Written By: Jake Cutler

From March 4th to the 6th, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 hosted its annual Lodge Banquet at C.B Smith Park. It was a weekend full of Brotherhood and good times. Friday included a Brotherhood Ceremony in which O-Shot-Caw inducted ten new Brotherhood members into our Order. Then our Brotherhood Bash hosted by Hnu-Ra-Con consisted of a game of kickball focusing on the buddy system. It was all the same rules except you couldn’t let go of your partner’s hand.

When Saturday rolled around the real games began. Despite some morning showers the day continued as planned and started off with seminars on “How to Run a Successful Chapter” to the infamous “Hot Box” hosted by our Section Secretary, Frank Gamez. Frank wasn’t the only Section Officer in attendance either, Section Chief, Sean Ferrier came down to see how the mighty O-Shot-Caw held a Banquet. After the seminars it was lunch time which was provided by the Pooca Tooka Chapter who did the cooking for the weekend. Then the games started. Volley Ball, Lodge Ball, Tug-Of-War, were among some of the games played along with other Lodge favorites. The Banquet began at around 6:30 Pooca-Tooka’s delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by family, friends, and scouters. Continued on Page 4...
Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

The past few months have gone by so quickly. O-Shot-Caw Lodge put on so much since the last release of the patchwork. We had a beautiful Winter Ordeal weekend at Camp Everglades. We put on a massive Indian Display at both Lincoln-Marti Camporee and Scoutmaster's Camporee. O-Shot-Caw Lodge had an amazing Banquet and selected very suitable Leaders for recipients of the Founder's Award and Vigil Honor. Our eyes are on the horizon and we will continue forward.

The Winter Ordeal was held January 7-9, 2011, at Camp Everglades. It was a great weekend with gorgeous weather, great food, awesome fellowship, and cheerful service. Our largest project was the construction of a much needed composting toilet. We inducted nearly 100 new members and 27 Brothers sealed their ties with Brotherhood membership. Congratulations to all new Brothers and Brotherhood members!

Last Year, our Lodge made a significant push to provide more presence at council events. This year we kept the standard set by providing a real presence at Lincoln-Marti Camporee and Scoutmaster's Camporee. Lincoln-Marti was a complete success. Many people learned about Native American Culture and more about our Order. The display at last years Scoutmaster's Camporee set the standard of size, but this year, we added even more. The display was so busy that we had to push the closing time back an hour, and even when we did close, Scouts still didn't want to leave. It was nothing short of phenomenal.

Recently, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Banquet was held on March 4-6 at C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, FL. It was a fantastic weekend! Congratulations to all members whom sealed their ties in Brotherhood on Friday night. Saturday was full of training seminars and Chapter competitions. I would like to thank John Semander for planning excellent training seminars, and I would like to thank all instructors. I would also like to thank Jake Cutler for providing terrific games for the competitions. I am also very happy to congratulate our two Founders Award recipients R.J. Hickman and Bill Gilliland. These two individuals truly represent the ideal of scouting and our Order. I would also like to congratulate our newest Brothers who were selected for the Vigil Honor: Colby Kudja, Wilson Valle, Will McKinley, Jake Cutler, Kristoffer Senzig, Kevin Innes, Jesus “Gene” Olive, and Charly Yost. These are real Leaders in service to our Lodge. Congratulations!

One of the most anticipated events of the year is right around the corner, the 2011 Section Conference at Tanah-Keeta Scout Reservation on April 8-10, 2011. Register online or at the Scout Office. This is an opportunity for O-Shot-Caw to show our Section what we have accomplished this year. We will remind Section S4 who O-Shot-Caw is!

I look forward to seeing you all at the 2011 Section Conference!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathon Yost
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
The Patchwork

O-Shot-Caw Helps Some Very Special Athletes!

