Written By: RJ Hickman

Busses, trains, planes, and cars full of Boy Scouts were all heading to one place; the National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill. This Jamboree was going to be the biggest and best Jamboree ever! It was the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Every aspect of this Jamboree was going to be all out, from OA shows to merit badge midway, even the arena shows were out of this world!

My National Jamboree experience started July 20th when Brad Schmidt and myself (RJ Hickman) flew up to Washington. As part of the OA Shows Crew we had to get there early and start the setup of the new and improved OA show. When we arrived the set up for Jamboree was already well under way and the Order of the Arrow was working hard and nonstop to get things set up for the Mysterium Compass, Service Corps, the Indian Village and the new program Pace Setters. After days of hard work and lots of fun the Jamboree was open to the hundreds of contingents nationwide.

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Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well now that the Summer has wound down and has started into an amazing Autumn. O-Shot-Caw Lodge has kicked off the fall just perfectly and is standing strong, moving ever forward, and setting the pace for cheerful service.

Back in August, O-Shot-Caw Lodge leaders gathered together for our annual Lodge Leadership Development on August 21, 2010. The event was held at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes. The leaders arrived early in the morning and were trained throughout most of the day. The food was excellent, the staff professional, and the training was very worthwhile to all who attended.

After LLD, the Lodge helped South Florida Council host a September 11th Remembrance Ceremony on the ninth anniversary of the tragic attacks. The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was said by Lee Thornton Davis, a member of the Lodge Executive Committee. We then paused for a moment of silence at 8:46 am, the moment 9 years ago when the first plane hit the first twin tower. The rest of the morning was spent singing patriotic songs and thanking the men and women of the fire and police departments for their courage and protection.

On September 24 - 26, 2010, the Lodge gathered for the Fall Ordeal. The Ordeal was held at the Heron Preserve in Markham Park. Paldani definitely cooked some of the best food I have ever had at an Ordeal. It was very good and we were fed well. Hnu-Ra-Con, brought in some real creativity with their slip-n-slide style of dodge ball, I had a ton of fun playing that one. Also, Elgixin held an excellent Interfaith Worship. Overall, the Lodge gave a ton of cheerful service and had a blast.

Well, as great as the fall has been so far, O-Shot-Caw will ascend to new heights as we venture farther into the year. Coming ever so closely is our annual Haunted Forest. The Haunted Forest will be held on October 22-24th, 2010. I encourage all brothers to attend. Why? Because it is so much fun! I have yet to attend a Haunted Forest and not have the time of my life. And the sole purpose of the event is to raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund, a fund created to help scouts go to summer camp. The next event that is also rapidly approaching is Section Seminars. It will be held on November 5-7th, 2010 at Sandhill Scout Reservation in Brooksville, Florida. The event is a huge gathering of Order of the Arrow brothers from across Florida. The gathering is for fellowship with others who share an interest in Service, American Indian Activities, Leadership, or Ceremonies.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Haunted Forest and the Section Seminars!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jonathon Yost
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
On August 21, the leaders of the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge headed to Shula's Steak 2 in Miami Lakes where we enjoyed a day of delicious meals and superb arrangements provided by the staff at the restaurant. Although the accommodations and food were fantastic, we were really there for a day of sessions taught by outstanding members of our Lodge Executive Committee. Everyone started off with the “Icebreaker” Session, to get to know a little bit about each other. Then the sessions split into two different groups: youth and adult. The youth session was taught and organized by Lodge Chief, Jonathon Yost; 1st Vice Chief, John Semander; 2nd Vice Chief, Jake Cutler; Paldani Chapter Chief, James Kerr; former Lodge Chief and current Vigil Chairman, Brad Schmidt; Publications Chairman, Will McKinley; Dance Team Chairman, Colby Kudja; Ceremonies Team Chairman, Kevin Innes; Drum Team Chairman, Chris Alvarez; Service Chairman, Andres Badel; and Camp Promotions and Summit Corps Chairman, Ryan Rodriguez.

