Written by: Andres Badel and Aaron Kudja

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge contingent for the National Order of the Arrow Conference met on August 1, 2009 at the Miami International Airport. Everyone was pumped to get on the planes that would begin their NOAC 2009 trip. When we arrived in Indiana, we departed on a bus headed for Indiana University. When the contingent arrived, we went on a tour that would give us a heads-up as to what would be at the conference.

After finishing the tour, the contingent took a group photo and then headed off to where we would be staying. After a long and toilsome journey, we arrived at our dorms. Once we were settled in, we rejoined and were given straw hats, sunglasses, and inflatable balls, which we brought to the opening show. At the show, the contingent had a blast, with the theme being THE POWER OF ONE. Afterwards, the contingent met at the dorm and had a pizza party.

The following day, we headed off to training sessions which were divided into Leadership Development, Outdoor Adventure, Inductions and Ceremonial Events, and American Indian Activities.

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Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer vacation! The O-Shot-Caw Lodge has been extremely busy over the past few months. What a way to start of the Lodge year with events like NOAC, LLD, and the Fall Ordeal.

On August 1, 2009 the O-Shot-Caw Lodge flew up to Indiana for a memorable experience at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference. With over 50 Arrowmen from our Lodge attending, everyone can say that it was an event they’ll never forget. Once again, O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265 showed the nation who we are. Our Lodge excelled in many aspects, but congratulations goes to Lenny Schrager and Jonathon Yost for receiving “Best in Nation” and 2nd Place in the Vigil Honor Ceremony Competition. This is something that has never been done before! Also, Jack McLeod was named one of the Top 10 Tradition style dancers in the country! The ceremonies, dance, and drum teams all did a fantastic job. Also, Wilson Valle received Honor status in the Historical display. I would also like to thank Steve Pinna for putting the NOAC contingent together and making this a great experience for O-Shot-Caw.

Following NOAC, our Lodge got right to business finalizing the Lodge Executive Committee and beginning to plan the year. Over 60 Arrowmen attended the 2009 Lodge Leadership Development at Shula’s Steak II in Miami Lakes. This was a day of fun, fellowship, and learning to develop a better understanding serving as a leader, both as a youth and an adult.

The Fall Ordeal took place on September 25-27, 2009 and was a huge success due to the countless hours of cheerful service. The Fall Ordeal included a project to prepare the area for the Haunted Forest, a seminar on LodgeMaster and our website, and an information session on our Lodge teams. Congratulations to all of O-Shot-Caw’s new members, and those who sealed their ties in Brotherhood.

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge annual Haunted Forest is rapidly approaching. It will be on the weekend of October 23-25, 2009. The Haunted Forest raises money for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund to help scouts attend summer camp, so come out and support your chapter and the Lodge as we put on the third largest Boy Scout event in the country! Also, Section Seminars in coming up on November 13-15, 2009. Sign up to spend the weekend at Camp La-No-Che with brothers from all over Florida and Southern Georgia and learn more about the Order of the Arrow and what it has to offer.

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge is off to great start for the 2009-2010 Lodge year and may we continue the great success we are having.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Brad Schmidt
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
The Patchwork

Written By: John Semander

O-Shot-Caw Lodge holds many events that only occur once a year, but out of all these events Lodge Leadership Development or LLD is one of the most prestigious events. This year, LLD was only held on one day, unlike previous years, to keep everyone awake and ready to learn about the new programs that are being implemented by the Order of the Arrow's National Board. LLD 2009 was held at Shula's Steak 2 in Miami Lakes, and was very elegant and worth every penny, from the food to the Boardrooms where we participated in the leadership training. The adults were in their own training session, taught and produced by former 3 term Lodge Chief, Josh Levenson and Paldani Chapter Advisor, Glenn Gomez. The youth session was taught and organized by current Lodge Chief, Brad Schmidt, and his team which consisted of R.J. Hickman, Jonathan Yost, Francisco Gamez, Colby Kudja, Kevin Innes, and Lenny Schrager. All of the classes taught by fellow youth were both enlightening and valuable in information that helps the Lodge to prosper for the upcoming year. Many of the classes taught include “Dressing and Sounding Like a Leader”, “Unit Elections”, “Cub Scouting and O-Shot-Caw” and many other sessions. During lunch, Chairmen and those who were invited through their Chapter Chiefs, met with their advisers to discuss goals for the “O-Shot-Caw Lodge Vision and Future”. This sets everything that our Lodge plans to accomplish within the year and the future. Another activity we participated with our advisers was O.A.I.Q., which most people didn't know. Such questions that were on this test were about the National Lodge and the Section Chiefs and Lodge Chiefs. At the end of the day, we all “Graduated” and completed the LLD for the year.

