Rarely will you find a lodge in the Order of the Arrow that has the ability to dominate in all forms of competition. Not only dominate, but also do so for a long time. The reason this is so uncommon is because the bar of excellence keeps rising and the competition becomes tougher every year. Yet, mighty O-Shot-Caw seems to have found a way to beat the odds again and again. At the 2003 Section Conference, the famous line was once again heard from Section Chief Seth Mollit, “for the fifth year in a row, first place in Best All Around Lodge goes to O-Shot-Caw Lodge.” As soon as O-Shot-Caw was announced as the winner, the electricity, excitement, and intensity would have been strong enough to move mountains. Over 160 members of O-Shot-Caw broke into the loudest “Knock Knock” cheer ever heard, to then be followed by a “5-peat” chant. O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief, Josh Levenson, was the representative for O-Shot-Caw in this competition – with the support of the entire lodge. Never before has a lodge in Section S4S won first place in the Best All Around Lodge Competition five times in a row; no one else besides O-Shot-Caw has won four times in a row for that matter, or three! As you can see, O-Shot-Caw truly is a force to be reckoned with at the Section Conference…. Continued on page 8
Dear Brothers,

I would like to start off my very first “Chiefly Speaking” article by thanking everyone for electing me as the new Lodge Chief. It gives me great pleasure to serve you and to represent our Lodge through the many events. I feel honored to have the opportunity to lead this lodge through the next twelve months.

In any sort of organization, the most effectual way to continue the tradition is to invest a lot of energy and time into the future. As your Lodge Chief, I’ve already begun to plan for the future. I strongly feel that the goals set for this year will make an even stronger O-Shot-Caw. Some of the goals include the following: increasing overall lodge attendance, appointing youth chairmen to successfully lead our lodge through large scale events, continue current programs to live up to our O-Shot-Caw Lodge tradition, and to create a worldwide trading post that will increase our lodge revenue. Whether the goals of O-Shot-Caw are to appoint new youth chairmen or to initiate new programs, the outcome of these goals will be beneficial to all Arrowmen of this lodge.

As most of you know, it was at the Summer Ordeal that five new officers were elected to lead our lodge through another prosperous year. I would have to say that it was difficult to bid farewell to our past lodge chief for he devoted three years out of his life in cheerful service to our lodge. I would like to thank Josh Levenson for impacting so many lives including my own while serving as the Lodge Chief. You will be missed, and I wish you luck for whatever the future might bring you. On a higher note, many officers were once again elected to serve our lodge. I look forward to working with Eric, Courtney, Michael, and Jonathan to lead our lodge through another great year.

Furthermore, the national event Indian Summer was held from July 31 – August 10, 2003. There, twenty arrowmen from our lodge had the opportunity to participate in Native American cultural activities such as singing, dancing, and ceremonies. Arrowmen in attendance were able to fully grasp the induction aspect of the Order of the Arrow. It was a privilege to lead the largest contingent to a National Event. This is just another sign of how great O-Shot-Caw really is.

Again, thank you for electing me as your new Lodge Chief.

Bound in Brotherhood,

Brian A. Polino
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
2003-Present
Paldani Chapter Hosts its 1st Annual Scoutmaster’s Dinner

It is not a coincidence that words “Paldani” and “pioneer” both start with the letter “p.” That’s because they are closely related, and Paldani Chapter truly exemplified the idea of a pioneer when creating the Scoutmaster’s Dinner. Chapter Chief Alex Gomez noticed a certain problem in the district, and took action to fix the situation. Here is what the Scoutmaster’s Dinner involved. Each Scoutmaster in the Seminole District, South Florida Council was mailed an invitation to an “Honor Dinner,” free of charge. Furthermore, each Scoutmaster was asked to bring his OA Troop Representative. These letters were sent to all Scoutmasters, whether members of the OA or not. The response was very well received as was apparent in the attendance of many Scoutmasters and OA Representatives at the dinner. Besides the wonderful food, Alex Gomez also had a video presentation about the Order of the Arrow along with the unveiling of the 2003-2004 goals for the Paldani Chapter. To conclude the evening, gift certificates were raffled out to those in attendance. So, not only did everyone walk away with a wonderful dinner, but some also won gifts to various places such as Borders, Target, and Applebee’s. Paldani already has plans to host this dinner for the Scoutmaster’s again next year. This is something that every chapter in O-Shot-Caw should consider implementing. It is perhaps one of the greatest ways to reach out to the Scoutmasters and ensure a friendly rapport between troops and the Order of the Arrow.

