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## 165 Ordeal Candidates were inducted at the Winter Ordeal!

In the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, we pride ourselves on being the greatest Order of the Arrow Lodge. The 2002 Winter Ordeal just further emphasized that point. On the weekend of January 4-6, 2002, our Lodge inducted 165 Ordeal Candidates from all over South Florida. To go along with that, 35 of our Brothers sealed their ties in the Brotherhood. Overall, the total attendance for the weekend was just shy of

400 Brothers. An Ordeal of this magnitude could not have been pulled off without the help of certain Arrowman from both the Lodge Executive Committee and from within Chapters. One Chapter that definitely deserves a round of applause is the To-Hopki-Lagi

Chapter for their excellent cooking during the weekend. Everyone will agree, the smoked turkey Saturday night was amazing.

The Lodge was able to accomplish many projects with the help of all these Brothers. In the

Order of the Arrow shed near the O-Shot-Caw campsite, three shelves were built to give us more storage space. The shelves span the width of an entire wall, allowing us to store many items that were formerly kept on the floor. This makes inventory much easier and items more accessible. Other work projects included a new grill behind Mike George Hall, clearing debris from campsites, mulching trails,



**With an approximate 400 Brothers in attendance, breakfast as you can see was a packed house!**

and clearing trails to make them visible. As much as we liked having hundreds of Brothers in attendance, the downside was that the work projects were completed too quickly! That is not something commonly seen at an Ordeal.

However, with the projects completed early, Chapter members were able to play football, board games and whatever other fun activities they wanted.

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**The Patchwork**

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**Chiefly Speaking...**

Dear Brothers,



"He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue faithfully to serve his fellow man." This quote from our founder, E. Urner Goodman could not have been truer. We

must all realize that we are members of this supreme organization because we truly love the Boy Scout program. We were elected from both members and non-members because we live the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives. I say this because it is now time for our Lodge to honor those Arrowman who have cheerfully served both the Order of the Arrow and Scouting Community without any sign of personal gain or recognition. The founding principals of the Order of the Arrow (WWW) should be a part of everyone's character. Moreover, living our life by the Admition spoken to you by Allowat Sakima is something that should couple the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

I mentioned that we will recognize our fellow Brothers. This recognition ceremony takes place annually at our Lodge Banquet. This Lodge event has NO WORK projects. The weekend is full of brotherhood, training, competitions, and fun. On Saturday night of the Lodge Banquet, we will have our award presentation and honor those Brothers on the Lodge Executive Committee, recipients of the Exceptional First Year Arrowman, Meretoriuous Service Award, Founder's Award, Arrowman Service

Award, and our Lodge will conclude the evening with the Vigil Call-out Ceremony. Registration forms are available online at our Lodge's website.

Looking past the Lodge Banquet, the Section Conference hosted by the Seminole Lodge #85 is not too far away. If you are looking for an awesome weekend to attend, first mark your calendars for the Lodge Banquet, then mark it for the Section Conference from April 12-14, 2002 at the Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. This registration flyer is also available online at the Lodge's website. Support the O-Shot-Caw Lodge as we look to become the Best All Around Lodge for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in a row.

In conclusion, I would like to promote another fantastic event in which you as an Arrowman are eligible to attend. It is the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This is a biannual event and will be hosted at the University of Indiana in the summer of 2002. If you want to attend a National event, which in my opinion is better than the National Jamboree, sign up for the National Order of the Arrow Conference with the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. More information about how you may sign up can be found in this issue of the Patchwork. Thank you for being a dedicated Arrowman of this Lodge. "Learn through experience; succeed through ambition."

WWW,

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

## **“I want to go back to Philmont!”**

### **You can, with the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew**

**H**ave you ever dreamed of backpacking in the mountains with other Arrowman from around the Nation? If you have been to Philmont, how would you like to plan your very own 7-day trek? Philmont's Trail Crew program offers you just that. For only \$100, you can spend two weeks at the Philmont Scout Ranch as a participant in the Trail Crew Program. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen. The second week is a seven-day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. Let it be known that these are long workdays full of Cheerful Service. In the summer of 2002, there will be six sessions you have the opportunity to apply for. Here are the session dates: #1, June 6 – 20; #2, June 13 – 27; #3, June 20 - July 4; #4, June 27 - July 11; #5, July 4 – 18; #6, July 11 – 25. If you are 16 years old, or will be before the session you are applying for begins, and will be under the age of 21 throughout the duration of the trek, then you meet the age requirements. You must be a registered member of both the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. Additionally, you must be in good physical conditions, be able to handle materials up to 50 pounds, and be determined. If you are applying for Trail Crew and so is another Scout from the same unit, you will be placed in different treks. This way you have more of an opportunity to interact with the other Arrowman from around the Nation. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the trail that is being built is designed to last over 75 years and protect the beautiful landscape of Philmont Scout Ranch. Other than trail building techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership



skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, observe and participate in group wilderness safety, good judgment, and motivation activities, and receive special OA instruction. The project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using Scout camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge and council programs. Camping is a method of Scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people. For more information, and for a registration form, log onto the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew website at: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/tcrew/>.