Everyone who attended LLD and Graduated

Lenny’s speech on How to Run a Successful Chapter

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The Distinguished Service Award was created to honor those who have served beyond the Lodge Level. It is given out to those who served on a sectional, regional, or national basis for many years. Nominations are open to both youth and adult Arrowmen. The first DSA’s were given out to Dr. E. Urner Goodman, Col. Carroll A. Edson and eight other brothers at the 1940 National Meeting at Camp Twin Echo in Pennsylvania. The DSA became a traditional part of the pageantry and ceremonies at NOAC. Since the time of the first awards in 1940, fewer than 850 DSA’s have been given out. Of those, eight have been awarded to O-Shot-Caw Lodge members.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 2009 Recipients

One of the highlights of NOAC is the Awards show on Sunday night. This is the night the Order presents its highest Honor, the Distinguished Service Award. O-Shot-Caw Lodge was honored this year with two DSA recipients, Alex Gomez and Geoffrey Landau.

Both of them are Eagle Scouts, former Section S-4 S Chiefs, Vigil Honor members and Founder Award recipients. The list of accomplishments for these two outstanding Arrowmen is far too long to list here. Their highlights though were Alex being elected the Southern Region Chief in 2007; he is still O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s only National Officer. Geoff’s greatest highlight was perhaps serving as the Youth Incident Commander for ArrowCorp5 at Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

Congratulations to these outstanding Arrowman of O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265!
**BEST IN NATION**

**Written By: Jonathan Yost**

He’s one of the most passionate ceremonialists I know. He’s determined to make the best ceremony performance even better. I’m talking about Lenny Schrager, the Vigil Honor Ceremonial National Champion. Lenny has been a part of the O-Shot-Caw Ceremonies Team since 2005 and is currently serving as it’s Chairman. He was chosen as the “Best in Section” Kitchkinet in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Lenny was chosen to receive the Vigil Honor in 2008 and in 2009 was chosen as the Best Vigil Ceremonialist at the 2009 Section Conference. But his greatest feat to date is his unbelievable achievement of winning first place in the Vigil Honor Ceremony at the 2009 NOAC.

I can see E Urner Goodman in Lenny. If you ever need any insight to the Ordeal, or if you want to know about Kitchkinet, Lenny’s your guy to go to. He is truly the best ceremonialist I know, I trust his knowledge of the Order of the Arrow. Next time you see Lenny, shake his hand and congratulate him on the amazing feat of National Champion.

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**Written By: Lenny Schrager**

He is one of the most inspirational Arrowmen I know. He is the best ceremonialist that I know. He has learned numerous parts from the ceremonies. In 2008 - 2009 he served as our Ceremonies Team Chairman. If you haven’t figured it out by now, it’s the one and only Jonathan Yost. Jon honored last year at Section Conference in the Vigil Honor ceremony and has received other awards on a Section and National level. Jon was on the “Best in Section” Pre-Ordeal team, “Best in Section” Brotherhood Team, and won “Best in Section” Meteu. But, his most recent accomplishment was being awarded second place in the Nation, in the Vigil Honor Ceremony at NOAC 2009 at Indiana University.

Jon is truly an accomplished ceremonialist and has a vast knowledge of the Order of the Arrow. If you ever have any question regarding ceremonies, whether it be about an individual part, or the ceremonies in general, he’ll always know the answer. If you happen to see Jon be sure to shake the hand of a National Champion and congratulate him on his outstanding achievement at NOAC.
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After the day’s work, the contingent was free to do what they please from patch trading to nothing at all. Following dinner, the contingent met at the lounge area again and were handed their patriotic themed hats, glow sticks, and an O- Shot-Caw Lodge noise maker. The theme that night was the awards ceremony, in which they handed out the Red Arrow Awards and the Distinguished Service Awards, two of which were received by our very own O- Shot-Caw Lodge members, Alex Gomez and Geoffrey Landau (See Article on Page 4). After the show, our Lodge attended the Section S-4 Gathering, in which they showed what they would do for a Klondike Bar.

