This year’s Winter Ordeal was like no other in history. The 2010 Winter Ordeal was held from January 8th until January 10th at Camp Everglades. In total there were 90 new Ordeal Brothers and about 35 other Brothers sealed their ties. What makes those numbers impressive is that the extreme weather did not affect turnout. On Saturday, January 9th, the temperatures reached a high of 45°F and a low of 26°F. These temperatures had not been seen in South Florida for more than 30 years! There were even reports of “snow-flurries” in the area.

On Friday, January 8th, registration and check-in were done smoothly. But the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony was conducted in freezing cold temperatures by the award-winning Ceremonies Team. With multiple layers of clothing on, everyone went to bed.

On Saturday morning, a hot breakfast was served and everyone went straight to work. Shortly afterwards heavy rain broke out. All activities were halted and some service projects were cancelled. Those cancelled were replaced with more adequate service projects. The amazing thing was that with the cold and the rain everyone was together in cheerful service. Throughout the day there were many breaks given to those conducting service projects. Usually it would be a water break, and some time in the shade to cool down. But not this time! The breaks were for everyone to sit in the kitchen and dry off. Everyone sat together for lunch and then returned to work.

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Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge has been extremely busy for the last few months doing incredible things including the Winter Ordeal, Lincoln Marti, Scoutmasters Camporee, and the Lodge Banquet.

The Winter Ordeal took place on January 8-10, 2010 at Camp Everglades. Lodge members and candidates removed non native plants, widen nature trails, and worked on conservation projects. Even though it was the coldest Winter Ordeal in history, over 100 new members were inducted. Congratulations to all of O-Shot-Caw’s new members, and those who sealed their ties in Brotherhood.

O-Shot-Caw has been working to have a major presence at major council events. This year we did just that by continuing our outstanding Indian Village display at the Lincoln Marti, and just recently the Scoutmaster’s Camporee. At the Lincoln Marti, our Drum Team put on a fantastic performance throughout the day and at this past Scoutmaster’s Camporee, our Lodge hosted the biggest Indian Village yet adding many other parts including an opportunity to portage a canoe. Our entire Lodge Executive Committee worked hard to put on that outstanding display.

Just recently, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Banquet was held at Markham Park. The weekend started with Brothers sealing their ties followed by a full day of informative training seminars put together by R.J. Hickman, Chapter competitions put together by Jon Yost, and an evening Banquet Ceremony to recognize Arrowmen who have gone above and beyond. This year we were privileged to have the 2010 National Vice Chief Will Swingle and the 2010 Southern Region Chief Don Combs in attendance. I can say, first hand, that they had an awesome time here in South Florida. Saturday evening cumulated with the Vigil Honor Call Out ceremony were our Lodge was able to bestow this honor to 6 deserving recipients; Mark Jelicic, Garrett Siljee, Henry Alonso, James Kerr, Justin Baker Robinson, and John Semander. Congratulations!

One of the most anticipated events of the year is right around the corner, the 2010 Section Conference at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation on April 16-18, 2010. Register online or at the Scout Office. This is an opportunity for O-Shot-Caw to show our Section what we have accomplished as we look to take back our place in history.

It was has been an outstanding year serving as your Lodge Chief and I look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Section Conference.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Brad Schmidt
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief

“Chiefly Speaking”
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Lodge Banquet

Written By: Andres Badel

On Friday, March 5th, the Arrowmen of O-Shot-Caw Lodge gathered at Markham Park for the Annual Lodge Banquet, a weekend of fun, games, and excitement. That night, several brothers sealed their ties in the Order of the Arrow by going through the Brotherhood Ceremony. It was performed by our fantastic O-Shot-Caw Lodge Ceremonies Team. Following that, Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter hosted the Brotherhood Bash consisting of throwing cereal blindfolded at a partner whose face was covered in peanut butter, trying to get them on their faces. We were ecstatic to have our Southern Region Chief and National Vice Chief participate in this event.

