

The Patchwork

O-Shot-Caw Lodge



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FOOD AND FUN AT THE 2003 LODGE BANQUET

Once a year, the great members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge meet for a weekend of food, fun, and fellowship. This weekend has come to have the name of the Lodge Banquet. The weekend began without a hitch as the Chapters celebrated Friday night with a Brotherhood Bash to remember, including games and really good food. Saturday morning kicked off with the First Year Arrowman breakfast, where Josh Levenson welcomed all the new members to the Lodge...And fed them too. After breakfast, the Lodge members readied themselves for the training cells. Around the activity field, you could find all Chapters learning various things about the award winning O-Shot-Caw Lodge, 265. In Mike George Hall, for instance, Eric McAlpin, the Dance Team committee chairman, taught curious Arrowmen the Zuni Rainbow Dance, an interesting dance that the Dance Team is learning to prepare for the Section Conference coming up in April. Also, Paul Anderson could be found recruiting Arrowmen to work at Camp Lone Oak. After lunch, all Chapters dropped everything to begin the race for the Tom Tatham Spirit Award. All Chapters fought hard for this coveted Arrow, but in the end...Well,

we'll see just who won. Various games were played, including the Banana Relay, a scavenger hunt, and Tug of War. As the afternoon wore on, curious Arrowmen could be seen watching as the set up for the banquet began. Tables and chairs were delivered

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Josh Levenson and Matt Priebis showing off the Drum Team's award.

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Dear Brothers,

As I said in my speech at the Lodge Banquet, I do not have a crystal ball, nor will I classify myself as a soothsayer. However, when it comes to the elections this June at the Summer Ordeal, a new Lodge Chief will be elected. It is scary to think that my days as your Lodge Chief will be coming to an end, but some things in life are sad but true. What does this mean? It means that O-Shot-Caw is going to be led by a new leader elected by you, the general membership of the lodge. I encourage anyone interested in running for Lodge Chief to contact me at 305-689-5256 or 954-572-1125 or JRLeven316@aol.com so I can clear up any stereotypes or questions about what the position actually entails.

Let me just make the statement that yes, you can attach many qualities that are necessary to being a successful O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief: dedication, time management, people skills, patience, etc. However, all of these qualities are useless unless you are crazy about the Order of the Arrow and crazy about the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. You should only run because you want to make a difference, not because you feel obligated or think it would be cool to call yourself the Lodge Chief. Granted, it is cool to call yourself the mighty O-Sot-Caw Lodge Chief, but that should not be your main motivation when running for Chief. Best of luck to

everyone who is interested in seeking office this June at the ordeal.

The Lodge Banquet, held from 2/28 to 3/2, 2003 was a very successful weekend. Not only was the weekend attendance high in numbers, but also the Banquet ceremony held on Saturday night was record setting as well with an approximate 450 people dining with O-Shot-Caw and experiencing the joys of the Order of the Arrow. Congratulations to all of the new Vigil Honor Members, Founder's Award Recipients, Meritorious Service Award Recipients, Exceptional First Year Arrowmen, members of the LEC and the Chapters that competed in events that weekend. It was a memorable night that will be remembered by many Arrowmen throughout the remainder of their lives.

Looking ahead, we have the upcoming Section Conference at the Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation. You can log onto our lodge's website for all the information you need in order to attend. Make sure you help O-Shot-Caw defend its gold in every form of competition! And always remember to learn through experience, and you will succeed through ambition.

WWW,

Josh Levenson

Josh Levenson
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
2000-2003

“The Indian Summer Experience”

“The most anticipated event of the year.”
–OA Production Video



By Brian Polino

From July 31 through August 10, 2003, twenty Arrowmen from the O-Shot-Caw Lodge will embark on an unforgettable journey to Asheville, North Carolina. This journey, known as the Indian Summer experience, will expand the participant's knowledge of the

knowledge of the Native American Indian culture. Arrowmen will take part in Order of the Arrow ceremonies, Native American dance and drum events, and induction training courses. The Conference will supply a wide variety of hands on activities, such as fancy dance bustle making and Indian drum and singing training. Those Arrowmen interested in ceremonies are invited to bring their regalia because they will have a chance to make the national standard Call Out Ceremony for the Order of the Arrow.

Besides Indian Summer, our lodge will be attending many educational and entertaining side trips. These side trips may range from baseball games and white water rafting to the touring of historical sites. Side trips will be one of the many highlights during our lodge's Indian Summer experience.

