The 2007 Fall Ordeal took place September 28th through the 30th at Tree Tops Park, Broward County, Florida. Friday night saw a plethora of eager arrivals ready to take part in their Ordeal as well as this year’s largest number of Brotherhood Candidates.

What would an Ordeal be without an epic Friday Night Brotherhood Bash and our brothers from Hnu-Ra-Con stepped up to the challenge. The competition was fierce, not to mention a bit repulsive as ten competitors sat down and drank two cups of vile “Meat Shake” each.

What is a Meat Shake, you may ask. It is a bizarre concoction of half melted vanilla ice-cream and Spicy Italian Meatballs. According to the contestants, it tasted worse than it sounded and for some did not taste any better the second time around.

Saturday began, when adults from the great Paldani Chapter woke up to the challenge of feeding scrambled eggs and sausage to the hungry Arrowmen in attendance.

After breakfast we began working on the service project, which included clearing areas of the park of invasive and harmful plants, including the pesky Air Potato.

By lunchtime there was visible evidence of the success of our efforts. One of the park Rangers was even heard commented on the number of trips he had to make to Continued on Page 5
My Fellow Brothers,

It’s been difficult for me to write this particular edition of my “Chiefly Speaking.” There’s just too much going on! With a successful Haunted Forest, NLS, Section Seminars and Brotherhood Fellowship behind us, and a promising Winter Ordeal just around the bend, I’ve been frustrated in deciding what to talk about. Because of this, I’ve decided to take a new approach in this issue and talk to you about another topic of importance: communication.

At the National Leadership Seminar, which our Lodge attended in early November, I had the privilege to teach about this same topic. Communication is the key to a successful Lodge and the Scouting program in general. You can help make this Lodge more successful by helping us communicate with you. There’s a few ways I would like you to help:

- Sign up for the Lodge E-Mail Newsletter. The internet has made it quick, easy and efficient for our Lodge to communicate, but it only works if you and your fellow brothers sign up. Go onto www.O-SHOT-CAW.org and sign up online!
- Regularly attend Chapter meetings. One of the best ways you can receive quick information about what’s happening in the Lodge is by simply being involved in your Chapter. As a past Chapter Chief myself, I can’t stress enough the importance of getting out to these meetings and getting involved. We especially need more adults to be getting involved and going to the Chapter meetings along with the boys in their troop. Many OA Brothers don’t have rides to the Chapter meeting, so I challenge every adult in this Lodge to find at least one other brother who needs a ride and do their “good turn daily.”
- Encourage your Troop OA-Rep to get involved. Many troops have an OA-Rep, but unfortunately don’t use them. We need your help in encouraging our Scoutmasters in getting the OA-Rep involved. Our Lodge Secretary, Ramon Moreno, along with our Lodge Associate Advisor, Jon Fisher, are both working very hard to make our OA-Rep program the best in the Section. You can help by promoting the program in your troop as much as possible and making sure your OA-Rep is setting the example in attending Chapter and Lodge events.

As the New Year approaches, nothing but excitement and success lay on the horizon! Get involved and be apart of the “Tradition of Excellence!”

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“Chiefly Speaking”
Imagine, you are walking along a narrow trail through the woods. It is dark outside, an eerie mist hangs in the air, making it difficult to find your way. Suddenly, you hear screams all around you. Ahead, shadowy, ghoulish figures are moving, waiting for the right moment to spring. No, this is not part of the filming of the Blair Witch Project. It is the 2007 Haunted Forest! Yes that is correct, the O-Shot-Caw Haunted Forest is back and it was better then ever.

This year, the O-Shot-Caw Haunted Forest took place at Markham Park, which is located in Broward County on Saturday October 20th, in what used to be the old zoo area.

Arrowmen from eight Chapters of our lodge gathered to the task of building a “Trail of Terror” and putting on a magnificent show, all in one day. Those who dared to pass through the dark, smoke filled trails faced the terrors of Psychopathic Clowns, demented Zoo Keepers and their pets, a Nuclear Waste Site, and risked getting lost in the Bermuda Triangle.

For those waiting to enter the trails and for those lucky enough to have survived the ordeal, the Midway provided a plethora of games and fun activities for people of all ages. Two of the biggest hits were Elgixin Chapter’s dunk tank and a new game they referred to as “CREAM THE CHIEF,” an entertaining event where people could pay to throw a pie at anyone of their choice. Our own Lodge Chief Mike Worley spent a good portion of the night here acting as a favorite target.

