The 2005 Section conference, hosted by the O-shot-caw lodge, was a superb gathering of friends as arrowmen honored the traditions of the Order of the Arrow. This spectacular event was held at Camp Seminole on April 8-10. Here, brothers from all over the state came to partake in cheerful competition with each other competing in Native American traditions such as team drumming, dancing, and the performance of ceremonies, along with other more physical competitions like the 5K run.

Over 1200 Arrowmen arrived on Friday and were greeted by food and activities provided by the host lodge. That evening, all in attendance went to the Friday night gathering where the crowd danced to the music and showed their lodge spirit through songs and cheers. During a skit, the actors reminded us, in correlation with the weekend’s theme, that though each of us comes from a different background, we must honor the traditions of our friends in the Order of the Arrow.

Saturday morning came early with the 5K run. After the race, arrowmen were served an excellent breakfast just before running off to training cells. Arrowmen could attend cells ranging from elangomat training to poisonous plants. In the afternoon, Lodges competed in the Quest for the Golden Arrow and numerous sporting events such as tug-o-war and volleyball. Our lodge was well represented as we cheered numerous teams to victory. Numerous other competitions also took place throughout the day. Our lodge won first place in team dance competition, team singing competition, and honored in all ceremonies with several members of the team being named best in section for their principals. Our lodge also so won various…

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“Chiefly Speaking”

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone has had a great summer! Before I begin on the amazing summer that our Lodge had, I would like to back track to the last few Lodge events. This past April was our Section Conference which was hosted by our Lodge at Camp Seminole. Because of the closeness of the event, our lodge had over 400 Arrowmen in attendance. I would like to thank everyone that attended and worked at the Conference. Our Section Conference was one of the best Section Conference’s ever. If you missed the event, here is a brief recap of what you missed. Throughout the weekend, O-Shot-Caw hosted the event, which meant we cooked the food, ran the shows, activities, special events, concessions, and more. We even provided Lodges with transportation, competitions, registration, security, as well as many other events. On Sunday, our Lodge was announced the Best All Around Lodge for the 7th year in a row. We won 1st place in Dance and Drum and were honored in all ceremonies. Also on Sunday, Alex Gomez, a member of our Lodge, was elected as Section Vice Chief. Way to go Alex!

A month and a half later was the Summer Ordeal. Many great work projects were completed and everyone had a great time. On Sunday morning, our Lodge elections were held and the following Arrowmen were elected as the 2005-2006 O-Shot-Caw Lodge officers: Geoff Landau, Denison Wiedman, Chris Gundlach, Andrew Durden, and Jack Sweeney.

Now that you’re caught up, let’s talk about this summer. The summer of 2005 has been a busy one for the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. We had 3 members (Jon Marino, Geoff Landau, and Grant Chambers) attend OA Trail Crew, which is an OA 2-week program offered at Philmont. At Trail Crew we had a great time. Next our Lodge Ceremonies Team had the privilege of performing at Unami Lodge’s 90th Anniversary. Out of all the Lodges in the nation it is quite an honor for our Lodge to have been asked to perform. The adults in our Lodge have been staying busy as well, helping out with the Meet and Greet process of the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure which is the national OA program at Sea Base. Each week at least 2 adults have been going to Miami Airport to greet the OAOA participants. As if all this is not enough, at the National Jamboree, we had many members of our Lodge working staff at the Indian Village, OA Service Corps, Shows, Security, Chaplain Staff, and more.

In the next few months we have many great events approaching. The Fall Ordeal will be September 30th-October 2nd. Also in October will be the Haunted Forest. In November will be the Section Seminars. As I have said in the past, I am looking forward to the upcoming Lodge year and cannot wait to see what we accomplish together.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Geoff Landau
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
“Native American Corner”
Grass Dancing

The percussive drum circle, smell of sage, wailing of triumphant voices, jingling bells and flashes of bright feathers and cloth are elements of the vibrant powwows of Native America. These celebrations have a long history filled with a variety of dance forms that have developed over hundreds of years. The Grass Dance is one example.

