"Fall Ordeal: Huge Success"

It was rainy, hot, muggy, and wet. In another words, it was just another O-Shot-Caw Lodge Ordeal in wonderful South Florida. But nonetheless, O-Shot-Caw once again pulled off an amazing ordeal this year; even in the face of some pretty nasty conditions.

Friday night started out great. The new lodge registration system made its first appearance and was a great improvement upon older methods. The new computer database was just recently created to help organize the lodge's registration and membership all at one time. It was really put to the test with hundreds of Arrowmen, over 70 ordeal candidates and 19 brotherhood candidates from all around South Florida registering on Friday. But it went smoothly and by the end of the night all had gone well. Then the work started. After breakfast on Saturday, everyone set out to do service projects. A large portion of the damage that was caused by....

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"Chiefly Speaking"

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

Those of you who attended the Fall Ordeal, September 30 – October 2, know that it was a tremendous weekend and we accomplished a great deal as a Lodge. During the weekend, 74 Candidates successfully completed their Ordeal. I would like to thank my Lodge Officers, Denison Wiedman, Chris Gundlach, Andrew Durden, and Jack Sweeney for playing such major roles throughout the weekend and making sure everything ran smoothly. Special thanks to the Chapters who volunteered to help: Paldani Chapter for cooking, Elgixin & Pooca-Tooka for great brotherhood bashes, and Gokhos Chapter for leading the Scout’s Own.

Another outstanding event this fall was the Lodge Leadership Development Course which was held at The Palm Aire Resort and Spa on Saturday October 15. The 50+ Arrowmen in attendance, both youth and adult, learned all about managing their time, problem solving, and O-Shot-Caw Lodge history.

There are still so many more great events that are quickly approaching and that I urge you to attend. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge always exceeds my expectations and does not fail to impress. In April, Tipisa Lodge will be hosting the Section Conference and in July, O-Shot-Caw will be sending 80 Arrowmen to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University. There are still a few spots left, so please sign up. But before these events, is our own Winter Ordeal at Camp Everglades, January 13-15, which promises to be a great time.

Enjoy reading this edition of the patchwork which our Lodge Editor, Lenny Schrager has put a lot of time and effort into.

If you are not currently receiving O-Shot-Caw Lodge emails, please log on to www.o-shot-caw.org and click “mailing list” on the left hand column. There is always something new and interesting taking place, so sign up and get the latest O-Shot-Caw news.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Geoff Landau

Geoff Landau
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
"Haunted Forest Cancelled: It's Wilma's Fault"

Aggravated and disappointed are the emotions of many Arrowmen as they hear news of the cancellation of the haunted forest, the largest fundraiser for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund (JAACF). Many chapters planned for months to put on their display of spooks and scares.

Lodge Advisor Ron Bell decided to cancel the Haunted Forest because of the raging category 3 Hurricane Wilma in the Caribbean Sea looming toward south Florida. At the October Lodge Executive Committee meeting everyone agreed that the cancellation of the event was in the best interest of not only other fellow brothers but also for the general public to stay safe.

But, Hurricane Wilma still hadn't decided yet. Ironically, the storm hit late Sunday night. Saturday was a bright sunny day, perfect weather for the Haunted Forest. "It's a shame that the Haunted Forest had to be cancelled, because today is a great day." Exclaimed Jamie Nelson, ceremonies chairman.

"I'm satisfied with the decision that was made because people could have gotten hurt if we decided not to cancel it," said Jake DiPrima haunted forest chairman. DiPrima said that although it was cancelled he was very pleased with the ideas and effort chapters put in to make the haunted forest a success. Jake was very upset also because of the fact that now we won't be able to raise as much money for the JAACF.

The Haunted Forest is going to be replaced with the Scout Extreme Games Spaghetti Dinner. Most believe that the Spaghetti Dinner will not raise as much money for the JAACF. In spite of the shortage O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief Geoff Landau encourages brothers to go out and help support the Spaghetti Dinner with as much encouragement as they would the Haunted Forest.