The National American Indian Conference (Indian Summer) will allow Arrowmen from all over the country to gain a better understanding of the Order of the Arrow's role in the Native American culture. They will be able to learn and take part in Order of the Arrow Indian events, and they will certainly experience the thrill of a lifetime.

“An Adventure to Remember”

Wilderness Voyage

The National Order of the Arrow is offering you an opportunity to join Arrowmen from across the country in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the pristine US/Canadian Boundary Waters. Under the direction of the United States Forest Service, experienced Charles L. Sommers staff members with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two week voyage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).



The program is a fourteen-day experience inspired by the traditions of the French and Canadian Voyageurs who ventured the northern wilderness during the 1700-1800's. Traveling thousands of miles by water and portage, these Voyageurs were hired to haul goods and furs to trade with

Native Americans and Europeans. In the spirit of these adventurers, Arrowmen will embark on a voyage that is twofold. One-half of the OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage focuses on portage trail and campsite maintenance within the Boundary Waters. The remaining expedition is spent on a canoeing adventure that is planned and chosen by the participants in the program. In other words, each crew plans their own voyage! However, the program is not simply portage trail work, camping, and canoeing. The OA Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Portage trail work is tough and serious. The worksite experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence as the tasks being accomplished are designed to benefit generations of Scouts and non-Scouts in the Boundary Waters Wilderness. In addition to mastering portage trail maintenance techniques, Scouts will strengthen their leadership skills, learn advanced wilderness and low-impact camping skills, learn wilderness safety techniques, participate in many motivational activities, and receive special OA instruction. The

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2003 LODGE BANQUET AWARDS



The Vigil Honor



The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its member for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. It is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish service, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their scout camp. Under no circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as a reason enough for a recommendation. Vigil Honor members have an honorable tradition to uphold.

They must at all times conduct themselves in accordance with the ideals of Scouting, the Order of the Arrow, and the Vigil Honor. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavor. It comes as a recommendation of unselfish, leadership in service. It dates from the year 1915, when founder E. Urner Goodman became the first Vigil Honor member. Since then, thousands of members have been given this honor.

The Vigil Honor has successfully fulfilled a definite and satisfactory service to the Order of the Arrow. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 and Vigil Honor Committee proudly nominate the following Arrowman for membership into the Vigil Honor.

Eric McAplin is an Eagle Scout from Troop 175 in the Pine Island District. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the winter of 1998, and then sealed his ties in the brotherhood a year later. He was an active member of the Allohak Chapter, and when the Allohak and Gokhos Chapters merged, he continued to stay active, serving as the Gokhos Chapter Chief for the 2002-2003 Lodge year. Eric is also the Dance Team Chairman, and has led the team to a first place victory at two Section Conferences.



Eric McAplin
"Spirit Dancer"



Eric Vreeland is an Eagle Scout from Troop 806 in the Hurricane District. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the winter of 1998, as a member of the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter and returned a year later to seal his ties in the brotherhood. He then went on to join both the Dance Team and Drum Team. Rarely does an Arrowman have enough time to commit to both teams, but Eric is an active member of both, and competed at the past two Section Conferences and at the 2002 NOAC with both teams. He is currently the Chapter Chief of the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter.



Eric Vreeland
"Swift Wolf"

Antwaun Wilson is an Eagle Scout from Troop 54 in the Calusa District. Antwaun was selected as the Troop 1737 Senior Patrol Leader for South Florida Council's contingent to the National Jamboree in the summer of 2001. He then represented the entire South Florida Council as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 23 at the World Jamboree. Antwaun was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 1999, then came back the following year to seal his ties. He now serves the Allouchet Chapter as their Chapter Chief, leading them to their first ever Golden Pumpkin...their first time participating in the Haunted Forest!



Antwaun Wilson
"He who does good work"

Rich Levenson is the father of three Eagle Scouts, including the O-Shot-Caw Lodge's Lodge Chief, Josh Levenson. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 175 in the Pine Island District. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the winter of 1993 and sealed his ties in the fall of 1996. He was very supportive of the newly created Alluhak Chapter in the Miccosukee District by attending meetings and helping with unit elections. He was appointed O-Shot-Caw Lodge Membership Adviser in 2000 and still serves that post today.