## **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)**

Spots for the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference are filling fast! The National Planning Meeting took place this past December; during the course of the meeting, the new National Officers, Regional Officers, and Conference Vice Chiefs were elected.

Many people have asked, “What can I do at NOAC?” The question in reality should be, what isn't there to do at NOAC? The Conference is full of many activities to take part in. It is only right to mention that our very own Lodge Adviser, Ron Bell, is the Lead Adviser for American Indian Activities. Ron, along with the guidance of his Conference Vice Chief and assembled staff will run the entire Indian Village. Arrowman from the O-Shot-Caw Lodge plan to compete in the National Group Dance Competition and bring back our National title! Besides the Indian Village, you can take part in the Total Outdoor Adventure Place (TOAP), athletic competition, Patch

Trading, Ceremony evaluations, Founder's Day Celebration, Training seminars, meet Arrowman from across the Nation, and sit back and watch amazing Arena shows!

So how do you go to NOAC? It's quite simple. You first have to reserve your seat. Send in a nonrefundable, but transferable deposit of \$100 to Order of the Arrow/South Florida Council, 15255 NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL 33016. Along with the \$100, enclose an index card with your Name, Chapter, Address, O/B/V, Age, and Phone Number. You can also download the official NOAC form off the Lodge website. After you reserve your seat, then your payment plan will be mailed to you. If you are paying by check, make all checks payable to the South Florida Council.

The NOAC experience will be from July 27-August 4, 2002 at the University of Indiana and other spots our Lodge visit in the area. Don't miss out!

**“Test Yourself and So Discover” 2002 NOAC Theme**

## CAMPERSHIP FUND

Hello fellow Arrowmen. The Campership Fund is doing very well and is off to a good start this year. What the Campership Fund is in charge of is making sure we raise enough money for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership fund and make sure that the financially needy scouts that want to go to summer camp get to go. After talking to my advisor, Glen Gilbert, I've noticed we have approximately \$13,000 out of the \$20,000 Lodge goal. Those \$13,000 came from the Haunted Forest and a few other fundraisers from the past. I have been contacting the Chapter Chiefs to make sure they all get in fundraisers in which all profits will go to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership fund. If you or any group has any ideas on fundraisers please tell your Chapter Chiefs in order for them to get back to me on what there fundraiser is going to be.

*Jonathan Marino*



## CEREMONIES

The ceremonies team recently performed for the Winter Ordeal at Camp Seminole. I'd like to congratulate our team on a job well done since we had approximately 200 new brotherhood and ordeal members seal their ties at this event. I would also like to congratulate our newest team members, Tommy Randolph and Daniel Smith, on completing their first ceremonies before the lodge. We

look forward to representing the lodge at the Section Conference as well as at NOAC. If any youth member is interested in joining the team please contact myself, James Trimble (954-255-0588), or Moose Pedersen (954-979-5694).

*James Trimble*

## DANCE TEAM

The Dance Team has been working hard to perform at the Scoutmaster's Camporee, Section Conference and NOAC. We plan to win First Place at both the Section Conference and NOAC. If you were at the Brotherhood ceremony Saturday night than you saw old and current members of the Dance Team come together for the Welcome Stomp. I would like to welcome the new members to the Dance Team, and if you are interested in joining, it is not too late. If you want to join or have any questions, please feel free to call me at 954-475-8724

*Eric McAlpin*

## ELANGOMAT

Hey guys, we're the Elangomats and we give ourselves in service to our new brothers for the fact that the Order of the Arrow is about cheerful service. We go through the ordeal again and help the new brothers to their first year in the lodge hopefully until they become brotherhood. We now have trainings to help new Elangomats understand their role in the weekend. It's a yearlong commitment to the lodge and we look forward to seeing you at the training. If you want to become an Elangomat please contact your Chapter Chief.

