Without a doubt, the 2009 Lodge Banquet was one to be remembered. At a time when O-Shot-Caw members gather to compete in various activities and participate in various training classes, the Lodge was out in full force.

On Friday night, members arrived to set up camp and prepare for the next day's events. Brotherhood Chairman John Semander worked hard as he organized the night's Brotherhood Testing and Nimat Hike. Congratulations to the O-Shot-Caw members who sealed their ties in the Brotherhood!

Training sessions began the next day following a pancake breakfast. During each session, members could go to classes on subjects including Native American Dance, Native American Drum and Song, and Pre-Ordeal and Ordeal ceremonies. At the Dance Team table, various traditional dance garbs were on display. Julian Murphy and the Drum Team taught curious members how to stay on beat and sing different Native American Songs.

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“Chiefly Speaking”

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

These past few months have defiantly had some exciting moments! Lodge Banquet was a huge success and we have proven that we are ready as an entire Lodge to take over Section Conference. I would like to thank everyone that came out and participated in the fun activities at Lodge Banquet, and congratulate those that walked away with the gold. The Golden Pumpkin was also presented by Brad Schmidt, to the Pooca-Tooka Chapter, after a long wait for the results and battling tough competition. I would also like to congratulate the arrowmen who received their Exceptional First Year Arrowmen Award, the recipients of the Meritorious Service Award and the two recipients of the Founder’s Award (Chaz Pinna and Steve Pinna). And most importantly, congratulations to the six Vigil recipients. Once again thank you to each and every brother that came out and joined the fun and excitement at our 2009 Lodge Banquet!

Yet now is the time to push full steam ahead! Section Conference is right around the corner and we are more prepared then ever! Section Conference is just a short time away and we need all of your support. O-Shot-Caw Lodge is once again a force to be recognized and we have our eyes set on the prize. So let us go out and show the Section what O-Shot-Caw Lodge is made of, and let us bring home victory!

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 one of our champion Drum and Dance team members, 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
Scoutmaster’s Camporee

Written By: Lenny Schrager

This year on February 20-22, 2009, the 50th Scoutmaster’s Camporee was held at Markham Park, which was led by Brother George Gilmore, who was the Chief. There were hundreds of scouts from all over South Florida Council that gathered for a weekend of competition and fun. At this council wide event, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge was in full attendance and helped in many ways.

Friday night was filled with the assembling of gateways and the setting up of camp.

Saturday morning, everyone woke up bright and early to embark on the day’s activities. Some activities consisted of a canoe race, volleyball competition, obstacle course, rock climbing, and log sawing. There was also the traditional Chili cook-off.

Saturday afternoon, we helped run a few concession stands for scouts to enjoy the Heron Grille. We also set up a historical display and Camp promotions display to teach scouts about what the Order of the Arrow is and where to go camping in South Florida. In addition to those displays, O-Shot-Caw Lodge set up a Native American village where the drum team and the dance team gathered to educate scouts about Native American culture, and the Order of the Arrow. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts alike looked on in awe as they witnessed their first Native American Pow Wow. A special thanks goes out to Vigil Brother Ken Weidman who was in charge of the Native American village.

But our service doesn’t stop there. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge provided a wonderful Scouts Own Service on Sunday mourning.

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Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The Founder’s Award and the Vigil Honor serve very distinct purposes. While the Vigil Honor is traditionally bestowed in higher numbers annually, make no mistake about it: the Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, and Scout Camp. Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

