Written By: Francisco "Frank" Gamez

O-Shot-Caw Lodge is back! We had the largest contingent in attendance from all 11 lodges in S4. We arrived with extreme spirit and the mind set to win, and we did!

We came home with the most important trophy in Section S-4: the coveted Best All Around Lodge trophy! We brought it back home where it belongs. O-Shot-Caw is back on top and is “Honoring a Tradition, Beginning a Legacy”-Brad Schmitt which is our Lodge Chiefs 2009-2010 motto. This year O-Shot-Caw also took back 1st place in Induction with First Vice Chief, RJ Hickman making a great presentation.

This year we went to Section Conference with the intent to win the Spirit Award with Ira Abrams AKA The King Of Spirit (Spirit Chairman) leading us. We had specially made boom sticks and horns with O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 printed on them so we could be the loudest Lodge there. We were the loudest lodge in attendance. Our Knock, Knock cheer echoed everywhere and everyone was very spirited. Thanks to all this collective spirit we walked away with the Section Lodge Spirit Award. Continued on Page 6...
“Chiefly Speaking”

Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

Since the last edition of the Patchwork, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge has been busy doing many great things. The Lodge has begun a new age at Section Conference, selected new leadership at Summer Ordeal, and provided countless hours of cheerful service at Four-Corps 2010. These last few months have been jam-packed with fun, brotherhood, service, celebration, work, and fellowship.

O-Shot-Caw had an incredible attendance at the 2010 Section S4 Conference. Seminole Lodge did a fantastic job hosting the conference, which was held at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation near Lake Wales, FL. This is where we made our presence known as we filled the camp with our cheers and spirit. We put all our effort into the competitions. When Sunday morning rolled around O-Shot-Caw was awarded the Best All Around Lodge trophy along with Inductions and the Spirit Award. Such a finish is only fit for a great lodge. After the awards, Frank Gamez ran for Section Secretary and won. Congratulations Frank!

The Summer Ordeal was held at Markham Park at the beginning of June. It was HOT. But O-Shot-Caw continued to give cheerful service by removing non-indigenous species of plants around the lake. Congratulations to all new brothers whom were inducted at this ordeal, I'm proud of how you worked diligently to serve cheerfully. On Sunday, the Lodge chose five youth leaders to serve as the 2010-2011 Lodge Officers. They are myself as Lodge Chief, John Semander as First Vice, Jake Cutler as Second Vice, Aaron Kudja as Secretary, and Evan Burr as Treasurer.

A week after Summer Ordeal was the groundbreaking project: FourCorps 2010. This event was held over a week in the Ocala National Forest. The project was modeled after the 2008 conservation project ArrowCorps5. O-Shot-Caw Lodge proudly brought the largest contingent. I really enjoyed this event, I saw plenty of old friends and made many new ones, and I'm sure the rest of our lodge did the same.

The future brings some awesome events. The first is the LEC on August 19th, then Lodge Leadership Development, or LLD. The LLD will be held and Shula's Steak 2 in Miami Lakes on August 21st, where those seeking leadership in O-Shot-Caw Lodge can sharpen their leadership skills.

I am so proud to serve the O-Shot-Caw Lodge as your lodge chief. My brothers, O-Shot-Caw has returned as the Best All-Around Lodge. A new era is upon us. Now is the time to cheerfully serve our fellows more than ever. I believe that we are the pace-setters in this journey. O-Shot-Caw is back and better than ever!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathon Yost
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
As usual the Summer Ordeal was highlighted by the election of our Lodge Officers and the presentations of the Best All Around Chapter. The new Lodge Officers of O-Shot-Caw are Lodge Chief, Jonathon Yost; First Vice Chief, John Semander; Second Vice Chief, Jake Cutler; Secretary, Aaron Kudja; and Treasurer, Evan Burr. (See picture at right)

This year Summer Ordeal was held at Markham Park so the “Best All Around Chapter” presentations were held under a big tent. During the “Best All Around Chapter” presentations, each Chapter Chief gave a synopsis on what their Chapter did this past year at National, Sectional, Lodge and Chapter events. In the end, the mighty Paldani Chapter won the coveted “Best All Around Chapter” Award.

Later in the afternoon as the Brotherhood candidates were about to go on their Nimat Hike, a huge thunderstorm that seemed to be stationary moved into the area. So Brad made the call for everyone to get to their tents or cars immediately. The storm knocked over lots tents and got everything soaked. After the storm ended, everyone tried to soak up the water inside their tents. With the safety of everyone as the top priority, the Ceremonies were moved under a pavilion which forced the candidates to circle each other three times so everyone would fit.