*Matt Beerman*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR ARROWMAN

For the First Year Arrowman committee, the winter ordeal was a great success! The First Year Arrowman breakfast was held at the Winter Ordeal and we spoke to the new ordeal members on how the lodge runs. On March 1-3 is the Lodge Banquet for the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. The First Year Arrowman committee will be giving out the First Year Arrowman award to those who have met the requirements and completed the First Year Arrowman Award. The First Year Arrowman committee hopes to see you at the Lodge Banquet.

*Brian Polino*

## INTERNET

With the redesign of the web site, my goal is to make our Lodge's site the best web site it can possibly be for the Internet Competition at the Section Conference this year. Recently, the OA Jeopardy Section has been added back in and made to function again. I believe this section of the site is interesting and informative and "different" from anything I have seen on other Lodge sites, so it should help us stand out in the competition. One of the most popular pages on our site is the "Where to Go Camping Guide." It gets downloaded a great deal with 1315 requests since we moved the site to the new server last June. According to the stats for our site, people are visiting the links page, the officer's information page, the calendar and events pages. The various PDF forms for each event are getting downloaded, so people are finding the site useful. Please email me one or two of your best photos from each OA event so I

can add them to the gallery. Right now I am in need of photos of the Haunted Forest and the Winter Ordeal. Please email them to: rob@betaray.com.

*Rob Burr*

### KING'S CUP

This past winter ordeal the King's Cup display did not attend. Its owner was using the boards. The display will attend the Lincoln Marti Camporee. If you have any questions please call Paul Fluty at 305-821-7322 thank you and see you at the next event.

*Paul Fluty*

### MEMBERSHIP

Ian here, reporting for the Membership Committee of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. First, if you have not been receiving correspondence (mail) from the OA, please e-mail me at Ian@c4.com and include your name and correct address as reference. Also, a note for all brothers, if you plan on attending a lodge function, please make sure your dues are paid or else you will not be granted entree; if you recently sent in your dues payment, please bring a copy of your receipt or canceled check so we can record your payment (if not done so already) and tackle clerical errors on part of council. Once again, if you have any questions about your membership, please write to Ian@c4.com and include your name, address and phone number as reference.

*Ian Brelinsky*

### PUBLICATIONS

This is the third issue of the Patchwork for the 2001-2002 Lodge Year. We welcome any outside articles, suggestions, or

stories you may want to share. Please mail any of the aforementioned to the address on page 2 of this issue. Thanks.

*Josh Levenson*

### QUARTERMASTER

The OA shed looks great. During the Winter Ordeal, we cleaned it out and installed new shelves. Thank you to everyone who helped us, we plan on doing inventory at the lodge banquet.

*Paul Johnson*



### SERVICE

Once again, the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge succeeds. During our One Day Service Project, a total of 149 Arrowman participated in their chapters in various projects to clock in a total of 755 hours of cheerful service. To-Hopki-Lagi of the Thunderbird District had 20 Arrowman produce 160 hours by installing water pumps throughout Camp Everglades, home of the annual Winter Ordeal (except for 2002) for the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Once again, I thank you for your hard work and dedication to this mighty lodge.

*Nick Turmes*

### SPIRIT

The Winter Ordeal was a success. The spirit books were in on time for the Ordeal. I am Currently working on a new spirit book for Section Conference. The lodge

will be taking three banners with the numbers "2" "6" "5." We will also be taking some mega phones with "O-Shot-Caw" on it. If any brothers have any songs, cheers, chants or other "gimmicks" please get it to me as soon as possible.

*Manny Mendez*

### TRADING POST

Hi everyone. I hope everyone had fun at the Winter Ordeal, and I would like to congratulate all of the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members of the lodge. In addition to the winter ordeal being a huge success, the trading post was a huge success as well.

For the first time in 5 years, the Trading post had the event patch ready to be distributed at the ordeal, and will be on time for every lodge event after it; our NOAC 2002 fundraiser back patch was brought out for people to preorder and we already sold 60 back patches; and the trading post was open and brought in \$1500 for the lodge. Overall, the Winter Ordeal was a great weekend for both the lodge and the trading post.

*John Gundlach*

### UNIT ELECTIONS

The Unit Elections Committee is doing great. Our records are up to date and we are getting ready for more candidates. Thank you to all of the chapter chiefs for holding elections. Because of your effort the ordeal was a great success. Congratulations to all of the new Arrowmen.

