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The 2002 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Banquet was an Awesome Weekend!

Since the beginning of the lodge, the brothers of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge have had an annual gathering to honor their fellow Arrowmen for the service that they have done. Whether they gathered at a hotel or at Camp Seminole, their intentions were the same: to have a good time. This year, the Lodge Banquet was held out at Camp Seminole. The weekend began on Friday with many of our brothers sealing their ties in the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood Ceremony, held Friday night, was a huge success thanks to the Ceremonies team and their hard work. After the ceremony, many of our brothers took part in the Brotherhood Bash put on by the Gokhos Chapter. However, it eventually turned into a large shaving cream fight. Saturday began with many of our newer brothers attending the First-Year-Arrowman Breakfast, organized by Brian Polino. At the breakfast, they learned about the lodge and all the many things that it has to offer, and what they can do for the lodge. After breakfast, it was off to the Training Sessions! The training sessions allowed you to learn many things about the OA and the lodge from experts like Eric McAlpin or Matt Priebis.



Pooca Tooka reclaims both the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and Rusted Arrow at the 2002 Lodge Banquet!

Training sessions that were offered included: How to be a Successful Chapter Chief, History of the Order of the Arrow, Meet Your Lodge Officers, and Unlocking the Circle of Brotherhood. After lunch, the chapters began competing against each other for the coveted Tom Tatham Spirit Award. It seemed that the two powerhouses in the competition this year were the Gokhos Chapter, and the Pooca Tooka Chapter. However, after calling in reinforcements and competing in events like the Holy Drum, OA Jeopardy, and Tug of War, the Pooca Tooka Chapter

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Boy Scout Summer Camp: Spots are still available to work on the Camp Lone Oak Staff!!!

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Chiefly Speaking...

Dear Brothers,

"Tradition", it is the passing down of elements of a culture from generation to generation.

Everyday, a form of tradition will influence the way you think and the way you conduct yourself.

Organizations around the world thrive on tradition in order to preserve some of their most sacred ideals. Since I became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 1996 at Camp Seminole, I could tell that tradition plays a heavy role in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. The Brothers of this Lodge have invested in the future of fellow Arrowman to make sure the Lodge will remain strong in the years to come. We all wear the sash over our right shoulder because we represent Scouting's National Honor Society. As members of this paramount organization, you have been deemed to be a leader amongst the Scouts in your troop. One of the four purposes of the Order of the Arrow reads, "To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others." Tradition tells us that we are the leaders in the Scouting Community and that we must preserve this opportunity for Scouts in the future. It is an honor to be a member of the Order of the Arrow, but it is even a greater honor to be a member of O-Shot-Caw #265!

The Lodge Banquet was a huge success! Those who attended had a wonderful time. Congratulations to the Pooca Tooka

Chapter for defending both the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and the Quest for the Rusted Arrow, Elixin for winning the Golden Pumpkin Award, and all the other Arrowman that were honored that night. I would like to thank the Lodge and the Founder's Award Committee for bestowing both Walker Ellis and myself with the Order's coveted Founder's Award "Spirirt of Acheivement." Moreover, I know I already said it at the Lodge Banquet, by I do wish to once again thank Ron Bell for everything he has done for me. Past Lodge Chiefs, members of the LEC, friends, and family can all tell you that Ron is an extraordinary person, but as the current Lodge Chief, I can tell you that I would not want to work with anyone else besides Ron. Thank you Ron.

Hopefully you have all signed up for both the Section Conference and the National Order fo the Arrow Conference already. Both events as most of you already know will be one for the records. Support the O-Shot-Caw Lodge as we plan to become a four time consecutive Best All Around Lodge in Section S4S! In addition to the BAAL compeition, the Dance, Drum, Inductions, Publications, Spirit and Quest compeitions will be happening. Support tradition; support the O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265. "Learn through experience; succeed through ambition."

WWW,

Josh Levenson

Josh Levenson
 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
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South Florida Council Proudly Presents the Silver Beaver to...

