This year’s O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Winter Ordeal was an exceptional start for the New Year. It was held the weekend of January 11-13, 2008 at camp Everglades, located in Everglades National Park.

Friday night saw the arrival of 94 Ordeal Candidates and 35 Brotherhood Candidates, along with many Arrowmen from throughout South Florida, making this one of the largest turnouts for an ordeal in years.

Due to the larger turnout, the O-Shot-Caw ceremonies team had to perform three pre-ordeal ceremonies that Friday night. At the first of these pre-ordeal ceremonies the brotherhood candidates were given the opportunity to watch, in order to remind them of what they went through when they were ordeal candidates. Lenny Schrager, the ceremonies team chairman told us, “It’s something new we wanted to try, as a kind of refresher course before the brotherhood candidates take their test.”

Saturday morning our brothers were greeted with a great breakfast cooked by the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter, before beginning their day of service projects. This year’s Ordeal projects included the painting of picnic tables, cleaning campsite shelters and removing invasive plant species from around the camp. Continued on page 6.
Dear Brothers,

On April 11-13, 2008, our Lodge's most important event will be upon us: The 2008 S-4S Section Conference. This year the S-4S Section Conference will be held at Camp Flying Eagle located near Bradenton, FL. The conference is the largest OA event in the State of Florida.

Well over 1,500 Arrowmen are expected to gather to participate in a number of competitions and training seminars. This year, O-Shot-Caw will be defending its title as the 10th Best All Around Lodge. The form for the Section Conference is now available online at www.O-Shot-Caw.org.

To defend O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s title as Best All Around Lodge for the 10th year in a row, we need as many of our youth to attend as possible. We also need the help of our adults in making this happen. As many of you know, the transportation for this event is by Chapter, and we need adults in every Chapter to help provide transportation; so that we can get our fellow Brothers up to conference.

Your help in bringing a few extra people could mean a few extra trophies on the way back. Please sign up early and spread the news in your troop and Chapter; don't want to miss this historic weekend.

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O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief 2007-08
The Patchwork

Brotherhood Fellowship a Huge Success!!!

On the Weekend of November 30th through December 2nd O-Shot-Caw Lodge held a Brotherhood Fellowship at Camp Sawyer, which is located on West Summerland Key (about 35 miles from Key West). Arrowmen arrived Friday night and set up tents along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. Friday night’s Cracker Barrel was clam chowder; an appropriate substitution to the normal chili giving the location of the Fellowship.

Saturday morning the brotherhood candidates got to work on their work project, which included weeding the volleyball court, as well as removing some of the overgrown and invasive species from the surrounding area. Other Arrowmen in attendance availed themselves of the opportunity to go fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, canoeing and swimming.

At noon the brotherhood testing began. Each of the candidates were put through the challenge of answering questions as part of the Brotherhood testing, which, as was expected, they all were able to do. After the testing, everyone present continued to enjoy themselves of the beautiful location, the variety of activities, and the great weather.

As the afternoon began to close, the ceremonialists could be seen preparing the fire ring for the spectacle ahead. But, since we were so close to Key West, a large group chose to take a trip down to Key West to check out Mallory Square, watch the sunset, some street performers as well as getting in some last minute shopping.

Upon returning to Camp Sawyer, our brothers sat down to a dinner of Fish and Chips prepared by the cooks of the Hnu-Ra-Con chapter.

After dinner the Brotherhood candidates began their Nimat Hike, while the rest of the brotherhood members in attendance headed over to the ceremonies ring to find some comfortable seats to observe the activities. The ceremony, under a starry sky, with the ocean as a backdrop, and the Tiki torches burning brightly, was enjoyed by all.
Where will you be the weekend of April 11-13, 2008? We hope that all Arrowmen from the O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be making their way to the annual S-4S Section Conference, hosted this year by the Osceola Lodge, at Camp Flying Eagle near Bradenton, Florida.

The Section S-4S Conference is an impressive weekend, the third largest scouting function in the United States. Eight lodges from around the State of Florida gather together in a celebration of fellowship, fun and competition. O-Shot-Caw Lodge is known for bringing a large contingent and for winning many events; including Publications, Kings Cup, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, and of course Best All Around Lodge.