*Eric Vreeland*



**ALLOHAK**

I am sorry to inform you that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002, the Allohak Chapter will be merged into the other three standing Broward Chapters. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed being your Chapter Chief in one of the best Chapters in the Lodge. This year has been a great year and I have appreciated all the help and dedication that you have given me. I hope that you treat your new Chapter Chief and Chapter with the same respect and enthusiasm that you demonstrated in Allohak. If anyone needs help with their transition please feel free to contact me and I will do my best for you. I hope to see you all at upcoming lodge events participating with your new Chapter, starting with the Winter Ordeal right here at Camp Seminole. Good luck and God Bless to all of you.

*Gary Kienzle*

**ELGIXIN**

At this year's Winter Ordeal, the Elgixin Chapter had an ok turnout. We received ten new brothers into our chapter. At this year's upcoming Banquet, the Elgixin Chapter plans to compete in all events, and hopes to win it all. We are definitely looking forward to giving the other chapters some competition. Also, we all plan to attend this years Section Conference, where the O-Shot-Caw Lodge will take Best All Around Lodge once again!

*Evan Vialpando*

**GOKHOS**

Our chapter had a successful ordeal, with many new brothers completing their ordeal. Since the dissolving of the Allohak

Chapter, the Gokhos chapter has grown in size and greatness with many former Allohak members now Gokhos members. Our first meeting of the New Year was very successful. We had so many people that we only had standing room outside left. In addition to promoting different lodge events at the meeting, the Gokhos chapter as a whole decided that we wouldn't take any prisoners at the Banquet. We are going to win the Tom Tatham Spirit Award, beating all of the other chapters, especially the To-Hopki-Lagi chapter. The adults who are already busy practicing their soda chugging have decided that they are going to win the Rusted Arrow. I hope to see the other chapters at the banquet so we can beat them.

*Greg Wiener*

**PALDANI**

The Winter Ordeal was a great success, and I would like to thank the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter for doing an excellent job. At the Winter Ordeal, we had about twenty people in attendance. We also had a few brothers seal their ties, and I want to congratulate them, and also the new members who went through their ordeal. The chapter is getting ready for the Lodge Banquet, and is hoping to sweep all the events. With the increase of attendance that we will have, we hope to send a greater amount of brothers to the Section Conference from our chapter. Everyone is already looking forward to it, and like always, it is sure to be an excellent weekend. Our Best All Around Chapter book is taking shape, and I should be getting all the forms signed.

*Luigi Spasiano*

**POOCA TOOKA**

Attendance at meetings has been fair and we have been really busy in the past months. Foremost we are getting ready for the Lodge Banquet in February. Contacting all our members and making sure they have paid their dues for 2002 and telling them all the information so that we can have a great show out at the Banquet. Our chapter is getting ready for OA elections in the troops. We have been contacting the various troops and setting up a date to do the elections either in February or March. All elected candidates will be tapped out at our annual Fireball District Camporee.

*Christopher Collazo*

**TOMOKA**

At the winter ordeal we had 10 new brothers. This Lodge Banquet we are planning to bring back the Tom Tatham Spirit Award to the chapter. Section Conference will be a blast for this chapter since we are planning to have a great turn out.

*Andrew Azevedo*

**O-SHOT-CO-CHEE**

We had about 8 members go through the Ordeal and are now new OA member. 2 Boys went through the brotherhood and are now brotherhood members. The last Chapter meeting had a huge increase in the amount of boys that showed up. At least nine kids, not including leaders showed up. This is, of course, wonderful news and shows the success of the recent Ordeal. Several months ago, plans were started for a fair sized trail through the Everglades.

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## ARROWMAN SUCCESS... BEYOND THE BOY SCOUTS

It is always good to mention the success of our fellow brothers. Especially when they excel beyond the Boy Scout Program.

Our current Membership Chairman and Eagle Scout, **Ian Brelinsky**, has been nominated for the Silver Knight Award in the category of Mathematics. The purpose of the Silver Knight Awards program is to recognize outstanding students who have not only maintained good grades, but also who unselfishly apply their special knowledge and talents to contribute significant service to their school and community. Our Lodge wishes Ian the best of luck in his quest for the Silver Knight. Ian is a senior at Nova High School, where he is also Chief Editor of the school's Yearbook. Another paramount accomplishment for Ian was when he earned a combined SAT score of 1570. He hopes to attend M.I.T. next year. For more information about the Silver Knight Award, log onto [www.silverknightaward.com](http://www.silverknightaward.com).