The following morning, we had a lot of very informative training sessions which were attended by all of the Arrowmen in attendance. The training cells for the first session were “Exploring the Dance Team”, “First Year Orientation” in which Arrowmen learned about how to become an Exceptional First Year Arrowman and, “O-Shot-Caw Lodge Service”, where brothers learned how they could help the Lodge on their way to receiving the National Service Award. For the second session, there was “How to Run a Successful Chapter”, where one could learn the traits necessary to run a Chapter, “Exploring the Drum Team”, and “Go to Section Conference 2010!”. The third session’s training cells were “The Team Around the Fire: Exploring the Ceremonies Team”, “O-Shot-Caw History: King’s Cup Display”, and “Order of the Arrow High Adventure”, taught by the 2010 Southern Region Chief, Don Combs that went into all of the opportunities to go to High Adventure that are available at a discount price if you go with the Order of the Arrow. After lunch, the Tom Tatham Spirit Award Competition and the Quest for the Rusted Arrow kicked off.

In the Tom Tatham Spirit Award Competition, the youth in each Chapter competed in various events, which were Tug-O-War, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Lodge Ball, Frozen T-Shirt, Spider Web, Platform Pile-Up, Spam Toss, and Fill the Bucket. For the Quest for the Rusted Arrow, the adults participated in Tower 265, Tug-O-War, Four Legged Race, Egg Toss, Knick Myself, Chief Says!, and Order of the Arrow Jeopardy.

After these competitions, the highlight of the weekend, the banquet began. It started off with the awards for members serving on the LEC. Then we found out the winner of the Golden Pumpkin was Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter. The year in review started right after the Tom Tatham Award and the Rusted Arrow were presented to Pooca-Tooka Chapter. Then Aaron Kudja presented the First Year Arrowman Awards to all eligible members. Lodge Chief Brad Schmidt presented Bill Gilliland, our Staff Adviser, Howard Crompton, Tom Van Note, and Stan Hoff with Certificates of Recognition for their service to O-Shot-Caw. Our Lodge thanked the National Vice Chief, Will Swingle and Southern Region Chief, Don Combs for coming down to South Florida by presenting them O-Shot-Caw Lodge memorabilia. This year our Lodge is happy to present the newest Award to our members, the Hal Hollis Outstanding Arrowman Award. This was awarded to Hayden Olive. Meritorious Service Award were presented to 6 members who went above and beyond this year. This year, O-Shot-Caw Lodge grants Wilson Valle, Kristoffer Senzig, R.J. Hickman, Justin LeBlanc, Colby Kudja, and Mr. Bill Gilliland with the Meritorious Service Award. Finally, the Founder’s Award (See page 7 bottom) and the Vigil Honor were presented.(See pages 4-7) The night ended and everyone went there ways.

On Sunday morning, everyone met back at the big tent and had the business meeting where the newest Brotherhood and Vigil members were presented to the Lodge. Chapters were assigned jobs and everything was taken down and everyone went home.

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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, but 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 only 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.