**BRAD SCHMIDT**

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Bradley Schmidt, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Brad is a member of the Pine Island District where he is a member of troop 111. In his troop, he has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and the Order of the Arrow Troop Team Representative. His leadership in the troop is evidenced by earning the coveted Eagle Scout award. Brad was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2003 at Camp Lone Oak. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood a year later at Camp Seminole. No stranger to leadership, Bradley quickly became active in all aspects of the Lodge. Notably, in 2007, Bradley was elected to the top youth leadership role in the Pine Island District: Gokhos Chapter Chief. By his election, Brad distinguished himself in history along with a very impressive list of Arrowmen who have held the position of Gokhos chapter chief. As Chapter Chief of the mighty Gokhos Chapter, Brad was chiefly responsible for managing the day-to-day affairs of the Chapter and ensuring its participation in all lodge events. Needless to say, Brad did a remarkable job leading the Gokhos nation. His achievements were noticed on the lodge level, resulting in Brad’s appointment as both the Haunted Forest Chairman and the Spirit Chairman in 2007. Brad’s hard work as Chapter Chief prepared him for the challenges in running O-Shot-Caw’s sin-
ingle largest fundraiser, the Haunted Forest. It is undeniable that Brad once again exceeded everyone’s expectations. Outside the lodge, Brad has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference. In High School, Brad was a band member all four years and a Drum Major in his senior year. Currently Brad is a student at BCC, where he maintains a 4.0 Grade Point Average.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Jonathan Yost, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. One of the fundamental tenants of the Order of the Arrow is service to your unit. For years, Jonathan embodied this ideal through his years of tireless service. He has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and as the troop’s OA Troop Team Rep. Outside of his Unit, Jonathan attended Junior Leaders Training and went on to serve on its staff. In 2008, Jonathan, distinguished himself among his peers by earning the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. As an Eagle Scout, Jonathan became a marked man, charged with a solemn obligation to promote the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. Jon’s service to his District was taken to a new level when he ran the District’s Camporee, “Scoutendo.” Jon was nominated by his peers into the Order of the Arrow in 2005. He completed his Ordeal at that time, and then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood in 2006. Even before sealing his ties, however, Jonathan was an active member of the Ceremonies Team, and currently serves as its Chairman. While his duties to the ceremony’s team prevented him at times from taking on leadership roles in the Chapter, Jonathan was still able to assist the Elgixin Chapter in various ways, including overseeing its Midway production at the Haunted Forest. He has attended NOAC. Outside of scouting, Jonathan is homeschooled and hopes to learn the trade of contracting, locally.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Jim Smith, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Jim’s scouting career began in Cub Scouting, where he was a member of Pack 220. There, he earned the Arrow of Light award, which is the only youth Cub Scouting award that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. He crossed over into Troop 599 and earned the coveted rank of Eagle Scout in 1972, making him Troop 599’s second Eagle Scout. In addition to his troop involvement, Jim actively camped at various events and also hiked the Barefoot Mailman in the 1970s. Jim Smith was tapped for membership in the Order of the Arrow in 1974. Following his induction, he then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood in 2000. Once his son, Vigil Honor Member Roddy “RJ” Smith, began getting active in the scouting program, Jim reaffirmed his commitment to the program. His enthusiasm for the Order of the Arrow was apparent from day one. As a member of the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter, Jim attended Indian Summer, the National Order of the Arrow Conference, and every section conference event in the recent decade. At each of these events, Jim lived up to principles of the Order by cheerfully serving the Lodge in all aspects. Whether the Lodge was looking for someone to help with the dance or drum team, or whether they were looking for someone to help cook at the Winter Ordeal, Jim was there. However, his service was not just in a supportive capacity, but also as a leader. For years, Jim’s leadership has helped shape the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter into one of the best chapters in Lodge History, producing several Eagle Scouts and Vigil Honor members.
Outside of Scouting, Jim has worked for Miami Dade Water and Sewer for 26 years as a pump mechanic.

**JULIAN MURPHY**

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Julian Murphy, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. This Eagle Scout embodies the high ideals of Scouting; chiefly, “to help other people at all times.” Aside from his own project, this Eagle Scout has traveled across South Florida to help others with their Eagle projects on countless occasions. He continues to work with his local unit and is an example for his troop, and pack, serving as Webelos Den Chief where he helps boys to learn, achieve and be prepared to cross over into Boy Scouts.

For his unselfish service, his troop members elected Julian as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, where he completed his ordeal and quickly made his mark as one of the first Exceptional First Year Arrowmen Award recipients in 2004. Since then, he has worked nearly every ordeal, sometimes as an Elangomat, and has enthusiastically participated in each Haunted Forest. He has actively participated in the LLD Leadership training for a number of years, striving to learn and improve to benefit himself, his chapter, and the Lodge. Active on the Drum team since even before his Ordeal in the winter of 2003 – albeit unofficially – he has since competed in every Section Conference, helping the team bring back first place time after time, as well as NOAC. For the last three years, he has been the Drum Team chair, and organizes team practices to maintain the Drum's winning legacy.