The annual South Florida Council Recognition Dinner was held this year on March 16 at the Merchandise Mart Radisson in Miami. The main focus of the evening each year is the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award is bestowed on behalf of the National Court of Honor, but its recipients are nominated on the Council level. It was created to recognize those Scouters who have given noteworthy service to youth within the Council. The award is a cast silver beaver on a blue and white ribbon that is worn around the neck. The beaver symbolizes hard work, dedication, and an undying devotion to the principles of Scouting. This year the South Florida Council awarded the Silver Beaver to fourteen exemplary Scouters, half of which are members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Chapter Advisers Mike Fink and Dan Westbrook, from the To-Hopki-Lagi and Hnu-Ra-Con Chapters respectively, both received the award as did Samuel Harte, Assistant Adviser from the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter. Recipients Richard Levenson and David Kramer are also fathers of esteemed O-Shot-Caw Brothers. Other recipients were Brenda Ayers, Marilyn Bernstein, Jonathan Fisher, Jay Foster, James Hammel, Penelope Harding, Jorge Iglesias, Fred Ross, and Paul Young.

Lodge Banquet continued...

came out to be victorious. The adults of the Lodge competed in a similar competition called the Quest for the Rusted Arrow, in which, they went head to head against each other in grueling competitions like the egg toss, card tower and OA jeopardy. The evenings' festivities began with Jason Garcia singing the National Anthem, and the guests enjoying dinner prepared by the Pooca Tooka Chapter. The presentations of the evening began with the Lodge Officers recognizing the Lodge Executive Committee for all the work that they have done, Greg Weiner reviewing the Haunted Forest, and presenting the Golden Pumpkin Award. Afterwards Josh Levenson presented the 2001-2002 Lodge Year in Review and the lodge slide show, which everyone thought was a big success. The awards presentations continued with the Arrowman Service Awards being presented to the few brothers that earned this nationally recognized award, the presentation of the Tom Tathem Spirit Award, and the Quest for the Rusted Arrow Award. The Lodge's Meritorious Service Award was presented to those select brothers who went above and beyond in their call of duty, and the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award was presented to the newer brothers who completed the requirements for this award. The final two awards to be presented were the Founder's Award, and the Vigil Honor. The weekend was a huge success, and thanks to everyone who helped make it possible.



Top: Greg Wiener is presented his Vigil Honor Sash by Lodge Chief Josh Levenson

Middle: Meritorious Service Award Recipients

Bottom: John P. Vajanyi Jr. is called out for the Vigil Honor



Lodge Banquet

UPCOMING EVENT: SUMMER ORDEAL – May 31, June 2, 2002 – Camp Lone Oak!!!

CAMP PROMOTIONS

Camp Promotion is an excellent position if you would like to be more involved with the OA, especially with the LEC. In the Camp Promotions Committee, we basically do as its title suggests: we promote camps. Mainly we promote Camp Lone Oak on the McGregor Smith Scout Reservation, one of the finest camps South Florida Council has to offer. One of the biggest responsibilities of this committee is to have a booth set up for display telling people about Camp Lone Oak. This booth is annually displayed at South Florida Council's Scoutmaster's Camporee at Markham Park, and wherever else the display is requested. We also update the "Where to Go Camping" booklet which is available online at the Lodge's website.

Adam Gilliland

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Hello fellow Arrowmen. The Campership Fund is doing well. The Chapter Chiefs are discussing with their Chapters about their fundraisers in which all profits are going towards the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. If you have any ideas on fundraisers your Chapter could do in order to benefit the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund, please contact your Chapter Chief and tell him your idea in order for him to tell me his Chapter's Fundraiser.

Jonathan Marino

CEREMONIES

The ceremonies team recently performed the Brotherhood Ceremony at the Lodge Banquet. We also taught two training sessions at the banquet. We will

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compete in both Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies at the upcoming Section Conference, and plan on competing in Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Call-out ceremonies at the National Conference. Any brothers interested in joining this nationally recognized team could contact James Trimble (954-255-0588) or Moose Pedersen (954-979-5694).

James Trimble

DANCE TEAM

The Dance Team is doing very well. We had our first Dance Team Day on March 9th. It was very successful and we had many new people join the team. We worked on our outfits and had a lot of fun. We are continuing to practice every Sunday in order to prepare for the Section Conference and NOAC. We are planning to win both events.