After breakfast and Scout’s Own, the business meeting started with each past Lodge Executive Chairman giving an explanation of their position and how it helps the Lodge. After the speeches the Lodge started elections for Lodge Officers. Finally, after a long time of waiting in lines to vote in the burning sun we got our newest leaders of the Lodge.

At the end of the weekend we showed some great Lodge spirit that won us the Lodge Spirit Award at Section Conference. Congratulations to all new Lodge Officers and to Paldani Chapter on getting “Best All Around Chapter” Award!
On Sunday, June 13, the largest contingent at Four Corps drove up to Ocala National Forest to help contribute 4500 hours of service and more than $6000 to the National Forest Service. Upon arrival, we were greeted by temperatures in the high 90’s and a heat index of 102-112 throughout the week. After we checked in, everyone was required to go to classes on Leave No Trace, Bear Safety, and an Orientation on the tools that we would be using. That evening we had an opening show, consisting of videos and speeches by Matt Hall, the Incident Commander, Sean Ferrier; the 2010-2011 Section Chief, and Brad Lichota, the 2010 National Chief.

Each morning, all of the attending Arrowmen broke up into seven crews of about fifteen Arrowmen that did not know each other very well before the week started. The crews then went off to their respective work projects and provided Cheerful Service to the Ocala National Forest and surrounding areas.

The Arrowmen worked with each other at eight different service projects for the week. These projects included the following:
- constructing 80 kestrel nesting boxes
- installing 5 picnic tables at the River Forest Group Campground
- anchoring 12 picnic tables at the Silver Glen Springs Recreation Area
- pouring 82 concrete pads to install bear-proof food storage boxes
- building a concrete campfire ring
- planting two Centennial live oaks with granite monuments to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the Four-Corps 2010 project at the River Forest Group Campground
- replacing a 200 ft long protective fence at an archaeological site using 200 long-leaf pines that were thinned from the forest
- removing 48, 60-gallon garbage bags full of non-native invasive species from two intensely infested sites
- performing trail maintenance along 9 miles of the Florida Trail
- removing truckloads of garbage and illegal dumping and planting more than 5350 native plants in multiple sites in the forest
In total, we provided 4500 hours of service and donated approximately $6000 in materials for the projects.

After work every day, the crews had an opportunity to go swimming at Juniper Springs or at Alexander Springs. We also had informative presentations by the US Forest Service every night. These presentations ranged from about living in Bear Country to the St. Johns River. Following this, we saw movies, which were Armageddon, 2012, The Day After Tomorrow, and Independence Day.

For one of the days in the week, crews had a recreation day, during which you were able to go to Daytona Speedway, Wild Waters, Juniper Spring, Silver Spring, or Kennedy Space Center. This was embraced by many Arrowmen but a few Arrowmen choose work over their recreation day to give more Cheerful Service like our very own Frank Gamez.

On Friday night, we had a presentation about our efforts that week and we thanked the Forest Service personnel as well as everyone who made the event possible. At the end of the week we picked up our sign-out package, which consisted of a patch and a photo of our crew that we worked with throughout the week.

In addition to the patches given out at Four Corps 2010, O-Shot-Caw Lodge made two Lodge contingent patches for the event that was exclusively given to the Arrowmen who went. The one with the Smokey Bear and The Great White Heron is the delegate and only 100 of those were made. (Lenny Schrager's design) The other design made will have 125 in total. Thank you Lenny and Mr. Gomez for everything you did to make this event possible to the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge!
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In the Ceremony evaluations, Lenny Schrager won Best Kitchkinet for Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood. Jon Yost won Best Meteu for Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood. Both our A and B Teams received Honor Status.

Our Lodge Historical display, called King’s Cup, won 1st place in the entire Section. There were also winning performances from our Website Design, and our official Lodge Publications The Patchwork (which you are currently holding in your hands).

In AIA activities O-Shot-Caw’s Drum Team achieved 3rd place and O-Shot-Caw’s Group Dance Team achieved 3rd place with the Welcome Stomp and the Black Bird.

This year O-Shot-Caw had Brad Schmitt, the Lodge Chief, RJ Hickman; our 1st Vice Chief, Mr. Gundlach; our Lodge Advisor, Mr. Gilliland; our Staff Advisor, and compete in the Section Golf Tournament and O-Shot-Caw won.

After O-Shot-Caw Lodge received countless trophies, there was another big win during the Section S-4 Officer elections. One of our Arrowmen, Frank Gamez, was elected to serve as the 2010-2011 Section S-4 Secretary.

This year O-Shot-Caw Lodge had exclusive embroidered hats for Lodge members who were on the Dance Team, Drum Team, or Ceremonies Team. This years t-shirts featured the Great White Heron on the back with selections of our famous cheers printed around it.

All of this could not have been achieved without our great Lodge Chief Brad Schmidt, all of the Lodge Officers who assisted him and the entire Lodge Executive Committee and the Lodge Advisers who were always there when Brad needed anything.