GARRETT SILJEE

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265’s Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Garrett Siljee, as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Garrett’s scouting career began in Pack 76, where he earned numerous pins, belt loops, and Cub Scouting’s highest honor: the Arrow of Light Award. After crossing over into Troop 7 in Coral Gables Florida, Garrett quickly rose through the ranks, earning the Methodist Religious Emblem God and Country, and on May 13, 2008, Garrett earned Scouting’s highest honor: the rank of Eagle Scout. Afterwards, Garrett added to this achievement with seven palms. To date, Garrett has earned sixty-one merit badges and has his sights set on earning many more to each his goal of eighty merit badges. His trail to Eagle has brought him all across Florida and even outside of Florida to the Daniel Boone Camp in North Carolina. Garrett was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2006 and quickly sealed his ties in the brotherhood one year later. Since his induction, Garrett has played an instrumental role in building the foundation for the O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter and for O-Shot-Caw to return to its national quality status. His peers elected him to the position of O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter Chief – a position he has proudly served for three years. During these three years, Garrett represented all Arrowman of the Tequesta District as the youth voting representative on the Lodge Executive Committee, where he voted on key issues effecting all members of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Garrett’s determination for O-Shot-Caw’s success is seen at every Lodge event. In O-Shot-Co-Chee, Garrett implanted various innovative ways to maintain a constant line of communication with his Chapter members, resulting in increased attendance and stronger bonds of brotherhood. Garrett, along with his Chapter Adviser, implemented a new breakfast program that gathers Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders from all troops. This year’s breakfast was at the Audubon Society in South Miami. For his clear dedication to this program, Garrett was awarded our Lodges’ Meritorious Service Award. Outside of Scouting, Garrett is home schooled and will dual enroll with Miami Dade College for his junior and senior years. Garrett plans to attend college and study either mechanical engineering
or veterinary medicine. For his years of service, **O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265** is proud to select Garrett Siljee as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.

**JUSTIN BAKERROBINSON**

**O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265’s** Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Justin Baker Robinson as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Justin’s scouting career began in the Cub Scout program where he earned the Arrow of Light award. After crossing over into the Boy Scout program, Justin earned Scouting’s highest honor: the rank of Eagle Scout. He later added to this accomplishment by earning five palms. During his trail to Eagle, Justin held numerous leadership positions within his troop. Outside his troop, Justin has attended NYLT, both as a participant and as a member of the support staff, the Philmont Scout Ranch, and the Northern Tier National High Adventure Base. He is currently an advice member in Crew 4 and Troop 183. Justin was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2006, where he quickly sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. No stranger to leadership, Justin was elected by his peers to serve as the mighty **Gokhos Chapter** Chief for the 2007 – 2008 Lodge year. As Chapter Chief, Justin represented all Arrowman of the Pine Island District as a youth voting member of the Lodge Executive Committee. After his term as Chapter Chief, Justin served this Lodge as its Lodge Treasurer and now currently serves on the L.E.C. as our Lodge Quartermaster and is a current member of our Lodge’s Drum Team. Regarding the Drum Team, Justin has been an active member since 2007, participating in various Section Conference competitions and at the 2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference. His leadership at both the Chapter level and Lodge level has helped elevate our Lodge to its national quality status and has positively impacted the lives of many Arrowmen. Indeed, he has a powerful presence, whether it is at a Drum Team performance or at a Lodge-level activity. Outside of Scouting, Justin is currently a senior at the College Academy and is set to graduate with a concurrent Associates of Arts degree from Broward College. He is an avid trumpet player and has been involved in both his middle school and high school bands. Additionally, he volunteers for the Broward Community Symphonic Band. He has accumulated approximately 500 hours of community service. Justin recently received a Congressional Nomination to the United States Naval Academy and is actively working to earn his appointment. For his years of service, **O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265** is proud to select Justin Baker Robinson as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.

**JOHN SEMANDER**

**O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265’s** Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, John Semander as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. John’s scouting career began over ten years ago in Cub Scout pack 442 where he went on to earn the Arrow of Light award. Afterwards, John crossed over into troop 492 in 2003, where he served in various leadership roles including, but not limited to, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, librarian, den chief, assistant senior patrol leader, and senior patrol leader. Recently, John’s Scouting career permanently changed once he earned Scouting’s highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. John was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2006 and he quickly sealed his ties in the brotherhood one year later. John’s leadership was quickly noticed by his peers, who elected him to serve the **Paldani Chapter** as its Second Vice Chief and Service Chairman. Outside the Chapter, John serves on our Lodge’s Executive Committee as the Brotherhood Chairman. In this role John is responsible for overseeing the transition from ordeal membership into Brotherhood membership for all Lodge members. During our Lodge’s ordeal weekends, John has supported our Lodge’s induction program by serving as an Elangomat from the **Paldani Chapter**. Additionally, John is active member of our Ceremonies Team, where he helped our team earn honor team status and medals at the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Notably, prior to attending NOAC, John learned the part for Meteu in just eight days, but the judge’s reviewing John’s performance were convinced he had been playing this part for years. In addition to NOAC, John also attended the Order of the Arrow’s largest service project: ArrowCorps5. Outside of Scouting, John is a student at Pembroke Pines Charter High School. John is currently very active in several clubs at school, including, the National Honor Society and the Book Club. For his years of service, **O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265** is proud to select John Semander as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.
Vigil Recipients

