled the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Paul Fluty represented King's Cup, and Gary Kienzle represented our Lodge in the Publications competition. The Dance, Drum, and Ceremonies team were represented as a whole unit.

Our Lodge arrived at Sand Hill Friday and was ready to make some noise! It did not take long for our Lodge to settle in, thanks to the

smooth run registration by the Timuquan Lodge. At the Pre-Show Friday night, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge claimed a whole section to itself and

let everyone know we were in attendance! We watched as the National Chief, Don Cunningham and the Region Chief, Jason Kemp put on a skit, which promoted Northern Tier. Our very own past Lodge Chief, Bobby Kuntsman, serves as director for the Wilderness Voyage. (For more information on Northern Tier, visit www.oa-bsa.org.) The Pre-

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Ordeal. Words cannot describe how privileged I feel to once again have the opportunity to lead this great Lodge.

While looking towards the future, it is always good to recap our accomplishments. Since the last issue of *The Patchwork*, our Lodge has many things to be proud of. At the Section Conference, our Lodge was named the BEST ALL AROUND LODGE in Section S4! This is the third consecutive year that our Lodge has earned this honor. If you missed the Section Conference this year, you missed out on one amazing gathering of over 1,200 brothers from around Section!

Immediately following the Conference, our Lodge once again hosted the Largest Spaghetti Dinner Ever at Pro Player Stadium on April 27, 2001. Thanks to the hard work of Spaghetti Dinner Chairman, John Kramer, and his Adviser, Glen Gilbert, this Lodge united and raised approximately \$3,000 in name of Joseph Aaron Abbott. Since Mr. Gilbert has many other positions both in the Lodge and in the Council, next year the Spaghetti Dinner Adviser will be David Kramer.

As most of you know, it is at the Summer Ordeal where the Lodge Officers are elected. It was hard to bid farewell to my past officers because they did such an outstanding

Chiefly Speaking...

Dear Brothers,

I would like to start off this issue of the Patchwork by thanking the Lodge for electing me to a second term as your O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief at this past Summer

job. On a lighter note, two of the officers have once again been elected! I look forward to working with Andre, Albert, Rich, and Alex as we carry on the great tradition this Lodge has. Rest assured that the five of us know that the future of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge will reflect upon our actions. To further exemplify that point, First Year Arrowman, Brian Polino swore us into office.

This coming Lodge year will definitely be one you do not want to miss! Our first Lodge event will be the Fall Ordeal held on the weekend of September 14-16, 2001 out at Camp Seminole. Our Lodge Officers already have great things planned for the weekend and look forward to seeing you in attendance!

Another event that everyone should be looking forward to is the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Even as you read this article, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge is preparing for NOAC. Our Dance Team has made it a personal mission to once again be National Champions! This event only happens every two years, make sure you're a part of this year contingent.

Again, thank you for electing me as your Lodge Chief. "Learn through experience; succeed through ambition."

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Josh Levenson
 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
 2000-2002

NOAC 2002 Indiana University!

“July 27 through August 1, 2002”

Have you ever spent a week with 7,000 other Arrowman from around the Nation? Have you ever slept in dormitories rather than tents? If you answered no, then you need to sign up for the National Order of the Arrow Conference today! This National event is commonly referred to by the acronym, “N.O.A.C.” It is a bi-annual National Event that the Order of the Arrow hosts at various Universities. The last conference was held at the University of Tennessee in 2000. That year, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265 flew in over 80 Arrowman and took NOAC by storm! Our Lodge made such an awesome showing at NOAC, that our Lodge was featured in the *National Bulletin* Volume LII, Issue 3. When you sign up for NOAC with the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, you not only attend the Conference, but we put together a site seeing package as well. All Contingent members are given an O-Shot-Caw Lodge souvenir package (NOAC 2000’s included a Backpack, O-Shot-Caw Polo T-Shirt, O-Shot-Caw Knife, Hat, 2 patch sets, and various other items during the trip). Past NOAC Contingent member, Chris Tufts, had this to say about NOAC, “The arena shows and whitewater rafting was awesome!” At NOAC 2002, our Lodge’s Dance Team has already set a goal to become National Champions in the Group Dance competition! Slots are now opening for any youth member interested in attending NOAC. If you want to reserve a spot on the 2002 NOAC contingent, send a \$100 deposit to the Tom Tatham Scout Center at: 15255 NW 82nd Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL 33016. Make all check payable to the South Florida Council. Along with the money, include a sheet that has your name, address, phone number, and Chapter name. This \$100 deposit in **nonrefundable, but it is transferable**. If you pay, and learn that you can no longer attend the Conference, you can sell your seat to another Arrowman. The mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge plans on dominating NOAC 2002! Join us on this amazing adventure! SIGN UP TODAY!