## *Iron Arrow*

Keeping with good news, another one of our Arrowman has proven to be a true Eagle Scout. Past Lodge Chief **Devang Desai** was inducted into the Iron Arrow Honor Society at the University of Miami. The Iron Arrow is the highest honor achieved at the University, and Devang is now part of this legacy. Not only was he recently inducted into the Iron Arrow, but he was also elected as their Medicine Man for the coming year. Devang keeps busy with Iron Arrow, Student Bar Association (where he is also a Senator), and as a Second Year Law Student. For more information about the Iron Arrow Honor Society, log onto [www.ironarrow.com](http://www.ironarrow.com).

Do you know a Brother of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge that has accomplished, been awarded, or inducted into a prestigious honor society outside of the Boy Scouts? If so, please submit their information to the address on Page 2, and they may be featured in the next issue!

## Chapter Reports Continued...

The plans are now complete. At the opening of the "Swamp Walk", as it is going to be called, will be a well constructed gateway, along with a waterproof box with small maps to show the trail and the plants along the way. More details will be provided at the LEC on that matter. In addition to the "Swamp Walk", O-Shot-Co-Chee is also planning to go to a Seminole Museum.

*Charles Cohen*

## TO-HOPKI-LAGI

Well, we got off to somewhat of a good start at the Winter Ordeal; we had a lot of fun cooking. We had decent attendance, but we had some help from the now extinct Allohak, and with that I would like to give a big thanks to Jimbo Carlsen, without him we would have had some trouble making the great food that we did. So thank you Jimbo. I'm expecting some great things coming from To-Hopki-Lagi and I think we are going to make a big splash at the Lodge Banquet. We will be ready, so you better watch out Gokhos. And when Section Conference comes around hopefully we will contribute to the best lodge in the nation. So that's it for now.

*Courtney Bays*

## Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage!

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is located in a place that is quickly becoming a Boy Scout dream. It's a place where the wilderness skills that we were taught as younger scouts are truly put to the test. The million acres of the wilderness are located within the Superior National Forest's vast 1.5 million acres. The host for the OAWV is Northern Tier High Adventure Charles L. Sommers base, which is located in Northern Minnesota. This is the first opportunity that the BSA, OA and USFS have had the opportunity to work together on a long term project that does not only benefit the BSA, but over 200,000 tourists per year that travel the BWCAW.

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage consisted of a 2-week adventure for the Brothers involved. Upon arrival and check-in, participants are separated into groups of 7 plus 2 foreman. They begin with a week of work somewhere in the wilderness area. Your first day on your service...

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## NOAC 2002 FUNDRAISER PATCH



### Do you want this patch?

The NOAC Fundraiser Patch is the final installment of the Chapter series. It is a combination of all 11 Chapters in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge (Prior to Jan 1, 2002). The 11 Chapter emblems all circle around the Great White Heron in the middle of the patch. The Patch contains 14 different colors and is on sale for a limited time only!

If you are a member of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, then the patch will cost you \$20. If you are not a member of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, Order of the Arrow, then the Patch will be on sale for \$25.

You can purchase this patch at the Lodge Banquet in March. However, there is only a limited supply and is expected to sell out immediately. You want this Patch? See you at the Lodge Banquet!

### *Wilderness Voyage continued...*

portion involves campsite repair. Basic maintenance consists of trimming of trails and removing dead foliage. Then the remainder of the week of service will consist of rebuilding the portage trails.

After your week of service, the trek portion of your voyage begins. Participants have the opportunity to plan out their trek. During the planning process of the voyage participants will find most of the area covered in birch and pine forests, with thousands of sparkling lakes. There are rivers and streams, or portage trails through the woods. There are cliffs that plunge deep into the lakes with Indian Pictographs on them, and tons of majestic waterfalls and rapids. Participants also have the opportunity to see some of the wild species that inhabit the area, such as moose, otter, bald eagles, or timber wolves. Fishermen also consider this area some of the best fishing in North America. An average Voyage distance traveled is about 75 miles. The length of your Voyage will depend on

the crew when they plan it, if they want to easy days and relax or if they want to travel and see the sites. At the minimum, everyone earns their 50-miler when they leave Northern Tier. For more information, log onto: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/programs/ntvoy/>



O-Shot-Caw Ceremonies Chairman, James Trimble, takes a break to enjoy the scenery at the OA's Wilderness Voyage.

# 2002 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Banquet!

Every year, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge of the South Florida Council hosts its annual Lodge Banquet. Unlike most Lodge events, this one contains NO WORK PROJECTS! The weekend is full of fun and fellowship. Chapters will compete against one another in various athletic events. The youth will compete in the coveted Tom Tatham Spirit Award while the adults compete in the Quest for the Rusted Arrow! The events start as early as Friday night and run till Saturday afternoon so you do not want to miss out!