When Wilma finally hit South Florida Sunday night it slammed Broward county and parts of Miami-Dade county as a category three hurricane with winds up to 125 mph. Many trees were knocked down and some residences even had roof damage. Schools were closed for the rest of the week on a count of 98% of Broward county residences, and 90% of Miami-Dade residences without power.
"2005 LLD: Fun, Friends, and a lot to Learn"

This year's LLD course was Saturday October 15, at Palm Aire Resort, where brothers that are or will be future lodge leaders learned many leadership skills while having lots of fun and bringing back great and unforgettable memories.

For all O-Shot-Caw brothers who don't know what the LLD is, it stands for Lodge Leadership Development. It is a major one-day course that all lodge leaders partake in, that only happens once a year. Adults and Youth are invited.

Some of the courses include Time management, scout-reach, high adventure, and how to run an effective meeting. Games are also played to help build leadership, such as OA Jeopardy, a game to help Arrowmen learn about the history of the O-Shot-Caw lodge, and "If you build it will they come", to help build communication skills.

Participants were to concoct a structure with the materials they were given and build it in silence, but still were given ten minutes to plan out their inventions.

With all the education there had to be some time to rest your brain. Of course, Lodge Leaders were given ample relaxation time. Attendees were invited to play a game of bad-mitten or miniature golf while at the same time enjoying a cheeseburger and soda. Also, throughout the day, many items were raffled off: hats, shirts, patches, etc.

The day ended with a small graduation ceremony where participants were given a shirt that read: "I graduated O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265 Lodge Leadership development ".

Brothers work hard on their project for "if you build it they will come"

At the end of the day brothers graduate!
Hurricane Katrina was cleaned up along with many other typical service projects. Yet there’s one project which you will notice the next time you visit Camp Seminole; new fans in Mike George Hall. All the old, broken down, nasty fans were removed and replaced by really nice ones.

Yet the real test came that night as an army of clouds approached from the distance, promising to pour out its mighty wrath of rain upon our dear ceremonies team and everyone at the ceremony as well. But the show must go on. So as nightfall approached, and the circle of our lodge began to fill with brothers, members of the lodge helped the Ceremonies Team prepare. It was right in the middle of the brotherhood ceremony that the rain began to fall. It was a sight to see how the #1 Ceremonies Team in the nation was able to continue with all three ceremonies in almost complete darkness and in the pouring rain. An amazing testament to our lodge and resolve our brothers have to take the bad with the good and go on with the show.

Yet on Sunday, the Lodge reaped the benefits of our cheerfulness during these trying times by welcoming over 70 new brothers into our Lodge; a great end to a trying weekend.
"High Adventure"
Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, Philmont, Cimarron, NM

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting’s premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more. Participants must also be 16 to 21 years of age to attend.

For one week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes.

If you are interested in OA Trail Crew then log on to http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/. Also, if you are worried that you will not be able to have enough money to attend then the JAACF through our lodge may be able to help you pay.

A picture of The Tooth of Time at Philmont Scout Ranch.

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"Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?"
By: Jamie Nelson

Have you paid your dues yet? That’s the question that everyone is asking. This coming year the lodge executive committee has made new goals and one of them is to have more members in our lodge pay their dues.

Do you know anyone in your home troop, chapter or just someone who really is not that involved anymore? You should tell them that by paying their dues it’d help them become a more active member in the Order of the Arrow. Some Arrowmen are unaware of the fact that the lodge requires you to be a dues paid member if you plan on attending Lodge events. Even if you just want to attend an ordeal or the section conference. Regardless, you must be a dues paid member.

Our dues aren’t there because the lodge is in need for money. The lodge does have to pay for things like the paper that this article is written on and for other larger expenses as well. But, when we go to lodge events we’re with all of our brothers, and we always have a great time together. It’s because no Arrowmen is different, everyone has to pay the Lodge dues at the same price. When you pay your dues you helping the lodge put together some of our large events like ordeals.

The lodge and chapters function properly only because they depend on us to pay our dues. And by paying our dues we’re able to go to all these events, such as fellowships and ordeals. Dues are what allow us to have the opportunity to have the fun that we always have.