Rich Levenson
"Big Dog"

Facundo Ayvar has always been there to consistently and effectively serve several troops, packs, and venture crews as well as Pioneer District, Tomoka Chapter, South Florida Council, and O-Shot-Caw Lodge. If help is needed, he is there, quietly and effectively helping to promote and put in place the scouting program. While allowing and encouraging the boys to act, do, and learn for themselves, he is always there to guide, motivate, and help them to achieve their goals. As they say, 'Character counts'. And this brother proves it, quietly, consistently, and effectively leading the way.



Facundo Ayvar
"Willing Worker"

Fred Priebis is an Eagle Scout from the Pioneer District. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the winter of 1993, and sealed his ties at the 1996 Lodge Banquet. He was elected to the position of Tomoka Chapter Chief in the mid 90's when Tomoka was at one of its most powerful moments. After his term as Chapter Chief, Fred became the Chairman of the Drum Team, and was one of the key, Arrowman to bring the Drum Team to its widely acclaimed success.



Fred Priebis
"Drum Keeper"

2003 LODGE BANQUET AWARDS

Founder's Award

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 those Arrowmen who memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman. The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likeness of E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A Edson, with a wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. The award is suitable for display at home or the office. Also available is the Founder's Award ribbon, similar to the universal arrow ribbon, except that it has a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon.

Greg Wiener, whether he knows it or not, truly embodies the words of Meteu, "For he who serves his fellows, it of all his fellows, greatest." He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the winter of 1999, and then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. This Arrowman was an active member of his chapter and was able to make his way to the 2000 National Order of the Arrow Conference. He came back and assumed the role of Chapter Chief in the 2000-2001 Lodge year. Although he assumed the helm late in the year, he was still able to lead his Chapter to victory in the Best All Around Chapter competition. The following year, his service far exceeded everyone's expectations. He was a member of the LEC, not only as a Chapter Chief, but as the Haunted Forest Chairman as well. At the end of the year, he was elected First Vice Chief of O-Shot-Caw. He is a Vigil Honor Member, Eagle Scout, recipient of the Arrowman Service Award, and now the Order of the Arrow Founder's Award.



Andre Cupas is no stranger to service in the scouting program. He was inducted in the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 1997. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. He quickly became an active member of the Lodge Executive Committee by holding such positions as Unit Elections Chairman and Brotherhood Chairman. After his tenure as a committee chairman, he was elected to the position of Second Vice Chief, where he served the lodge in a greater sense. The following year, he was then elected to the position of First Vice Chief. Instead of seeking another year as a lodge officer, this Arrowman

noticed that he could better serve the Order of the Arrow as a whole by moving back to the chapter level where he assumed the position of Chapter Chief. As a Chapter Chief, he has led the Chapter to win the Tom Tatham Spirit Award, Quest for the Rusted Arrow, and Best All Around Chapter. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, and Arrowman Service Award Recipient.

DANCE TEAM

The Dance Team has been active recently and eagerly working on a new dance, the Zuni Rainbow Dance. The last time that the lodge did the Zuni Rainbow Dance was in 1993 and 1994. It is a very fun and challenging dance. We have a few new members who have learned the dance and will be competing with us at Section Conference, which we are looking forward to. If you have any questions or want to join the team, please give me a call.

Eric McAlpin

ELANGOMAT

The Elangomat Committee is the committee in charge of the brothers who wish to go through the ordeal again and guide our future brothers into our order. We need at least one adult and one youth from each Chapter for each ordeal. It is a small one-year commitment that involves a few phone calls to encourage our new brothers to participate and seal their ties in our order. If you are interested you can either contact your Chapter Chief or myself.

Gary Kienzle

FIRST YEAR ARROWMAN

My name is Mike Worley and I am the FYA Chairman. The FYA Committee gave out 28 FYA Awards at lodge banquet. In total, 38 brothers have so far earned the award this year! That's a 35% increase! Thanks to all the First Year Arrowman who made this happen. By earning these numbers, we have broken the

lodge goal for the FYA Award, the first time in 4 years! Remember, this committee is the one who produces the FYA Booklet and award. We also host the FYA breakfast and Jumpstart training seminars. If you would like to help us make this happen, please call me at 954-873-0193.

Mike Worley



INTERNET

As usual, the O-Shot-Caw.org web site is being kept up-to-date with the latest information and forms. The Section Conference Registration form is now the prominent form - but remember to add your late fee now, as the deadline has passed. All the Awards from the Lodge Banquet being made available on the web site as I am writing this report, along with the scripts regarding the recipients. It is impressive. As soon as Brian Sweeney sends me all the newest members, the web site will be fully ready for Section Conference. We are ready to bring home that First Place Trophy again this year!