HENRY ALONSO

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265’s Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Henry Alonso as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Henry came to the United States from Cuba at the age of 13. He attended the University of Florida, receiving both a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a Masters of Business Administration. Henry has been serving the Scouts and Scouters of the South Florida Council for over 20 years. His Scouting career began in 1986 when he became the Treasurer for Pack 114 in Sunrise, Florida, where he earned the Den Leader's award. In 1989, Henry became an Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 340 in Plantation. While there, he led a contingent of boys to the Philmont Scout Ranch and hiked a portion of the Appalachian Trail. Henry joined the O-Shot-Caw Lodge in 1991 at the Fall Ordeal and sealed his ties of Brotherhood a year later. In 1997, Henry was selected as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1730 for the Council's delegation to the National Jamboree. For his service to the former New River District, Henry received the Fleur De Lis Award, the District Award of Merit, and South Florida Council's highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award. A graduate of Woodbadge, where he was a member of the Bear Patrol, Henry has regularly served as a trainer for new Scouters. He has also served in the Pine Island District's Commissioners' Corp, District Nominating Committee Chairman, FOS Chairman and was a member of the Campmaster's Corps at Camp Seminole. Henry was a regular presenter at the Merit Badge College, an adult counselor for the Catholic Religious Awards committee, and for 10 years Henry was the coordinator of religious services at the Scoutmaster's Camporee. As a proud member of the Mighty Gokhos Chapter Henry has always bled purple. Henry has attended Chapter meetings for 15 years, volunteering his time for any and everything the Chapter needed. He has attended Section Conferences, Section Seminars, NOAC with the OA and has served the Lodge as Financial Advisor for the past three years. Throughout his Scouting endeavors, Henry enjoys the support of his wife Melinda of 35 years, his oldest son and Eagle Scout Daniel, and his youngest son Alexander Alonso who is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor brother in our Lodge. For his years of service, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 is proud to select Henry Alonso as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.

MARK JELINCIC

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265’s Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Mark Jelincic as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Mark started in Cub Scouts when he was a Tiger Cub in Pack 484. If you ask Mark, one of his finest achievements at that time was winning the pinewood derby championship in his pack and the Fireball District. In Webelos, Mark earned the 20-pin award and the coveted Arrow of Light Award. After crossing over into Troop 529, Mark earned multiple awards both at the troop level and at the district level, including the mile swim, which he earned at Camp Lone Oak. On August 27, 2008, Mark's scouting career changed forever because it was on that date Mark became an Eagle Scout. For his project, Mark collected cell phones and backpacks full of school supplies for Woman in Distress. Even after Mark complete his Eagle Scout project, he continued this project for an additional three years. Mark was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2005. He quickly sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. No stranger to leadership, Mark quickly joined the Lodge Executive Committee in 2007 as our Lodge's Haunted Forest Chairman. Coincidentally, two Lodge year's later, Mark returned as our Haunted Forest Chairman where his leadership helped the 2009 Haunted Forest gross over $20,000.00 in one night for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund. During the 2008-2009 Lodge year, Mark served our Lodge with distinction as Lodge Chief. As the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief, Mark was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Lodge, planning all LEC meetings, and planning for various Sectional and National OA activities. As Lodge Chief, Mark was also O-Shot-Caw's designated representative on the South Florida Council Executive Board and a designated member of the Council of Chiefs within our Section. Mark's journeys in the Order have brought him to every section event, NOAC and ArrowCorps. Outside of scouting, Mark is a senior at North Miami Senior High. He maintains a weighted 5.2 GPA while also participating in the National Honor Society, F-B-L-A, the Debate team, the swim team, water polo team, and volleyball team. Mark was named the swim team's MVP twice and he has also won 1st place in the.
breast stroke at the district level competitions multiple times. During all four years at North Miami Senior High, Mark earned the Green and Grey Award, which is an award presented to a student with a combination of high grades and the most school spirit. Mark's future plans include college and postgraduate work, where is ultimately wants to secure either a medical or law degree. For his years of service, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 is proud to select Mark Jelincic as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.