If you know anyone who hasn’t paid their dues yet, make it your goal to persuade them to pay. So, pay your dues and let’s try to increase lodge membership!
“Native American Corner”
Potlashes: By Denison Wiedman

Potlashes were social occasions given by a host to establish or uphold his status position in society. Often they were held to mark a significant event in his family, such as the birth of a child, a daughter’s first menses, or a son’s marriage. Potlashes are to be distinguished from feasts in that guests are invited to a potlatch to share food and receive gifts or payment. Potlashes held by commoners were mainly local, while elites often invited guests from many tribes. Potlashes were also the venue in which ownership to economic and ceremonial privileges was asserted, displayed, and formally transferred to heirs. Most native cultures on the Northwest Coast had potlashes, including the Nuu-chah-nulth, Coast Salish, Kwakiutl, Bella Coola, Haida, Nootka, Tsimshian, and Tlingit. These events were held inside large longhouses. The significance and nature of gifting in Northwest Coast potlatches has varied through time and across cultures. It is commonly portrayed as extremely competitive, with hosts bankrupting themselves to outdo their rivals and aggressively destroying property. While this form of gifting characterized practices of northern groups such as the Kwakiutl, such competition would have been considered inappropriate during Nuu-chah-nulth or Salish potlatches on the southern coast.

“Chapter Reports”

Paldani
At the end of September and the beginning of October, the Paldani chapter so kindly cooked all of the delicious meals for all Lodge members at the fall ordeal. We were praised greatly for our wonderful steaks for Saturday night’s dinner. A while ago, we had our scoutmaster’s dinner. This is where we invite all the scoutmaster’s of our district o come out and eat dinner while we explain to them what the Order of the Arrow is all about.

Hnu-Ra-Con
Our chapter has been pushing for more ordeal attendance at the fall ordeal. We had multiple workdays in preparation for the Haunted Forest. We’ve been working on filling all of our chapter chairman positions. We were working very hard and sold $550 in Haunted Forest Pre-sales despite its cancellation. We are also now proud to say that we have 24 new members in our chapter that came in from the fall ordeal. At our last chapter meeting 27 brothers were in attendance. We discussed final

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preparations for the Haunted Forest and section seminars. Our chapter meets at Arvida Middle school from 7:30-8:30 every first Monday of the month.

-Kyle Vreeland

Gokhos
The Gokhos chapter had a large number of people in attendance at the fall ordeal. We had several new members from the ordeal and we also had several brothers convert to brotherhood as well. At our last chapter meeting we began to plan our one-day of service in November. Our chapter meets every fourth Monday of the month.

-Danny Ramos

Elgixin
The Elgixin Chapter recently worked the grill at Cub Fun-Day. Our chapter also participated in the summer ordeal and was there to put in our share of cheerful service. We currently now have a scout-reach mentor and program put into place. Recently we’ve had an increase in chapter members and participation. At our last chapter meeting we fine-tuned our Haunted Forest plans. We also planned our winter celebration meeting. Our chapter meets every fourth Monday of the month in Margate.

-Will Bunnell

Pooca-Tooka
The Pooca Tooka chapter is proud to announce that after many weekend workdays for the Haunted Forest we’re ready to go! So far we have handed in 29 completed applications for the leadership in Service Award. We now have 12 brothers starting as scout-reach mentors as well. Our chapter meeting attendance is on the rise now to about 30 brothers. At our last chapter meeting we had many discussions about the Haunted Forest and our one day of service. Our chapter meetings take place the first Monday of every month at Bob Graham Educational Center in Miami Lakes.

-Chaz Pinna

Brotherhood
We just converted 18 brotherhood members at the last ordeal, and had successful testing and Nimat Hike. We sent out 224 letters three weeks before the Ordeal. For the future we plan on having more brothers seal their ties in the brotherhood at the next ordeal, and to send out the letters four weeks before the ordeal. We also plan on running a successful program next ordeal too.

-Jack McLeod

Ceremonies
At the fall ordeal we did amazing job performing the pre-ordeal ceremony Friday night and the same also applies to the ordeal ceremony that we performed Saturday night. At the ordeal we spent our hours in cheerful service working hard to finish up our new ceremony ring, and we are almost done. We send a thank you out to all that helped us. We have also made goals for this up coming year to update our regalia, finish the new ceremonies ring, and go to Section Conference and NOAC with two full teams. We always give a lot in everything we do and we are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining feel free o call me at 954-341-1497.