Another Successful O-Shot-Co-Chee Bowling Tournament

~All proceeds were donated to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund~

Every year the O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter puts together an awesome event known as the “Bowling Tournament.” This year it was held on May 17, 2003. Even after a date change at the last minute, the attendance was still high. Approximately sixty to seventy Arrowmen were at the bowling alley having a great time. It was not simply a matter of bowling the highest score, but having fun while doing it. For certain Arrowmen in the lodge, bowling a high score was just not an option! Nevertheless, all had a good time. In the end, Nok Su Chapter once again took home the highest average for the chapter score along with the highest youth award. In the adult category, Gokhos Chapter Adviser Bill Gundlach was the winner! See you all next year!
This year, the Dance team got off to a slow start after NOAC, but spent the rest of the year learning a new group dance, the Zuni Rainbow Dance, and making individual outfits. The dance team is looking to reestablish the lodge as an individual dance powerhouse as well as a group dance powerhouse as it once was. We had many new people join this year, and hopefully we will have many of our individual outfits done by the fall. The year was fun, and the Dance Team can only get stronger.

**Eric McAlpin**

**ELANGOMAT**

The Elangomat program has been a huge success this year in having enough Elangomats at each Ordeal. We have assisted our friends and guided them until they became our brothers. If anyone is interested in being an Elangomat for the upcoming year, talk to your Chapter Chief and they will get you the information needed. Enjoy the summer break and I hope to see you all next year.

**Gary Kienzle**

**1ST YEAR ARROWMAN**

It has been an absolute honor to serve you as First Year Arrowman Chairman. I just wanted to point out some highlights of the year. First, for the first time in four years, the FYA committee broke the lodge goal for this year of 35 FYA Awards. Not only did we meet that goal, but we surpassed it. Surpassed it by 50% that is! That’s right, we had a 50% increase in FYA Award Applications from last year! Some things to expect next year are more Jumpstart interactive programs. Also, there will be a change in the way you submit your name for the First Year Arrowman award also - something definitely to look forward too. I would personally like to thank my adviser, John Vajanyi for all his great help and direction, and also Stan Hoff, who printed the certificates this year. Let’s all hope next year is just as productive.

**Michael D. Worley**

**INTERNET**

This will be my last report to the LEC as Internet Chairman as I will be unable to serve another term. So, the Internet needs a new Chairman next year, anyone interested? If you need any help or advice I am sure I can offer some. I’ll be around and you can always get in touch through my mother, Robin, the advisor for O-Shot-Co-Chee. I have enjoyed serving the lodge and I wish everyone the best of luck in their future endeavors. I hope the future chairman, whoever it may be, will continue the tradition of the past two years and bring back the First Place Internet trophy from the Section Conference again in 2004. The website is currently up-to-date with the latest *Patchwork* available, the Summer Ordeal registration form, all the information on the Section Conference Awards and the Lodge Banquet Awards. There is also information about the lodge receiving the National Service Award for the second year in a row! Congratulations to all and the best of luck in the future. This is Rob V. Burr Internet Chairman, signing off.

**Rob Burr**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Well Brothers, another calendar year has passed for our great lodge. Here’s what we accomplished as far as membership; from 2002-2003 we welcomed 311 Ordeal members, over 104 into Brotherhood, and 6 Brothers were bestowed the honor of Vigil. As you can see I had a busy year, and I look forward to serving our lodge again this year. My summer will also be a busy one; I look forward to once again working in "paradise" as a counselor at Camp Lone Oak, I will be attending Indian Summer in Georgia, and I am proud to be representing mighty O-Shot-Caw at Northern Tier at the end of July in Minnesota. It has truly been a pleasure to be a part of the greatest lodge in the country!

**Brian Sweeney**

**PUBLICATIONS**

It gives me great pleasure to once again edit another smashing edition of The Patchwork newsletter. After this past Section Conference, I can honestly say that this is the best OA newsletter around seeing that we won FIRST PLACE in the newsletter...
The Patchwork

competition for three years in a row! In this issue, you will notice some very well written article about the summer ordeal, National Boy Scout Meeting, and the S4S Section Conference. Although I enjoy putting together the newsletters for O-Shot-Caw, the time has come that a new editor step forward and, “grab the bull by the horns.” If you are interested in possibly being the next editor-in-chief of The Patchwork, simply e-mail the new mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief, Brian Polino at BrianPolino@aol.com I wish you all the best in everything you do. It was a pleasure to serve as the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Publications Chairman.