Saturday morning of the Lodge Banquet, Arrowman will have the opportunity to attend training sessions by the most experienced brothers of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Perhaps the greatest moment of the Lodge is the Saturday night of the weekend when our Banquet ceremony is held. Our Lodge reflects upon the year that has passed and honors those Arrowman worthy of recognition. Members of the Lodge Executive Committee will be honored along with the presentation of the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Awards, Meritorious Service Awards, Arrowman Service Award, and the Founder's Award. The night is then cultivated with the Vigil Honor Call-out Ceremony. Besides individual recognition, the Lodge will also honor those Chapters that have proved themselves worthy of recognition over the past year. The Golden Pumpkin Award, for an outstanding performance in the Haunted Forest, will be awarded to the best Chapter. Moreover, the winners of both the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and the Rusted Arrow will be announced the night of the Banquet. Registration forms are available at the Scout Office and online at [www.O-Shot-Caw.org](http://www.O-Shot-Caw.org).

*Camp Seminole, March 1-3, 2002*

\$15 for Brothers

\$22 for Brotherhood Candidates

\$9 for Banquet Guests

\$10 Late fee enforced on February 15, 2002  
Brownies and Cub Scouts eat for free if they wear their Uniform

## *Join the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Dance Team!*

One of the strongest traditions in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge is the Dance Team. Every year, members of our Lodge unite and emulate some of the greatest Seminole Dances. The team performs at Lodge events, Scoutmaster's Camporee, and competes at both the Section Conference and the National Order of the Arrow Conference. If you are under the age of 21, which means you are a youth member of the Lodge, then you can join the Dance Team! At the last Section Conference, our Dance Team earned First Place in Group competition. This was the 23<sup>rd</sup> time our Lodge won first place on a Section level. We have also earned first place on a National level 5 times. Our Dance Team Chairman Eric McAlpin is confident that we will defend our Section title successfully and regain our National title at this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference. The last time we earned the National title was at the University of Indiana in 1990, and that is where this NOAC will be! The only way you can become a part of this history is by joining the dance team!

Dance Team practices are now taking place on a frequent basis in preparation for the Section Conference. The clothing era the team is depicting is 1950s Seminole patterns. These designs are more intricate and contain vibrant colors. Contact our Lodge's Dance Team Chairman, Eric McAlpin to become a member of this team of excellence at 954-475-8724 or E-mail him at [emc265@hotmail.com](mailto:emc265@hotmail.com).



Andre Cupas shows off his Patchwork



Eric McAlpin working on his Dance outfit

"Of all the organizations in the world, there are only a few that influence the nation's future. One of these is the largest and most widely recognized movement in the world. Regardless of personal belief, the values taught by this massive movement can only come from positivity. Support your future - Support the Boy Scouts."

## A Powerful Five Year legacy: Allohak Chapter, 1996-2001

In 1996, the South Florida Council decided to add a fourth District to the Broward County area in an attempt to spur membership growth and make the Boy Scout program more accessible. With the addition of the "Miccosukee District" to the western Broward area, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge also witnessed the formation of the Allohak Chapter. Allohak in the Lenni Lenape dictionary translates to "The Powerful One." No one in the Order of the Arrow could have anticipated the power that was about to emerge from this Chapter.

The first Chapter Chief to be elected was David Levine. At the time, the Chapter met monthly on Sundays. Arrowman would work on Indian crafts such as long shirts or chokers. The Chapter was not known for its huge attendance at Lodge events, nor was it even considered a powerful Chapter. The big event for the Allohak Chapter in the initial years was being able to run the Midway Ticket booth at the Haunted Forest! This of course was because the Chapter was brand new and troops were still in the process of having Unit Elections, then sending their scouts to the next Ordeal.