JAMES KERR

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265’s Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, James Kerr as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. James began his Scouting career in Pack 151, in Plantation, and then transferred to Pack 492 when he moved to Pembroke Pines. James earned his Arrow of Light Award before crossing over to Troop 492 where he is currently a Life scout. He has attended every summer camp with his troop with the exception of one, and that year his summer camp conflicted with his church’s summer mission. James attended Camp Lone Oak during its last year of operation. James was inducted into the Order at the Winter Ordeal at Camp Everglades in 2006 and sealed his ties one year later. At the Lodge level James is a regular at Section Seminars as well as our Section Conferences. He has earned Best in Section and Honored as the principal Nutiket for both the Pre ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. He has also earned Honor medals for both ceremonies at NOAC. At the 2008 Section Conference James, as our Publications Chairman, earned Best in Section for our Lodge Publication the Patchwork. In 2008 James participated with our Lodge contingent at ArrowCorps5, where he helped build hiking trails in the Washington and Jefferson National Forests. In May of 2009 James was elected Chapter Chief of Paldani Chapter a position he currently holds while he is also a member of the Lodge Ceremonies and Dance Teams. James is a junior at Pembroke Pines Charter High School where he maintains a 3.97 grade point average. He is also the starting right tackle on the varsity football team. He hopes to attend the University of Florida and pursue a degree in engineering. In the past, he has taught Bible school in inner city Boston, installed drywall in New Orleans and helped build handicap facilities on an Apache Indian reservation in Arizona, all while on mission trips with his church; Plantation Community. For his years of service, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 is proud to select James Kerr as a candidate for the Vigil Honor.

Founders's Award

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson. The Award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likenesses of E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson, with a wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. Moreover, the recipient is also given a special Founder's Award arrow ribbon, with a gold colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon. This year O-Shot-Caw Lodge Proudly presents the Founder’s Award to the following Arrowmen... Bradley Schmidt and Dean Kubler.
Elgixin

The Elgixin Chapter would like to extend our congratulations to all the new Vigil Honor Members recognized at Lodge Banquet. We are proud to announce that we received 3rd place in the Golden Pumpkin. Elgixin participated in the Lodge Banquet and had a great time. Several members sealed their ties in the Brotherhood and Darin McEwan received the First Year Arrowman Award. February 21st we had several members attend the Special Olympics and offer service to this great organization, while other members attended The Scoutmasters Jamboree and assisted in the OA Village. The Elgixin Chapter has started the year out busy, with having Winter Ordeal, Scoutmasters Dinner, One Day of Service at Prince of Peace Lutheran, and an OA Mentoring Day. We look forward to having new and old brothers attend our meetings and get more involved in our Chapter. We meet every first Monday of the month 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 robnys6190@gmail.com.