Before what is known as the Colonial period in the Americas, a rich tradition began among the tribes of the Northern Plains. In preparation for ceremonies and dances, young Native American men of the prairies prepared the ground stomping the earth flat. Dancers often tied grass to their belts to represent the grasses of the Plains. They danced in a circular formation, giving rise to a legacy that would eventually grow into the Grass Dance of today.

Rich with symbolism, grass dancing is one of the most popular dance styles at modern powwows. The movement of the dancers represents the stomping of the ground. The basic step involves hopping on one foot while the gesturing foot taps in front of, across, to the side of and behind it. Swaying of the torso and shoulders distinguishes this style from other forms, and is combined with fluid rolling shoulders (representing grass swaying in the breeze) while the legs turn in and out, undercut one another and shift, throwing the dancer’s weight off-balance and rebounding it back. In some instances, the dancer will suddenly squat low, then switch feet and turn quickly to rise, or lift the knee high and tap around on the ground and in the air. Dancers can be seen dancing to a fast tempo, the older version of grass dancing, or to a slower, more even tempo, the modern version of grass dancing.

In the Order of the Arrow, Grass dance competitions are held at the Section and at the National level. Awards are given based on the dancers skill, precision, and historical accuracy of their regalia. If you are interested in becoming a grass dancer, contact the Lodge dance team chairman for more information.

“Meet Your New Editor”
Lenny Schrager

Lenny is an ordeal member of our lodge. He is an active member of the Paldani chapter and a star scout in Troop 492 where he serves as the troop guide. Since becoming a member of our lodge, Lenny has attended many events and been instrumental in the preparation of several issues of The Patchwork. With Lenny as the editor of our award winning newsletter, we can expect many exciting editions of The Patchwork.
“Ceremonies Team Continues a 90 Year-Old Tradition”

July 16, 2005 marked the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Arrow. Unami Lodge, the first lodge in the Order of the Arrow, hosted weekend celebrations to commemorate the event. All of the national officers, national committee, and hundreds of other arrowmen from across the country traveled to Treasure Island Scout reservation, the birthplace of the OA, for the weekend.

After achieving national recognition of the 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference, our ceremonies team was invited to the 90th anniversary celebration to reenact the original ceremony of our Order. Our ceremonies team jumped at the chance to perform in the original ceremonies ring at Treasure Island and began to prepare immediately. Team members Jon Marino, Jamie Nelson, Alex Gomez, Eric Vreeland, and Brian Polino along with advisors Moose Pederson and Glenn Gomez, spent countless hours planning the details of the trip and practicing their parts.

After months of preparation, the team left for Philadelphia on July 15th. Upon arrival, the team toured parts of this historic city. They visited the United States Mint, Christ Church Cemetery and Benjamin Franklin’s grave, and Independence mall. In the afternoon, the team set off on the drive to Treasure Island, passing many historic sites, such as Trenton, New Jersey, along the way. After arriving, the team met with the Ranger Staff for Treasure Island and took the ferry over to the island. The boat was silent as the team sat in anticipation of setting foot onto the birthplace of the O.A. From the dock the team set off to the ceremonies ring. The ring is located on the south end of the island and offered visitors breathtaking views of the Delaware River and the surrounding mountains. The team practiced for several hours in the ceremonies ring to make sure everything was ready for the following day. That night, visitors to the island were shuttled to a nearby scout camp for the night as no camping was allowed on Treasure Island as a result of damage from a flood in April.

Early the next morning, the team met with the national committee and the national officers as they took the ferry over to the island. That day, the team performed the ceremony twice before hundreds of arrowmen, giving every one a glimpse of what it was like to be present at the camp exactly ninety years before. The team wore black robes just as the ceremonialists did that night in 1915. In addition to two incredible performances, the team was filmed by professional photographers to be part of a ceremonies training video that will be used at the 2006 N.O.A.C. As usual, the team represented the O-Shot-Caw lodge well as they showed everyone one of the reasons we are the best lodge in the nation. Along with ceremonial reenactments, visitors were able to take guided tours of the island and see such things as the Goodman stockade, the Unami Lodge House, and various camp buildings. Ceremonies team chairman Jamie Nelson commented that “Seeing the birthplace of the Order of the Arrow is a truly incredible experience.” Unami Lodge treated everyone in attendance to a magnificent dinner.