Josh Levenson

SERVICE

Well my brothers this is the last report for this term of the lodge year for the Service Committee. Many of you brothers completed your 25 hours of service cards. For those brothers that did not complete them, please make sure to follow up on them after the new chairman is in place. For those brothers that did complete them you may purchase your patch from the trading post if you did not already know that. My brothers we have had a very successful year as a lodge all throughout the year, and we here at Service Committee want to thank Josh Levenson for giving us three great years. We are looking forward to find out the outcome of the Best All Around Chapter for this year. It is going to be a VERY close competition. Good luck to all the competing chapters.

Manny Mendez

SPIRIT

The spirit committee had a great year! We made 300 copies of the lodge spirit book and handed them out to all the new ordeal brothers. We would like to thank all of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge brothers who helped spread the spirit of the lodge, which helped the lodge obtain the section spirit award at this past section conference.

Andy Hausman

UNIT ELECTIONS

This past year has been very busy for Unit Elections. I started the year with a Unit Elections Seminar at Fall Ordeal and then had another one at Lodge Banquet. Even with many Chapter Chiefs and Chapter Elections Chairmen in attendance, I still am having a problem with many elections forms that are being sent in to me. They are: incomplete, have wrong addresses (or no addresses), the Unit Elections Team (UET) has left off the names of those Scouts elected, no signatures from either the Scoutmaster or UET, etc. Next year I would like do this job again so I can make elections forms and information more accurate. Recently, I have sent out over 120 letters to the Scouts of new elections for the Summer Ordeal, with something new, a large information form, which should be filled out and turned in during registration. This will help us with easy reading and give Membership a heads up on information. Of the letters I have sent out for Summer Ordeal, I know that many have already received their letters as I have received several calls with questions and quite a few emails. Several asked for directions, and I have sent several maps and next year I may make that part of the mailing. Tom Robertson has notified all of the Adult candidates who were nominated for Ordeal candidacy and I will be at Lone Oak for registration by 6:30 and Mr. Tracy will have his computer there. We should be in the best shape Unit Elections has been in for years after this Ordeal. I am looking forward to being the Unit Elections Chairman next year with Mr. Tracy as my Advisor. He and I have several new ideas to work on and one of them is working more closely with the Membership Chairman, Brian Sweeney. Have a great summer! Happy Holidays Ron!

Chris Gundlach

L.E.C. Applications are now online at our lodge’s website! Simply log onto: www.o-shot-caw.org
We had a terrific year with Elgixin Chapter. Our attendance is up at both meetings and lodge events. On Sunday, May 18, we had our end of the year bowling/pizza party. At that event, we held our elections for next year’s chapter chief, vice chief, and secretary. Our new chapter chief for 2003-04 year is Geoff Landau. We hope to win Best All Around Chapter at summer ordeal. Next year we will have a good year with Geoff as chapter chief. I look forward to the growing future of Elgixin Chapter.

Greg Nelson
Chapter Chief
2002-2003

GOKHOS

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Greg Nelson
Chapter Chief
2002-2003

HNU-RA-CON

This has been a great year for the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter. With a massive increase in the number of brothers attending the meetings the only thing rising faster than our numbers is our enthusiasm. We had a lot of fun this year at the ordeals, lodge banquet, haunted forest, bowling tournament, and section conference. We will be at all the events next year and will be there in force. At our last meeting we held our chapter elections. We have new chapter chief and new officers. Plans are being made for a chapter fellowship in the later part of the summer or early next fall. See you there!

Eric Vreeland
Chapter Chief
2002-2003

O-SHOT-CO-CHEE

Wow what a great year. All the experiences and new friends! Well I can say some great things about this year! The O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter raises $467 for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund at the Bowling tournament. The Allouchset Chapter had the biggest turn out with the O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter right behind with 17 members. Nok Su Chapter took two trophies as usual. I want to thank the chapter for an awesome year and I am looking forward to another great year as the chief. The O-Shot-Co-