Eric McAlpin

ELANGOMAT

Hello again from your friends and guides the Elangomats. It's that time again when we need your help. We need 1 youth and 1 adult from each chapter to serve their future brothers as an Elangomat. To volunteer tell your chapter chief your interested and why you would be a good choice. The program has expanded the responsibilities of each Elangomat to call their candidates for 1 year following induction. Remember that we all serve our fellow brothers in cheerful service.

Matt Beerman

1ST YEAR ARROWMAN

The First Year Arrowman Committee gave out the First

Year Arrowman Awards to all of those Arrowman who have met the requirements. Twenty Arrowman in the Lodge received the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award. The First Year Arrowman Committee congratulates all of those Arrowman who received the award. The committee also held a training session at the Lodge Banquet. It was very successful, and the committee thanks those who came. The First Year Arrowman Committee hopes to see new Arrowman at the Section Conference and Summer Ordeal.

Brian Polino

HAUNTED FOREST

Brothers, because there will not be a spaghetti dinner this year, the lodge will be running a concession stand at the Scout Expo. Since the Expo will be at a new location this year, more people are expected to come. With the possibility of a larger audience, the lodge hopes to bring in the same if not more money for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund than the Spaghetti Dinner brought in. There will be doughnuts, coffee, and juices in the morning, and in the afternoon BBQ sandwiches, potato chips, candy, sodas, and much more will be sold. With the help of brothers in the lodge, the concession stand will be a success.

Greg Wiener

INTERNET

Having taken a good look at the web site criteria for the Section Conference, I have concentrated on improving or adding the items we are missing so as to fulfill all the requirements for a good web

site. First of all, we needed a "What's New" area. This has been created and can easily be updated. It is linked from the Splash page and the main home or Index page. To this "What's New" section I have added and linked a new page listing all the Awards from the 2002 Lodge Banquet. I will be adding some photographs to this section as well. My Advisor, Fred Kimball, has gone over all the punctuation. Each page has been systematically run through Spell Check, just to be safe. Thanks to Ian Brelinsky, I have added two new pages, which list all the latest Arrowmen and Brotherhood Members from the Winter Ordeal. As soon as I receive the Brotherhood Members from the Banquet, they will be added too. New Vigil Candidates are listed under the Lodge Banquet Awards for 2002. These pages will be easy to keep updated with Ian's help. Last, but not least, I plan to add a page about the "Web Team." On this page I will have those who contributed to the site. We'll have bios for myself and Mr. Kimball as Advisor. And as a final touch, I have created and added maps and driving directions to all our South Florida Council campgrounds. I think this is something the newest Arrowmen in the Lodge will find very useful. The Internet Committee is ready for the Section Conference!

Rob Burr

KING'S CUP

The King's Cup was displayed at Lincoln Marti Camporee and Scoutmaster's Camporee to promote camping, summer camp and the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. It was great success. The King's Cup Committee is working hard on

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completing the new Display. It will be an octagon 10 feet in diameter. We are going to win FIRST PLACE at this year's Section Conference. Thank you to all the brothers that helped in the construction. Don't forget to visit the O-Shot-Caw King's Cup at Section.

Paul Fluty

MEMBERSHIP

Not too much new from the Membership Dept. If you haven't been receiving post-office delivered mail, and you have paid dues, please contact me as soon as possible. For all verifications, amendments, etc. to your information, please contact Ian@c4.com, a response will be sent within 48 hours.

Ian Brelinsky

PUBLICATIONS

This is the fourth issue of *The Patchwork* for the 2001-2002 Lodge Year. I have received very positive feedback on the new "Arrowman Success" section of *The Patchwork*. Do you know an Arrowman that has succeeded outside of the Scouting Program? Submit their information so they can be featured in the next issue of *The Patchwork*. If you have any stories, articles, pictures, or poems you would like to see in the next issue, please mail them to the address on page 2 of this issue. See you at the Section Conference!

Josh Levenson

QUARTERMASTER

The shed's still clean, and the new shelves look great. If anyone needs to get anything out of it, just give me a call.

Paul Johnson

SERVICE

This is a reminder to all Chapter Chiefs that you need to keep working on your Best All Around Chapter Criteria.