On Sunday, the team traveled back to Philadelphia. With Glenn Gomez as the group’s personal tour guide, the ceremonies team visited the liberty bell and the birthplace of our country, Independence Hall. Later, the team dined at the city tavern, a restaurant that has been around since the early 18th century and has served guests such as George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, and many of the other founding fathers. After several delayed flights, the team returned safely to Ft. Lauderdale on Monday morning, smiling with joy from the experience of a lifetime.

(Clockwise from top): The team poses for a group photo on the island, arrowmen look on as the team performs the ceremony, the national officers join the team for a group photo.
“Your 2005-2006 Lodge Officers Are...”

**Lodge Chief**
Geoffrey Landau’s scouting career began with Tiger Cub Pack 73 and continued as he worked his way through the cub scout program. He is an Eagle Scout from the Lighthouse district. Geoff was inducted into the order of the arrow in the winter of 2002 and sealed his ties in the brotherhood one year later. At the 2005 lodge banquet, he was chosen to receive the Vigil Honor. While in the Order of the Arrow, Geoff has worked staff at Eagle Claw, National Jamboree, and Camp Lone Oak. In 2003, Geoff was elected as the Elgixin chapter chief, a post that he has held for the last two years. Under his leadership, the Elgixin chapter has won the Best All Around Chapter competition two years in a row.

**First Vice Chief**
Denison Wiedman has been in scouting since he was a Tiger Cub in Pack 485 where he earned his Arrow of Light. Last year Denison earned the rank of Eagle Scout. For the past four years, Denison worked for Camp Lone Oak’s handicraft lodge where he instructed scouts from around the state on Native American culture, merit badge requirements, and leadership skills. Denison became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2000 and sealed his ties in the brotherhood in the winter of 2002. Last year Denison was honored when he was tapped for vigil. Last year Denison was the Dance Team chairman and played a major role in the Group Dance team winning Section Conference. This summer Denison is working Summer Camp Staff in South Dakota and will be attending National Jamboree staff as well.

**Second Vice Chief**
Chris Gudlach is an Eagle Scout with two palms from Troop 190 in the Pine Island District. He was inducted into the OA at the Summer Ordeal in 2001.

Ten months later Chris sealed his ties in the Brotherhood at the 2002 Lodge Banquet. Since becoming a member of the OA, Chris has been a very active member of the Lodge. For the last few years, he has been a key member of the Dance team helping the team win first place at this past years Section conference. He also served two terms at the Unit Elections Committee chairman for the lodge. While chairman, Chris made many important improvements to the unit elections process. Chris has also served as First Vice Chief and as Chief of the mighty Gokhos chapter.

**Secretary**
Andrew Durden is 14 years old and currently a Life Scout in Troop 334. He began his scouting career as a tiger cub and earned his arrow of light as he continued on through the cub scout program. Andrew entered the lodge at the 2004 Summer Ordeal. He was appointed as First Year Arrowman Committee chairman for the 2004-2005 lodge year. He sealed his ties in the brotherhood at the 2005 lodge banquet. In addition to his position on the Lodge L.E.C., Andrew has been an active member of the dance team and has served as historian for the Pooka Tooka chapter. This summer he will be attending the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

**Treasurer**
Jack Sweeney is Star Scout from Troop 519 from the Lighthouse District. He was inducted into the order of the arrow at the 2003 Fall Ordeal. In his first year in the lodge, Jack served as the elangomat chairman and was an active member of the L.E.C. This summer he will be attending the National Scout Jamboree.
“Honored Arrowmen”  
Alex Gomez