Written By: R.J. Hickman

On February 13, O-Shot-Caw Lodge showed its true spirit and service when over thirty Arrowman came out to Nathaniel Traz Powell Stadium to help with the 29th Annual Miami Dade Special Olympics. This was our third year volunteering at this event and we certainly made an impact. Members even came out Saturday to help set up the games and activities. On Sunday we helped in a variety of ways including security, cleanup, and even handing out sunglasses to the athletes. Our biggest role was serving lunch to over 2,000 hungry athletes and volunteers, something our Lodge is a pro at! Between Saturday and Sunday our Lodge compiled over 260 service hours for this great event, and every hour was well appreciated.

The games which celebrated its 29th year are a great way for special needs children in the South Florida community to compete and have an amazing time. This year over 500 athletes competed in the track and field games. From wheelchair races to softball throws there is an event for every special athlete to compete in. The sponsors even made an Olympic Village that included lots of food, games, and even a stage that the Olympians can Dance and sing on. Overall it is a fantastic event that not only these special athletes enjoy very much but also an event that every volunteer goes home knowing that they contributed to an amazing event and made a difference in every one of these children’s lives. O-Shot-Caw will continue to help this worthy event for years to come. Hope to see you next year!
Then the awards were handed out. Pooca Tooka won the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and Paldani won the Rusted Arrow and the Golden Pumpkin. The Lodge presented our Lodge Advisor, William Gundlach III with the James E. West Fellow Award for his exceptional service to the Lodge and Council. Our Lodge Chief, Jonathon Yost was honored with the Hal Hollis Outstanding Arrowman Award which is given to a single Scout who shows outstanding service to the Lodge. This year Chris Alvarez, Andres Badel, Tony Anastasio, Frankie Rivera, and Matt Kinsey were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. On Sunday, Tomoka Chapter held the Scouts Own Service. The Lodge then carried out its usual business meeting and the new Vigil Recipients were recognized. In conclusion, this was one Lodge Banquet to be remembered. Our Lodge exemplified good sportsmanship, positive attitudes, and its ability to compete with heart and win. If we carry this energy onto Section Conference there is no doubt that the Best All Around Trophy will not leave that cabinet in the South Florida Council Office.

VIGIL HONOR

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 Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to Lodge, Council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, and Scout Camp. Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered Lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A Lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.
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COLBY KUDJA

Colby began his Scouting career in 1999 with Pack 492. He earned his Arrow of Light Award in 2004 and crossed over to Troop 492 where he served in various Leadership roles including, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Instructor, and two consecutive terms as Senior Patrol Leader. In 2010, Colby’s scouting career permanently changed once he earned Scouting’s highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Colby has attended every summer camp with his troop, including the legendary Camp Lone Oak, and participated in numerous high adventure programs. Colby was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the Winter Ordeal at Camp Everglades in 2006 and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. Just seven months after his induction, Colby attended his first NOAC where he competed with the Dance Team. In 2007, Colby joined the Lodge Executive Committee as the Unit Elections Chairman. The following year, Colby participated with the O-Shot-Caw contingent at ArrowCorps5, where he helped build hiking trails in the Washington and Jefferson National Forests sites. In 2009, Colby attended NOAC, and demonstrated his commitment to the Lodge by competing with the Dance Team. Later that year, Colby stepped up his commitment to the Team by becoming the Dance Team Chairman. Under Colby’s Leadership, the Dance Team has enjoyed a resurgence and is well on its way to reestablishing itself. Colby was also a participant at the Section FourCorps event, where he helped restore an Indian burial mound, plant thousands of trees, and helped remove unwanted plants, all in the scorching heat of a Florida summer in the Ocala Forest. In addition to his service at the Lodge level Colby has been instrumental to Paldani Chapter’s success. Colby has held the positions of Haunted Forest and Unit Elections Chairman, and is currently the Chapters 1st Vice Chief. Without a doubt, his Leadership at both the Chapter level and Lodge level has elevated our Lodge to its national quality status and has positively impacted the lives of many Arrowmen. He has a powerful presence, whether it is at a Dance Team performance or at a Lodge event. Outside of Scouting, Colby is a Senior at West Broward High School where he maintains a 4.5 grade point average, while also participating in the National Honor Society. On the Varsity Football Team, Colby is a three-year letterman, which he earned by playing line backer his first 2 years, and full back as a Senior. He plans to attend the University of Central Florida and pursue a degree in engineering.