Nick Turnes III

SPIRIT

The Spirit Committee is now in the process of finishing up the Spirit Book for Section. We have added four new songs. "Sunny Side", "Chilly Willy", "Heron Call", "Hey ho O-Shot-Caw." We are currently designing 3 flags with the numbers "2" "6" "5."

Manny Mendez

TRADING POST

HI EVERYBODY! I'm doing fine (thanks for asking), and so is the Trading Post. At the 2002 Lodge Banquet, the Trading Post held its annual silent auction. With the money from the auction and the Trading Post, we brought in around \$1500 for the weekend. We are currently working around the clock on the wonderful paraphernalia that you will be receiving at the Section Conference and NOAC. The myriad of items that you will be receiving will sure to tickle your fancy. I hope to see you all at the 2002 Section S4S Conference at the wonderful Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation.

John Gundlach

UNIT ELECTIONS

Hi, my name is Eric Vreeland. I am the Unit Elections Chairman. If you have any questions about Unit Elections, you can contact me at 305-234-4117. Thanks. See you at the next OA event!

Eric Vreeland

ELGIXIN

The Elgixin Chapter had an OK showing at this year's Lodge Banquet. We won first place in the OA jeopardy, and did OK in the other events. At the dinner Saturday night, the Elgixin Chapter received the Golden Pumpkin Award for outstanding performance at the Haunted Forest. We are looking forward to the Section Conference, and hope to have a great turn out. We know that the O-Shot-Caw Lodge will win Best Around Lodge once again! With NOAC around the corner, we are getting our money in so that we are guaranteed to go. We are definitely looking forward to NOAC, as well as the other upcoming Lodge events.

Evan Vialpando

GOKHOS

Following the Lodge Banquet, the chapter was disappointed that we didn't win the Tom Tatham Spirit Award, but we still had a fun weekend. Our chapter looked like a sea of purple walking from event to event, while giving the other chapters a run for their money. At the Banquet many Gokhos Chapter members received recognition for the work they have done over the past year; some of the awards include the Vigil Honor, the First Year Arrowman Award, and the Meritorious Service Award. At the upcoming Section Conference, the Gokhos Chapter will be there in full force with at least 45 brothers in attendance. Many of our members are part of the competing dance team, drum team, and ceremonies team, and those members that aren't on a specific team will be helping win other events at the

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Conference. We hope to see you all there.

Greg Wiener

PALDANI

Everyone from our chapter had a great time at the Lodge Banquet. Since we had new brothers from the old Allohal Chapter, it was a great time for them to get to know everyone. It was the first time the chapter has competed in the last couple of years, and it was great sight watching the members of the Chapter compete. We are looking forward to the Section Conference, and are looking to have a good turnout from our chapter. This is one of the best events of the year, and all our new brothers are going to truly see the greatness of our Lodge. On another note, our Chapter does have people interested and some who have already signed up for NOAC. They will have a great time, and truly see the greatness of the Order of the Arrow.

Luigi Spasiano

**POOCA TOOKA****BACK-TO-BACK**

CHAMPIONS!!!!!! The Pooca-Tooka Chapter is proud to say for the second year-in-a-row we are Tom Tatham Spirit Award Champions. We would also like to congratulate our adults for becoming two-time champions as well, winning the Rusted Arrow Competition at this year's banquet. It wasn't easy for us to accomplish this, we had our brothers working in the kitchen, cooking and serving the food for

the weekend. We also got very good feedback by our other brothers and their families that, "The Chicken and Ribs were GREAT." We like to thank anyone that helped us that weekend we couldn't get anything done without you. We are currently preparing ourselves for the Best All-around Chapter Competition. Last year we came in second and were not looking to be disappointed this year. We will have a good race for it.

Gokhos Chapter will have a hard time repeating this year. We are also looking forward to Section Conference. Our chapter will still keep the tradition of supporting the Lodge Chief at the Best All-around Competition and we send a "Good Luck" to Josh Levenson. Our Chapter will have a fellowship at Camp Seminole on May 11. Full of Fellowship and Service. If anyone in the Lodge is interested, don't hesitate to call.

There will be food!!! Our Chapter is strong as ever and looking forward toward the rest of the year.