The Haunted Forest is our Lodge’s largest fundraising event each year, raising money towards the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. This year we raised around $9,800 for JAACF.

“This is the Best Haunted Forest I’ve been to in years!” exclaimed Colby Kudja of Paldani chapter. Many others agreed, as the anticipation grew with the judging for the Golden Pumpkin award. Too bad we all have to wait until Lodge Banquet to find out the results.
Section Seminars this year was outstanding! Imagine, a weekend of beautiful weather filled with extensive training in areas such as Ceremonies, Drum, Dance, and Leadership. Not to mention a healthy dose of food, fun and fellowship. Some may ask, what is the difference between Section Seminars and Section Conference? The, answer is that Conference is all about the competitions, whereas Seminars is about improving oneself and hands on learning.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge had quite the contingent at this years section Seminars. It was held at Wallwood Scout Reservation, near Quincy, Florida and was hosted by Semialachee Lodge. At the end Laramy Black was quoted as saying, “It was a ton of fun and I learned a lot about the OA.”

Paldani Rocks Again

Paldani Chapter held their second annual Rock-A-Thon on October 6, 2007. For those who have been out of the loop, a Rock-A-Thon is much like a Walk-A-Thon, except you spend the whole time rocking in a rocking chair, which is a lot easier on your feet.

Over fifty people, including brothers from Paldani and Hnu-Ra-Con, along with other assorted friends came together at the Pembroke Pines Cracker Barrel. To pass the time they played video games, board games, listened to music and ate pizza and wings. All this fun while raising money for JAACF. We are grateful to the Pembroke Pines Cracker Barrel for their continued support.

The night began with a Guitar Hero competition, closely followed by a Halo 2 competition. As many of our brothers enjoyed their video games, others sat down to an epic game of world domination, commonly known as RISK. For those that were athletic minded, there was even a 2am game of Football in the parking lot.

All participants were asked to bring $100 in donations for the event. It was such a huge success, that Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter Chief Joe Sanchez was quoted as saying, “at some point in the Spring, I would like to hold our own Rock-A-Thon type deal.”
Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

Have you paid your dues yet? That’s the question everyone has been asking. This year, our Lodge Executive Committee has made it their priority to get all our brothers in South Florida Council dues paid.

By paying your dues, you’re helping the Lodge become stronger and better. This is not because the Lodge is in need of money. Rather, dues help to pay part of the costs associated with large Lodge events, such as the Ordeals, the Lodge Banquet and the outstanding, award winning Patchwork.

You can help the LEC meet its goal. Do you know an Arrowman in your home troop or chapter that just has not been that involved lately? You should let them know that by paying their dues, it will help them become more active in the Order of the Arrow. Some Arrowmen are unaware of the fact that it is required to be a dues paid member to continue to receive Lodge mailings and to attend Section or Lodge events, including the Ordeals.

The Lodge and Chapters only function properly when dues are paid. It helps us keep the mailing lists and Arrowman rolls updated. It helps the Lodge put on great events. It will help keep O-Shot-Caw Lodge, Number 1. So make it your first priority to get your dues paid, and then try and convince all your brothers to do the same. You can download the form online at O-Shot-Caw.org.

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carry away the debris we had cleared. After lunch there was a caravan of cars heading toward Markham Park for a walk through of where the Haunted Forest would be held.

Those that remained continued to clear the woods surrounding the camping area to the sound of the Beatles being played on Mike Worley’s sound system.

As evening grew close, the ceremonies team began their preparations for the evening ceremonies. The Brotherhood ceremony went smoothly as 19 of our brothers sealed their ties. The Ordeal Ceremony was also a success, despite the rain and the mad dash for shelter once the lodge closed at the ceremonies ring.

With the weather going bad, it was up to the Paldani cooks to turn things around with a fantastic dinner, which included salad, juicy marinated steaks and chicken, plenty of mashed potatoes and a new Lodge hit, which the cooks called corn.