-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. From January 8-10, our Chapter participated in the Winter Ordeal. It was by far the coldest Winter Ordeal I have ever been to. Even though the temperature dropped to the lower 30’s and the rain fell nonstop, we still cheerfully served the Ordeal. We received seven new Chapter members, and supported 10 others who sealed their ties in Brotherhood. On the weekend of March 5-7, we participated in the Lodge Banquet. Our small group joined together with another small Chapter. Even though we didn’t win any of the events, we still had a great time participating in the fellowship of being with our OA brothers. Upcoming events that we will participate in are Section Conference, selling Camp Cards, and our Chapter’s fellowship activities (possible basketball tournament, and possible trip to Rapids Water Park). Our last Chapter meeting of the year will be on May 10, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. If you have any questions please contact me at umgws3@gmail.com.

-To-HOPKI-LAGI

To-Hopki-Lagi was glad to be doing the cooking this year at Winter Ordeal. It was the coldest Ordeal I have ever been to so the biggest change from previous years was that we needed to have hot chocolate and coffee out all weekend long. I truly commend all those who were candidates who survived Winter Ordeal 2010. To-Hopki-Lagi welcomed 15 new members and got a chance to meet our new brothers at our February meeting. Many members seemed enthusiastic about being active members of the OA. We also welcomed our new District Executive, Jill Smith, (who is a Brother) with a cake and small celebration at the February District Roundtable. I am working with Miss Jill to start some OA Mentoring programs for To-Hopki-Lagi and Cub Scout Packs in Thunderbird District, possibly even working with other southern Chapters. At Lodge Banquet three members of To-Hopki-Lagi sealed their ties in Brotherhood, Ronnie Linfors, Kyle Senzig, and Sebastian Santa-Cruz. One member received his Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award,

-HNU-RA-CON

It fills me with pride to say that the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter has reclaimed the Golden Pumpkin award. Everyone who helped in our display - from the birth of the idea to the final product - should be proud of themselves. We are excited for Section Conference, and have had lots of fun at all of the events since the last issue of the Patchwork. We look forward to attending Section Conference, and especially Summer Ordeal in the near future. If you have any questions please contact me at talloniv@gmail.com.

-To-MOKA

Tomoka Chapter had its Chapter Meetings on January 11, February 8, and March 8. Tomoka Chapter attended the Winter Ordeal, of which we had two new members join our Chapter. At the March 8 meeting, we made dream catchers with Harrie Liz Rushing. It was a great way to bond with the other members of our Chapter. Some of our members from our Chapter will be attending Section Conference in April. If you have any questions please contact me at anemailaddress305@yahoo.com.

-To-HORSTAT

HNU-RA-CON

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---Robert Williams

---Andrew Taggart

---Garret Siljee

---Robert Slapikas
Kyle Senzig. Two members were recognized for their service on the LEC, Trey Pearce and Kris Senzig. And Kris Senzig earned the Meritorious Service Award. We also had fun competing with other Chapters, attending training seminars and congratulate the Pooca-Tooka on a great job all around. We are now looking forward to Section Conference where all Chapters come together to show the whole Section what O-Shot-Caw is made of. If you have any questions please contact me at kristoffer44@yahoo.com.  