Andre Cupas

TOMOKA

Brothers, the Tomoka chapter is on its way back onto its two feet. We are getting ready to make our comeback at the Section Conference and the Summer Ordeal. The chapter is getting ready also for the New Year coming with the new leadership. So get ready for US!!!

Andrew Azevedo

O-SHOT-CO-CHEE

Recently held was the Ten Commandments hike. O-Shot-Co-Chee was present at this event and

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ARROWMAN SUCCESS... BEYOND THE BOY SCOUTS

Imagine having two interests running a parallel course in life and sharing both of those experiences with your brother? Daniel Rubin is an Eagle Scout Brotherhood member of O-Shot-Caw Lodge, former Drum Team Chairman as well as Publications Chairman for the 1998 Section Conference. Alexander is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member of O-Shot-Caw Lodge, former chairman of Ceremonies Team, Gokhos Chapter Chief, 1st Chairman of the Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and twice chairman of the Haunted Forest. Since Daniel was a 12-year-old Boy Scout and Alexander was just a 9-year-old Cub Scout they have been singing and scouting together. Their choice of music reflects harmony—Barbershop harmony that is. It is an unusual pursuit for such young men to say the least. Many years of juggling their Scouting and Barbershop performances they are now able to devote more time to Barbershop harmony. After 9 years as chorus and quartet members, three years ago they took over as co-directors of the Fort Lauderdale Chorus which is a chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. In September of 2000 they formed the current lineup of their quartet "Autograph" and within a month garnered a 3rd place finish at District contest. By the May 2001 Contest they qualified to compete and represent Florida at International Competition in Nashville, July 2001. In October 2001 they became the Florida District Quartet Champions. They are known within the district for their work in the Society's Youth Outreach Program which brings Barbershop harmony, performed by young men, to middle and high school students in one or two day workshops. So far they have been all over Florida and to Massachusetts and Georgia to promote Barbershop and the love of singing to enthusiastic young audiences. Daniel and Alexander still contribute to scouting when asked and know that Scouting and Barbershop harmony have similar goals, values and the tradition of freely giving back to the next generation. They freely credit their elders in Scouting and in the Society for their successes in work and play. They may be contacted thru their website www.autographquartet.com or email alex@autographquartet.com or dan@autographquartet.com.



Learn more about the group at:
www.autographquartet.com

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did a sweep of the churches after the hikers sat and listened to the service presented. Present were 8 youth members and 2 adults.

Charles Cohen



HNU-RA-CON

The chapter meetings are active and the events we have touched lately were the Banquet, Haunted Forest, and an upcoming chapter project. We just had our Weblos Woods this past weekend and it was a good turn out. Our chapter is at a steady pace and doing some early planning on haunted forest, and upcoming events.

Rick Arroyo

TO-HOPKI-LAGI

Hey. Well the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter had a lot of fun at the Lodge Banquet. We did pretty well for being such a small Chapter. We placed in every event I think except for OA Jeopardy and the Treasure Hunt. This was a major improvement over last year. Also one of our Arrowman got the Exceptional First Year Arrowman award, Roddy Smith, which was pretty cool. We are currently making some changes. We recently voted Kevin Brant my Vice-Chief and we are adding a To-Hopki-Lagi Bar-B-Que. Well, that's it for now.

Courtney Bays

2002 Vigil Honor Recipients

This year, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge proudly called out five members for the Vigil Honor: Gary Kienzle, Matt Beerman, John P.

Vajanyi Jr., Ian Brelinsky, and Greg Wiener. Gary is an Eagle Scout and the current Elangomat Vice-Chairman. Prior to this position, he was a two-term Allohak Chapter Chief and a past recipient of the Lodge's Meritorious Service Award. Gary has worked at Camp Lone Oak and will attend NOAC 2002. His Vigil name is Taleka, which translates to "Crane." Matt is the current Elangomat Chairman. He is an Eagle Scout and has served the Lodge as the Elangomat Chairman for two years now. He



Left to Right: Greg Wiener, Matt Beerman, Ian Brelinsky, John Vajanyi Jr., and Gary Kienzle. Congratulations to all five Vigil Honor members!