Alex entered the OA at the Winter Ordeal in 2000 at Camp Everglades. He sealed his ties in the brotherhood one year later at the 2001 winter ordeal. Through hard work Alex received the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award at the 2001 Lodge banquet. He served as the Paldani Chapter vice Chief during the 2001-2002 Lodge year and as the Paldani chapter chief the following year. As a chapter chief Alex created the Paldani Scoutmaster’s Appreciation dinner and established a chapter scholarship to help send scouts to NOAC. He was the Haunted Forest chairman for the 2002 and 2003 Haunted Forests. Under his excellent leadership, both of the Haunted Forests were a huge success in raising money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund. He is a member of the Lodge ceremonies team and has won numerous awards both at Section Conference and at NOAC. He attended the 2002 and 2004 National Order of the Arrow Conferences with the lodge contingent. Alex cheerfully served as the chairman for the 2005 Section Conference, which our lodge hosted. The conference was an outstanding success. At the close of the Conference, Alex was elected as Section Vice Chief for Section S-4S.

“Summer Ordeal”  
By: Lenny Schrager

This year’s summer ordeal was held at Camp Seminole on June 3-5. Though the weekend was filled with rain and many damp moments, the weather was no match for the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Work crews managed to mulch the cope course, fix at least a mile of fence on Boy Scout Road, clean and organize the O.A. shed, and build 28 benches for Vista View Park. Everyone agrees when we say that O-Shot-Caw truly fulfilled its duty of cheerful service!

To close a hard day of work, our award winning ceremonies team performed three ceremonies. Many new members of the team performed in the ceremonies and the team put on a great show for all in attendance.

Perhaps the most anticipated event of the ordeal, the Best All Around Chapter competition, took place on Saturday afternoon. Chapter chiefs presented detailed notebooks and PowerPoint presentation that outlined everything their chapter has done in the past year. The Paldani, Pooka Tooka, Gokhos, and Elgixin chapters competed in this close competition. After the votes were tallied, the mighty Elgixin chapter took first place for the second year in a row.

To close out the weekend, our lodge elected five new officers. Elgixin chapter chief and vigil honor member Geoff Landau was elected as the chief of our mighty lodge. Denison Wiedman, dance team chairman and vigil honor member, was elected as First Vice Chief. Gokhos chapter Chief Chris Gundlach was elected Second Vice Chief. Andrew Durden was chosen as our new Secretary and Jack Sweeny as our new treasurer.
“Get Involved with OA Programming”

“Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure”

In collaboration with the Florida Sea Base, the Order of the Arrow is offering an opportunity for members to work under the supervision of the National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) towards learning more about the ocean. This opportunity will bring together participants in a two week scuba diving adventure in the Florida Keys. One half of the programming scheduled will provide PADI SCUBA training and certification to participants while the second half of the program will allow for exploration and service. Underwater cleaning and monitoring will be among the service projects available to those who choose to participate in this great event. If you are interested in learning more about this event or becoming involved visit the national OA website.

“Order of the Arrow Trail Crew”

The Order of the Arrow trail crew will cheerfully serve the trails of the Philmont Scout Ranch. The first week of this two week adventure will focus on trail construction and maintenance. The second portion of the trip will be a backpacking trek that will challenge scouts both mentally and physically. Participants will push their limits as they work to build a trail capable of lasting for over 75 years. Scouts will further their camping and survival techniques as they spend two weeks working for a collective goal.

“Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage”

Arrowmen from across the country will unity on the US/Canadianian Boundary Waters under the leadership of the United States Forest Service members to take a two week voyage. The program was inspired by the French and Canadian Voyageurs who traveled through the northern wilderness in the 1700s and 1800s. The first half of the voyage will focus on portage trail and campsite maintenance which the second portion will be spend canoeing. Scouts will work hard, long days to accomplish their goal.
Continued from page 1... Lodge level awards such as first place publications. That evening, arrowmen witnessed a spectacular show at the gathering and were given the chance to watch their lodge chiefs sing karaoke in the S4-S Idol competition.