This year is probably the most important year for O-Shot-Caw in it’s history, as we once again set our sights on the title of Best All Around Lodge for the tenth year in a row. That's right, a whole Decade of Dominance, the big TEN!!!

Because of this, our Lodge Chief Michel Worley has made a request that EVERY member of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, both youth and adult try to be in attendance.
Missouri may have only one national forest, but what it lacks in quantity it makes up for in quality. Mark Twain National Forest is a land of limestone mountains of surprising steepness, clear rushing streams perfect for canoeing, and a diversity of plant life as remarkable as it is interesting.

Wildflowers and wildlife are plentiful, making the forest popular with hunters, trappers, fishers, and wildlife photographers and observers. Hikers can pick and choose from one of the country's richest system of trails.

Lying mostly in the Ozark Plateau, Mark Twain is 1.5 million acres of forested area that was once given up for dead after timbering operations cleared these hills by the turn of the 20th century. Careful stewardship has brought the forest back to life, and it now holds some of the Midwest's wildest, most remote land.

Project Description

Working in the Hercules Glades Wilderness (located south of Ava, Missouri) Arrowmen will remove cedar trees from glade areas in the wilderness to help restore native grasses.

Merit Badges, Service, and Awards

Work to earn the Forestry or Wilderness Survival Merit Badges in classes. Additionally, 40 to 50 Service Hours will be counted for the participants such that they can put them toward individual advancement and the Lodges may count them toward National Service Hours. Elements of the Hornaday Award will be available.

Recreational Opportunities

Enjoy 30 fun-filled rides and attractions at Silver Dollar City Theme Park. At speeds up to 66 miles per hour, the WildFire™--a high-flying, multi-looping, cobra-rolling coaster will leave you breathless. Try the PowderKeg®, an explosive roller coaster that sends riders into a thrill zone within seconds of climbing aboard, launching from 0 to 53 miles per hour in just 2.8 seconds. See demonstrating craftsmen and enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants in the park.

Take a break and dive into an ultimate water-filled playground! With two million gallons of water-drenched indulgence, White Water water park is an aquatic oasis. Thrill lovers will find plenty of fast-paced rides and 5,000 feet of slides. Try the 7.5 story, 6-lane, multi-level thrill slide and freefall 75 feet down the 300-foot long drop slides as you body surf at speeds over 40 mph! Or earn speed-demon status when you race your friends on the 4-lane multi-drop mat racing slides, traveling over 25 mph and 312 feet to the finish line. Either way you go, you'll have a spine tingling, heart-pounding, bone-chilling, wild and wet ride to the bottom!

Try your hand at fly fishing in a clean, cold stream stocked with mature, hard fighting Rainbow Trout. Don’t pout, catch a trout!

Enjoy trail rides on the back of a spirited horse! Ride along long forgotten logging roads from the 1700's, visit old homesteads, and experience places unreachable by motor vehicle.

Canoeing Float down the rivers and backchannels in the beautiful foothills of the Ozarks! This is a picturesque day trip that surely won’t disappoint and is sure to bring a smile and a cooling adventure to the Mark Twain AC5 experience.

Enjoy a day trip to the headquarters of BassPro Shops in Springfield, Missouri and an excursion to Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, the site of the first major Civil War battle fought west of the Mississippi River, and the scene of the death of Nathaniel Lyon, the first Union general killed in combat.
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The lunch bell sounded around noon. Our brothers laid down their tools and gathered together for a hearty meal. After lunch the work projects resumed.

At the same time all of this was going on, the fabled O-Shot-Caw ceremonies team was hard at work preparing for the coming night. Because of the exceptionally large turnout, the team was looking at multiple ordeal ceremonies, meaning the fire would need to burn bright for a long time.

As the sun began to fade, and the shadows elongated, the brotherhood candidates began their spiritual Nimat hike, and those who had sealed their ties in the years before made their way to the ceremonies ring. The time had come for the ceremonies team to prove why they are the best. They did! The Ceremonies team performed one brotherhood and two ordeal ceremonies beneath the starry canopy without a problem.