Rob Burr

QUATERMASTER

This month the quartermaster committee has done quite well and is looking forward to Section Conference. If there is any committees that need items out of the shed for the conference you need to let me know before hand

and I will have it opened for you and ready. Thanks.

Chris Mercer

UNIT ELECTIONS

The Unit Elections committee has now put on two Unit Elections Seminars for the Chapter Chiefs and their Chapter unit elections Chairman. The last one held was at the Lodge Banquet where there were over 20 Scouts in attendance. I made and handed out videotapes of the Unit Elections procedure and what the Unit Elections team is supposed to show the units when holding Elections. Earlier I handed out notebooks with information about how the UE procedure worked and how to carry out these procedures. We also gave a Camp Promotions reminder to the Scoutmasters and Scouts while doing the UE's. I am now entering my UE sheets mailed to me in the computer for the Summer Ordeal. I will also be sending out, at the end of April, a letter to all the candidates who are eligible for the Summer Ordeal. Also, ALL ADULT forms should be sent to the address on the BOTTOM of the elections form and NOT to the South Florida Council office. The Adult address is : Order of the Arrow South Florida Council, 5930 SW 104th Street, Miami Florida, 33156. All other Youth forms are mailed to me: Chris Gundlach, 1349 Middle River Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304-1555: Unless you send it to the council office. Which is ok, but I can't send you a letter about the Ordeal if I don't get it at my house. If you have any questions, call me at 954-561-8453. Thanks.

Chris Gundlach

Gokhos

The mighty Gokhos Chapter was the largest chapter in attendance at the Lodge Banquet, and also the winners of this year's Tom Tatham Spirit Award. We had an awesome time at this year's Banquet, and many members from our Chapter received awards. We are planning on representing the greatest lodge in the country at the Section Conference in Tallahassee and we hope to see you all there.

-Eric McAlpin

O-Shot-Co-Chee

Hey Guys! We are holding lots of elections for troops. We did the Scout's Own at the Spring Camporee for Tequesta District and it was great. Hope to see lots of people at the Section Conference. Hey, we still meet at West Miami Middle School on the first Monday of every month, so I hope to see some new faces at the meetings.

-Matthew Murrell

Pooca-Tooka

Well, Lodge Banquet was fun and although we didn't win the Tom Tatham Spirit Award, we still dominated. Pooca Tooka would like to send their congratulations to Brain Polino for having his LEC minutes approved yet again. We are ready for Section Conference with the "Drive For Five"

-Andre Cupas

Wilderness Voyage Continued...

project's mission is to maintain, reinforce, and intensify the purpose of the Order of the Arrow through Scout camping traditions. Camping enhances and builds stronger programs and people. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their troop, chapter, lodge, and council programs.

2002-2003 Lodge Banquet Continued...

to the activities field, where Arrowman promptly began to set them up for the coming night. Even the adults got into the games with the Quest for the Rusted Arrow, playing such games as "Lodge Chief Says", and the ever-popular soda chugging. As night fell, the guests began to arrive, and somebody decided to give the Gokhos Chapter noisemakers. Then, the moment of truth, the Lodge Banquet began. The guests and Arrowman were treated to chicken, rice, beans, corn, and salad, as well as dessert; cake. Then, came the awards presentation, the year in review, and the Vigil Call-Out Ceremony. All in all, the 2002-2003 O-Shot-Caw Lodge Banquet will leave lasting memories in the hearts and minds of all who attended.



Josh Levenson and Alex Gomez present a check to Phil Johnson acting on behalf of South Florida Council for the JAACF.

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Articulate Ramblings

My Fellow Brothers-

Hello, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Jim Rodgers. I am the O-Shot-Caw newsletter Editor-In-Chief. I have decided, in my course to better this already great newsletter, to include this section. If you will, this is my soapbox, my fifteen minutes of fame.

I would like to start things off by offering up a prayer to all those who have died and who live in service to our country. May their souls find rest wherever it is they go.

I would like to offer up an apology to the entire Lodge for my procrastination in the production of this newsletter. It should have been out way earlier, and I lost the Chapter and Committee reports. This will not happen again.