Some of the classes taught include: “How to Run a Successful Chapter”, “Building Committees”, “Inductions”, “Time Management”, “Lodge Teams”, “Planning Service”, “OA High Adventure” and the “O-Shot-Caw Lodge Vision and Future”. These classes are geared towards a stronger group of leaders in our Lodge so we may continue to be the “Best All Around Lodge”. The adults were taught by former 3 term Lodge Chief, Josh Levenson and Paldani Chapter Advisor, Glenn Gomez. The final session that we participated in was O.A.I.Q. Questions that were on this IQ test were about the National Lodge, the Section Chiefs, Lodge Chiefs, Basic Ceremonies Knowledge and OA History. At the end of the day everyone gave their goals for this year, “Graduated”, and went out side to take a group picture.
The Fall Ordeal this year took place at the Heron Reserve in Markham Park on September 24-September 26. On Friday everyone showed up and hung out with fellow brothers. The Brotherhood Bash held by Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter was a smash. It was a game of dodge ball on a slip n’slide mat covered with soapy water which slipped up everyone playing the game. Even our Chief Jon Yost and our Second Vice Chief, Jake Cutler were playing the exciting Brotherhood Bash. The game was played past eleven o’clock. But the lack of sleep isn’t enough to stop O-Shot-Caw Lodge from doing our cheerful service. That night the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony went smoothly but unfortunately later that night a small storm moved in and it rained just enough for the Ordeal Candidates to be relocated to a dryer area.

In the morning there were a few people who were surprised to find a few puddles in their tents but that didn’t stop them from enjoying the rest of the day. Those who were working for their Ordeal did a marvelous job at clearing a path for the upcoming Haunted Forest on October 22-24. Throughout the day it was cloudy but that kept it cool and kept the spirits and service of the hard workers going strong. They made the path almost twice as wide than normal in some areas that were needed. A special project was assigned to the Brotherhood candidates at the newly renovated Camp Seminole. But when they got there is was raining and the planned project could not be completed due to the weather conditions. In the middle of the day there was a presentation by Jonathon McEwan, the new Unit Elections Chairman for this year. He gave out doughnuts and cookies for those who stayed for the presentation and involved themselves in the mock unit election.

At the conclusion of the weekend 41 Ordeal candidates were inducted into the Order of the Arrow along with 18 Brothers successfully sealing their ties in Brotherhood. After their Ordeal they had a mouthwatering dinner consisting of chicken, rice and johnnycakes cooked by none other than the Paldani Chapter.

On Sunday morning we had a simple and quick breakfast followed by a wonderful Scouts Own by Elgixin Chapter. After which we had our Lodge business meeting. At the meeting it was stated many
Fall Ordeal *Continued...*

Sometimes that we need new members for each of the three Lodge Teams - Dance, Ceremonies and Drum. All of the teams need new members to bring O-Shot-Caw Lodge more success at Section Conference. After the Chapters met with their newly inducted members, everyone cleaned their designated area and helped bring down the big tent that Mr. Pinna can always get for our Lodge events.

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**One Day Of Service**

*Written By: Jonathon Yost*

Every year, the Southern Region of the Order of the Arrow picks a single day for all brothers to set out and spend a day Cheerfully Serving his fellow man. It is called the One Day of Service. It allows local Chapters and Lodges to give back to their hometowns. Across the nation, the One Day of Service contributes to hundreds of towns and cities and contributes to the total amount of service performed by the Order of the Arrow as a whole. This year, the 2010 One Day of Service is October 16th. Call your Chapter Chief or a Lodge Officer for information on how to be a part of a One Day of Service.
Thousands of scouts flooded into Fort AP Hill to be part of this historical Jamboree. The once empty fields were now filled with thousands of tents and Scouters setting up camp. Everyone was excited to get this Jamboree started especially us on the OA Shows Crew getting ready for our first show.

Throughout the Jamboree, Staff and Scouters were having a blast. This Jamboree offered so many activities and new events so that every day was action packed.