On Monday, the contingent headed off to training sessions yet again. After dinner, the contingent members were given a whistle and a pair of bang sticks for the show. The show that night was the American Indian show: “Founding Fathers”. During the show, the top ten individual dancers for each of the categories of dancing were announced, one of which was our very own, Jack McLeod who performed “The Chicken Dance”. After the show, there was a High Adventure Gathering, in which crew members could catch up on each other in the time lost between NOAC and their time at Philmont’s Trail Crew, NorthernTier’s Wilderness Voyage, or Sea Base’s Ocean Adventure.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2009, after breakfast, the contingent departed to training sessions for a third time. After dinner, there were regional gatherings following a presentation of the world’s largest kazoo band, consisting of all Arrowmen attending NOAC. Our region had a section scavenger hunt and then headed off to the Region Dodgeball competition, in which the Southern Region won. As soon as the competition ended everyone gathered at HoDag, in which rootbeer and baked potatoes are handed out. Arrow Corps5 gatherings took place in which Arrowmen met and had a chance to reunite with their contingent.

Wednesday, August 5, was Founders Day. Early that morning, there was a 5K run, followed by breakfast. At 9:00 AM, the Founders Day Parade started. Following the parade, there were the Goodman Games and the Lodge setup a booth for the Founders Day Fair. After lunch, Founders Fair began, in which our Lodge handed out Orange Bowl patches and lanyards and an Orange Bowl book. During Founders Fair, there was a Native American Pow Wow. At the stage, in the middle of all the Lodge booths, the top three teams for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, Induction Ceremony, and Vigil Honor Ceremony were announced. Lenny Schrager was announced as the National Vigil Ceremony Champion and Jonathan Yost was announced as the Second Place National Vigil Ceremonialist. Everyone had a ton of fun passing out prizes while trying to hit up as many of the other Lodges booths, prizes, and games. Later in the day, the O- Shot-Caw Lodge went to the Theme Show: The Power of One. Continued to Page 7...
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The show that night was the best one yet with fireworks and an intense plot and a very meaningful theme that the answer to all problems is love, which was expressed in a song by the Beetles, and one by Journey. Throughout the week there was an OA museum that had an immense amount of information on all the Lodges where old documents were displayed, and all of the types of Boy Scouts including Sea Scouts and Air Scouts were featured. Following the show, there was an ice cream social for everyone.

The following morning, after breakfast, the contingent met at the bus so that they could begin a sightseeing trip. The first destination was the Indiana Railway Museum. The contingent toured the trains and then went on a train ride, passing by one of Indiana’s oldest residencies and experienced a half mile tunnel. After the ride, the contingents second stop was the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. When we arrived we took a photo by a baseball bat that was larger than the building and then went inside. We watched a movie and went on a tour eventually getting a baseball bat knob. After the conclusion of the tour, we received miniature baseball bats and went to the batting range. The contingent then departed the museum and headed for the Comfort Suites Hotel.

The following day, the contingent headed for a day at Paramount’s Kings Island theme park and Boomerang Bay Water Park. There, the contingent went on rides such as Diamondback, the newest, fastest and craziest ride at the park, and the world’s longest roller coaster “The Beast”. At 5:30 PM, the contingent went to dinner and then headed back to the hotel.

The last day of the trip, Saturday, August 8, the contingent went to the Newport Aquarium, which was a surprise for all of the Arrowmen. There, the contingent saw the “March of the Penguins” (See Picture in Top Left-Hand Corner of Page 6) and saw fish from around the world, visited the largest jellyfish exhibit in the mid-west, saw the only juvenile shark ray on display in this hemisphere, and got to touch sharks. At the end, we departed for lunch and then the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Airport, where the contingent would leave for Miami International, the final group arriving there at 12:30 AM, concluding O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s NOAC 2009 Trip.
Moments to be Remembered
Moments to be Remembered Continued...
The Patchwork

Fall Ordeal

Written By: Adam Bell

The weekend of September 24 – 26 many of O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s members gathered together at Markham Park for the Fall Ordeal. Friday night’s Brotherhood Bash was an amazing time. Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter held the bash in which brothers had a chance to have a jousting tournament with balloons on a stick covered with shaving cream. The Chapter that won was Elgixin Chapter. After winning they went on to battle our Lodge Officers, Brad Schmidt and RJ. Hickman. Also on Friday night there were two Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies taking place.