I am greatly honored to be the Publications Committee Chairman. I mean, come on, who wouldn't? The O-Shot-Caw Lodge and the Order of the Arrow in general is the greatest thing that can happen to a Boy Scout. I can personally say that it reconfirmed my want to be a Boy Scout and receive the Eagle badge. Besides, it's next to impossible to be on the LEC and not get your Eagle Badge

I am also opening up the Committee to whoever would like to join the staff. Yes, that's right, I am starting a Patchwork staff. No, we will not get staff

shirts, although it would be nice. But each member will be an integral part of making this newsletter the best of the best. For more information, please feel free to contact me at Jrdarkness@aol.com. I'm hoping to get at least one staff member in each Chapter.

Yours in Brotherhood,
James B. Rodgers, Jr. (Jim)

Silver Beaver Gala

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 twelve exemplary Scouters, most of which are members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Here are the recipients:

*Joseph Atlerman
Richard Benn, Jr.
Ines Cupas
Albert Dotson, Sr.
Paco Gou
Henry Gutierrez
John Hammel
Alexander Holinko
Robert Kanzinger
Mitchell Katz
Mark Rethemeyer
Rodney Smith*

Exceptional First Year Arrowman

Troop	Chapter	Name
534	Pooca-TooKa	Eric Perez
519	Elgixin	Brian Sweeney
519	Elgixin	David Sweeney
175	Gokhos	Mike Worley
237	Gokhos	James Rodgers, Sr.
160	Gokhos	Peter Rivera
	Elgixin	Jamie Nelson
519	Elgixin	Eric Smith-Norman
246	Elgixin	Robert Wilkins
183	Gokhos	TJ Boukard
183	Gokhos	Craig Friewald
183	Gokhos	Danny Ramos
519	Elgixin	Jack Sweeny
246	Elgixin	Grant Chambers
806	Hnu-Ra-Con	Kyle Vreeland
519	Elgixin	William Dethes
246	Elgixin	Geoffrey Londav
806	Hnu-Ra-Con	Andrew Luker
806	Hnu-Ra-Con	Mike Vreeland
412	Paldani	Mary Ann Drotzer
175	Gokhos	Michael Landmesser
246	Elgixin	Namron Foster
534	Pooca-TooKa	Johnathan Diaz
175	Gokhos	Adam Firpo
175	Gokhos	Gary Landmesser



Meritorious Service Award

*Matt Priebis
Alex Gomez
Brian Polino*

Tom Tatham Spirit Award

Gokhos Chapter

Quest for the Rusted Arrow

Elgixin Chapter

Golden Pumpkin Award

Allouchset Chapter

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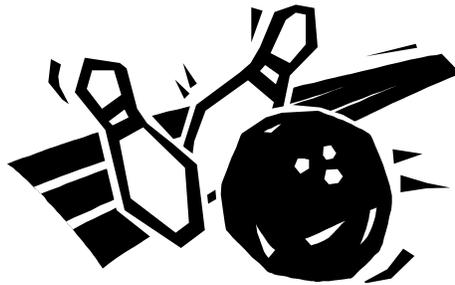
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WINTER ORDEAL – JANUARY 2003

The 2003 Winter Ordeal was a very productive weekend. It was held on the weekend of January 10-12, 2003 at Camp Everglades. We inducted 85 Ordeal Candidates and 34 brotherhood candidates sealed their ties in the brotherhood. On Friday night, our lodge watched a special presentation on fire safety, and then proceeded to take part in the Brotherhood Bash! On Saturday, the lodge work projects included building ten more picnic tables, restoring fire rings, clearing trails, increasing the aesthetic appeal of certain lavatories, and fixing up the OA ceremonies ring. It was a very relaxing weekend for everyone in attendance. At the Sunday Lodge meeting, our Lodge promoted Indian Summer, the Lodge Banquet, Section Conference and many other Order of the Arrow events. All in all, an awesome weekend!

O-SHOT-CO-CHEE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Calling all Scouts! It is that time of year again! He Fourth Annual O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter bowling tournament. The date for this awesome event is May 18th. We will be opening registration a 1:30. The Bowling starts at 2:00. The location is still Clover Leaf Lanes. Te fee is 10 dollars.



What will be in the next *Patchwork*?



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Lodge Calendar

Section Conference

April 2-4, 2003
Wallwood BSR

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May 2-4, 2003
Camp Sawyer

Bowling Tournament

May 18, 2003
Clover Leaf Bowling

Summer Ordeal

June 6-8, 2003
Camp Lone Oak



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Comic of the Month

