This past Winter Ordeal was a blast. The weather was picture perfect. The projects were carried out swiftly. And everyone had a wonderful time.

As with every year, the Winter Ordeal was held at Camp Everglades. The temperature dropped into the lower sixties at night and rose to the mid-seventies, and throughout most of the day it was sunny. This provided an excellent working atmosphere, which resulted in hard working candidates.

The projects consisted of cutting down brush, building wooden benches for the main campfire ring, and building a new compost bathroom.

The ceremonies team was present and had to put on a whopping four Pre-Ordeals, one Brotherhood, and two Ordeal Ceremonies due to the large number of candidates present. They did a tremendous job at putting on the ceremonies. As with every year the O-Shot—Caw Lodge Ceremonies team was able to pull off a great weekend.

The Elangomat Committee has recently gained a new chairman and advisor.

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“Chiefly Speaking”

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season! Upon closing out the year, I began to reflect on the honor it has been to have held the position of Lodge Chief over the past 6 months. We have come across some obstacles, but have jumped over hurdles. We truly closed out the year 2008 miraculously with a series of terrific Lodge events, and an unbelievable amount of service. Yet, with a fantastic year behind us, and an amazing start to 2009, we have nothing to do but look ahead.

Upcoming we have our fun, exciting, and spirit filled weekend of fellowship, also known as the Lodge Banquet. For the second year, O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be hosting the Lodge Banquet at our new paradise in Markham Park. This is an event every member in every chapter should be pumped and excited about! In preparation for the 2009 Section Conference, we will be focusing our weekend on fun and exciting team building events such as flag football, the spectacular game of tug of war, and Lodge Ball. Let’s not forget about the fantastic dinner served Saturday night, along with a presentation put on by your hard working Lodge officers and L.E.C. So, with the details on the table I urge you to send in your registration for Lodge Banquet right now, you’re sure to have a great time.

Although, we can’t forget about the two biggest things of the year: #1. Section Conference and #2. National Order of the Arrow Conference (N.O.A.C.) Approaching rapidly we do have our 2009 Section Conference hosted by Timuquan Lodge at Sand Hill Scout Reservation. I invite and welcome EVERYONE to sign up to join the force O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be sending, we are all firm bound in brotherhood and must all come out to support one and other to once more bring home victory!

Yet, with all this excitement coming up, we still must not forget about the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference. It is not too late, to become a part of our champion Drum, Dance, and ceremonies teams, led by the finest youth in the country, so come out and bring your spirit because it is going to be one amazing NOAC.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation. Let us all unite to show the Section and the Nation what O-Shot-Caw Lodge is about, and may you wear your flap with pride and honor.

WWW,

Mark Jelincic
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
Section Seminars

Written By: Mitch Anastasio

On November 7th-9th 2008, members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge attended the S-4 Section Seminars hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah at the Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation. The Seminars were designed to train members in the Order of the Arrow in a variety of skills including leadership, running an efficient chapter, Indian lore, and ceremonies. Besides the seminar part of the event there were numerous fun activities offered. Including rock climbing, shotgun shooting, swimming and a slip and slide at 2:37 in the morning.

Leadership

This development includes Scout reach Mentoring, Creative Lodge activities, Leave No Trace, How to run a Chapter effectively, Elangomat Training, and Conducting Unit Elections.

Ceremonies

This development includes improving the Ceremonial Experience, Ceremonial Regalia, and other ceremonial activities.

America Indian Activities

This development includes American Indian Activities, various dancing techniques, various Indian Regalia, Drumming techniques, patchwork and craftmanship.

Members of the O-Shot-Caw lodge were treated to a fantastic weekend and had a great facility to support all the weekend activities. The Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge did an excellent job of hosting this event.
Thanksgiving Food Drive

Written By: Ramon Moreno

For the first time, the Pooca Tooka Chapter held a Thanksgiving Food Drive to help out the needy families of our community.

Since the beginning of August, chapter members, troops from around the district, and local businesses, have donated canned foods to support our food drive. And help they did; Thanks to all of their help, the chapter donated over 1800 pounds of canned food to the Immaculate Conception Church pantry, which was practically empty from so many needy families asking for food. Thanks to everyone!