After the exquisite ceremonies, our brothers made their way up to the dinning shelter for the feast. Once again To-Hopki-Lagi showed us why Winter Ordeal is the best with their signature smoked turkeys, mashed potatoes, corn, two kinds of pie: pumpkin, and apple; as well as some scrumptious Pineapple Upside-down Cake.

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Sunday morning O-Shot-Caw’s First Year Arrowman committee hosted a breakfast for all new ordeal candidates and Arrowmen in their first year, while the rest of the lodge committed to the usual cereal and muffins. After breakfast the Lodge gathered together for Scout’s Own hosted by the Pooca Tooka Chapter. This was followed by the usual Lodge business meeting, with each member of the Lodge’s Executive Council given the chance to introduce themselves to the new members and to tell about their chapter or committee. After the meeting the Lodge circled up, cleaned up, and went home.
The Ceremonies Team began the new year with a practice on January 6th in preparation for the Winter Ordeal.

At the Ordeal the team performed three pre-ordeal ceremonies, two ordeal ceremonies, and one brotherhood ceremony, which were two ceremonies more then usual. “We were glad to be performing more ceremonies then usual because it was a sure sign of our Lodge’s growth,” said Ceremonies Chairman Lenny Shrager.

This year we also tried something new. On the Friday night of the ordeal, the new Brotherhood Candidates were given the opportunity to watch the pre-ordeal ceremony as a way of reminding themselves of what they went through as an Ordeal Candidate, as well as helping them to prepare for the brotherhood testing the following morning. The Ceremonies Team felt that their presence also gave the Ordeal Candidates a feeling of brotherhood.

Want to Join?
Are you interested in joining the Ceremonies Team? If so, and you want more information, contact Lenny Schrager at ischrage@bellsouth.net.
Elgixin Chapter

Elgixin has started the New Year off with lots of anticipation for the excitement the next few months will bring. Our Chapter has a lot of fun and exciting things going on and we are eager to attempt to claim the title of BEST ALL AROUND!!!

We have started to conduct elections in Lighthouse District and are thankful to the Scoutmasters who realize how important the Order of the Arrow program is to our district and council. Elgixin is encouraging all youth and adults who still need to seal their ties in brotherhood to do so at the Lodge Banquet. We are looking forward to bringing a record number of people this year as it is practically in our back yard.

We are gathering as many members of Elgixin Chapter as possible to attend the S-4S Section Conference this year, to cheer O-Shot-Caw Lodge to the big "10" Best All Around Lodge in a row. Elgixin proudly supports our Lodge in their effort to obtain this much sought after title.

On May 17th, 2008 the Elgixin Chapter will be hosting the ultimate fellowship experience with a chapter trip to Aquatica - Sea World's newest water park. Seating will first be offered to Elgixin chapter then to the other chapters in the lodge. See RJ Hickman for more details.

- RJ Hickman

Paldani Chapter

Over the past few months, the Paldani Chapter delivered 450 pounds of food to the Jubilee Food Kitchen and the Hope Food Bank of Davie as part of our holiday food drive.

At the Winter Ordeal, our work project included moving tables over to the Dove campsite for the First Year Arrowman breakfast. We’d like to thank the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter for cooking, and the Pooca-Tooka Chapter for a wonderful scout's own. We’d also like to thank the Drum Team, and the Ceremonies Team, of which three members of our chapter are ceremonialists. Instead of the normal two, we had three Elangomats at the Ordeal. We had fifteen new Brothers get inducted into the Order of Arrow, and three members seal their ties in the Brotherhood. All new Ordeal members were given a new notebook with various resources to help them through their first year.