On Sunday morning, the entire section came together for the awards ceremony. O-Shot-Caw won almost every award possible, almost exhausting our ability to cheer. The biggest award of all, the Best-All-Around Lodge competition, was announced last. Brothers sat in quiet anticipation of the results. When our lodge’s name was called out as the winners for the seventh straight time, a thunderous “Knock, Knock” cheer broke out. Soon after, the Section business meeting began. Alex Gomez, our Section Conference chairman and past Paldani Chapter Chief, was elected as the Section S4-S Vice Chief. With so many accomplishments and awards, this was a Section Conference that will never be forgotten.

Classes were attentively attended at this year’s section conference

“Drum Team”

This year, the lodge drum team won first place at Section Conference continuing a series of successful appearances. Last year, at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), the team competed in the team singing competition and placed within the top ten teams in the nation. The team consists of six members who work together on traditional songs from Native American tribes across the nation.

From the formation of Native American tribes, drumming has been used in Powwows and other ceremonial events. The drum signifies a connection to the spiritual world and is thought to have healing powers. Just as a medicine man might offer a blessing or the chief would boast about the success of warriors, singers attempt to create the same effect through song.

Most drums are constructed of a wood frame two to three feet in diameter and are covered on both sides with an animal hide. These drums are used to set the rhythm and tone for the dancers. Singing often accompanies drumming to create a rich sound.

Our lodge’s drum team regularly practices every Friday night at Wolf Lake Park in Davie, FL. Along with weekly practices, the team performs at scouting events and other events throughout the community. If you are interested in becoming a member of the drum team or learning more about this important Native American tradition, contact your chapter chief for more information, or R.J. Smith Drum team chairman at 305-251-1162.
“2005 Section Conference Hosted By O-Shot-Caw”

At the Winter Ordeal in January 2004, the Section Conference Management committee sat down and tried to answer the question “How can we make our conference great?” The committee tossed around ideas concerning themes, games, activities, and even skits for the gatherings. From there, the team spent many months ironing out the details of every aspect of the conference. They met monthly with each subcommittee meeting several times a month. Under the leadership of conference chairman Alex Gomez and advisor Devang Desai, the committee worked hard to meet the expectations of our lodge and the section. At the section seminars last November, the committee presented the finalized conference plan to the section. The plan included every detail of the conference, from the menu to parking spots, from campsites to activities. Although the conference was still six months away and the plan was finished, there was still much work to be done. The conference team increased its meetings to several times each month and spent countless hours working individually in their specializations.

Five separate work days were held to make Camp Seminole ready for the 1200 Arrowmen that would gather in April. During the work days, Arrowmen cleaned and painted latrines, repaired benches in the amphitheater, cleared trails, built a dance arbor, and completed every task they were required to. With this work completed, the camp was ready to hold the 2005 Section Conference.

The Conference was held on the weekend of April 9th, 2005. At the Conference, Arrowmen from across the state were stunned at the sights they saw. The parking process was smooth with shuttles running in a timely fashion. The registration process was easy and efficient as individual Arrowmen checked in at their camp site. Friendly host committee members greeted the Arrowmen with all the information they would need for the weekend. Arrowmen were impressed with the gatherings on both Friday and Saturday night where the pre-show included music and slide shows of the day’s events. 1200 people were served their meals in under 23 minutes. The entire event was a huge success, thanks to the many hours of hard work put in by the committee and other workers.

This conference set the standard by which all future conferences will be judged. Our lodge is proud of all we were able to accomplish, and the great accomplishment we made.

If you would like to become involved in the hosting of a similar event, O-Shot-Caw will host the section seminars in a few short years.