WILSON VALLE

Wilson Valle began Scouting as a Tiger Cub in Pack 64. He was also a member of Pack 7 and Pack 76. He earned the Arrow of Light and then crossed over to Troop 76, serving as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. He became an Eagle Scout on Dec. 9, 2008 for his project at the Tropical Audubon Society in which he organized removal of non-native plants, planting of native species, and the rebuilding of 8 picnic tables for their outdoor classroom. Not confined to the tropical boundaries of South Florida, Wilson was a delegate to the 2007 World Scouting Jamboree in England as part of the South Florida Council contingent. He has also participated in the Barefoot Mailman Hike, the Big Toe, Tequesta’s Old Cutler Hike, the 10-Commandment Hike and five years of summer camps in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. Wilson was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the 2006 Fall Ordeal and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood at the 2007 Fall Ordeal. He served the mighty O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter as its Elections Chair in 2006 and Vice-Chief during the 2007-2008 Lodge year. Wilson has been our Lodge’s Historical Chairman for three years and competed in the Section Conference in 2009, winning 2nd place for the Kings Cup/Historical display, and FIRST place in 2010. At the Lodge Banquet in 2010, Wilson received the Meritorious Service Award. Outside the Lodge, Wilson volunteered at two ArrowCorp 5 sites (Virginia & Wyoming) in the summer of 2008 and attended NOAC in 2009, representing the Lodge in the Historical Display and Oral History competitions. Outside of Scouting, Wilson’s passion is rowing. He has rowed with the Miami Rowing Club since 2007 and serves as Captain of the Men’s Varsity. He rowed the pair at the 2010 World Rowing Junior Championships in the Czech Republic as a member of US Rowing Junior National Team. He also placed 1st at the 2010 Head of the
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Hooch, the 2nd largest regatta in the United States. Wilson is a member of Granada Presbyterian Church. He attends Palmer Trinity School and received their Medallion Award for Chinese Language. He will matriculate in June, 2011, to the Naval Academy where he will study engineering and row. Wilson plans to attend the US Naval Academy (in Annapolis, MD) and major in Engineering. He also will row for the Navy Crew Team.

CHARLES YOST

Charles is an extremely active Scouter and excellent role model for both the youth and adults of the South Florida Council. He currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 519 in the Lighthouse District. Prior to his tenure as Scoutmaster, Charles was an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 519. He has served on staff for the National Youth Leadership Training here in South Florida Council, as the Cooking Quartermaster for the past seven years. Charles was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the 2005 Summer Ordeal. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later at the 2006 Summer Ordeal. Since being inducted into the Order, Charles has always been an active Arrowman. For example, he has served as the Unit Elections Adviser for Elgixin for two years. He especially enjoys assisting with the cooking, where he does an excellent job. Since 2010, Charles has served as our Lodge Brotherhood Adviser. As the Brotherhood Adviser, Charles is responsible for working with the Brotherhood Chairman to make sure O-Shot-Caw Lodge satisfies its annual Brotherhood conversion rate during the annual re-charter process. Thanks to his efforts, O-Shot-Caw has once again exceeded the national Brotherhood conversion rate required for quality Lodge status. He is the proud father of our Lodge Chief. Outside of Scouting, Charles is a true Floridian. Born and raised in Pompano Beach, Charles is a graduate of Westminster Academy in Fort Lauderdale. His hobbies include surfing, skydiving, and SCUBA diving. When Charles is not attending a scouting event, he works as an electrical engineer.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