Section Conference

The 2009 Section Conference will be held on April 17—19 at Sandhill Scout Reservation in Weeki Wachi Florida, North of Tampa. The Section Conference is where all the Lodges from Section S4 come together to compete in various activities. These consist of Ceremonies, Drum, Dance, and even fun activities such as tug—a—war. This is an all around fun event with something for everyone to participate in. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can contact Mark Jelincic at mark@jelencic.com. We hope to see all Brothers attend.
On December 19 - 20, 2008 the Scout Extreme Games took place. During this event Cub Scouts from all around South Florida gathered together to have a fun filled weekend. Even though the Lodge was present only to help out with the Scouts we still shared in some of the fun.

Friday night kicked off as the many hundreds of Cub Scouts and their parents arrived at Dolphin Stadium to set up their tents. Following that they headed over to the gates to receive the dinner that was handed out by our Lodge, which was Pollo Tropical. This consisted of a dinner roll, grilled chicken breast, corn, and black beans and rice. After the Cub Scouts ate, our Lodge was left to indulge on all the leftovers.

Following the dinner, the scouts headed up to the 400’ Section of the stadium to watch the movie *Wall-E*, which was displayed on the large screens. On their way up they were given complimentary animal crackers and a drink, and had the option to buy glow sticks. These were also handed out and sold by the many members of our Lodge. Our Lodge also helped in the process of seating the many Cub Scouts so that they could all sit comfortably during their movie experience.

After the movie the scouts headed down to their camping areas where they were surprised to find tons of fake snow ready for them to play in. They were overjoyed. This pretty much concluded Friday night.

The next day, Saturday, The Scouts woke up and headed around the stadium to participate in the various activities prepared for them.

Headed by **Mr. Kudja** and **Kris Carter**, the Lodge held Elangomat training to teach future elangomat scouts about the new program. Also, the Lodge held a Vigil breakfast for its vigil members. These activities for obvious reasons did not involve cub scouts, but only Vigil Lodge Brothers.

The Scout Extreme Games was the perfect example of cheerful service. Everyone on the Lodge level who participated both worked and had fun – the perfect combination!
The NOAC

On August 1-8, 2009, over 8,000 Arrowmen from across the country will come together for fellowship at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. This year’s NOAC will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. NOAC is where Lodges from around the country come together to compete in several activities, while having fun all along the way. The previous NOAC was a blast and we expect this one to out beat even that one. The conference itself is a four day long event, but the Lodge plans to do some side traveling including a stop at Cincinnati. The cost of the trip comes out to about $1000, but several deposits are needed before hand. Steve Pinna is the NOAC adult Advisor for our Lodge. Our former Chief Chaz Pinna is the youth chairman. If you have any questions you can email Chaz at chazpinna14@hotmail.com, or Steve at stevepinna@hotmail.com.

Ceremonies Team

The Ceremonies Team
BY JONATHAN YOST

The O-Shot-Caw lodge ceremonies team has been a team of excellence in recent years, with over a dozen medals at the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference and many ceremonialists coming home with three medals from Section Conference. However, it was not always like this. We have worked hard to achieve this status in our ceremonies. Why, just under a decade ago, the ceremonies team was virtually unheard of.

But that didn’t stop the team from building up and having a big impact at Section and National competitions. Practice, practice, and more practice eventually led to us being one of the strongest and best teams at NOAC 2004; so good, that our team was chosen to honor the history of the Order of the Arrow by reenacting the traditional first degree ceremony at Treasure Island.

As the current O-Shot-Caw Ceremonies Chairman, I urge you to continue our excellence at Section Conference and NOAC; just ask your chapter chief or someone on the team how you can get involved.

Brothers Promoting Camp Sawyer

Brothers having fun
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Their names are Kris Carter and Jose Kudja. Even though they were new to the position and hadn’t even sealed their ties in Brotherhood, they still managed to pull off a mistake free weekend. Their jobs were to look—over the various candidates and lead them from site—to—site. Other Lodge officers such as Marc Jelincic and Hayden Olive also assisted to help make this weekend what it was.

No Winter Ordeal is complete without the meals cooked and provided by To—Hopki—Lagi. All day long you could smell turkey’s smoking as you walked by the kitchen. This was, however, only part of the delectable dinner that they cooked up.

John Semander was the new Brotherhood Chairman and he also did a great job of leading his many candidates through their work project and ceremony.