On Monday January 14 we held our monthly Chapter meeting. At this Chapter meeting, we promoted the Lodge Banquet and the Section Conference. We also promoted getting involved in the Order of the Arrow, and various committees, including the Dance, Ceremonies or Drum Teams. We also discussed upcoming fellowships. The first one being February 11th at Bellante’s Italian Buffet, for our annual “Bellante’s Pizza Fellowship”. The other Fellowship is going to be our “Paldani Proud To Be Your Brother” fellowship. It is tentatively set for the end of March/ beginning of April. This event will be held at the West Broward Lodge. It will be an overnighter in which every member of the Lodge is invited. There’s going to be videogames, board games, football games, volleyball, TV’s, movies, and a swimming pool! All this and plenty of food for free. This is our way of saying that we are proud to be your brother in the Order of the Arrow. In addition, we also promoted the Hnu-Ra-Con PTG and Dodge ball competition, along with Arrowcorps5.

Paldani chapter is looking forward to Lodge Banquet and Section Conference.

- Lenny Schrager

Gokhos Chapter

No Chapter Report submitted.
**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 second Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables.**

My goal is to mix fun with service and fellowship. During our past few Chapter meetings, we have been working on getting together a strong team for the PTG/Dodge ball tournament hosted by the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter, planning a motor boating trip to Stiltsville, and working on selling the fundraising Camp Cards.

Our next big events will be the Lodge Banquet and Section Conference, at which we are hoping to have sizable turnouts. We hope to have a good time with our fellow brothers.

- Garrett Siljee

**We meet the First Monday of the Month at Perrine Elementary School. If you have any questions email me at torquiljm@bellsouth.net. We have fun. If you are in Thunderbird District, come join us! To-Hopki-Lagi is back!**

- Jack McCleod

**This past Ordeal we received several new members that are very excited to be a part of the mighty Pooca Tooka chapter. Events that the Pooca Tooka chapter are planning include a car wash in May in order to raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. Pooca Tooka can’t wait for the Lodge Banquet where we will be showing off our exceptional cooking skills.**

- Hayden Olive

**Aside from serving the best food at any Lodge event To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter saw two Scouts seal their membership in the OA by becoming Brotherhood members. Added to the four who became brotherhood members at the Brotherhood Fellowship in December, that makes a total of six new brotherhood members for To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter in the last two months.**

In addition to that we had ten Scouts take the ordeal bringing ten new Ordeal members into To-Hopki-Lagi. Now, this may not seem like many to you from larger chapters, but for To-Hopki-Lagi, this is huge.

With increased participation by our members we anticipate we will easily have twice the participation at Lodge Banquet and at Section Conference over 2007. But more importantly To-Hopki-Lagi continues to provide leadership and service to the Lodge and represents the OA effectively in the Thunderbird District.
Dear Brothers,

As a new year dawns we find ourselves making New Year resolutions. For many of us its an improvement on our grades or a promotion at our places of employment. Yet for me its continuing my commitment to O-Shot-Caw and the many programs and committees it incorporates.

There is much to look forward to in the coming months. First off, is Lodge Banquet, the only Lodge event that is all play, with no work, and is probably the best opportunity to seal your ties in the brotherhood. Next on the list is the S-4S Section Conference. As most may know, this year’s Section Conference is extremely important for us here in O-Shot-Caw, as we defend our title of Best All Around Lodge and secure our Decade of Dominance. Finally the event I’m most looking forward to is ArrowCorps5. John F. Kennedy once said “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” ArrowCorps5 is your chance to serve the nation in keeping her beauty.

I would like to continue to express the Patchwork’s need for support. The Patchwork is a Lodge publication, and I ask that if you are interested in contributing to future issues, don’t hesitate, just contact me. The more help I receive the better the Patchwork can be. I can be reached by email at sam_mcdaine@yahoo.com.

Until Next Issue, 

Adam McCord

A montage of pictures from the 2008 Winter Ordeal. Can you describe what is happening in each?
LODGE CALENDER

Lodge Banquet
February 29 — March 2, 2008
Markham Park

Section S-4S Conference
April 11 — April 13, 2008
Camp Flying Eagle

“Quotes to Guide the Way”

“If you want to achieve things in life, you've just got to do them, and if you're talented and smart, you'll succeed.”
- Juliana Hatfield

“The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct.”
- Sir Robert Baden-Powell

“A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew.”
- Herb Caen

“The ultimate camping trip was the Lewis and Clark expedition.”
- David Barry