William’s Scouting journey began in 2003 when he joined Cub Scout Pack 442. He attended Cub Day Camp in both 2004 and 2005. William then went on to earn cub Scouting’s highest honor the Arrow of Light award, which is only the youth Cub Scout award that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. William then crossed over into troop 492 in the spring of 2006. He has attended dozens of campouts and is currently serving Troop 492 as a Patrol Leader. He volunteered at Summer Cub Day Camp in 2008 and 2009. William was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the 2008 Winter Ordeal. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood in 2009 and has attended virtually every Lodge event since his induction. Quickly after becoming an Arrowman, William joined Ceremonies Team and continues to be a member William has kept O-Shot-Caw’s history alive by serving as the Editor in Chief of O-Shot-Caw’s official publication. “The Patchwork.” William has been our E-I-C for the past two years. Outside of the Lodge, William attended FourCorps in the Ocala National Forest in the summer of 2010. Outside of Scouting, William has been a permanent member of the honor roll every year since Elementary School. He is currently taking a demanding load of honor classes and Advanced Placement courses, but still managing to maintain an impressive 4.375 GPA. He plays the Saxophone and has performed in both Solo and Ensemble competitions, earning Recognition and Awards. At his school, he is a member of the Jazz Band. William is an active member of his church and was commissioned as a Liturgical Coordinator & Eucharistic Minister since 2009. He is also a member of the Church Teen Cell Group.
GENE OLIVE

Gene first started the scouting program as a young child and grew up throughout the program. Today, as an adult, Gene possesses an un-parallel love for the program and our Lodge. It is as if he has been involved for a lifetime. Gene became active again with Cub Scout pack 484 in 1996 and has never looked back. Gene was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the 2004 Summer Ordeal at Camp Lone Oak and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. Since, Gene has been an extremely active member of both the mighty Pooca Tooka Chapter and the Lodge. Indeed, Gene has only missed one Section Conference since becoming a Brother. In 2005, Gene played a vital role in Pooca Tooka’s logistical duties when O-Shot-Caw hosted the Section Conference in 2005. Today Gene currently serves as the Pooca Tooka Chapter Adviser, a position that he has held for 2 years. He is father to Hayden Olive, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Brother of our Lodge. He also is a mentor and father figure to so dozens more. Gene can always be seen sharing his vast wisdom, giving advice, and his time to whomever needs it. He has mentored many Eagle scouts, many here today and many more that wish they were. Gene remains very active in Troop 529, and in Fireball District where today he holds the position of Advancement Chair. In the past, he has held the positions of Scout Master, Crew Advisor, and numerous more on both a Troop and District level. In 2009 for Gene’s service, hard work, and commitment to South Florida Council, he was honored with the Silver Beaver Award. Gene possesses a positive attitude despite any situation. Gene’s smile and fun loving personality is, and has been, a staple at O-Shot-Caw events for years, and for many years to come. Gene can always been seen working, and pouring his heart into everything he touches. No task is ever un- accomplishable in Gene’s eyes. He works diligently with or without the title, or spotlight.

KEVIN INNES

Kevin’s scouting career began in 1999 when Kevin joined Pack 433 in Hollywood, Florida. While a Cub, Kevin attended the 100th Anniversary of Flight Camporee at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio and also the Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Lone Oak. Kevin has earned many awards in Cub Scouts, including the God and Me Religious Award, God and Family Religious Award, and the Arrow of Light Award. In 2004, Kevin crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 118 in Davie, Florida; where he went on to hold various Leadership positions including Troop Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Kevin’s journeys through scouting have brought him to Camp Raven Knob, Camp Thunder, Camp Keowa, Camp La-No-Che, Camp Bob Hardin, the 2005 National Jamboree, and the 2010 National Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill. On March 8, 2010 Kevin joined an elite group of Scouters by earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Kevin has since gone on to earn bronze, gold, and silver eagle palms. Kevin was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the 2006 Fall Ordeal. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. On the Lodge level, Kevin joined the Ceremonies Team in 2009 and has played the part of our mighty chief, Allowat Sakima for the past two years. At the 2009 NOAC, Kevin won medals in both the pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood. After returning from NOAC, Kevin joined the LEC as its unit elections Chairman and currently serves as its ceremonies Chairman. Kevin’s Order of the Arrow adventures have included NOAC, FourCorps, and also the Order of the Arrow’s ArrowCorp5 project at the Washington Jefferson National Park site. While Kevin is an active Arrowman on the Lodge level, he has always remained committed to the Paldani Chapter and currently serves as its Second Vice Chief. Outside of Scouting, Kevin’s resume is equally as impressive. Kevin is an honors student at Dillard High School with a 4.37 weighted grade point average in the Emerging Computer Technology Magnet Program. Kevin is also an active participant in the Scholastic Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization, identifies teenagers with exceptional artistic and literary talent and brings their remarkable work to a national audience through The Scholastic Art & Writing
Awards. In 2009 Kevin won the prestigious Silver Key at the Regional Level. One year later, not satisfied with silver, he won the gold key and then went on to win the gold award at the national level. He followed that up this year with a second consecutive gold key. Next year, Kevin will be enrolling at the University of Central Florida.