The weekend came to a close on Sunday as Gohkos provided the Scouts Own, the Lodge held its business meeting, and campers began to pack up their tents and leave. All—in—all it was a great weekend with 113 candidates receiving their Ordeal membership and 35 sealing their ties in Brotherhood. The bottom line, if you weren’t their than you really missed out on a time of fellowship and Brotherhood!
Chapter Reports

**Gokhos**

Webster’s dictionary defines superior as above the average in excellence. The same can be said about the Mighty Gokhos chapter. On November 22nd Gokhos had their one day of service at the fist Presbyterian Church in Ft Lauderdale where they handed out turkey dinners to less fortunate families. On December 5th Gokhos helped serve meals at the Cooper City Light Festival. At this years winter ordeal Gokhos had the highest turnout from any chapter. Gokhos had a total of 65 members in attendance including 25 ordeal candidates, 13 brotherhood candidates and also 3 Elangomats. At our last chapter meeting January 12th, we held chapter elections for the missing positions in the Gokhos chapter. Congratulations to Ryan Mandell our new 2nd Vice Chief, and Brandon Morin our new chapter secretary.

Gokhos Chapter is awesome!!!

–Mitch Anastasio

**Pooca Tooka**

Pooca Tooka has done a lot of work over the past few months. In November, we attended Section Seminars. We had a great time while still learning about many things including Native American crafts and how to better serve your Lodge. Our chapter also held a canned food drive for Thanksgiving. We collected over 1800 pounds of canned foods that were donated to a local church to give to needy families.

In December, we helped out at the Scout Extreme Games. We helped by ushering people to the Vigil Breakfast. We also helped out the Gokhos Chapter by selling concessions. We also had our two elangomats attend Elangomat Training.

In January, Pooca Tooka attended the Winter Ordeal. We were out there in full force helping with the work projects. Also, we had two members serve as elangomats. We had two new members come through in the Ordeal and we also had three brothers seal their ties in Brotherhood.

Pooca Tooka meets the first Monday of every month at the Bob Graham Educational Center at 7:30 PM. If you have any questions, you can contact me at my email, headsortails@bellsouth.net.

–Ramon Moreno

**Paldani**

Over the past few months, the Paldani Chapter has accomplished many of its goals. In November we were in full attendance at the Section Seminars where chapter members got to learn more about the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow. Some of the classes that we attended were: ceremonies 101, how to run a unit election, how to run a successful chapter, and many more. On November 22, we held our third annual Paldani Rock-A-Thon at the Cracker Barrel to raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership fund. Everyone had a great time serving cheerfully to raise money for our lodge’s most important Campership fund.

In December, we had our annual canned food drive for the Davie Outreach Center and we helped collect money, CD’s, DVD’s, and stuffed animals to help out the Elgixin Chapter in their collections for the needy. We had our annual holiday party on December 9th where we had an excellent dinner, played card games, and ultimate Frisbee, and gave out gifts. On December 19th, at the Scout Extreme Games, we served as ushers to the movie that Friday night. We collected movie tickets and gave out snacks to all the scouts and families that attended.

In January, we had great attendance at the Winter Ordeal on January 9-11. At the Ordeal, we helped in various aspects. On Friday night, the members of our chapter who are on the ceremonies team preformed a total of 4 pre-ordeal ceremonies. Saturday, members of our chapter helped to distribute drinking water to all the work projects. We also helped in many of the work projects including: refur-
bishing the benches at the fire ring, clearing trails, and helping build the fire for the ceremonies on Saturday night. In total, we had 24 new ordeal members, 10 new Brotherhood members, and an over all attendance of over 50 Brothers.

We meet every 2nd Monday of the month at the Hollywood West Elks Lodge on Davie Road Extension from 7:30-9:00 pm and we always have a full dinner and lots of fun.

-Lenny Schrager

**O-Shot-Co-Chee**

Our Chapter, O-Shot-Co-Chee, 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 aim is to mix fun with service and fellowship. My goals and ambitions for this year are to raise the meeting attendance from 5 to 10 people, take about 15 people to Section Conference (which would be double the amount we had last year), have unit elections at each troop in the district, have at least 2 clan-gomats at each Ordeal, and have at least 1 Brotherhood tester at each Ordeal.

I also hope to have many fun activities that we can do together as a Chapter to become closer together and be able to work as a team when it comes time for Lodge Banquet and the Lodge games.

At the Winter Ordeal which took place during the weekend of January 9, we had a triumphant turnout. In total, the Chapter was represented by 33 members. O-Shot-Co-Chee welcomed 18 new members and saw 4 members seal their ties as Brotherhood. Of those 18 new OA members, 10 showed up at the next Chapter meeting. We had a record of 16 boys total at the OA meeting. That is the most that our Chapter has had in several years. We are definitely on our way back to being one of the most powerful Chapters in the O-Shot-Caw Lodge!