~Committee Reports~

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Awards and Recognition Committee operated under a new name this year to help encompass not only the Vigil Honor selection process, but also the selection of the Meritorious Service Award and Founders Award recipients.

This year, the committee continued O-Shot-Caw’s fine tradition of selecting only the most deserving candidates for all of the Lodge’s yearly recognitions.

-Ivan Lopez

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood Committee is responsible for making sure Ordeal Members seal their ties in Brotherhood. One of the goals the Brotherhood Committee made this year was

to improve the conversion rate, which they did. This year alone 69, people sealed their ties in Brotherhood. This year was a great year for the Brotherhood Committee; we accomplished many great things and fun doing it. I hope next year will be a great year for the Brotherhood Committee like it was this year and conversion rate would keep going up.

-Albert Nuno

CAMP PROMOTIONS

This year the Camp Promotions committee updated the “Where to Go Camping Book” to version 3.0. Instead of printing the books, the file was placed on the Council Program CD, which was mass-produced and distributed to the Adults of the

council at the Program Kickoff. Thanks to Chapter support, we reached many troops with Camp Promotion visits this year.

-Greg Wiener

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CAMPERSHIP FUND

This year was the first year that this committee has been around and I believe it is an important one and had a strong start. We helped all the chapters to do their part in raising money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership fund. At the South Florida Council Banquet I was honored to present along with Josh a Check for 15,000 dollars to Anthony Burns in order to help underprivileged kids go to summer camp.

-Jeff Castillo

CEREMONIES

This Lodge year was a great year for the Ceremonies Team. Since NOAC, where we won 13 ceremonial medals, we have provided quality ceremonies for the Lodge at every function. At this past Section Conference, we earned Merit status. I would like to thank everyone who helped me and congratulate James Trimble on being next year's Ceremonies Chairman.

-Zach Bentele

DANCE TEAM

O-Shot-Caw's Dance Team took 1st Place at the Section Conference! We're Back! Thanks to all the guys for stepping up and getting outfits done in the last few weeks before conference; especially thanks to Andre Cupas for stepping up as Dance Boss and leading the team to victory. We celebrated with a bar-b-q at Ron Bells' house with water skiing and football. For the future, each member of the dance team has committed to bringing one other individual to practice. The plan is to at least double the

team for competition at NOAC 2002. Congratulations and thanks to Eric McAlpin for becoming Dance team Chairman! We all look forward to a great year!

-Chris Miller

DRUM TEAM

At the past Section Conference, your O-Shot-Caw Lodge Drum Team earned 1st place for the third consecutive year in a row! I would like to thank all the members of the Drum team for their hard work and dedication to the Order. All year, we have performed for different packs, troops, districts, and events. The Miccosukee District even awarded us with a plaque at their annual District dinner. We still hold practices every Friday night at Wolf Lake Park, unless there is a Lodge event that weekend. It was a pleasure to serve as Drum Team Chairman. Thank you O-Shot-Caw!

-Fred Priebeis

ELANGOMAT

In the Lenni Lenape language, Elangomat translates as the word friend. When you went through your Ordeal, these were the people that went through the Ordeal again to show that we are bound in the brotherhood. If you are interested in becoming an Elangomat for an Ordeal, contact me at 954-344-6843. At the Ordeal, you will get an Elangomat T-shirt and sash to wear, signifying you are an Elangomat. If you are an Elangomat once, you get a T-Shirt. If you are an Elangomat a second time, you get an Elangomat hat. Finally, if you are an Elangomat for a third

time, you get the limited edition Elangomat Lodge Flap. One of the Ordeals you are an Elangomat at must be the Summer Ordeal for this final incentive. Thanks and see you at the next Ordeal!