**Paldani**

On January 8-10, Paldani attended the Winter Ordeal. Even though temperatures only rose to a mere forty-two degrees on Saturday, we still managed to fight it out and carry on with our work project. We were assigned to moving rocks from a campsite to a road that cars frequently get stuck in thus building it up. We had several candidates join the Order along with several brothers that sealed their ties. On January 11, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. We recapped on some old business such as the Winter Ordeal and then moved on to the new business such as our upcoming Bellante's Fellowship and the Lodge Banquet. The night concluded as we all ate pizza and drank hot chocolate. We were pleased to have over forty members in attendance at this meeting. On February 8, Paldani held its annual Bellante's Fellowship in place of a Chapter meeting. Over seventy people attended of which we were glad to have our Lodge Chief, Brad Schmidt, and our Lodge First Vice Chief, RJ Hickman, in attendance. On February 19-21, Paldani proudly helped out at the Scoutmaster's Camporee. On Friday night we helped the Lodge set up teepees and tents. On Saturday we helped manage the Lodge Indian Village. And on Sunday we delivered the Scouts Own for the whole Camporee. On March 5-7, Paldani attended the Lodge Banquet. In the morning, Colby Kudja, Jake Cutler, Lenny Schrager, Andres Badel, Aaron Kudja and James Kerr taught various classes for the Lodge. In the afternoon, we came together and competed in the Tom Tatham Spirit Games. At night, several members from Paldani received awards. William McKinley, Colby Kudja, Kevin Innes, Andres Badel, Lenny Schrager, Jake Cutler, John Semander, Kris Carter, Laramy Black, Aaron Kudja, and James Kerr received plaques for serving on the LEC. Aaron Kudja and Hal Cutler received the First Year Arrowman Award. Also, Paldani placed second for the Golden Pumpkin Competition. In addition, Colby Kudja received the Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding service to our Lodge. In the highlight of the evening, Paldani was honored to have John Semander and James Kerr tapped out as Vigil Honor Candidates. All in all, Paldani enjoyed the great weekend that was filled with fellowship and fun. On March 8, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. We discussed the old business and new business, along with presenting some new ideas such as a potluck for next month's meeting. At the conclusion we all sat down and ate a hearty spaghetti dinner. To conclude, Paldani is continuing its incredible “Pride!” If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can contact either myself at captainkerr22@gmail.com, or Mr. Gomez at glennngomez@bellsouth.net.  

**Gokhos**

Gokhos survived the freeze! AKA Winter Ordeal 2010. Even though the temperatures hit record lows, Gokhos had record high numbers! We showed cheerful service all weekend even if it was through chattering teeth. We stayed warm by setting up a pop-up with walls and put two heaters in there for a place to thaw out. We also rebuilt the fire ring in Dove and helped the Ceremonies Team with their fire for the Ordeal Ceremony. The Gokhos Chapter was also in charge of Scouts Own but since the Lodge business meeting was cancelled, we weren’t able to present. In February, we helped at Scoutmaster’s Camporee by running the Heron Grill. We cooked for anyone who wanted to buy Friday evening and all day Saturday. From the funds produced at the Grill we donated to both Joseph Aaron Abbot and Hal Hollis Campershers Funds. What was left over went to the Lodge. We also served at Pine Island District’s Webelos Crossover which was held in Fort Pierce. We helped were in charge of building and maintaining their campfire Saturday night. While they were waiting for the Webelos II to get back from their walk to the ceremony area we entertained the crowd with skits and were pleased to have Lodge Chief, Bradley Schmit, participate in some of them. The crowd loved them and certainly kept the Cub Scout’s attention. These are all fun opportunities to serve and we look forward to more! At Lodge Banquet the Gokhos Chapter participated in every event and performed Scouts Own. We had fun and showed our positive spirit all weekend! Even our Chapter Chief was given a purple beard Saturday night (that stood out on stage)! If you have any questions please contact me at oarep@t245.org.  

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**Chapter Reports (continued)...**

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Justin LeBlanc
Written By: Ryan Keller

The Scoutmasters Camporee was a blast! There were tons of things to do there like the Brown Sea Island and the rifle ranges, but the O-Shot-Caw Lodge put on a master show that was named the OA Indian Village. Everyone was hard at work putting on an excellent village-like exhibit for “Future Arrowmen”. There were many stations telling people all about the Lodge and the OA. The dance team really stood out the most though. Colby Kudja lead the dance team through a series of dances the amazed the crowd. There were crowds up to 50 people watching them around that little circle! The Drum Team also amazed people. The crowd was so enchanted by the Native American drum songs that they didn’t leave until they were done with the last song or later.

In all the Lodge set up 9 stations around the village. There was the game section where the “Future Arrowmen” got to play some old Indian games while sitting in a circle. Next there was a teepee where the “Future Arrowmen” got to see some Native American items such as quilts and clothes. At the Dance team station visitors got to see the different Indian clothes that the team wore during performances and got to see them perform a few different dances.