Saturday morning started out with breakfast for the whole Lodge by Paldani Chapter and an additional breakfast for all the First Year Arrowmen who attended this weekend. As soon as breakfast ended the Ordeal candidates got straight to work on clearing out the path area. This will serve as the trail for the Haunted Forest this coming October. The Brotherhood Candidates were also doing their own service project which consisted of clearing the main entrance into the Haunted Forest path. When it started raining during the day, the new Ordeal Candidates got a look at the Ceremonies, Dance, and Drum teams and were challenged to join one of the teams. Throughout the day, Ira Abrams was walking around the path raising the spirits of all the scouts working on service project by putting a smile on there faces.

While all the candidates were off doing their service projects, most of the members on the LEC were accomplishing Lodge business. There was an LEC meeting on Friday night, a LLD-Lodge Masters Meeting on Saturday morning, and even meetings between Chairman and Advisors throughout the weekend.

As it started to get dark, the Ceremonies Team started to get ready for the night ahead of them. They had three ceremonies split between themselves, one Brotherhood and two Ordeal Ceremonies. They had help setting up from a past O-Shot-Caw Lodge ceremonialist, Bo Bentley, who thanked us for bringing the love and essence of the ceremonies back into him.

After all of the ceremonies took place, everyone headed back over to the main area where they got to sit down and enjoy a wonderful dinner prepared by the Paldani Chapter. The meal was chicken, potatoes, corn, a cheese fondue, corn bread, and a brownie for desert. The dinner was complemented by all for such a great flavor in the chicken! Continued to Page 11...
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While everyone was eating, Mr. Kerr put on a slide show of all the pictures taken at NOAC. All the Arrowmen who went to NOAC were reminiscing about the great times they had at Indiana University and the fun at the side trips that they took. After dinner, anyone who wanted to take place in a Dodgeball tournament could because Pooca-Tooka Chapter held Saturday night’s Brotherhood Bash. The winner of the tournament was Christopher Garcia from Pooca-Tooka Chapter.

On Sunday morning, everyone had a great breakfast and awaited the business meeting. The Scouts Own was held by O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter. Soon after the Scouts Own, the new Ordeal member got to learn about the Chapters and Committees of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. This Fall Ordeal, we had sixty-nine new Ordeal Members come into our Lodge and twelve Brotherhood Conversions take place. As soon as the new Ordeal members got their picture taken by Mr. Schrager, we all circled up and got assigned our chapter service projects for the end of the week.
NOAC TEAM REPORTS

DANCE TEAM

Written By: Colby Kudja

NOAC 2009 was an amazing experience for everyone. Our Lodge performed in a nationwide competition for traditional Indian Dance. The dance is called “The Oklahoma Stomp”, which is a social dance. The Dance Team practiced really hard for the past five months, putting together regalia and learning this new dance. The Dance Team members had a great experience and lots of fellowship. Being on the dance team has many advantages, here are just a few: it is a great learning experience, you will be part of an award winning tradition, and learn many exciting facts about traditional Indian dances. Just ask anyone who has been on the Dance Team before. We are in need of some new members, so if you are interested in joining the Dance Team, please contact Colby Kudja, Dance Team Chairman via his e-mail address: ckrocker101@yahoo.com or the Dance Team Advisor, Mr. Ramirez at (305)-238-3101.

DRUM TEAM

Written By: Julian Murphy

The O-Shot-Caw Drum Team went to NOAC and gave it our best. We sent Justin Baker-Robinson, Joseph Clark, Julian Murphy, and Chris Alveraz. All members felt good about our performance, and most important we had Fun! The Drum team is interested in making two different teams the North and South which will cut off at the Dade-Broward border. If you are interested in joining the Drum Team contact Chris Alveraz at bsa1class@yahoo.com or the Drum Team Advisor, Mark Priebis at (954)-533-6298.

CEREMONIES TEAM

Written By: Lenny Schrager

At NOAC, O-Shot-Caw Lodge sent two ceremonial teams to compete. Together, they brought home sixteen medals from two Pre-Ordeal, one Brotherhood, and two Vigil ceremonies. The competing ceremonialist were Robert Slapikas, John Semander, Andres Badel, and Aaron Kudja on B-Team for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Kevin Innes, Jonathan Yost, James Kerr, and Lenny Schrager competed in both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies. Jonathan Yost competed in the Vigil Ceremony, getting second in the Nation. Coming in as National Champion in the Vigil Ceremony was Lenny Schrager! If you are interested in joining the Ceremonies Team, please contact Lenny Schrager, at ischrage@bellsouth.net or the Ceremonies Team Advisor Dan Smith at (954)-296-4809.
To-Hopki-Lagi