Everyone from O-Shot-Caw had a great time at Section Conference either on a team or just having fun with Brothers. O-Shot-Caw is back on top and we showed everyone at this years Section Conference.

A special thanks to all of the adults who are always there for our youth members.

O-Shot-Caw is back! Do not forget to join a Lodge Team and save the date for the 2011 Section Conference hosted by Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge at Tanah-Keeta Scout Reservation on April 8 - 10.

“The King of Spirit” (Ira Abrams) with the Spirit Award

Brad with the Best All Around Lodge Trophy

Kevin, Lenny, Jon, and James

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Golf Team
**Elgixin**

The Elgixin Chapter would like to congratulate all the new members and Brotherhood Members. Elgixin had a great time at the Summer Ordeal, and are proud to say that we came in 2nd place for the Best All Around Chapter Competition. At our summer picnic at the Elks Lodge, we not only had a great time of Fellowship and eating, but we elected our new Chapter Officers. Elgixin is ready for a great year and we look forward to having our new members, as well as old, join us at our next meeting which is on August 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace Church at 6012 NW 9th Court, Margate, FL 33063. If you have any questions please contact me at robmys6190@gmail.com.

—Robert Slapikas

**Hnu-Ra-Con**

The Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter begun its year by having four members attend FourCorps at Ocala National Park where they served with other arrowmen and contributed to the 4500 hours of community service. Currently we are in the process of ordering new chapter shirts and designing a Chapter patch to bring new levels of spirit to the Chapter and encourage Brotherhood. With a motivated Chapter Executive Committee we are ready to take on this year’s challenges and once again compete for the coveted Best All Around Chapter Competition. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at hnuracon@yahoo.com.

—Hernan Martinez

**Pooca-Tooka**

Over the past three months, Pooca-Tooka has gone over the limits in participating in every Lodge Event and more. This includes Section-Conference, Summer Ordeal, our Chapter Elections, Fellowship Gatherings, Chapter Meetings, Cheerful Service at the Cub Day Camp, and even Four Corps 2010. We had great attendance in each and every of these events. At Section Conference we all went out to support O-Shot-Caw in our victory of Best-all-Around Lodge. We also attended Summer Ordeal to welcome our new Ordeal Members and vote for our Lodge officers.

After Summer Ordeal, Pooca-Tooka held our Chapter Elections. In this meeting, Miguel Nieves became Pooca-Tooka’s 2010-2011 Chapter Chief, and Nicolas Gamarra became Pooca-Tooka’s 2010-2011 First-Vice Chief. We even had some fellowship time where we all played games and got to know each other a little more and just have fun as a Chapter. At this year’s Cub Day Camp, we had over 10 of our own member’s volunteer where we easily served our community with over 450 hours. As well in Four Corps 2010, we had our Section Secretary, Francisco Gamez; attend this event along side with our new Pooca-Tooka’s Second-Vice Chief Ryan Rodriguez. These past three months have been a major time period of growth and development for Pooca-Tooka. If you have any questions please contact me at miguel.nieves@live.com.

—Miguel Nieves

**To-Hopki-Lagi**

In April O-Shot-Caw attended Section Conference in full force. We easily reclaimed our rightful title of Best All Around Lodge, along with numerous other awards. To-Hopki-Lagi was proud to have 16 members in attendance, fully supporting the Lodge. Next was Summer Ordeal, despite a little bit of bad weather a good time was had by all. To-Hopki-Lagi proudly had 12 members attend, with two serving as Elangomats and one beginning his OA life by completing his Ordeal. We congratulate the Paldani Chapter on winning Best All Around Chapter Award, but warn that To-Hopki-Lagi will be competing next year.

To-Hopki-Lagi had 3 members attend 4Corps. Even though it was HOT all the time, the great Section S-4 played a huge role in completing numerous work projects aimed at conserving and protecting our environment. These projects included removing non-native invasive species, re-planting in order to block illegal roads, restoring certain wetland areas, working with the Florida Trail Association, and much more. Those who attended 4Corps had a chance to not only meet but work with the National Chief, Brad Lichota. We thank him for attending. Some To-Hopki-Lagi members who were not fortunate enough to attend 4Corps gladly helped with our Districts Cub Scout Day Camp. Over the summer we will be helping develop both new Cub and Boy Scout units which are so new they don’t yet have number. To-Hopki-Lagi does not meet in the summer but starting in August meets the first Monday of every month at Perine Elementary at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions please contact me at kristoffer44@yahoo.com.

—Kris Senzig
**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.

We had a 9 member appearance at Section Conference. This was an improvement from last year. We had a great time winning the Best-All-Around Lodge award. We can’t wait until next year to compete again.