Right next to it at the Drum team station, they taught visitors about the special mallets that they use to hit the drum with and why they have more than one person at the drum at one time. Then there was the OA High Adventure camp information. People learned about Philmont, Northern Tier and OAOA (Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure) at Sea Base through a well thought out slide show. Everyone that left was really excited about those camps and left with a smile on their faces. Across from the High Adventure tent was the Ceremonies Team stand. There members of the team taught about what the Ceremonies Team did and how they did it. Also on their table they had a display of many pictures of what they did in the past and pictures of the clothes that they wear. In front of the Ceremonies team stand was the Camp Promotions stand. There was a lot of gear and projects being shown off there and most of the adults that visited the stand were really amazed at some of the items that we had there. Right next to that was the canoe portaging. Finally, the trading post gave the “Future Arrowmen” a chance to get either a t-shirt that said “Future Arrowman” and “OA Indian Village, Scoutmasters Camporee 2010” or a wooden nickel. Visitors could use the wooden nickel at the Heron Grill or keep it as a collectable.

After the day was over, the Dance and Drum team did some final performances for the whole South Florida Council. The Dance team performed 3 dances for the council and the Drum team did 2 songs. Also at the closing performance were many comedy acts. As you can see the Scoutmasters Camporee was a big success between the Indian Village, games and activities, and the closing performance. Thank you again to whoever participated and we hope to see you next year.

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Cold and wet throughout the weekend, everyone preserved their cheerful spirit, even in the midst of such irksome tasks and weighty, and cold, responsibilities. The Brotherhood and will to give cheerful service has never been so strong.

After all the service projects were complete, everyone sat around one of the many campfires. The rain went away and everyone had a chance to dry off. Later that day, all of the Ordeal Candidates got ready for the Ceremony and right before starting it began to rain again. The Ceremony was postponed until the conditions became better. All the Ordeal Candidates were lined up under the shelter and large plastic garbage bags were distributed as makeshift raingear. After the initial delay, it was still raining so the Ceremony had to carried out in the rain and extreme cold. After that, dinner was served. Everyone ate the hot food quickly and were thankful they got to go to bed after the long day.

On Sunday, it was difficult to come out of a warm sleeping bag, but everyone came out for breakfast. Due to the extreme weather, the customary Scout’s Own and Lodge Meeting were suspended and everyone was dismissed to go home. The extreme weather conditions were a test of O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Brotherhood. O-Shot-Caw has shown, yet again, that no matter what weather, we can provide Cheerful Service at any moment, under any circumstances.
“Editor’s Notes”

Dear Brothers,

I am amazed at how fast this year as gone by already. I have got to say that this years Lodge Banquet has been one of the best. It was an honor to have two National Officers at Lodge Banquet. The Indian Village at Scoutmasters was by far the best and most informative Indian Village that O-Shot-Caw Lodge has ever put on.

As Section Conference lurks, the Publications committee is ready to bring home the “Best In Section Publications” for O-Shot-Caw Lodge once again.

I would like to see as many brothers form O-Shot-Caw Lodge at Section Conference this year so we can regain the title of “Best In Section”.

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 Brotherhood,
William McKinley

PATCH CORNER

Here are some of the most recent patches of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. On the left is the Winter Ordeal Patch, and on the right is the Lodge Banquet Patch.

Winter Ordeal Patch 2010

Lodge Banquet Patch 2010
Lodge Calendar

Section Conference

Summer Ordeal

Compete for Best All Around Lodge

Why Go?
Cost
Where?

Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation

April 16 - 18, 2010

Summer Ordeal

Check website for details

Where?

Marlham Park

Why Go?
Cost
Where?

Ocala National Forest

Cheerful Service to the State Park

$195

June 13 - 19, 2010

Why Go?
Cost
Where?

Markham Park

To Cheerfully Serve

Check website for details

Where?

June 4 - 6, 2010

What?