**Kris Senzig**

Kris has been in Scouting his entire life, starting with Tiger cubs. As a Cub Scout in Pack 803, Kris has a perfect sweep on all the awards available, earning all 20 activity pins, religious awards including the Light of Christ, Brother Francis Award, Parvuli Dei, and the prestigious Arrow of Light Award. After his time in Cub Scouts, Kris crossed over into Boy Scouts and has been a members of Troops 83 and 314. As a true Leader, he has served as the troop’s Senior Patrol Leader and went on to earn the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. Kris was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the 2005, and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood at the Fall 2009 Ordeal. While an Arrowman, Kris has displayed his Leadership by serving as the Thunderbird District Camporee Chief, serving on the Thunderbird District Scoutmaster Training Staff, and as a two-term Chapter Chief for the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter. Thanks to his Leadership, To-Hopki-Lai has remained one of the most powerful Chapters in O-Shot-Caw. At last year’s Lodge Banquet, Kris was presented with the prestigious meritorious service award. Outside of Scouting, Kris attended high school at South Miami High, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Mathematics Honor Society, and Social Studies Honor Society. He graduated Magna Cum Laude. Kris was also presented with an attendance award for having 13 years of perfect attendance. Ironically, however, when the school board wanted to present the award to Kris, he was absent. Instead, he was serving the Lodge at the FourCorps project. He is currently a freshman at Florida International University.

**Jake Cutler**

For Jake, Scouting has been a lifelong journey. His Scouting career began in Cub Scouting in Packs 105 and 492, where he swept all of the awards in Cub Scouts including: the Bobcat; Wolf; Bear; and Webelos; the 20 activities pin; the conservation award; three pine wood derby championships; and Cub Scouting’s highest honor, the Arrow of Light. Following his successful journey in Cub Scouting, Jake crossed over into Troop 492. In Troop 492, Jake gained extensive Leadership experience by serving as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Assistant Scoutmaster. He has attended summer camps at Camp Lone Oak, La-No-Che, and Camp Thunder. On September 29, 2010, Jake earned Scouting’s highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle. Jake was inducted into the Order of the Arrow on the 2007 Winter Ordeal. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later at the 2008 Winter Ordeal. Jake has a crazy love for the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. For the Paldani Chapter, he served as an Elangomat, Haunted Forest Chairman, and First Chapter Vice Chief. On the Lodge level, Jake was camp promotions Chairman from 2007 through 2010 and currently serves as our Lodge’s Second Vice Chief. In addition to his Leadership responsibilities, Jake is also an active member of the Dance Team. Jake has attended numerous Section Conferences and Seminars, NOAC, the National Leadership Seminars (known simply as N-L-S), and also the highly successful ArrowCorps5 project. As you know, ArrowCorps5 was the largest national service project conducted by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II. The project consisted of conservation work at five National Forest sites across the country over a five-week period. With this level of experience, there is no denying Jake is a consummate Arrowman. Outside of Scouting, Jake maintains an impressive 3.75 GPA while carrying a demanding course load which contains 3 Advanced Placement Classes. Jake was an assistant coach for the American Youth Soccer Organization Weston Soccer League for two seasons. During those two seasons, the soccer organization
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won championships both seasons. Jake attends Potential Church and also volunteers for the Church on a regular basis. He is also assisting a church named “His Place Ministries”, which is a Church that reaches out to those who have, or had, alcohol and drug addition problems.