The great To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter started the year off strong with Chapter elections. The new Chapter Chief is Kristoffer Senzig and the Vice-Chief is Christian Nilson. To-Hopki-Lagi was proud to be in attendance at the Fall Ordeal with three members, Kyle Senzig, Matt Crowe, and Zachary Tyre serving as an Elangomat, one member, Kris Senzig, sealing the ties of brotherhood, and Mark Hadley joining the Order. To-Hopki-Lagi serves under the Thunderbird District and meets at Perrine Elementary at 7:30 the first Monday of each month. If you have any questions or comments you can call Kris Senzig at his e-mail kristoffer44@yahoo.com, or the Chapter Adviser Jim Smith at (786)-242-4439.

-Kris Senzig

O-Shot-Co-Chee

Our monthly meeting attendance has steadily increased. On average, 15 boys and 4 adults attend. This is a 200% rise since the beginning of last year. We are shooting for even more. On Saturday, September 12, 2009, we hosted a Scoutmaster Appreciation Breakfast for our District. The morning meal was served underneath a traditional Native American-style Chickie Hut on the grounds of the Audubon Society in South Miami. The guests were comfortably full when they left. They feasted on bagels, choose-your-toppings omelets, assorted fruits, orange juice, milk, and coffee. We are thinking about making this an annual event. The Fall Ordeal produced four new members for our Chapter. We look forward to their energy and activity! Upcoming events for our Chapter are building our Haunted Forest display, committing our One Day of Service, and planning some fellowship activities.

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. Our next Chapter meeting will be on October 19, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

-Garret Siljee

Paldani

So far Paldani is off to a great start! We have hosted several meetings and events. Paldani Chapter attended this past NOAC in full force, making up one-third of the Lodge’s Contingent. Six of the eight Ceremonialists on the Lodge Ceremonies Team were from Paldani. Also, four of our members competed with the Dance Team. Our very own Lenny Schrager won ‘Best in Nation’ for the Vigil Ceremony he performed. Aside from Lodge Teams, Alex Gomez received the highest award the Order of the Arrow presents, the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service to the OA on a national level.

On a lighter note, on August 10, Paldani held its first Chapter meeting of the year. We had close to forty members in attendance making for a great turnout. We were happy to have our Lodge Chief, Brad Schmidt, and our Lodge First Vice Chief, RJ Hickman, in attendance. Also, one of our previous Chapter Chiefs, Alex Gomez, was there. The night concluded with root beer floats for everyone to enjoy!

On August 30, 2009 Paldani Chapter had a Chapter Executive Meeting Luncheon at Romeo’s Cuban Restaurant. On August 31, 2009 Paldani cooked barbeque chicken at our District Roundtable for everyone present.

On September 14, 2009 Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. The meeting concluded with a full dinner that was made by some of the Arrowman. On September 16, 2009 Paldani held its 5th Annual Scoutmaster’s Dinner. This encourages involvement in the OA in different Units in our district. The night concluded as each Scoutmaster was presented with a gift certificate donated by different restaurants around the area. This was our way of saying thank you to them. We were very proud to have the Lodge Chief, Brad Schmidt, Fist Vice Chief, RJ Hickman, the Lodge Advisor, Mr. Gundlach, and Associate Advisor, Mr. Steve Pinna in attendance.

On September 25 -27, 2009 Paldani attended the Fall Ordeal. As part of the work project we helped clear the trail for the Haunted Forest. We also cooked for the weekend. If you have any questions or comments you can direct them to James Kerr at his e-mail captainkerr22@gmail.com, or the Chapter Adviser Glenn Gomez at (954)-655-4446.

-James Kerr
Hnu-Ra-Con

The past few months have been a whirlwind of activity for me and the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter. In August some of our chapter members attended the Lodge Leadership Development seminar and garnered a multitude of knowledge to better run our chapter in a more efficient manner. Our chapter had a terrific time at the Fall Ordeal, and we were also the largest in membership, Ordeal candidates, and Brotherhood Conversion attendance. We put together the Friday night Brotherhood Bash, and it was cited as one of the most attended in quite some time by Lodge Chief Brad Schmidt. We also spent a majority of Saturday afternoon cleaning out the trail for the Haunted Forest along with the Ordeal and Brotherhood candidates, and also mapped out our Haunted Forest display. I am pleased that my first Lodge function as Chapter Chief went as smoothly as it did. In preparation for Haunted Forest, Hnu-Ra-Con is tirelessly working away to bring the greatest display in Haunted Forest history. We are excited for possibly the biggest, and greatest Haunted Forest to date, and are prepared to meet our goal for the JAACF. We are also excited for Section Seminars, and plan on meeting, and possibly surpassing, the Chief’s challenge of 5 non-LEC members in attendance. The next couple of months look very exciting, challenging, and fun, and I can not wait for our chapter to do our best! We meet the first Monday of the month at the LDS Kendall Chapel located at 10000 SW 107 Ave at 7:30 p.m.