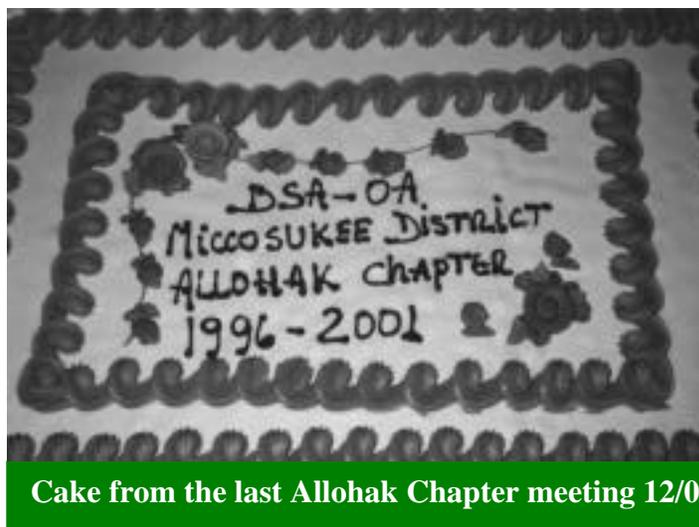
In the 1998-1999 Lodge Year, the Chapter started the year off with new leadership and enthusiastic Arrowman. The most valuable tool the Allohak Chapter had that year was all of its leadership was young and eager to grow. For the first time ever, the Allohak Chapter had a display in the Haunted Forest. This may not be a big deal for most Chapters, but at the time, the Allohak Chapter united for the first time ever on a Lodge level. They made such an impact that they went on to win the Golden Pumpkin Award for the 1998 Haunted Forest

After the Haunted Forest in 98, there was nothing but electricity running through the Chapter. At the Section Conference in 1999, the Allohak Chapter brought the second largest Chapter contingent. Moreover, at the 2000 and 2001 Section Conference, the Allohak Chapter brought the largest Chapter contingent. Chief Gary Kienzle brought the largest Chapter contingent from Allohak in 2001 when over 50 Arrowmen from the Chapter went to the Section Conference, which also made up one fourth of the overall Lodge attendance.

With the Chapter growing at an exponential rate, the Arrowman from the Chapter became eager to get more competitive and active on the Lodge level. In 2000, former Allohak Chapter Chief Josh

Levenson accepted the Best All Around Chapter award for the Allohak Chapter. Within just four years of existence, the Allohak Chapter became the single most powerful Chapter of the Lodge.

Allohak Chapter was merged with the other Chapters of the Broward Country area in a decision made by the South Florida Council Executive Board. The decision was made in response to the financial situation the Council was in. Arrowman from the Chapter are sad to see the Powerful Allohak Chapter merged, but now they can all say they were part of a legacy. A legacy that forever shook the foundation of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge.



**Cake from the last Allohak Chapter meeting 12/00**

### Chapter Highlights

- 1998 Golden Pumpkin Award
- Largest Chapter at 2000 Section Conference
- 2000 Best All Around Chapter
- Largest Chapter at 2001 Section Conference
- 2001 Honor Chapter
- Largest Dues Paid Chapter
- 2 Vigil Members called out
- 4 Meritorious Service Award Recipients

### Allohak Chapter Chiefs

- 1996-1997 David Levine
- 1997-1998 Tod Adel/Corey Ciccarelli
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## Secrets Behind the 2001 National Jamboree Patch!

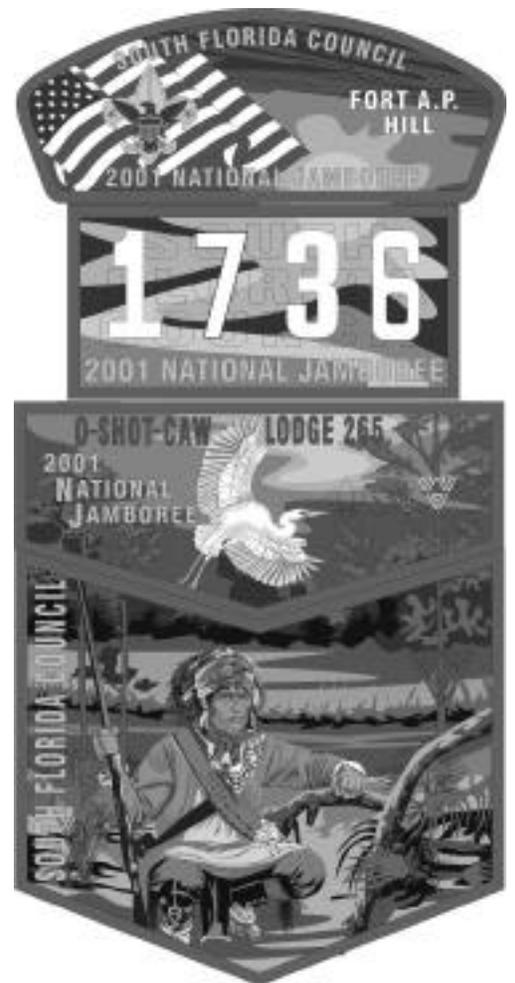
What is in a patch? The 2001 South Florida Council National Scout Jamboree patch set means different things to many people. Something to wear, or trade, collect, or just another patch. The challenge was to design something special for those participating in the Jamboree event, while representing our local heritage, environment and Scouting values. Many concepts and ideas were kicked around, but we settled on capturing the spectacular South Florida skies, elements of the 2001 Jamboree logo, and a lone Seminole, representing the "Unconquered" tribe that is part of where we live and is echoed in the O-Shot-Caw lodge. Each piece was designed to stand alone, but also to blend into one single design. Just as each one of us is different, but when we all come together for one common purpose it makes something special, bigger than any one thing, just like the Jamboree and Scouting. The five different colored borders, red for Troop 1735, green for Troop 1736, blue for Troop 1737, yellow for Troop 2015, commemorate the Raven, Bull, Wolf, and Curlew Brownsea patrols. Purple was selected for Scouters serving on Jamboree Staff. The purple was identified by Baden Powell to represent the world brotherhood of Scouting, and is also used on the World Brotherhood crest. South Florida Jamboree Staffers came into contact with Scouts and Scouters from around the country and the world. The ghosting of "South Florida Council" represents the support that is not also seen, but is always there. The green neckerchief honors something special to me personally, but that is another story. The large great white heron honors the tradition and spirit of the O-Shot-Caw lodge Brothers that were carried to and shared at A.P. Hill. The American flag, the standard of our country, was prominently displayed on the council strip has come to more cherished, but has also been part of Scouting and continues to proudly wave. I would like to thank all of those that contributed, and shared comments on the design. Special thanks to Josh Levenson, Stan Hoff, David Shorter, Bob Wolz, SFC Jamboree Committee and Irene at Krelman for their guidance in the development of this stitched piece of South Florida Council National Jamboree history. It was an honor to design this set. I hope that every South Florida Council Jamboree participant knows that they are the individual pieces that make up something bigger through Scouting, and that there are no limits when we come together.