Some of the favorites at the Jamboree were the water slides at the *Mysterium Compass*, the rifle and shot gun shooting and the BMX course. Other highlighted activities were the extensive USA military exhibits which were filled with activities such as simulators and free giveaways. There were so many great activities in camp it was easy to have something to do all the time. While on staff we saw many OA members and Scouts from South Florida Council like Kevin Innes, Andres Badel, Robert Slapikas, Randall Martinez, Frank Gamez, Allen Randall, and many others!

The best part of National Jamboree had to be the fantastic shows.

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These shows were bigger and better than any previous Jamboree and the BSA was going all out for this 100th year Anniversary. The guest speakers and special effects were outstanding! President Obama did not attend; however, “Secretary Of Defense” Robert Gates did a fantastic job telling his scouting stories and his road to Eagle Scout. The closing ceremony took the cake with show host Mike Rowe being funny and inspirational and an array of bands playing great music. The show then ended with a spectacle of fireworks and patriotism. At the end of that show every person in attendance or watching live on TV loved America. The BSA did a great job with this 100th Anniversary of Scouting and I have no doubt the next Jamboree at the new High Adventure Bechtel Summit will be just as much of an amazing experience!
Elgixin

The Elgixin Chapter had a Chapter Meeting on August 23. We were delighted to have the Lodge Chief Jon Yost attend were we celebrated his birthday. Our Chapter sent a few members to National Jamboree to help as staff. On September 4th we had a preparation day for our Haunted Forest display. Our last Chapter meeting was on September 27 were we discussed the upcoming Haunted Forest. Our next meeting is on October 25, 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 robmym6190@gmail.com. ~Robert Slapikas

Hnu-Ra-Con

The Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter has had a great start to this new year. We had many Chapter members participate in numerous summer activities such as OA Trail Crew, National Jamboree, and other high adventure locations. We kicked off the year with a Haunted Forest Fellowship at Mike Vreeland’s house on the last weekend in July where we played pool, swam in the pool, had a barbecue, and got down to business. Our Chapter has been diligently planning and organizing our Haunted Forest display by delegating work into troops, holding work days, and having fun. Besides Haunted Forest we have spent time reaching out to all the Troops in our Chapter in an effort to raise Troop Participation and attendance through my newly appointed Chapter Executive Committee. I wish everyone a great year and be aware that the Hurricane is back. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at hnumacon@yahoo.com. ~Hernan Martinez

Pooca Tooka

Pooca Tooka Chapter has had a lively month, full of preparation and dedication to its 2010-2011 term. At LLD 2010, we had multiple Chapter members who had a great time learning at LLD. Pooca Tooka learned tons of skills, great techniques, and important information crucial to making the best of this year. At our Chapter Meeting, we were able to take full advantage of everything learned at LLD, making the meeting more productive than ever. We were able to discuss the ‘Best All-Around Chapter’ criteria, plan for Fall Ordeal, plan for OA Haunted Forest, and take care of other important business. As always, Pooca-Tooka has been preparing to do its very best at O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s upcoming events. Members of Pooca-Tooka have been told and reminded about Fall Ordeal and how they can take full advantage of this awesome weekend. We also discussed who will serve the Lodge as Elangomats. In addition, Pooca-Tooka will be conducting a day of service in the form of a Den Chief Training Course for all that want to attend. For a small fee, all participants will receive many helpful resources that will be vital for their terms as Den Chiefs, such as Den Chief Handbooks. Pooca-Tooka will soon be selling epic ice cream at Cub Fun Day. The funds raised at this occasion will be donated to the JAACP and the Hal Hollis NOAC fund. Pooca-Tooka has been planning for excellence at OA Haunted Forest. We have carefully designed an impressive plan for our site. This year, Pooca-Tooka’s theme will be “Labyrinth”. As for our midway games, we will host the classic and well-known “Touchy Feely Game” and as our new idea for this year, we will host a Halloween-themed face painting station. This year will be, both, thrilling and full of surprises at OA Haunted Forest. Pooca-Tooka is prepared and excited for what is to come. We look forward to a great year. If you have any questions please contact me at miguelp.nieves@live.com. ~Miguel Nieves