Founder'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 Founders Award to the following Arrowmen… R.J. Hickman and William Gilliland.
Scoutmasters Camporee

Written By: Dillon Baker-Robinson

The 2011 Scoutmasters Camporee was held at Markham Park February 18, 19 and 20. O-Shot-Caw Lodge supported the event by setting up and running an Indian Village. The process began Friday afternoon when Brothers brought out the Lodge trailer, 2 tepees, pop-up and set-up canopies, a Dance arbor and a lot of display items. There was also a trading post set up with all kinds of cool and interesting stuff for sale.

Early on Saturday morning, activity was furious as everybody was busy preparing for the opening of the Village. The Lodge Camp Promotions Team set up a great Camp Promotions Theater and a Philmont exhibit. There was an information booth and a booth where Arrowmen could pay for their Lodge Dues on site and also register for the Lodge Banquet. Our Lodge Historical Display was set up showing off a lot of our great Lodge History. In case anyone did not see the signs that were set up telling everyone that this was the OA Indian Village, the tepees certainly did. We had an Indian museum, costume displays, Indian games and of course, the Dance Arbor.

Once the Village opened it was jammed! Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, family members and visitors kept coming and staying all day. There was a lot for them to see and do. The Lodge Drum Team played and sang during the day. The Indian museum was open (it was inside one of the tepees) and was a favorite, as were the Indian games, especially for the younger scouts. The Lodge Dance Team dressed in costume and performed for the crowd and invited scouts to participate. The Camp Promotions Theater was constantly running their program and the historical display looked great. The Trading Post had scouts of all ages stacked up to get a closer look at all the cool stuff they had for sale.

The Village was supposed to close at around 3 o’clock, but there were just too many people there to throw them all out, so it stayed open for another hour.

What can I say, if you missed it, you really missed it. In the end, the Lodge had a huge turnout of Brothers to help set-up, staff and run the Village, and in turn gave back great service to the Scoutmasters Camporee and all of the people that stopped by to see what all the buzz was about. Mark your calendars now, because the rumor is that next year will be even better!
The 2011 Winter Ordeal was a blast. The weather was amazing all weekend long. The projects were carried out swiftly. Everyone was ready to Cheerfully Serve at Everglades National Forest. And everyone had a wonderful time. At this Ordeal the Lodge received about 90 new Ordeal members who were inducted into the Order, 30 members also sealed their ties in the Brotherhood.

As always, Winter Ordeal was held at Camp Everglades. The weather provided an excellent working atmosphere, which resulted in hard working candidates. The projects of this weekend consisted of painting benches to be used at Camp Seminole, painting the gate leading into the camp, breaking up rocks for a trail, clearing the overgrown trail between the Activity Field and Campsite Quail, sealing teepee poles, working on a new compost bathroom and building the fire for the Ceremonies that evening.

The Ceremonies Team was in full force this weekend and put on four Pre-Ordeal, one Brotherhood, and two Ordeal Ceremonies due to the enormous number of candidates present. They did a tremendous job at putting on the ceremonies. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Ceremonies Team was able to pull off a great weekend with the help of their new Advisor, Ivan Lopez.

Winter Ordeal is nothing without the terrific meals cooked by To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter. Everyone always looks forward to their turkey dinner along with a wide selection of deserts and sides.