The Patchwork committee would like to thank all those who helped make Section Conference a success. Your hard work and dedication truly paid off.
“Chapter Contact Information”

**Elgixin**
Elgixin Chapter serves the Lighthouse district. They meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church located at 6012 NW 9 Ct., Margate at 7:30 p.m. Elgixin means “worthy one”.  
Chapter Chief: Will Bunnell  
Email: Willbunnell@myacc.net

**Gokhos**
Gokhos Chapter serves the Pine Island district. They meet on the second Monday of the month at Plantation United Methodist Church located at 1001 70th Ave., Plantation at 7:30 p.m. Gokhos is interpreted as “owl”.  
Chapter Chief: Chris Gundlach  
Email: Callaway1230@aol.com

**Paldani**
Paldani Chapter serves the Seminole district. They meet at Elks Lodge, 7190 Davie Road Extension, Hollywood, Florida 33024 at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of the month. Paldani is interpreted as “bear”.  
Chapter Chief: Alex Blandina  
Email: aaablan@mindspring.com

**Pooca-Tooka**
Pooca-Tooka Chapter serves the Fireball district. They meet the first Monday of each month at Barbara Goleman High School located at 14100 NW 89 Ave. Pooca-Tooka is the “fireball or rising sun”.  
Chapter Chief: Chaz Pinna  
Email: chazpinna14@hotmail.com

**Tomoka**
Tomoka Chapter serves the Pioneer district. They meet at Greynolds Park Elementary School located at 1539 NE 179 St on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Tomoka is interpreted as “tomahawk”.  
Chapter Chief: Robert Gomez  
Email: Rogo7@bellsouth.net

**O-Shot-Co-Chee**
O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter serves the Tequesta district and meets the first Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables located at 536 Coral Way, one block west of LeJeune (42 Avenue). O-Shot-Co-Chee is the “little white heron”.  
Chapter Chief: Matt Murrell  
Email: Firsthatteras@aol.com

**Hnu-Ra-Con**
Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter serves the Hurricane district. They meet the first Monday of the month at the LDS Kendall Chapel located at 10000 SW 107 Ave at 7:30 p.m. Hnu-ra-con means “hurricane”.  
Chapter Chief: Kyle Vreeland  
Email: Hakysak127@bellsouth.net

**Nok Su**
Nok Su chapter serves the Buccaneer district. Nok Su means “gray winged gall” Some translate it as “great sea bird”. They meet at District events and the Nok Su Fellowship, Conch Craziness.  
Chapter Advisor: Bob Wolz  
Email: Bob.Wolz@CraftsmanDesigns.com

**Allouche**
Allouche Chapter serves the Calusa district and is interpreted as “mighty one”. The chapter meets at the American Legion Post - No. 29 located at 6445 NE 7th Ave on the first Monday of the month.  
Chapter Advisor: Cecil Delancy  
Email: n/a

**To-Hopki-Lagi**
To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter serves the Thunderbird district. They meet the first Monday of the month at the Perrine Elementary located at 8851 SW 168 St at 7:30 p.m. This translates to “place by the river”.  
Chapter Chief: R.J. Smith  
Email: jls314@hotmail.com
Dear Brothers,

This is the last edition of The Patchwork for which I will serve as Editor-in-Chief. The past thirteen months as editor have been challenging but enjoyable. I have had the opportunity to experienced many areas of our lodge that I would not have been exposed to otherwise. Since becoming a member of the Order, I have participated in every aspect of our great lodge. I have found that no matter what your hobbies are, there is something for everyone. Whether it be serving as a lodge officer, committee chairman, or chapter chief, or simply being an involved member of either the dance, drum, or ceremonies team, it is important for you to get the opportunity to experience the opportunities that are before you. It is with confidence and pride that I pass on the duties of Editor-in-Chief to Lenny Schrager, an upcoming arrowman in our lodge. I know that he will continue the tradition of excellence that this newsletter represents.

Editor-in-Chief,

Eric Vreeland

The next edition of The Patchwork will feature articles about the Fall Ordeal and the Haunted Forest. Be sure to check out the issue and see who is in the running for the Golden Pumpkin.
The Importance of Friendship

“Remember, the greatest gift is not found in a store nor under a tree, but in the hearts of true friends.”
-- Cindy Lew

“The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend.”
-- Abraham Lincoln

"A faithful friend is the medicine of life."
-- Apocrypha

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"It is more shameful to distrust one's friends than to be deceived by them."
- Duc de la Rochefoucauld

The entrance to Treasure Island Scout Camp