In Scouting Spirit,  
*John P. Vajanyi, Jr.*  
 Troop 1736 Scoutmaster

### Winter Ordeal

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Another program note from the Ordeal was the First Year Arrowman Program. Instead of conducting the First Year Arrowman Breakfast on the Saturday of the Ordeal, the Committee chose to hold it on Sunday that way all the new Ordeal Candidates could attend. During the breakfast, First Year Arrowman Chairman Brian Polino served as the main speaker. He spoke to the First Year Arrowman on ways to become involved in the Lodge and what is expected of them in ten months (To seal their ties in the Brotherhood). All new Ordeal members received a really good



package when they became members. They received their O-Shot-Caw Lodge Flap, Membership Card, Ordeal Sash, Order of the Arrow Handbook, Lodge Planbook, Spirit Book, Spirit of the Arrow booklets, Weekend Guide Book, Section Conference Flyer, Lodge Banquet flyer, L.E.C. Application, and issues of the Patchwork. It was a great weekend for all those who attended. If you are looking for another weekend full of fellowship, attend the Lodge Banquet from March 1-3, 2002.



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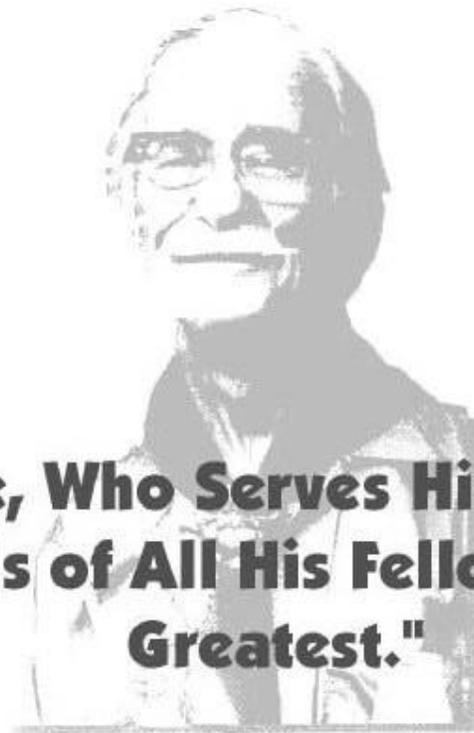
## Lodge Calendar

Lodge Banquet  
March 1-3, 2002  
Camp Seminole

Section Conference  
April 12-14, 2002  
Flaming Arrow

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

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



**"For He, Who Serves His Fellows,  
Is of All His Fellows  
Greatest."**

## 2002 WINTER ORDEAL WAS AWESOME!

Below is a picture of some the Brotherhood Candidates that went through at the Winter Ordeal