Sunday morning saw some of the normal O-Shot-Caw Ordeal weather, rain, followed by some more rain. Breakfast was followed closely by Pooka Tooka leading everyone in Scout’s Own. After Scout’s Own came the lodge business meeting, that included a warm welcome to all our new brothers, and an introduction to all the Committee and Chapter Chiefs.
The Palm Aire Resort was invaded by O-Shot-Caw on August 25th 2007 for its annual Lodge Leadership Development Seminar. As in previous years, the LEC was given the choice of staying the Friday night at the resort.

Those who spent the night had full access to the swimming pool, hot tubs, volleyball court, mini golf and arcade. Some of our brothers choose to watch movies, like Pulp Fiction and Clerks.

Saturday began bright and early as our brothers met in the resort’s conference room for a continental breakfast and then it was time to learn the secrets to being an effective lodge or chapter leader.

Arrowmen took part in courses such as: Dressing for Success, Public Speaking 101, How to run a Unit Election, and How to Properly Implement the Scoutreach Program.

In the afternoon, our Lodge officers set out it’s “Three Year Goals,” which included improving brotherhood conversion rates, raising attendance at chapter meetings, increasing attendance at Ordeals and becoming more active in the Cub Scout programs as a venue of increasing awareness and interest, both in Boy Scouting and in the Order of the Arrow.

As a special surprise, the Lodge gave everyone in attendance one of the new black O-Shot-Caw Lodge polo shirts. The LEC members received one that also had LEC printed on the sleeve. These shirts are “hot” and were the envy of those attending the Fall Ordeal.

The meeting was full of energy and everyone left with a renewed positive attitude. Just another reason why the O-Shot-Caw Lodge is the BEST!!!
The George Washington Forest and the Jefferson National Forest were administratively combined in 1995 to form the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest.

The Jefferson National Forest is comprised of lands located in Virginian (690,106 acres), West Virginia (18,526 acres) and Kentucky (961 acres). The George Washington National Forest is comprised of lands located in Virginia (956,222 acres) and West Virginia (108,858 acres). The total combined George Washington and Jefferson National Forest are 1,646,328 acres in Virginia; 123,384 acres in West Virginia; and 961 acres in Kentucky.

The size and the location of the forest make it an excellent center for outdoor activities. The forest covers over 1.8 million acres and 140 miles along the Appalachian Mountains in northwestern Virginia and in eastern West Virginia. Most of the forest is in Virginia and within a day's drive for around 54 million people.

Recreation is a key resource as hikers, picnickers and campers pursue their interest surrounded by the natural beauty of the forest. Popular water sports include swimming, fishing and boating. Many visitors enjoy the forest scenery while driving over the mountain and valley roads.

The climate is relative mild, but varies considerably because elevations that average between 1,000 and 3,000 feet, with some peaks above 4000 feet. Average daily temperatures range from a minimum of 20 degree to 26 degrees F in January to a maximum of 80 to 86 degrees F in July. The average rainfall is 38 inches a year, including and average snowfall of 15-20 inches a year.

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests has two operational districts; the James River District located in Covington Virginia and the Warm Springs District located in Warm Springs Virginia. Both have unique features, the James River District offers the traditional National forest operation, protected lands with a diverse variety of flora and fauna; the Warm Springs District leans more toward the recreational opportunities for it's user, i.e. a lake, fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking, a fully operational marina and over night camping.

The Base Camp

ArrowCorps5 participants and staff will be utilizing National Capital Area Council BSA Goshen Scout Reservation as base operations. Goshen is one of the largest active Boy Scout Camps in America hosting 900 to 1,000 scouts per week in a summer camp experience. ArrowCorps5 participants will stay in camp style tents; eat in dining halls, and have access to other facilities. Check out Goshen by going to their web page:

http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/17_goshen_scout_reservation.cfm

The Project Description

Projects for the two districts are unique to their operations. The James River District will offer participants the opportunity to construct a new five-mile horseback trail system. While the Warm Springs District will give Arrowmen the chance to construct a much-needed trail from the park Marina to its beach, approximately a mile in distance, refurbish minor trails and clear campsites of invasive plant species.

Recreation & Activities

George Washington and Jefferson National Forest is located in an area that offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities, which include white water rafting, mountain biking, horse back riding, and fishing. Or you can visit historic Appomattox Court House, Monticello - Thomas Jefferson’s house, the Stonewall Jackson house. Or, maybe you will decide to just lounge around base camp swapping tall tales.
We’re proud to pass on the Native American traditions by performing at events such as OA Section Seminars, OA Section Conferences, Native American Pow Wows, Call Out Ceremonies, District and Council Camporees, Eagle Court of Honors, Flag Retirement Ceremonies, Memorial and Veteran’s Day Ceremonies, Blue & Gold, Webelos Cross Over Ceremonies, Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Fun Day, plus various Pack & Troop Native American activities.