Jamie Nelson

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Publications
The Patchwork is going great. We plan on
winning first place again
at Section Conference
this year. We also plan
on placing at NOAC. As
the new editor of the
Patchwork, we hope to
finish every issue on
time and have it sent out
on time as well. The
next issue of the
Patchwork should be out
in about mid to late
January.
-Lenny Schrager

Service
So far, we have had 23
“Leadership in Service”
award forms handed in.
The due date to turn in
your forms has been
extended to December
15th. I hope to have an
increased number of
forms turned in by the
deadline.
-Jim Hipelhauzer

Unit Elections
We had a very successful
ordeal. We had 74 new
members inducted. At the
winter ordeal hopefully
we will have over 80 new
members. One of my
goals is to also reach out
to the minority
troops that don’t have the
same opportunities that we
do and then get them
involved in OA.
-Russell Drake

Scoutreach
Recently, I have signed up
12 scoutreach mentors. I
am proud to have sent in 3
successfully completed
scoutreach action plans
and those 3 mentors will
be receiving a reward. I
also gave a very
successful class at the
LLD. My overall goals are
to get the scoutreach
program up and running
better in the lodge. I plan
to recruit more scoutreach
mentors and educating the
general members of the
lodge to tell them about
what scout reach is.
-Robert Drake

Internet
Some of my recent
accomplishments were
that we made two new
web pages. The first one
was about the fall ordeal
and that it was
successful and about the
hurricane update and
that it caused the
haunted forest
cancellation and we
made a new photo
gallery for the fall ordeal.
I plan on preparing the
website to
win section conference
and to keep the roster up
to date.
-Jack Sweeny

Kings Cup
Some of my recent
accomplishments are
that I’ve taken lots of
pictures at many of our
events and we have
finalized a committee of
8 people and also have a
design for Section
Conference and the
display. This year’s
theme is the “south
beach surf shop” We
plan on winning first
place at section
conference. If you
would like to be a part
of a winning team then
contact Mike Worley at
954-434-4040.
-Mike Worley

Spirit
Some of
my recent
accompli
ishments were that I’ve
just got some of the old
spirit books. I plan on
putting a flag together
for the mighty O-Shot-
Caw Lodge.
-Andy Hausman
NOAC 2006  
July 29, 2006 to August 6, 2006  
At Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan  

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University from Saturday until Thursday, at which point the lodge contingent will venture off into seeing the majestic part of the Northeast. The tentative plan is to stay a few days in East Lansing and Detroit, Michigan visiting nationally recognized local attractions (Henry Ford museum, state capital)

For youth arrowman only!! Start planning now!!  
This will be a limited contingent!! First come, first to go!! Send in your $100.00 deposit to reserve your place!  
We estimate the cost to be approximately $900.00 - $ 950.00  
The deposit is transferable but not refundable.

For general information call Chris Miller: (954) 632-5740

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Dear Brothers,

It is a privilege to serve as the editor of our lodge’s award winning newsletter, *The Patchwork*. The 2005-2006 lodge year is off to a spectacular start. I look forward to sharing with you the numerous accomplishments of our great lodge.

*Lenny Sehring*

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“O-Shot-Caw Patches”

National Jamboree Patches. Right -Left: Miami Heat Patch, Guy Harvey Patch, Color Changing Patch

A 2005 Section Conference Patch

A 50th Anniversary Patch

*Articles to look for in the next edition of The Patchwork:*
Winter Ordeal, Section Seminars, and Much More...
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Quotes to Guide the Way

"If the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute"
-James A. Garfield

Knowledge without conscience is the ruination of the soul.
-Francois Rabelais

"Great leaders never tell people how to do their job. Great leaders tell people what to do and establish a framework within which it must be done. Then they let people on the front lines, who know best figure out how to get it done.

-General H. Norman Schwarzkopf
U.S. Commander of Operations
Desert Storm.

Spirit committee chairman Andy Hausman shows off his unique carved watermelon at the Fall Ordeal