To-Hopki-Lagi

To-Hopki-Lagi held our Chapter Elections on August 2nd. Our officers are myself, Kristoffer Senzig, as Chief and Matthew Crowe as Vice Chief. I'm glad to serve one more year as Chief and will be working with Matt in order to have our best year yet as a Chapter. To start off the year, we had 5 youth and 1 adult attend and graduate the LLD this past August. At the LLD we learned many valuable leadership skills including the importance of "walking like you talk", time management, a more in depth look at our lodge teams, and much more. It was truly an experience. After Fall Ordeal, To-Hopki-Lagi has one more Brotherhood member: Matt Crowe. To-Hopki-Lagi will be at the Haunted Forest this year under the direction of Christian "Wee-Man" Nilson, our Haunted Forest Chairman. Our theme is Miscellaneous Madness and you'll have to be there to find out more. We also have our one day of service coming up and a fellowship weekend planned for November 12-14. Unit Elections are currently scheduled for 100% of troops in Thunderbird District and will
be completed long before Winter Ordeal comes around. This year our members will be playing a larger role in the District Camporee. Our Chapter will be running the activities for Saturday, building and maintaining the campfire Saturday night, and assisting our ceremonies team in a tap-out ceremony. To-Hopki-Lagi meets the first Sunday of every month at Perine Elementary. If you have any questions please contact me at kristoffer44@yahoo.com.  

-O-Shot-Co-Chee

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 2 members seal their ties in Brotherhood at the past Fall Ordeal. We had a total of 10 members in attendance. We hope to have more at the next Ordeal. Upcoming events are Haunted Forest, Section Seminars, and the One Day of Service Project. We can’t wait to start planning for these. We look forward to a very fun and eventful year. We have already had our first meeting of this school year. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 8, 2010. If you have any questions please contact me at umgws3@gmail.com.

-Garret Siljee

Gokhos

My name is Mike Corbett and I am serving as the 2010 Gokhos Chapter Chief for the first term. The new Gokhos Officers are Bryan Piper as the 1st Vice Chief, and Collin McGrath as the 2nd Vice Chief, and Dillon Baker-Robinson as the Secretary. Allen Randall stepped up to take on the OA Mentoring Chairman within the LEC. This summer we had Gokhos members attend Four Corps 2010. One member of the Chapter actually participated in two high adventure activities. On August 21st the Chapter officers attended LLD at Shula’s Steak Restaurant. The courses provided detailed training in the essentials of leadership, time management, and the basics of planning and running a Chapter. Our Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month at the Latter day Saints Church located at 851 NW 112th Ave., Plantation, FL. The Gokhos Chapter is doing great and looking forward to a rewarding year. We are working to build membership, mentor younger Scouts, and providing cheerful service to the community. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can contact either myself, or Tony Anastasio.