The O-Shot-Caw Drum Team has been #1 in the S-4S for 14 consecutive years! Last year we logged over 3000 service hours.

We sing Friday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Wolf Lake Park in Davie. Wolf Lake Park is located on 76th Avenue between Griffin & Sterling. The Drum Team is looking for new members. Anyone interested, please call Julian Murphy (305) 321-4462 or Mark Priebis (954) 533-6298. Help pass on the traditions!

At the Ordeal, the Ceremonies team gave excellent performances of the Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood Ceremonies. I’d like to thank anyone who helped set up the ceremony rings. In preparation for the weekend, the team had practice for 3 consecutive weekends prior to the ordeal. This clearly exemplifies the commitment which O-Shot-Caw ceremonialist’s put forth in order to continue our tradition of excellence.

For the upcoming Brotherhood Fellowship, the ceremonies team will send at least one team down to Camp Sawyer in order to perform the Brotherhood ceremony Saturday night, and to meet with Jason Wolz in preparation to improve our regalia for Section Conference.

Anyone interested in joining the award winning Ceremonies Team just needs to contact Lenny Schrager at jschrage@bellsouth.net.

My name is Chaz Pinna. I am the 2007 – 2008 Dance Team Chairman. The Dance Team is having a slow start, but will be going strong soon.

If you would like to join the Dance Team please contact me at 305–298–1866 or chazpinna14@hotmail.com.
Elgixin Chapter

Elgixin Chapter started this year with a lot of fire and determination! The chapter re-elected RJ Hickman as Chief. Also elected were Gary Suttell as vice-chief and Devon Reed as secretary. Moose Pederson is the new chapter advisor.

Fall ordeal was a blast - even with all the rain. We shared some great moments and welcomed some great new youth and adults members into our lodge.

Elgixin Chapter participated in the North area CUB SCOUT FUN DAY by running the grill and serving dinners to over 900 scouts and their families.

Elgixin Chapter attended the University of Scouting where we informed leaders from around South Florida Council about our Lodge.

Haunted Forest was a great success for Elgixin Chapter. We invented a new midway attraction - CREAM THE CHIEF. It was a great success, as was the dunk tank

As a community service project we identified several families that South Florida Council serves that needed food assistance for the holidays. We fed 6 families with over 20 children this Thanksgiving.

Elgixin chapter has also adopted a unit of servicemen serving our country overseas and are collecting toiletries and other items to be sent to Iraq in order to let them know how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

Elgixin has some great plans for 2008 one of them being a chapter fellowship in April to Blizzard Beach. Who knows what else we will involve ourselves in next year, but we all know that it will serve our community, our country and our council. Keeping the O Shot Caw Spirit alive!!!

- RJ Hickman

Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter

Hnu-Ra-Con is the OA chapter of the Hurricane District. Our 2007-2008 Board of Executives includes: Joe Sanchez (Chief), Mike Vreeland (Advisor), Mike Solomon (First Vice Chief), Raul Vergara (Second Vice Chief), and Andrew Wingard (Secretary). Any Question you can contact Joe Sanchez either at chief@hru-ra-con.org or at joetsanchez@gmail.com

- Joe Sanchez

O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter

Hi! My name is Garrett Siljee and I am the O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter Chief. Our Chapter is supported by the Tequesta District. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables.

My goal this year is to mix fun with service and fellowship. During the past few Chapter meetings, we planned our display for the Haunted Forest. And the Haunted Forest was a great success, our Insane Asylum inhabitants had an awesome time scaring people while raising money for a great cause.

Our next big Chapter event was our One Day of Service project on October 27, 2007. We cleared grass off of veterans’ grave markers at the City of Miami Cemetery.

- Garret Siljee

Paldani Chapter

Over the past few months, the Paldani Chapter has done several different community service projects.

In October, we held our 2nd annual Rock-A-Thon. Over 50 scouts and their friends participated and a great time was had by all, watching movies,
playing Halo 2 and Guitar Hero. There was even an epic game of Risk that lasted over 4 hours.