Our next Chapter meeting will be on February 9, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

Yours in Brotherhood,

-Garrett Siljie

**Hnu-Ra-Con**

Hnu-Ra-Con has done quite a few things in the past few months. We sold concessions at the X-Treme games in December. In January, we went to the Winter Ordeal at Camp Everglades, where we received 19 new Ordeal members and several new Brotherhood members. We plan to win the Best All Around chapter award and will be hosting the Hnu-Ra-Con Dodge ball Tournament later this year. We meet at the LDS Church in Miami on the first Monday of every month at 7:30.

-Evan Burr

**To-Hopki-Lagi**

To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter meets a Perrine Elementary School the 1st Monday of every month at 7:30 PM.

We have helped out at the Cub Scout Fun Day selling concessions.

We participated in the Haunted Forest, by putting on a wonderful display.

We participated in the Winter Ordeal. We cooked all the delicious dinners.

-Andrew Crowe

**Elgixin**

Elgixin Chapter meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Prince of Peace Church near 441 in Margate at 7:30 PM.

We have participated in the Scout Extreme Games and the Winter Ordeal.

If you have any questions you can email Devin Reid, the Chapter Chief at devreid@aol.com

-Devin Reid
Lincoln Marti

Written By: Hayden Olive

This past Lincoln Marti was one to remember. From Friday afternoon to Sunday morning their was an endless amount of competing to see which troop or pack was truly number one. On Friday night the campsites were being erected and the towering gateways were taking shape. At that moment you could truly see who wanted the victory. As you walked by each gateway you might have become confused as to which one was a pack's or troop's because some of the packs gateways out did the troop's gateways.

On Saturday morning many of the scouts woke up early to tweak their gateways and start preparing for the pioneer competition. This timed event woke up most of the scouts and made them go in full gear to complete their projects. There were various projects such as dining tables, catapults, watch towers, and so many other types of useful gadgets.

When the event was over many of the troops and packs rushed over to the activity field. They had to do the skits qualification round. Only few boy scout troops, girl scout troops, and packs made it through that. That night the final skit competition began and there was allot of good ones. Some were serious skits, while others were very comical. When Sunday morning came along the troops and packs were so relieved that the competition was over and that they could finally receive the awards for their hard work. After the awards were handed out, the camp went down faster than it went up. So many families wanted to go home and relax.

Throughout the day Jake Cutler, our camp promotions chairman, promoted various South Florida camps such as Camp Everglades, Camp Sawyer, and Camp Seminole. The drum team was present and performed. Lenny Schrager represented the Ceremonies Team and showed off some Indian Regalia.

All in all it was a great weekend for both Lodge members and the many troops and packs that participated. If you weren’t their then you really missed out!
“Editor’s Notes”

Dear Brothers,

I am privileged to be able to produce the Patchwork for the Lodge. However, none if this could have been done without everyone else. I say this because it is important, especially for new Ordeal Members, to become involved. There are several ways in which you can do this. Some examples, are joining the ceremonies, drum, or dance teams. You can also become a part of you Chapter CEC (Chapter Executive Committee). Or even at the bare minimum be an active member that attends all events. This is what Brotherhood is all about.

On a lighter note, I have to say that this past Winter Ordeal goes down in my books as being one of the best. The weather was perfect, nobody complained, and to top it all off the food was excellent. I personally spent the whole day preparing for the nights’ ceremonies, but other Brothers and candidates worked on projects. Quite frankly their wasn’t anything that was problematic to speak of. It was a great weekend of fellowship.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can direct them to me by emailing me at captainkerr22@gmail.com.

Until Next Issue,
James Kerr

Patch Corner

These are some of the Lodge’ more recent patches for various events.

A collectors edition Lodge Flap sold at Section Conference.

Patch given out at the Winter Ordeal this past January.

Patch given out at the Fall Ordeal this past September.
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**Lodge Calendar**

**Lodge Banquet**
Where? Markham Park
When? March 6-8, 2009
Cost? $22 for the weekend; $12 for dinner-only Saturday night
Why go? To compete with your Chapter in earning the Golden Arrow Award

**Section Conference**
Where? Sand Hill Scout Reservation
When? April 17-19, 2009
Cost? TBA
Why go? To compete with the Lodge in various fun activities.

**NOAC**
Where? Indiana University
When? August 1-9, 2009
Cost? $1000.00*  
Why go? To have a fun and memorable experience.
*Rough Figures

**Sudoku**

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**Quote**

“The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure.”  
—Sven Goran Eriksson

**Joke**

Why don’t aliens eat clowns?  
—Because they taste funny.

**Joke**

What do you call a fish with no eyes?
—A fsh