Upcoming events are Chapter Fellowships through the summer, Fall Ordeal, and Haunted Forest. We can’t wait to start planning for these. We look forward to a very fun and eventful year.

We have already had our last meeting of this Lodge year. Our next meeting will be in September. If you have any questions please contact me at umgws3@gmail.com. —Garret Siljee

**Paldani**

My name is James Kerr and I am serving as the 2010 - 2011 **Paldani Chapter** Chief for a second term. This past year has been great, as evident by our achievement of ‘Best All Around Chapter’ status. However, the past is behind and now **Paldani** looks to do even bigger and better things in this upcoming year. The new **Paldani** Officers for the upcoming year in addition to myself are Colby Kudja as the First Vice Chief, Kevin Innes as the Second Vice Chief, and Thornton Davis as the Secretary. Here are the past events for this year that were not featured in my last report.

On March 28, **Paldani** helped out the Council by volunteering at the Adventure Base 100, located at the Miami Dade County Youth Fair.

On April 16 - 18, **Paldani** attended the Section Conference in full force. Many members of our Chapter received awards for various competitions. James Kerr, Colby Kudja, Kris Carter, Laramy Black, Jake Cutler, Matthew Braun, and Christian Rehm competed with the Dance Team, which placed third. James Kerr, Lenny Schrager, Kevin Innes, William McKinley, Aaron Kudja, Andres Badel, and John Semander competed with the Ceremonies Team. Lenny Schrager won 'Best In Section' Kitchinet for both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies. William McKinley competed on behalf of the Publications Committee and won second place for the Lodge Newsletter. All in all, everybody enjoyed the weekend whether they won something or not.

On May 10, **Paldani** held its monthly Chapter Meeting. We discussed the old business, which consisted of recapping on the past Section Conference. Then we moved on to the new business, which was focused around the upcoming Scoutmaster's Dinner. The meeting finished as we sat down and ate a full dinner.

On May 19, **Paldani** held its sixth annual Scoutmaster's Dinner. This gave **Paldani** a chance to meet with all the Scoutmasters and Cub Masters in our District in order to strengthen our relationship with them. We first sat down and had dinner, and then we had a brief meeting. At the end of the night, all of the Scoutmasters were given a gift card as a way of saying thank you. These gift cards were donated from restaurants and stores around the area.

On June 4 - 6, **Paldani** attended the Summer Ordeal. Thirty-six members were in attendance. As stated earlier **Paldani** won the 'Best All Around' competition. On Sunday we provided the Scout's Own Service.

On June 13, **Paldani** held its annual flag retirement ceremony for the Hollywood West Elks Lodge. We provide this service every year in order to give back to the Elks since they let us use their facility.

On June 13 - 19, **Paldani** attended FourCorps. We had more members than any other Chapter in attendance.

To conclude, **Paldani** is doing great thus far. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can contact either myself at captainkerr22@gmail.com, or Glenn Gomez at glenngomez@bellsouth.net. —James Kerr

**Nok-Su**

**Nok-Su** has had a couple of meetings and is starting to grow. For the past year and a half at ever Ordeal we have had 2 or 3 scouts become members of our Lodge. Our Chapter has a great Chief (Frankie Rivera) and Vice chief (Michael Jenkins) the members are also so dedicated to the OA. At every Lodge event we try to have as many members as we can have go to help out and have fun. At the Summer Ordeal we gained another adult. **Nok-Su** only has at least 12 members but will have more by Fall Ordeal. If you have any questions please contact me at darthrankie@bellsouth.net.

—Frankie Rivera
OA HIGH ADVENTURE

WILDERNESS VOYAGE
CHARLES L. SOMMERS CANOE BASE

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

OA TRAIL CREW
PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more. For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

WILDERNESS VOYAGE
CANADIAN ODYSSEY

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage: Canadian Odyssey program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Like it's U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Quetico that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair. The second part of the program is a 90 mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OA HIGH ADVENTURE
VISIT: http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/
Dear Brothers,

This was my favorite year so far in Scouting and one of the best in Lodge history. At Section Conference, O-Shot-Caw took home Best All Around Lodge, Inductions Award and the Spirit Award. Lodge Publications came in 2nd Place. It was a great time with Brothers throughout Florida and Georgia.

At Summer Ordeal, everyone had a great time although it rained. Congratulations to all of the new Lodge Officers and Paldani Chapter on winning Best All Around Chapter!

Another great event was Four Corps where 150 Arrowmen did Cheerful Service with the National Forest Service in Ocala National Forest. It was a great experience and I can not wait until the next event like this!

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.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
William McKinley

Patch Corner

Here are some of the most recent patches of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. On the left is the Section Conference Patch, and on the right is the Summer Ordeal Patch.
Lodge Calendar

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