Pooca-Tooka

The Pooca-Tooka Chapter has many goals to improve on how our chapter runs. Are goals are to train the new Ordeal members in leadership positions in our chapter, send at least three members to each of the three teams in the Lodge, increase our membership, decrease the sash and dash, and put together a successful Haunted Forest. Our chapter has already done a one day of service which was doing a Den Chief training which totaled up to over 350 hours. Our chapter is also focusing on boys in our District that are doing their Eagle Project. Our goal is to help as many boys in attain their Eagle by helping them in the project or helping them find a project. We meet the first Monday of each month at Barbara Goleman High School located at 14100 NW 89 Ave.

Gokhos

The Gokhos Chapter had a successful Fall Ordeal. We cleared out our area of the trail ahead of schedule and proceeded to help other chapters with theirs. We also had brothers attend training on Saturday. It was a great atmosphere of brotherhood and hard work. At our last chapter meeting we had a fellowship with hot dogs, hamburgers, and fun. We also opened it up to our district roundtable which added to a great kick off to the year. The Gokhos Chapter will be helping out at Mud Mania on October 10th and we are continuing to plan and organize for the Haunted Forest and are ready for the hundreds of Cub Scouts and Scouters. We meet at Parkway Christian Church on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm. All brothers are welcome to attend if they want to make a presentation. Just e-mail me at oarep@t246.org.

Elgixin

The Elgixin Chapter sent 7 members to NOAC this past summer. At NOAC, our past Chapter Chief, Geoffrey Landau received the DSA. At our August meeting, we elected new officers. As Chapter Chief, Robert Slapikas; Vice Chief, Jon Mcewan; and Secretary, AJ Carter. The Fall Ordeal this past weekend resulted in 12 new members for the Elgixin Chapter. Our next meeting will be on October 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 6012 NW 9th CT Margate, FL 33063-3650.

If you have any questions please contact me at robmys6190@gmail.com.
Dear Brothers,

This past Summer Ordeal I submitted a form to serve on the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). A month later, I received a letter from Brad Schmidt, stating that I would be the 2009-2010 Publications Chairman for O-Shot-Caw Lodge. I start this year proud to serve on the LEC and to create the award winning newsletter of our Lodge that every Arrowmen receives.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote articles and everyone who took the awesome photographs at NOAC for this issue of the “Patchwork”. I would also like to thank James Kerr for guiding me as I started out as Publications Chairman along with Adam Bell and Ryan Keller for joining the Publications Committee.

This issue started out slow since there were no events in July. But after the contingent returned from NOAC in the beginning of August, I soon realized that it would take a significant effort on my part to put this specific issue together. Specifically, because Fall Ordeal was the weekend before this issue was scheduled to be sent out. In addition, if you have not already noticed yet, this issue has sixteen pages instead of the standard twelve pages. This was necessary to be able to present all the articles from NOAC such as the DSA and “Best In Nation”. Along with 16 pages, this is the first volume in a long line of issues that will have color pictures.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or would like to write an article in a future Publication you can direct them to me at willmckinley@ymail.com or calling my Advisor, Ira Schrager at (954)-410-2101.

Until Next Issue,
William McKinley

Patch Corner

Here are some of the most recent patches of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. On the left is the Fall Ordeal Patch, and on the right is the LLD patch for the most recent officers. Both for 2009.
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Lodge Calendar

Haunted Forest
Where? Markham Park
When? October 23-25, 2009
Cost? Check Website for Details
Why go? Help raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Foundation

Section Seminars
Where? Camp Lanoche
When? November 6-8, 2009
Cost? Check Website for details
Why go? To learn more about the OA and have fun

Extreme Games
Where? Dolphin Stadium
When? December 4-6, 2009
Cost? Check Website for details
Why go? To spread Cheerful Service to Cub’s