While his duties and responsibilities to the Drum Team kept him from ever running for Chapter Chief, he served three years as Vice Chief of Tomoka Chapter, often taking on the responsibilities of Chief. He has been key in keeping his chapter alive when others were unable to fulfill their commitments. He has also been actively involved in Pioneer District Unit elections since his own Ordeal. As an advocate, Julian has encouraged and supported his fellow OA brothers to get their brotherhood, as can be seen by the percentage of Tomoka Chapter members who have sealed their ties in the brotherhood. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 2008, and that summer participated in two Arrow Corp 5 service projects, in Washington-Jefferson National Park, Virginia, as well as Bridger-Teton National Park, Wyoming.

He has also been active in two separate Venture Crews, Crew 4 since 2005 and Crew 6 since 2008. When a knee injury prevented him from hiking the Bare Foot Mailman hike one year, he chose to still participate by providing water support the entire weekend. This is typical of this scout, showing by action rather than just words. His service to others extends beyond scouting, including the American Cancer Society “Relay for Life” and Winn Dixie Hope Lodge patient events. He was even recognized by the City of North Miami for his service and his achievements.

For his unselfish service, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 takes great pride in nominating, Julian Murphy, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.

**IRA SCHRAGER**

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Ira Schrager, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Ira first joined scouting in 1962; specifically, troop 431 in Pioneer district. An active youth member, Ira was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1972, where he became a member of O-Shot-Caw Lodge at Camp Seminole.

After the tragic death of his Scoutmaster, Ira stepped up and served his troop as the Assistant Scoutmaster. While a student at Miami-Dade, he joined Scouting’s college
Vigil Recipients continued...

fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega and when the troop was in good hands, Ira devoted his time to academics. He received his Bachelor’s in Liberal Studies from FIU in 1986. His Master’s degree in Science from Barry University in 1992. And his Doctor of Philosophy from Barry University in 2004. Once his son, Lenny, became active in Scouting, Ira resumed his involvement after a brief academic break. When his son joined Cub Scout Pack 460 Ira became the assistant committee chairperson, and when Lenny crossed over to scout, troop 492, Ira served as, and committee chairman for five years. In 1998, Ira reaffirmed his commitment to the Order of the Arrow by joining perhaps the greatest chapter in Lodge’s history, the Allohak Chapter, which serviced the Miccosukee District. Now a member of the Paldani Chapter, he sealed his ties in the Brotherhood in 2005, and oversaw the production of the Paldani hoodies, Paldani Brotherhood necklaces, and the Paldani new member booklets. A truly active Arrowmen, Ira actively attended Lodge Executive Committee meetings and both lodge and chapter functions. Last year, Ira served as the advisor to the historical committee. Today, he is the advisor to the publications committee. His photo work is featured in the Patchwork and the South Florida Council’s official publication, the Scouter. At every ordeal, Ira helps the ceremonies team set up before the ceremonies and pack up when they are finished. Furthermore, he has helped in training ceremonialists as well. In 2008 he attended the largest service project in the United States- Arrowcorps5- where he helped not only in the service projects, but also in driving up and back from Virginia. He plans to attend NOAC this summer. Not only does Ira serve cheerfully in the Order of the Arrow, but also in his career. Ira has been working for Miami Dade public schools for over 20 years and currently teaches blind and visually impaired students how to read and write Braille, use a computer, and how to use other technology for blind students. He is also currently the technological consultant for all visually impaired students and teachers in Miami Dade County. In addition to this, he also served as an adjunct professor at Miami Dade College where he taught “how to teach special education students.” This month, Ira is celebrating 25 years of marriage with his lovely wife Myrna.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Hayden Olive, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Hayden is an Eagle Scout with several palms, and an active member of Troop 529 in the Fireball District.