has attended National Junior Leader training and served on staff at the Council's Eagle Claw program. At last year's Banquet Matt was presented with the Meritorious Service Award. His Vigil name translates to "Reliable Guide." John Vajanyi Jr. is a Silver Beaver Recipient, Troop 175 Scoutmaster and the current First Year Arrowman Adviser. His Vigil name is Achewon Wdee Machque, which translates to "Strongheart Bear." Ian is an Eagle Scout and the current Membership Chairman of the

Lodge. He is also a past Meritorious Service Award Recipient. Ian has hiked Philmont and was nominated for the Silver

Knight Award. His Vigil name is Wulowachtauwoapin, which translates as "He who looks beyond." Rounding of the class this year was Greg Wiener. He is the current Gokhos Chapter Chief and the Haunted Forest Chairman. Greg has served the Order by working at Scout camp and as a staff member at the National Jamboree as a member of the OA Service Corps. His Vigil name is Quenischquaney, which translates as "Panther." All five of these Arrowmen truly deserve this honor.

Founder's Award Recipients

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The Award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the "Spirit of Achievement" as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. The Award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson, with wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. Also presented is a special Founder's Award arrow ribbon, with a gold colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon. This year the O-Shot-Caw Lodge presented the Founder's Award



"Spirit of Achievement" Left to Right: Ron Bell, Josh Levenson, and Walker Ellis

Arrowman Service Award

The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the Arrowman Service Award. The award focuses on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community. The design selected is the arrowhead with the compass rose. The compass rose symbolizes direction; the path ahead for one's travel. Since our strategic plan also offers direction for the Order's future, the compass rose is appropriately superimposed over the arrowhead. The arrowhead will be red, with the compass rose in gold. A solid white ribbon, representing the new direction for the Order, is most appropriate. A wallet size certificate is issued with each award. This year, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge presented the Arrowman Service Award to the following Arrowman: Ron Bell, Jeff Berger, Andre Cupas, Alex Gershowitz, Chris Gundlach, William Gundlach III, Fred Kimball, Josh Levenson, Albert Nuño, Alexander Rubin, Martin Rubin, John P. Vajanyi Jr., and Greg Wiener. For more information about the Arrowman Service Award and how you may earn one, log onto www.o-shot-caw.org or www.oabsa.org.



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to two distinguished Arrowmen: Josh Levenson and Walker Ellis. Walker Ellis is Vigil Honor Member, recipient of the Silver Beaver and a past Chief of the Scoutmaster's

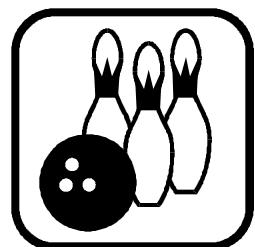
Camporee. Josh Levenson is currently serving his second term as the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, and a recipient of both the Lodge's



Meritorious Service Award and the Arrowman Service Award. Congratulations to both Arrowmen!

Bowling Tournament May 19, 2002

The annual O-Shot-Co-Chee Fundraiser Bowling Tournament is right around the corner. It will be hosted on May 19, 2002 at the Cloverleaf Lanes in North Miami. The alley is located: 17601 NW 2nd Ave. Take the Palmetto Expressway or I-95 to the Golden Glades Interchange and exit onto US 441 North. US 441 is NW 2nd Ave. Cloverleaf Lanes is on the right at NW 176 St. Check in time is 1:30 – 2:00 PM. The tournament will be from 2:00-5:00 PM. All proceeds benefit the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. The cost is \$10. If you have any questions, e-mail to chuck@troop7.org or phone at 305-226-7405.



Scout Youth Expo Concession Stand!!!

Saturday April 27, 2002

At the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame.
All proceeds benefit the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund.

WE NEED YOU TO HELP OUT!

Show up at the Youth Expo in your Class A Uniform with OA Sash and you will be allowed to help out. The booth will open at the same time as the Youth Expo. For more information, contact Greg Wiener at 954-382-1918

2002 Summer Ordeal

The Summer Ordeal is right around the corner. At the Ordeal, the Lodge prepares Lone Oak for Summer Camp and performs various service projects. Additionally, the Best All Around Chapter Award is presented and the 2002-2003 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Officers are elected. For more information on the election process, see page 11 of this issue. More information will be available online at www.o-shot-caw.org as the event draws near. Mark your calendar now, May 31-June 2, 2002 at Camp Lone Oak!!!