Matthew Murrell
Chapter Chief
2002-

POOCA-TOOKA

Pooca-Tooaka Chapter is closing out the year with a bang! We can’t wait until the end of the summer ordeal for two reasons: one to hear who will be the next lodge chief to lead us to victory in the future; two, to hear if our chapter will repeat as Best All-Around for the second year in a row. The year has been great and we plan to conquer any chapter that tries to challenge us. We also would like to say to Lodge Chief Josh Levenson, it’s been great being under your leadership the last three terms, hopefully the new chief will learn from you on how to lead and of course WIN. As chapter chief I would like to make a closing remark. First of all, THANK YOU to everyone that has helped me throughout my officer years until now and to everyone that taught me something new at every O-SHOT-CAW 265 event. To every one that wanted to run, I am sorry for that, but I will be off to college to get my teaching degree. To say to everyone that has the opportunity to run for a position in your chapter or in the lodge, GO for it. Don’t hold back, and don’t let anyone let you think you can’t. As a past Lodge officer, I recommend to go for it, and REACH HIGHER. This has been "Little Warrior" signing out.

Andre Cupas
Chapter Chief
2002-2003
In the recent history of the lodge, there has been a new trend that has spread like wildfire. It is referred to by many names: “the lone scout,” “the pose,” and “the look.” Yet, only one phrase does justice to this awesome look. It is known as the, “Chiefly Look!” Yes, the famous Chiefly Look can be seen at many scouting events. However, since its conception, the Chiefly Look has evolved to encompass many situations. Originally, it was used as an outdoor look where an Arrowman would stare at the sun while his photo was being taken. Furthermore, the Arrowman would usually be wearing sunglasses so when the photo is snapped, the glare of the sun reflects on the glasses – adding to the power of the look. Yet, too many photos led to many problems with Arrowman staring at the sun. Also, it was noted that the Chiefly Look actually resulted in better photos when sunglasses were not being worn. With the removal of sunglasses from the trend, the look became more popular because it could be used day or night. You might be asking yourself two questions, “why do use the Chiefly Look?” and, “how does one pose for the Chiefly Look?” Lucky for you, the editors of The Patchwork have the inside scoop! The Chiefly Look was created to add that one thing that seemed to be missing from all photos that were taken, that one thing being vision. Of course, when the word vision is used here, it is referring to the ability of the Scout in the photo to shape the future of the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Arrowman with true confidence, and an eager sense to support the Order of the Arrow seem to possess a natural ability to utilize the Chiefly Look. Here is how the Chiefly Look is universally done. By following these instructions and practicing at home, we should be able to have the whole lodge behind one vision – looking into the future of O-Shot-Caw. Step one; stand up straight with your legs slightly apart. Next, place your hands firmly on your hips. At this stage, your elbows should be making an outward point. After your hands are in place, pick a location in the sky (traditionally over your left shoulder) and stare straight at this made-up point. After you located your focal point, tilt back slightly and put a huge smile on your face because you are currently doing the Chiefly Look! As of late, we have had a few Arrowman with there own innovations and modifications to the Chiefly Look. In the top left, Logan Templeton is pictured as the first Arrowman to be photographed doing the Chiefly Look, sitting down with a pen! Amazing is the only word that came to my mind! Remember, the Chiefly Look should only be used when needed, and not over done. Finally, always remember to only use the Chiefly Look when there is a camera around. That way there is evidence of its phenomenon.
The Patchwork

O-Shot-Caw pulls a sweep at the Section Conference, AGAIN!

Continued from Page 1… This marked the fifth year in a row we won Best All Around Lodge status, but this is the ninth time overall that O-Shot-Caw has earned first place. Other lodges that competed in the Best All Around Lodge competition at the Section Conference included Tipisa, Echokotee, and Timuquan. However, it would be in poor taste if the editors of the award winning Patchwork only focused on the success of one competition. O-Shot-Caw Lodge won first place in the following: Inductions, Quest for the Golden Arrow, Publications, Website, Volleyball, Water Volleyball, Blind Canoe Race, Horseshoes, and Order of the Arrow Jeopardy. We took second in: Group Dance, Drum Team, Adult-Sink-a-thon, and Adult BMX. In third place, O-Shot-Caw won: King’s Cup, 5K Run, BMX Race, and the Tug-O-War. Our Ceremonies team earned honor distinction in both Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood. Moreover, Eric Perez and Daniel Smith won “Best in Section” for playing the parts of Kichkinet and Allowat Sakima respectively. One award that O-Shot-Caw won, in which no place is awarded, was the SPIRT AWARD! A big, “thank you” to Andy Hausman for leading the lodge in many chants over the weekend. It just further proves that we truly do walk like we talk by living out all parts of our famous (and to some people, infamous) “Knock Knock” cheer! Seriously, who can knock O-Shot-Caw down? Nobody Nobody Yeah! And remember, when your up against O-Shot-Caw, you get knocked upside down!