Hayden was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2004 at Camp Lone Oak. He quickly became one of the most active members of Pooca Tooka Chapter. A year later in 2005 Hayden received his First Year Arrowmen Award and sealed his ties at the Lodge Banquet and Summer Ordeal, respectively. Hayden is a constant figure at all O-Shot-Caw events, and can always be counted on to be the “helping hand” when things need to get done. His enthusiasm and devotion to the Order has been an inspiration to all……

Hayden has served as Pooca Tooka Chapter chief, and is currently the Lodge’s 2nd Vice Chief. In Troop 529 Hayden has held the positions of Den Chief, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Under his leadership the Troop has won two District Camporee titles and Overall Recognition at the West Point Invitational Camporee at West Point Military Academy.

For his Eagle Service Project Hayden successfully raised over $1,000 in funds and supplies for a local animal shelter. Hayden has been a mentor to many kids in both Pack and Troop 529. Through his guidance, others have excelled …. Hayden has contributed much of his time in helping more than 9 boys reach their Eagle. Hayden is a senior at Dade Christian High School in Miami Lakes and maintains a 3.0 GPA. He has been a member of the school’s District Championship winning football team for the past four years and has been awarded the title of MVP. He has ambitions of attending The University of West Florida in the Fall.

Hayden exemplifies a servant leader, by setting a good example and always helping his fellow man without need of recognition.
**Gokhos**

The Mighty Gokhos Nation had a total of 65 members in attendance at the winter ordeal. We also had 32 ordeal candidates and 16 members seal their ties in brotherhood. The Mighty Gokhos Chapter revamped both the back gate and the main gate to camp everglades.

At Scoutmasters Camporee Gokhos hosted the Heron grill and raised over $900 for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Camper ship fund as well as hosting a scouts own service that Sunday morning.

At the Lodge Banquet, once again, Gokhos had the highest members in attendance with a total of 52 members. We also had 8 members seal their ties in brotherhood.

Gokhos managed to place 2nd for the golden pumpkin, 2nd for the quest for the rusted arrow, and 3rd for the golden arrow. Congratulations to Bradley Schmidt for receiving our Vigil honor. Gokhos plans to continue being the best chapter in the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

- Mitch Anastasio

**Pooca Tooka**

The Pooca Tooka Chapter has done a lot of work over the past few months. In January, we had a great time at the Winter Ordeal. We held a dominoes tournament for the brotherhood bash on Friday night. Also, we helped with all of the work projects. At the Ordeal, we received two new members and three Brotherhood members. In February, our chapter helped out at the Scoutmaster’s Camporee. We assisted the Gokhos Chapter with the Heron Grill, where we served food and beverages. In March, our chapter dominated at Lodge Banquet. We cooked delicious food all weekend. We held on to win the Tom Tatham Spirit Award for the second consecutive year and we also won the Golden Pumpkin Award, which we haven't won in over ten years! Also, several members won awards; some received LEC plaques, Skyler Rodriguez and Lydia Pinna received First Year Arrowmen, Steve and Chaz Pinna received the
Founder's Award, and Hayden Olive received Vigil Honor. We also got five Brotherhood members at the Banquet. Great job guys!

-Ramon Moreno

Paldani

Over the past couple of months, the Paldani Chapter has continued to be active on a district and council level, serving the communities in the Seminole District.

The month of February was a very eventful month for our Chapter. On February 9th, we held our annual Paldani Pizza Fellowship at Bellante’s Pizza and Pasta Restaurant. At this event, we get together and sit down with all of our family and friends and enjoy a nice Italian dinner. In addition to this, we also take the time to promote the Section Conference and the Lodge Banquet. Everyone had an awesome time at this event. On February 20-22 was the 50th Scoutmaster’s Camporee. At this event, the Paldani Chapter was in charge of the Scout’s Own Service on Sunday. Also, members of our chapter helped out at the Native American village that O-Shot-Caw Lodge sets up to educate scouts and scouters about the Order of the Arrow and the Native American culture.

The month of March was also a very productive month for Paldani. On March 6-8 our Chapter proudly attended the Lodge Banquet. At the Banquet we participated in all of the morning seminars, and all of Tatham Spirit Games. Everyone enjoyed the insightful seminars and exciting games. On Saturday night, many members from our Chapter received honors and awards. That night, Ira Schrager received the highest honor a lodge can bestow upon its members—the Vigil Honor. Kris Carter, Danny Rodriguez, James Kerr, and Jose Kudja received the Meritorious Service award, and they were recognized for their service on the LEC. Jake Cutler, Colby Kudja, and John Semander were recognized for their Service on the LEC as well. Andres Badel received the First Year Arrowmen Award. Congratulations to everyone!