A message from Hal Hollis...

~Camp Seminole is sacred ground. This is your land~

Seminole, "humble though it may be, offers sanctuary: a place consecrated by the truths it helps us recollect, a refuge to which we can retreat in time of need, a place we go looking to find ourselves."

Protected areas are a civilized society's strongest signs of farsightedness, prosperity, and greatness of spirit. It is also a sacred and spiritual site for our neighbors the Seminole Indians.

When South Florida Council was given the use of the property there were five chickees on it, built by the Seminoles. . . no shrubs, no grass, and no trees. That's right, no trees. Can you picture that?

As Arrowmen we should all be proud. O-Shot-Caw was the inspiration of the tree planting at Seminole. One year the cost of attending an Ordeal weekend was partly money, but also we had to bring a live tree, plant it somewhere, anywhere, water and take care of it the whole weekend. And we suggested and hoped the planter would return occasionally during the following month to water and care for it.

Some of the first trees we planted as a group, perhaps much to our chagrin and mortification, were the Australian pine. Our plan was to plant a row of them on the north and west property lines. When grown that would help keep out the mighty cold wintry northwest winds. This was decided at a horrific experience during a mighty cold February Ordeal. But they sort of got out of hand, didn't they.

Another time the Lodge received from the state some 5,000 slash pines. We spend the weekend planting anywhere and everywhere. Many of them took root.

Are we to suppose the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is not also sacred and spiritual? Visualize Camp Seminole with boys tenting around oil derricks. Some say it is our patriotic duty to drill for oil: for jobs, for defense, for the American way of life. No one mentions for profit.

We need thick forests to ensure that we will have the oxygen we need to breathe. We need a lively, bustling natural world so we can stay healthy. We are part of nature and need to feel whole with nature. We cannot take such things for granted. They are too precious.

Think of the thousands, perhaps millions, of boys, now grown into manhood, who had their first taste of the "out doors" at Camp Seminole. Perhaps you were one of them. Consider all the burned (but still tasteful and partially eaten) meals prepared by boys of all ages.

We have preserved Camp Seminole. Why?

We believe we are doing this not only for boys who will be coming along, but also to preserve some of natural Florida in the middle of our so-called civilization. Nature is widely and constantly encountered, if only we care to see it.

We must always remember that Camp Seminole is sacred ground.




On my nightly Vigil through my soul
Searching for my Brotherhood goal
An Ordeal only the bravest can hope
Only the trustworthy can cope
Find the Arrow in the sky
See the Great White Heron high
And always will the Chapters strive
To make these numbers known the best: 265

*Poem submitted by James Rodgers at the
2002 Lodge Banquet.*

"You Were Selected as Pacesetters in Cheerful Service. Every one of us counts." -E. Urner Goodman

“How do I become a 2002-2003 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Officer?”

Lodge Officers as defined by the *Guide for Officers and Advisers* are the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. Some Lodges find it desirable to elect more than one vice chief (O-Shot-Caw exercises this right with the Second Vice Chief). Arrowman desiring to serve as a Lodge Officer or Committee Chairman must meet the following eligibility requirements: 1) Be currently registered in Scouting, in the Council that charters the Lodge. 2) Be a member in good standing in the Lodge. 3) Be younger than 21 for the entire term of office. Officers serve for a one-year term. Officers may be reelected. All members of the lodge younger than 21 are eligible to vote. This voting takes place the Sunday morning of the Summer Ordeal at Camp Lone Oak.

So, how do you run? It's quite simple. All Arrowman seeking Office have the opportunity to give a campaign speech Saturday afternoon to both the Lodge and Ordeal Candidates, and again on Sunday morning. In order to give a speech on both occasions, you need to have a signed letter of approval from your Chapter Adviser stating you are eligible to run for the desired office(s) and then must be nominated by an Arrowman at the Ordeal itself. The order of speaking rights will be honored in order of nomination. The elections will take place in the following Order: Lodge Chief – First Vice Chief – Second Vice Chief – Secretary – Treasurer. You are allowed to run for another office in the event that you lose your prior election. For example, if you run for First Vice Chief and lose, you are still eligible to run for Second Vice Chief and the other two offices. Many Arrowmen use this to their advantage.