An overall perspective…

The Section Conference was held on the weekend of April 4-6, 2003 at the Walwood Boy Scout Reservation in Quincy, Florida. This is just outside of Tallahassee. As you can imagine if you are good with your geography, O-Shot-Caw being the southern most lodge in the nation has quite a drive to arrive at the Section Conference. Two buses full of 110 Arrowmen left Camp Seminole very early Friday morning to ensure that we would arrive with time to spare. Not only did 110 Arrowmen ride on
“At the Section Conference, we make the impossible look easy!!!”

Acknowledgements...

The O-Shot-Caw trip to the Section Conference would not have been what it was without some key people. First, the L.E.C. would like to thank South Florida Council (Ernie Carballo and Doug Lunsford especially) for making all of the arrangements with the bus company. Some youth Arrowmen that went above and beyond the call of duty at the Section Conference by representing the lodge in certain competitions include: Greg Wiener in the Inductions Competition, Courtney Bays for organizing the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Gary Kienzle in both website and publications, Eric McAlpin and the dance team, Matt Priebis and the drum team, the ceremonies team, and everyone else who was a member of the quest event teams. In addition to the awesome youth participation, an appreciation is also extended to Ron Bell, Glen Gilbert, Phil Maus, Walker Ellis, Bill Gundlach III, Anthony Ramirez, Jimbo Carlsen, Andre “Pancho” Perez, Dave Sweeney, and many more!

The Heron Bus Transportation, but an additional 52 Arrowmen opted to take personal transportation to the conference, giving our lodge a total attendance of 162 Arrowmen! For being the lodge with the longest drive, we still managed to be the second largest contingent at the conference! If we have just 11 more Arrowmen attend, we would have been the largest contingent! That just goes to show you that O-Shot-Caw is not only powerful, but dedicated as well. The theme for the Section Conference was “Light the flame; carry the tradition.” At both the Friday night and Saturday night arena show, Arrowmen were reminded about the importance of patriotism and scouting. Throughout the weekend, the opportunities were endless. O-Shot-Caw was large enough to spread out over most of the camp and experience everything. No matter what your interest is, the conference had something to tickle your fancy. Next year, the Section Conference will be hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at Camp Tana Keetah. This works out nicely for O-Shot-Caw because it will result in a very short trip to the conference. Shorter distance means more Arrowmen! Make plans to attend now! Also make sure to spread the word!!!

Mike Worley is a “Patch-Trading Machine!!!”

Gary Kienzle led the lodge to a 1st place finish in both publications and Internet.

Eric Perez & Daniel Smith win “Best in Section” for the ceremonies team!

R to L: Josh Levenson squares off against Chris Crowley & National Chief, Nick Digirolamo in the final round of OA Jeopardy at the evening show!!!

“Pancho” and Dave Sweeney compete in the “Adult Sink-a-thon” Competition!!!
O-Shot-Caw Lodge has once again proved that it is the most powerful lodge in the nation! Not only have we dominated the Best All Around Lodge competition in recent history, but we have also impacted the national scene too. The National Service Award is awarded to two lodges per region every year. This is the second year in a row that O-Shot-Caw has won this award – a rare feat. In order to compete for the National Service Award, lodges must submit a petition that outlines all of the service hours performed from Jan 1, - Dec 21, of the respective year and also be a national quality lodge. Josh Levenson and John Gundlach were the two authors of this year’s National Service Award petition, which in the end was nine pages, 3,809 words long. In the year 2002, O-Shot-Caw racked together 16,941 hours of cheerful service over the course of 18 events. If you wish to read, or skim, over this impressive document, simply log onto our lodge’s website and click on the National Service Award logo (www.o-shot-caw.org). From May 27 – 30, 2003, O-Shot-Caw sent a small contingent to the National Boy Scout meeting in Philadelphia to accept the award. While in, “Philly,” both Josh Levenson and Ron Bell had the privilege to visit the Treasure Island Scout Camp – the birthplace of the Order of the Arrow. The trip also had some many other interesting moments. For example: John Gundlach managed to spill everything he touched on his pants, Josh Levenson was hustled out of two dollars, the National OA Committee passed a motion allowing a special police badge to also be worn on the OA sash, Rich Levenson almost went insane when he arrived under dressed, and of course touring Philly itself.