At the Haunted Forest workdays, Paldani Chapter had the most Arrowmen in attendance for the Saturday afternoon work project. For the Haunted Forest, our Chapter put on a great display with the theme of “Nuclear Waste Site.” Everyone had loads of fun and enjoyed scaring the visitors and competing with our fellow brothers for the Golden Pumpkin.

At Section Seminars, Arrowmen from our Chapter learned a lot and we hope to bring this knowledge back to our Chapter and the Lodge so that we can help the O-Shot-Caw Lodge stay number 1.

We also had 4 members of the Chapter attend NLS in Live Oak in November. Our Region Chief and former Paldani Chief Alex Gomez ran the event. Our Lodge chief and past Paldani Chief Mike Worley was also on the staff of the NLS. Our Chapter Advisor Glenn Gomez participated in the NLATS program for Lodge Advisors.

At our November Chapter meeting, we started collecting canned goods for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We also promoted the upcoming Brotherhood Fellowship campout, which will be held down at Camp Sawyer this December. We have made it our Chapter goal to have the most people there that weekend.

Our chapter meets the second Monday of every month, at the Hollywood west Elks Lodge. Any Questions you can contact me at ischrage@bellsouth.net.

- Lenny Schager

Pooca Tooka Chapter

Pooca Tooka is going through a rebuilding process to become the strong chapter that it use to be. We have 13 members of our chapter on the LEC, two of which are the Lodge Secretary and the 2nd Vice Chief.

Some of the past events have really helped us get new blood into our chapter. At the Fall Ordeal we received eight new members to our chapter.

Our guys enjoyed participating in Haunted Forest. In our meetings we have fun and talk about what we need to do for the OA. All of the events that have taken place so far Pooca Tooka has attended.

This Fellowship ordeal will see some of our old guys coming back to the OA and sealing their ties in the brotherhood. Our guys can’t wait until Lodge Banquet this year, where Pooca Tooka will display our potential to all the other Chapters.

- Hayden Olive

Did You Know?

With the new improved O-Shot-Caw Lodge website, located at www.O-Shot-Caw.org you can checkout the Lodge calendar, download that form you know you received in the mail but cannot find anymore, look at past issues of the Patchwork, or even do a little shopping at our very own OA Store.

Best of all, you can now pay for upcoming OA events from the comfort of your own home using the web site.

Why don’t you try it out today, by going online.

- Lenny Schager

To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter

The To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter had a great show at Haunted Forest. We ran our area and midway really well.

We meet the First Monday of the Month at Perrine Elementary School. If you have any questions or need any information call Chapter Chief Jack McLeod at (305) 667-9968 or email at torquiljm@bellsouth.net.

- Jack McLeod
Dear Brothers,

It is quite an honor and my privilege to serve as Editor-In-Chief of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s award winning newsletter *The Patchwork* and I hope that you enjoy reading my very first edition as much as I did putting it all together.

The 2007 – 2008 year has started out with a bang. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has contributed to this issue of the Patchwork’s success. Contributing to the Patchwork is as great place to start if you, or anyone you know is looking for a niche, or an opportunity of becoming more involved in the OA.

If you have taken some great pictures or want to write a 200-300 word article related to something your Chapter or the Lodge has done, please don’t hesitate to send me the pictures or articles at sam_mcdaine@yahoo.com. If you have any questions please contact me by phone at (954) 802-8056. *The Patchwork* is a Lodge publication, and the more participation, photos, and ideas that are received the better. Let’s keep O-Shot-Caw and *The Patchwork* Number One.

Until Next Issue,

*Adam McCord*

Articles to look for in the next edition of *The Patchwork*:
Winter Ordeal, Lodge Banquet, Brotherhood Fellowship, and Much More…
LODGE CALENDER

Winter Ordeal
January 11 – January 13, 2008
Camp Everglades

Lodge Banquet
February 28 — March 2, 2008
Markham Park

“Quotes to Guide the Way”

“Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts.”
- Edward R. Murrow

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”
- Saint Augustine

“If you could choose one characteristic that would get you through life, choose a sense of humor.”
- Jennifer Jones

“The two basic items necessary to sustain life are sunshine and coconut milk.”
- Dustin Hoffman

A montage of assorted pictures taken at the Ordeal and Haunted Forest. Come up with a caption for your favorite one.