-Matt Beerman

1ST YEAR ARROWMAN

Hi everyone, this year was a year of growth and establishment for the First Year Arrowman Committee. This year we accomplished the tasks of sending out the FYA cards to new ordeal members in our lodge and receiving their completed FYA cards, and we also ran a training seminar at the Lodge Banquet targeted at the new Arrowmen in our lodge. We honored these exemplary "First Year Arrowmen" at the Lodge Banquet. We plan on this new year, to increase the effectiveness of the FYA committee by continuing to send out the FYA cards and by sending out a First Year Arrowmen book, sending out post cards to new members inviting them to the next lodge event, and by continuing to honor our First Year Arrowmen. Congratulations.

-Robert Perlstein

INTERNET

The Lodge has updated the website many times through the year and added links to other OA sites. At the Section Conference, we entered the website in the Publications competition along with *The Patchwork*. To see the website, visit www.O-Shot-Caw.org.

-Dennis Buice

KING'S CUP

Hi everyone. My name is Paul Fluty, King's Cup Chairman. I took over the committee half way through the Lodge year. Since my appointment, the committee has been at every Lodge event and Council event. In preparation for the Section Conference, the King's Cup Committee added a manikin that was dressed up as a Seminole Indian and was wearing the Lodge Chief's Turban. This awesome looking display scored us a second place victory at the Section Conference. We tied for first, but the Section Officers split the decision the other way. We already have our heads up and are looking forward to next year. If you want to help take photos or set up the King's Cup display, call me at 305-349-1137. Thanks and see you at the next event!

-Paul Fluty

MEMBERSHIP

Bla, Bla, Bla. I know, that is basically what everyone else wrote, but I am here to change that. I am going to fit my report in less than 100 words. Amazing, you say? You think it can't be done? Well, just wait and see. First, I will talk about how our membership has improved so much in numbers from last year – perhaps that is because I kept a good database, or because the dues form looked so nifty. Some say, however, that it was because of Josh's achievements as Lodge Chief, and nobody can discount that. But I won't talk about that; I just don't feel like it. Instead, I will touch briefly on how I

redid the database to make it more efficient. It is housed in Filemaker Pro, by Claris, and it has lots of scripts and such so nobody can really mess it up; thus making the program idiot-proof. It is cool. Oh, shoot, I exceeded 100 words, I should stop writing. Well, See you all next year... bye for now.

-Ian Brelinsky

PUBLICATIONS

We had a great year this time around. We published 4 *Patchworks* that serve to inform the O-Shot-Caw brothers on what's going on in the Lodge, Section and National levels. I am pleased to say that this year at the final S-4 Section Conference we placed first in publications, an honor we don't often receive. I would like to thank all that helped to put the Patchwork together, especially the kind people of Photo Offset.

-Jeff Castillo

QUARTERMASTER

We cleaned out the shed at the Fall Ordeal and really organized it well. Since then, I've kept a running inventory of the supplies. Next year the committee plans to put shelves in the shed.

-Ryan Mannix

SERVICE

This has been a very good year in terms of the lodge brothers giving service to the Council and to our communities. The Service to America Committee met its goal and contributed hundreds of man-hours to our communities. The BSA promised 200 million man-hours nationally and we actually

donated 214 million man-hours. America & SFC are better because of you my fellow scouts. This committee is therefore dissolved as of Jan 1, 2001. The One Day of Service remains and you should plan a service project or leading Scouts in service to their local communities this fall & winter. The Service Committee saw double the number of chapters competing in the All Around Best Chapter competition. Healthy chapters build a healthy lodge. Congratulations to all the chapters who competed and I'd encourage those who did not, to enter next year. At the Sept LEC, I'll try to suggest ways to improve this competition. Congratulations especially to Gokhos Chapter for an outstanding presentation and winning the 2001 All Around Best Chapter title.