“Can I campaign?” The answer is technically yes. However, the Summer Ordeal is a weekend of Cheerful Service. Every Arrowman will be working to prepare the camp for the summer. Should you wish to do any campaigning, your best bet is to just attend all OA functions, properly wear your class A uniform with OA sash and Arrowmen will notice. On a crucial note, being a Lodge Officer is a very TIME committed job. Your duties are great and very rewarding. An elected Lodge Officer is expected to attend all LEC meetings, OA Functions, and Council events to set the example of unselfish aim and purpose. If you want to be a Lodge Officer, you have to run because YOU truly want to serve the Lodge. Never run under pressure. The best advice you can receive will come from the current Lodge Officers. Their e-mails are listed here and can also be found on the Lodge website.

In the words of Colin Powel, “Leadership is the art of accomplishing more than the science of management says is possible.” Be a Lodge Officer because you want to make a difference.

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National Order of the Arrow Conference

For over a year now, our Lodge has been promoting the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Well, the time has come where registration is about to reach its maximum. We have less than five youth positions available at the time of this article! If you are serious about attending NOAC, you need to send in your **nonrefundable, but transferable** deposit of \$100 to the Scout Office in Miami (address on the back of this issue). This year NOAC plans be better

than ever. The National Order of the Arrow Committee, in conjunction with the Conference Committees has been in constant preparation. Not only has the National level been hard at work, but so has O-Shot-Caw! We plan to be National Dance Team Champions once again! Come support your Lodge from July 27 – August 4, 2002!!!

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Lodge Calendar

Section Conference
April 12-14, 2002
Flaming Arrow

Bowling Tournament
May 19, 2002
Clover Leaf Bowling

Summer Ordeal
May 31-June 2, 2002
Camp Lone Oak

N.O.A.C.
July 27-August 4, 2002
University of Indiana

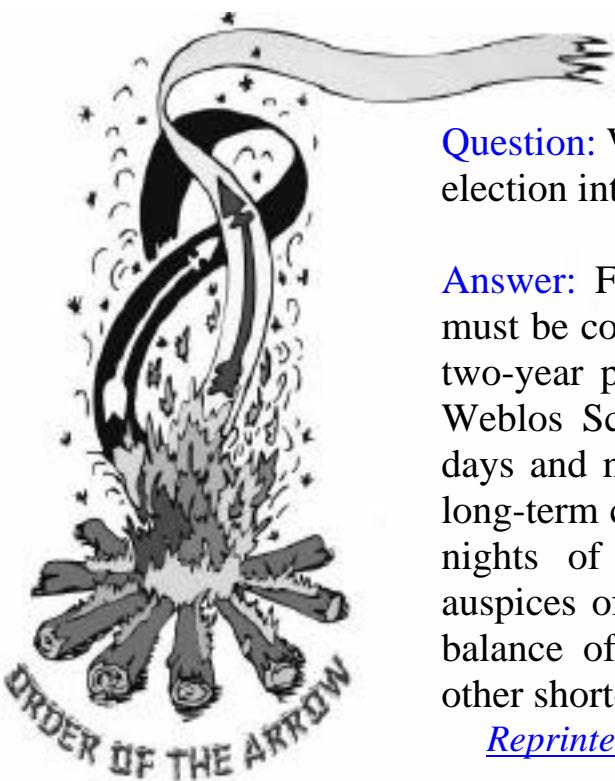
“Test Yourself and So Discover”

Be a part of the Movement...

SIGN UP FOR
~NOAC 2002~

July 27, 2002 – August 4, 2002

Questions: call Chris Miller at 954-763-7698



Burning Issues

Question: What are the approved camping requirements for election into the Order of the Arrow?

Answer: Fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping must be completed after joining a troop or team within the two-year period prior to the election. That eliminates all Weblos Scout, Cub Scout, and family camping. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices of standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend or other short-term camps.

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