-Mike Corbett

Paldani

Paldani has had a successful past three months. From service in our district to service in our Lodge, we have actively sought out ways to serve others. We are having a great year so far and will continue to do so. Here are the events that we attended since the last Patchwork Report. On August 9, Paldani held its first Chapter Meeting for the year. Pizza and soda were served. On August 15, Paldani held a Boy Scout Road clean up on behalf of the Lodge along with a Chapter Leadership Development. At the road clean up, thirteen members were present and seventy-four pounds of trash was picked up. Following the clean up, Chapter members headed over to my house for a BBQ and CLD. On August 21, Paldani along with several of its members attended the Lodge Leadership Development. Seven of our members taught seminars on various topics. On August 30, Paldani cooked for our District Roundtable. We served hamburgers and hotdogs along with several sides. Everyone in attendance greatly appreciated everything. On September 13, Paldani held its monthly Chapter Meeting. We discussed the old business, which was the Boy Scout Road clean up, Chapter Leadership Development, Lodge Leadership Development, and District Roundtable cooking, along with the new business, which was the Fall Ordeal, Haunted Forest, and the Rock-A-Thon. On September 24-26, Paldani attended the Fall Ordeal. Our main responsibility was cooking for the weekend in which we served delicious meals. Aside from cooking, Brothers helped out with the service project, Elangomat program, Brotherhood program, and both the Ceremonies and Dance Team. All in all, it was a great weekend spent with cheerful service. Paldani is preparing for the Haunted Forest by completing its display and selling tickets. We are also getting ready for our Game-A-Thon, which will take place in November. And finally we are promoting the upcoming Section Seminars. 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
Fellow Brothers, we have a great adventure for you in the summer of 2011; Summit Corps 2011. This is no canned food drive. Arrowmen attending Summit Corps - The New River Experience in 2011 can expect to be treated to one tough task. Summit Corps is a hybrid of ArrowCorps5, focusing on improving the Garden Grand Hike and Bike Trail. Other projects will include the removal of invasive species. This will be a special experience for the Arrowmen that attend because we will be working in the future sight of the BSA National Jamboree site before any other scout while the site is still in a pristine condition. O-Shot-Caw Lodge is building a contingent to go up to West Virginia for Summit Corps. Our goal as a Lodge is to get at least 40 Arrowmen to go. The exact costs and side trip have not been determined yet, but after conducting a meeting about the side trips, I can say without a doubt that this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience that no Arrowmen is going to want to miss. I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible and hope to hear from you soon. If you have any questions please contact Ryan Rodriguez at Ryan9004@yahoo.com or his Advisor Bill Gilliland, at bgillila@bsamail.org.

Do you like fun? Do you like learning? Do you like Indian lore? Do you like OA Inductions and Ceremonies? Well we have an event for you! It is the National Order of the Arrow Indian Summer. The primary objective of this event is to elaborate and expand a participant’s understanding of American Indian culture at a pace in which the Arrowmen can learn more. Arrowmen will have a hands-on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, clothing, traditions, Indian games, and conducting a Powwow. You will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the ceremony world of setting, props, symbolism, performing the Ceremonies, the development of ceremonial costumes, understanding the 10 induction principles and administering the Ordeal. The last OA Indian Summer was held in 2003, so do not miss this opportunity to learn more about American Indian culture and expand your knowledge in OA Ceremonies. This will begin on August 1st and run till August 6th, 2011, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Ashville, North Carolina. The fee is $325 for the event with an approximate final cost at $700 with transportation and added side trips. If you have any questions feel free to contact Colby Kudja at ckrocker101@yahoo.com or Glenn Gomez at (954)-655-4446 or at glennngomez@bellsouth.net.
“Editor’s Notes”

Dear Brothers,

I can not believe that I am starting my second year as the Publications Committee Chairman. Last was a phenomenal year. I got to compete at Section Conference for “The Patchwork” and for Ceremonies, meet the Southern Region Chief, Don Combs, meet the National Vice Chief, Will Swingle and work cheerfully with the National Chief, Brad Lichota for a whole week in the Ocala National Forest. Certainly the events of last year were very unexpected and I loved doing it all the time.

I look forward to the upcoming year especially Summer 2011. I am attending both Summit Corps 2011 and Indian Summer 2011. From what I hear, they are both going to be really great and I urge you to attend these events and carry O-Shot-Caw to even greater success!

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,
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**Lodge Calendar**

**Scout Show**
- **Where?** Sun Life Stadium
- **When?** December 10-11, 2010
- **Cost?** Check Website for details
- **Why go?** Support the Cub Scouts of our Council

**Winter Ordeal**
- **Where?** Camp Everglades
- **When?** January 7-9, 2011
- **Cost?** Check Website for details
- **Why go?** Cheerfully Serve the Forest Service

**Lincoln Marti Camporee**
- **Where?** Carlos J. Arboleya Camping and Picnic Grounds
- **When?** January 21 - 23, 2011
- **Cost?** Check Website for details
- **Why go?** To cheerfully serve the Cub Scouts of South Florida Council.