-Grant Wolz

SPIRIT

We had a great year! It was my pleasure to serve my fellow Arrowman as your Spirit Chairman. Remember to always keep that O Shot-Caw Spirit with you that we are famous for.

-Carlos Moreno

TRADING POST

Over the past year, the Great White Heron Trading Post has come a long way. The trading post has brought in over \$3,500 at all of the lodge events that we have set up. At the silent auction alone, that was held at the Lodge Banquet, we brought

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ALLOHAK

The Allohak Chapter has a lot to be proud of this year. We raised Chapter attendance at all Lodge and Chapter functions. 50 brothers from Allohak attended the Section Conference this year (largest chapter)! Two members of the chapter became Exceptional First Year Arrowman, two members received the Meritorious Service Award (Ian Brelinsky and Gary Kienzle) and Mr. Savage became a Vigil Honor member at the Lodge Banquet. We look forward to taking back the Best All Around Chapter Award next year!

-Gary Kienzle

ELGIXIN

The Mighty Elgixin Chapter is closing out another great year. We inducted scores of new Brothers and have helped many new Brotherhood members seal their ties. Our Chapter was well represented on the LEC and at all OA functions. To prove that, we had a great showing at the annual Lodge Banquet and placed second in both the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and the newly added Rusty Arrow Award. Through hard work Elgixin reached Honor Chapter status this year. We look forward to another great year of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service under new Chief Evan Vialpando and Vice Chief Edi Biber gall.

-Rich Otero

GOKHOS

Fellow Brothers, the Gokhos Chapter has had a great year. After taking over as Chapter Chief, the Chapter attendance grew and allowed us to

participate in Service to America and many Lodge functions. In the Tom Tatham Spirit Award Competition at the Lodge Banquet, we finished in third place; at the bowling tournament we won the top Chapter trophy. For the summer, our Chapter has many Chapter leadership activities planned to go along with Mr. Gundlach's plan for adult training. To cap off a great year, Gokhos was awarded the **Best All Around Chapter Award!**

-Greg Wiener

PALDANI

This year has gone by fast for the chapter. We finished our One Day Service Project and setup the tent for the Haunted Forest. I plan on making this upcoming year one of the best years for the chapter. My new chapter officers are ready to take on their responsibilities and are ready to do their parts to make this chapter the best. I would like to congratulate the Gokhos Chapter for being named the Best All Around Chapter. Congratulations to the Honor Chapters too.

-Luigi Spasiano

TOMOKA

We closed out the year with Chapter elections and we looked back at the year to see what we have really done. We have come to a conclusion on what we want to accomplish next year. We are going to start early for the Haunted Forest to win the Golden Pumpkin. We also want to bring back the Tom Tatham Spirit Award from the Banquet and win the Best All Around Chapter. Then there are

the members of the chapter we would like to thank: Ryan Llera and Fred Priebis, both past chapter chiefs. The chapter would also like to thank the adults - Joe Alterman, Carlos Azevedo, Mark Priebis and Facundo Ayvar for there help and support through out the year.

-Andrew Azevedo

O-SHOT-CO-CHEE

This past year was one of rebuilding. A change of power in the middle of the year made this year a difficult one. We were, however, very successful at the Haunted forest. We had 3 chapter members go to the section conference, and help the water-polo team to beat the rest of the section. We were also very successful in hosting a bowling tournament, which the Gokhos chapter won. In the coming year we hope to be more active in the lodge, and help the lodge become 4-time best-all-around lodge.

-David MacNamara

HNU-RA-CON

Hnu-Ra-Con completed a successful year. Besides the Section and Lodge events, the Chapter had a Rock Climbing fellowship and taught camping skills to first year Scouts at the Hurricane Camporee. The highlight of the campfire at the Camporee was an OA Call out ceremony that included our Chapter Drum Team. Fourteen troops elected candidates this year, so we are very much looking forward to next year.

-Rick Arroyo

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Meet your 2001-2002 Lodge Officers!