Perhaps the hardest thing to do is to let go of something special. This year O-Shot-Caw once again had to say good-bye to some Arrowmen that will be moving on to college or are “aging-out.” At the May Lodge Executive Committee meeting, Greg Wiener delivered his final address as our lodge’s First Vice Chief. He delivered a very well spoken and powerful message. In his speech, Greg, touched on many things that have changed his life over the years and also initiated a challenge to all Arrowmen. He challenged each Arrowman to, “go for it!” – this phrase of course referring to a lodge level office. Greg openly said that the best years of his scouting career occurred during his involvement in the Order of the Arrow, and as the lodge’s First Vice Chief. Greg is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, recipient of the Order of the Arrow’s “Founder’s Award” and was the Chapter Chief to lead Gokhos to victory in the Best All Around Chapter Competition two years ago. In August, Greg will begin his freshman year at the University of Florida. If you were at the L.E.C. meeting, you will remember that Greg’s words of wisdom at the end of his speech were the following, “GO GATORS!” O-Shot-Caw sends a huge thank you to Greg Wiener for all of his dedication over the years. Best of luck in college!
On the weekend of June 6-8, 2003, O-Shot-Caw hosted one awesome weekend full of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Camp Lone Oak was prepared for the summer camp season while other Arrowmen in our lodge worked on restoring the pump houses around the camp. During the course of the weekend, the Council of Chapter Chiefs convened and the Best All Around Chapter Competition took place. This year’s BAAC competition was so fierce that videos were made and the notebooks took on a full color appearance. Congratulations to all the Chapters that competed: Gokhos, Elgixin, Pooca Tooka, and Paldani. All the Chapter Chiefs (Eric McAlpin, Greg Nelson, Andre Cupas, and Alex Gomez respectively) did a wonderful job. In the end, it was the Gokhos Chapter that was named the Best All Around Chapter for the year 2003. The weekend concluded with the election of our new lodge officers. Congratulations to Brian Polino, Eric Vreeland, Courtney Bays, Mike Worley, and Jon Marino on your elections! The lodge looks forward to your leadership and only expects great things from all of you.

~The NEW O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief!~

Brian Polino entered the Order of the Arrow in the winter of 2001 and quickly sealed his ties in the Brotherhood. He immediately joined the Lodge Executive Committee as the First Year Arrowmen Chairmen where he produced the first ever First Year Arrowmen Guidebook. A year later, Brian was elected to the position of Lodge Secretary. As the Lodge Secretary, he recorded the minutes of all L.E.C meetings and produced the first ever lodge history book entitled The Spirit of O-Shot-Caw. Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award directly reflect his commitment to the Boy Scout Program. Brian is currently a freshman at Archbishop McCarthy High School and is cheerfully serving his first term as the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief.

Your 2003-2004 Officers are…
Brian Polino, Lodge Chief
Eric Vreeland, First Vice Chief
Courtney Bays, Second Vice Chief
Michael Worley, Secretary
Jonathan Marino, Treasurer

What will be in the next issue?
1) Indian Summer
2) Lodge Officer Bios
3) Fall Ordeal
4) Committee / Chapter Reports
5) Chiefly Speaking
6) Camp Lone Oak
Lodge Calendar

Indian Summer
July 31 – Aug. 10, 2003
Ridgecrest, NC

Fall Ordeal
Oct. 10-12, 2003
Camp Seminole

Haunted Forest
Oct. 25, 2003
Camp Seminole

Section Seminars
Nov. 14-16, 2003
Camp Shands

Burning Issues

Question: The valley of water running through part of Florida, is it the “Intercoastal” or the “Intracoastal?”

Answer: This is perhaps the greatest “Burning Issues” question ever. Every Arrowmen can relate to this waterway in one fashion or another. When asking around, the most commonly used title for the waterway running near the beach line through parts of Fort Lauderdale is, “intercoastal.” Yet, everyone is WRONG! When looking at the American Heritage Dictionary, the word, “inter” means between. Thus, Intercoastal would mean between the coasts; and it is evident that this waterway does not exist in the Atlantic Ocean (between the coasts of two continents). On the other side of the coin, the word “intra” means within. Using our logic, the word Intracoastal would mean within the coasts – in our case, within the coasts of Florida. So, next time you hear someone in your family, or maybe even one of your friends, refer to this special waterway as the “intercoastal,” simply say the following, “WRONG, it’s called the ‘Intracoastal’”

Translated from the many firings of the synapse… and logic