-Lenny Schrager

Hnu-Ra-Con

The Hnu-Ra-Con chapter gained around 12 new ordeal members at Winter Ordeal and several brotherhood members as well. We sold concessions at the Scout Expo. The chapter had around 23 brothers participate at the Lodge Banquet, receiving third for the Rusted Arrow and second for the Tom Tatham Spirit award. We lost the Golden Pumpkin this year, however we have our theme for next years Haunted Forest and are planning to win it back. We are expecting a large turnout from our chapter at the Section Conference. We meet the first Monday of every month at the LDS Church by Miami-Dade College.

-Evan Burr
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The Ceremonies Team, led by Jonathan Yost, showed members the different clothing worn by ceremonialists. Afterward, they had an open forum about the symbolism of the Pre- and Ordeal Ceremonies.

Following lunch, the competitions for the Tom Tatham Spirit Award were held. Lodge members expertly climbed and passed through a web and even stacked themselves on a platform like a can of sardines full of brotherhood goodness. Each chapter's crack volleyball team competed fiercely in the Volleyball Tournament— all while being supported by cheers from their fellow brothers. Lodge brothers also stumbled through a 7-legged race and charged their way in the Two-Hand Touch Football Tournament. Tug of war was another event that wasn't taken lightly as Chapters worked to pull through the competition. Everyone was at least able to chill down with the frozen T-shirt event.

In the Quest for the Rusted Arrow, adult Chapter members competed in balloon-shaving competitions, Tower 265, OA Trivia and Tug-of-War. Adult members tried to clean a balloon with a razor as it was being held in the mouth of a fellow adult. The competition and the razors were close. Tower 265 involved building the tallest, standing structure with 265 index cards and tape.

That night at the Banquet, Lodge brothers earned awards for their participation in the L.E.C, First Year Arrowmen, and Meritorious Service. Special congratulations go to Chaz and Steve Pinna, recipients of the Founder's Award and to Brad Schmidt, Jonathan Yost, Jim Smith, Julian Murphy, Ira Schrager, and Hayden Olive for becoming Vigil members of O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

Overall, the Lodge Banquet was a great event and there was plenty of food, fun, and fellowship. Lodge members came together to have fun competing against each other and preparing for Section Conference.
Dear Brothers,

I can’t believe that I am already on my fourth issue. This year has flown by so fast. I have had too much fun, and I am honored to be your Publications Chairman.

This year the Lodge banquet was definitely one to remember. It was well organized and well attended. This resulted in competition between Chapters to win the Golden Arrow. At night the award ceremony was a success and the food was a must have. If you didn’t attend then all I can say is that you missed out.

I have to say that I am greatly looking forward to this years NOAC. I personally have never attended a NOAC, but the stories I hear are only positive. From the dorm rooms you get to sleep in, to the midnight pizza parties, there’s always something to do. Spots are filled, but if you still want to go you can speak to Chaz Pinna or Steve Pinna to get yourself on the waiting list.

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

On the right is a the last Lone Oak patch ever made when it was a summer camp before it closed. On the left is the scoutmaster’s Camporee patch for this year. It corresponds with the article in this Patchwork.

50th Anniversary Scoutmaster’s Camporee Patch

Lone Oak 04’ Patch
Lodge Calendar

**Summer Ordeal**
Where?  Silver Palm’s Church
When?  June 5-7, 2009
Cost?  TBA
Why go?  To cheerfully serve the community.

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

*Rough Figures

Hidden Picture Puzzle

Try to find the hidden picture of a man’s face.

Joke

You’re Drinking Too Much Coffee When:

You ski uphill.

You speed walk in your sleep.

You answer the door before people knock.

Your thermos is on wheels

You grind your coffee beans in your mouth.

The only time you’re standing still is in an earthquake.

You lick your coffee pot clean.

Your eyes stay open when you sneeze.

You don’t sweat, you percolate.

You don’t even wait for the water to boil anymore.

You don’t tan, you roast.

You think CPR stands for “Coffee Provides Resuscitation.”

Quote

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

—Abraham Lincoln