Josh Levenson entered the OA in the fall of 1996. He served as the Allohak Chapter Chief from 1998-2000. During his term as Chapter Chief, Allohak won the Golden Pumpkin Award and the Best All Around Chapter Award. He was awarded the Meritorious Service award and bestowed with the Vigil Honor at the 2000 Lodge Banquet. His Vigil name is Gishitehen Takachsin, which translates as "Determined Leader." Josh is also an active member of both the Dance and Ceremonies Team. This Eagle Scout was a Silver Knight nominee and finished 3rd in his class out of 700 students at Piper High School. He is now a freshman at the University of Miami and is currently serving his second term as your Lodge Chief!



Andre Cupas became a member of the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 1997. Since his induction, Andre quickly became very active in the Lodge. In the 98/99 Lodge Year, he served as the Unit Elections Chairman. Andre then moved on to become the Brotherhood Chairman the next year. He was then elected to serve as the Lodge's Second Vice Chief for the 2000-2001 Lodge year. At this past Lodge Banquet, Andre was presented with the Vigil Honor. His Vigil Name is Tengettik Netopalis, which translates as "Little Warrior." Andre is also an active member of the Dance Team. He is on the wrestling, cross-country track, volleyball, and badminton team at Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High. Andre is currently serving as your First Vice Chief.



Albert Nuño entered the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 1998 and sealed his ties in Brotherhood a year later. At the Lodge level, Albert has served as Assistant Brotherhood Chairman (1999-2000), Brotherhood Chairman (2000-2001), and is now serving as your Second

Vice-Chief (2001-2002). Albert attended both NOAC 2000 and the 2001 National Jamboree. Albert is a Life Scout of Troop 534 and is a junior at Southwest Miami Senior High maintaining a 3.0 Grade Point Average. Albert plans to attend FIU after High School.

Rich Otero is a Life Scout from Troop 397 of Coral Springs. He became a member of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge in the summer of 1998, and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood in March of the following year. In only his second year in the Order, he was elected Chapter Secretary of the Elgixin Chapter. The next year he was elected Chapter Chief, where he led Elgixin to Honor Chapter status. In his Troop he has held numerous positions: Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. He hiked through Philmont in the summer of 2000, and was a delegate to the 2001 Section S-4 Section Conference. Rich is now your Lodge Secretary!



Serving once again as our Lodge Treasurer is **Alex Gershowitz**. Alex entered the Order of the Arrow in 1996. He served on the Ceremonies team as the equipment manager for many years now. In the Elgixin Chapter, Alex has held the position of Chapter Secretary. He was the 1999-2000 Troop/Team Representative Chairman for the Lodge. Furthermore, Alex is an Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Ner Tamid Award. He is also on the Dance Team. At the 2001 Lodge Banquet, Alex was called out for the Vigil Honor. His Vigil name is Litchewagon Witschindin, which translates as "Thoughtful Helper." Alex can be seen driving the "Gershmobil" to virtually every Lodge function. Presently, Alex is a freshman at the University of Central Florida.



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show ended after the Devlin Cooper welcomed everyone to the conference. Then the day finally came: Saturday! 9:00 AM was the start time for many of the competitions. If an Arowman was not involved in a competition, he attended training seminars taught by the most skilled brothers from the Section. The competitions that were heavily attended by our Lodge were both the King's Cup and Best All Around Lodge competition. At the Best All Around Lodge Competition, Josh Levenson gave a 25-minute presentation on the O-Shot-Caw Lodge with the Pooca Tooka Chapter in attendance, providing full support for the Lodge. At the King's Cup competition, many brothers from the Lodge visited not only our booth, but different Lodge displays as well. After all of the morning competitions were over, our Lodge ate lunch and then prepared for both Native American competition and the Quest for the Golden Arrow. While we competed in the Quest events, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge returned to the Section Conference with a Group Dance Team! The Brothers of the Dance team performed dances from the Seminole Green Corn Dance. John Gundlach said, "As a senior member of the Dance Team, I had a lot of fun competing in the Group Dance Completion. We worked very hard on our costumes and dances, and I was very glad to see that the Return of the Dance Team was a huge success." After an amazing performance, the Drum Team stepped up to the "drum" and played an

amazing set, including Ponca songs. Thanks to the over 200 O-Shot-Caw brothers in attendance, we competed in every competition available. Since we won both Dance and Drum Team events, the two teams performed at the Saturday night show in front of the Section! This means that our Lodge is now a Three Time Drum Team Champion and once again a First Place Dance Team! The Saturday night show included video clips, loud music, a performance by a band that created music by banging on trash cans, and a skit which showed the future of the Order of Arrow and planning a Section Conference. After an awesome show, our Lodge rested and prepared for the Awards ceremony the following morning. From "Knock, Knock" to "Na, na, na, na, na," everyone heard the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Sunday morning. In regard to awards, our King's Cup display earned 2nd Place off of a tie breaking vote, we earned 2nd Place in Inductions by only a half of a point, 1st Place Dance Team, 1st Place Drum Team, 1st Place Publications (*Go Patchwork!*), 1st Place Water polo, and of course... 1st PLACE BEST ALL AROUND LODGE – for the third year in a row! Many

people from around the Section thought it could not be done; but we proved otherwise! At the end of the business meeting, we elected our new Section Chief, Chris Crowley from Tipisa Lodge. Since this was the last Section S4 event, our Lodge is now part of Section S4S, which encompasses 8 Lodges from around Florida. If you missed the Section Conference this year, make plans to attend next year's at the Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation hosted by the brothers of Seminole Lodge #85.



FIRST PLACE DANCE TEAM!

- WHAT DID WE WIN?**
- 1st Place – Best All Around Lodge
 - 1st Place – Dance Team
 - 1st Place – Drum Team
 - 1st Place – Publications
 - 1st Place – Water Polo
 - 2nd Place – Kings Cup
 - 2nd Place – Inductions
 - 2nd Place – Volleyball
 - Merit Ceremonies Team
- Section S4S Lodges**
O-Shot-Caw, Tipisa, Timuquan
Seminole, Echockotee, Aal-Pa
Tah, Semialachee, and Osceola.

1 Summer Ordeal June 1-3, 2001

The Summer Ordeal was a great success! It was held at Camp Lone Oak, located in Inverness, FL. Unlike other events, the Summer Ordeal programs started Friday night! Ordeal candidates met at the program shelter while other members of the Lodge were tested for their brotherhood. Furthermore, the candidates whom were called-out for the Vigil Honor at the Lodge Banquet went through their Vigil ceremony Friday night. It was a busy first night, but fun nonetheless. When Saturday morning rolled around, the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter had breakfast ready to go for all the brothers. Following breakfast, the Chapters began to set up camp along with the assistance of the Ordeal Candidates. Even with slightly less numbers than the year before, the camp was still set up very fast. Courtney Bays, To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter Chief recalls the weekend by, "Well I think we accomplished what we wanted to do and more at Lone Oak. And I'm looking forward to see it in action at Lone Oak." By the time lunch rolled around, everything was laid out in the sites ready to be setup. During lunch, the Ordeal candidates and the Lodge witnessed the public recognition ceremony for the Vigil Honor members and nominations for Lodge Office began. The rest of the camp was then set up following lunch. Since this was the last Ordeal of the Lodge year, the Best All Around Chapter Competition was held at the Ordeal. Our Lodge had FIVE chapters compete in this competition: Allohak, Elgixin, Gokhos, Pooça Tooka, and Tomoka. All five chapters went on to receive Honor Chapter Status, but the **Gokhos Chapter** emerged as the Best All Around Chapter of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Good luck to everyone next year! On Saturday night, our Lodge showcased its NOAC award winning ceremonies team. Later that night, brothers from the Lodge feasted at dinner, played volleyball, and swam in the pool. At the Lodge meeting on Sunday, our Lodge publicly recognized the 54 new Ordeal members and 24 Brotherhood candidates. Then, just like the years before, we held our Lodge elections and elected the new Lodge Officers. (See page 7). It was a great weekend full of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service! Thank you to all who attended this year.



First Year Arrowman, Brian Polino, leads the New Lodge Officers in the Scout Oath.

O-Shot-Co-Chee Bowling Tournament

On May 20, the O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter hosted a bowling tournament at the Clover Leaf Bowling Lanes. It was extremely successful. There were 41 brothers present, bowling and having fun. Among the fun, there was some competition. The Gokhos chapter won with the highest chapter average, and the largest chapter turnout. Jeff Castillo from Hnu-Ra-Con chapter won the youth competition, while Peter Lewis from the O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter was the adult winner. Everybody had lots of fun, and \$376 was raised. All of the money raised went to the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund.



Ron Bell bowled three strikes in a row at the Tournament!

HONOR CHAPTERS

Allohak
Chief: Gary Kienzle

Gokhos
Chief: Greg Wiener

Elgixin
Chief: Rich Otero

Pooça Tooka
Chief: Aaron Tecosky

Tomoka
Chief: Andrew Azevedo

FIRST YEAR ARROWMAN PROGRAM STORMS THE NATION!

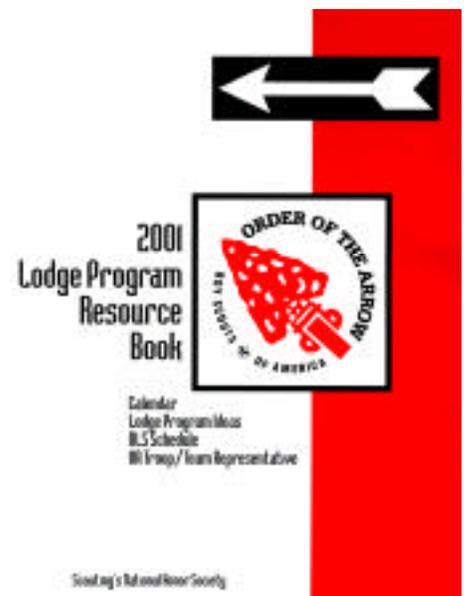
In 1998, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge was brainstorming ideas on membership retention and how to keep Brothers active years after the Induction. A scary statistic revealed that two out of every three brothers inducted in to the Order of the Arrow became inactive. This is where the First Year Arrowman program steps up to defy that number! Past Lodge Chief, Ivan Lopez, developed the First Year Arrowman Program here in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. At the time, the program was still an idea and was not fully implemented into the Lodge Structure. The First Year Arrowman Program works in three phases: Invite, Inspire, and Incentive. The program is designed to make one awesome first impression – hoping to fully instill the spirit of the Order into the new members. The Sunday morning, after the Candidates become members of the Lodge, the First Year Arrowman Committee gives the Brother a New Member Orientation Manual and an Exceptional First Year Arrowman requirement card. At the next Lodge event, all first year Arrowman are **invited** to the F.Y.A. Breakfast, which is attended by the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, and the First Year Arrowman Committee. At the Breakfast, and throughout the course of the weekend, the brothers of the Lodge and the Lodge Executive Committee set the example and show these new brothers what this Order is all about. This then **inspires** the new Arrowman to attend the next Lodge event. Finally, after attending Lodge events, Chapter meetings, and completing the five simple requirements for the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award, the Brother is awarded with a special recognition at the Lodge Banquet in front of the entire Lodge: the **incentive**. In the first year of the program, only 8 brothers earned the award; however, in 2001, 19 brothers earned the Exceptional First Year Arrowman award. Our Lodge's Staff Adviser, Jeff Berger said, "The first year Arrowman program is a great way to get the new members active immediately in the lodge and chapter. The concept is similar to getting a new Scout to summer camp and on their way to first

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class rank during their first months in the program. The First Year Arrowman program has helped in membership retention and brotherhood conversion."

This program grew so quickly, that former Lodge Chief, Sean McKnight

designated an entire committee, with the sole purpose of carrying out the responsibilities of the F.Y.A. program. The following year, the Lodge appointed an Adviser to assist the Committee Chairman in his endeavors. As the program sprouted here in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, other Lodge's around the nation got word of the program and tried to emulate it. The First Year Arrowman program first reached National attention at the beginning of the year with the release of the *2001 Lodge Program Resource Book*. This book was mailed to every Lodge that re-chartered with the National Office and it included the F.Y.A. Program. After the program's printing in the Resource Book, the *National Bulletin* loved the program so much that they asked the O-Shot-Caw Lodge to submit an article for printing. Volume LII, issue 2 of the *National Bulletin*, contains the F.Y.A. Program. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge is used to national attention, but this is by far the best thing that has happened to a program in the Lodge. This simple idea thought of in 1998 has spawned a revolution both here and around the nation!



NOK-SU

Nok-Su Chapter had a great year. Attendances at lodge and chapter events were up. We fielded a team at the lodge banquet and won several categories...watch out you big guys we're coming up! We had a very successful One Day of Service Project and the first weekend of May we returned to Camp Sawyer for our annual Conch Craziiness. 41 brothers were in attendance with visitors from Gainesville, Orlando, West Palm Beach and Ft Myers. It is a shame more local brothers don't discover this beautiful SFC camp and attend our fellowship. Next year, same place -same time...check Council calendar. Thanks also to all the Brothers who supported my administration the last 6 years. We held our election and Chris Sykes of Troop 578, Key West is our newly elected chapter chief.

-Grant Wolz

TO-HOPKI-LAGI

Well this year for the most part has been a success; I have accomplished pretty much all my goals. Are attendance has gone up 75% since my first meeting. We made a nice showing at the Lodge Banquet by placing 2nd in Tug-of-War and 2nd in something else, can't remember the name. We used the Troop/Team Rep. to our advantage. We got a new Chapter Advisor, and we won the Golden Pumpkin, which is one of many awards to come. My plans for the future are to have successful unit elections and have all the spots that I want to be filled. Also I would

like to once again win the Golden Pumpkin, I would like to place in the top 3 at the Lodge Banquet for the quest for the Golden Arrow. And last to become an honor chapter. Thank you.

-Courtney Bays

POOCA TOOKA

This was a really great year for the Pooca Tooka Chapter. Our numbers at Lodge events increased and we competed in every Chapter competition. Our Chapter won the Tom Tatham Spirit Award at the Lodge Banquet and our Adults earned the new Quest for the Rusted Arrow. We were also named an Honor Chapter this year through the Best All Around Chapter Competition. I would like to thank Andre Cupas for representing the Chapter in this competition. Look out for Pooca Tooka next year!

-Aaron Tecosky

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in almost \$500. We have designed 7 patches and we have ended the Chapter series as of the summer ordeal. We are currently working on the design for next year's series and hope to have the first patch out for the Fall Ordeal. I hope everyone has a great summer!

-John Gundlach

UNIT ELECTIONS

The Unit Elections Committee has been hard at work this year. At one of the LEC meetings, we decided to switch the Candidate paperwork down to a Chapter level from a lodge level – in hope to spread the word more efficiently. We were at every Lodge function handling Ordeal registration and working with the Membership Committee.

-Nivit Poochareon

OA Spaghetti Dinner

By John Kramer

On April 27, 2001, our lodge hosted the second annual Spaghetti Dinner. Held in conjunction with the council's Youth Expo's Sleepover at Pro Player Stadium, it turned out to be a huge success. We served spaghetti to several hundred Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their adult leaders. Thank you to the brothers who helped pre-cook the meal on Thursday night and to the brothers who helped serve the meal on Friday night. The money we raised that evening will put us close to achieving a lodge goal. Great job guys. This year we saw an increase in presale tickets. Your Lodge Executive Committee even created an incentive to pre-sell tickets. They decided that any youth brother who sold 25 tickets was allowed to have their name put into a lottery. His name was entered into the lottery again, every time he sold 5 more tickets. The winner would have the NOAC 2002 registration fee paid for by the lodge. The drawing took place at the Summer Ordeal, and the winner is...Gary Kienzle. Congratulations to Gary. The next big fundraiser for the lodge is the Haunted Forest held at Camp Seminole near the end of October. Talk to your chapter chief about getting involved in this great fellowship.

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Lodge Calendar

**Fall Ordeal
September 14-16, 2001
Camp Seminole**

**Haunted Forest
October 27, 2001
Camp Seminole**

**Winter Ordeal
January 11-13, 2002
Camp Everglades**

**Lodge Banquet
March 1-3, 2002
Camp Seminole**

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