At the conclusion of the weekend the revived Allouchset Chapter gave the Interfaith Worship Service soon followed by the business meeting and Chapter work projects. The bottom line, if you weren't there then you really missed out on a great time of fellowship and Brotherhood!
Allouchset

Allouchset recently performed two flag ceremonies. One for the Friends of Scouting on February 7th 2011. Also the following Sunday we performed a flag ceremony for the Church of the Open Door on February 13th 2011. We also participated in the Lodge Banquet at CB Smith Park. We are planning on participating in the upcoming Baynanza. Allouchset meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at American Legion Post #29. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at gibbsjoshua42@yahoo.com. ~Joshua Gibbs

Nok-Su

Over the past year the number of members in Nok-Su has grown from 3 to 19 members, a growth unseen in the Florida Keys in over six years. Nok-Su was inactive with the Lodge for four years until the Summer Ordeal of 2009. Since, we have driven recruitment by visiting local Troops and informing them of the opportunities available through the Brotherhood. Winter Ordeal brought forth 3 new members. During the Ordeal our Brothers were busy cleaning up the park. In February we discussed upcoming events and service opportunities for our Chapter such as assisting with the District’s Pinewood Derby allowing us to begin teaching younger Scouts about the OA. At the suggestion of Bob Wolz, I have begun a movement to invite all Troops from the Upper and Lower Keys to attend this event in Order to nominate and elect candidates for the coming Ordeals. I hope to begin a Nok-Su Chapter Drum Team and will be discussing fundraising opportunities to achieve this during our next meeting. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at jk4319@bellsouth.net. ~Frankie Rivera

O-Shot-Co-Choo

Our Chapter 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 Chapter has completed our One Day of Service and competed at the Lodge Banquet. For our service project, we visited the Audubon Society’s Homestead location and cleared out a lot of trash from the bushes. At the Lodge Banquet, we made a Team from our members for the 1st time in a while. We successfully came in 1st in Volleyball and 3rd in most of the other competitions. Upcoming events are Section Conference, Chapter Fellowship, and Summer Ordeal. We can’t wait to attend these events. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at umgws3@gmail.com. ~Garret Siljee

To-Hopki-Lagi

To-Hopki-Lagi was honored to once again serve as the cooks for Winter Ordeal. The weather was perfect this year and allowed for all the work projects to go on easily. Thunderbird District often uses Camp Everglades for Camporee’s and we appreciate all the work the Lodge does during this Ordeal to help us keep the grounds in shape. So on behalf of Thunderbird District, I want to once again thank the Lodge. Then of course was Lodge Banquet. We want to congratulate all new Vigil Honor members, Brotherhood members and First Year Arrowman. Also we want to thank our Lodge Officers for running everything so smoothly this year and of course to thank Pooca-Tooka for the excellent food. I am proud to announce that 2 members of our Chapter, Chris Mitchell and Didier Arias, sealed their ties as Brotherhood members. Didier Arias, Suzy Bobick, Brian Brown, Christopher Kaiser, Devin Whatley, Chris Mitchell, John Zatroch, and Jonathan Zatroch received their First Year Arrowman at Lodge Banquet, and I was humbled to receive the Vigil Honor. Looking forwards, To-Hopki-Lagi cannot wait for Section Conference where O-Shot-Caw will once again prove that we are the Best All Around Lodge. ~Kris Senzig

Hnu-Ra-Con

Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter has its Meetings the first Monday of every month at the LDS Church located next to Miami-Dade College. Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter attended the Winter Ordeal where we had 53 members attend. We had 28 candidates earned Ordeal status and 9 Arrowmen sealed their ties in the Brotherhood. We were also in charge of Brotherhood bash on Friday night but it was unfortunately canceled. On the weekend of March 4th through the 8th, we had a large attendance of over 40 members at Lodge Banquet. We had 3 Arrowmen seal their ties on Friday night. Also, on Friday night we hosted Brotherhood bash with a game of Brother Ball. All the Chapters had a great time playing and showing their spirit. On Saturday, we participated in all the events and won first place in Platform Pile Up, second in LodgeBall and Spam toss, and 3rd in Volleyball. Shockingly, we did not win the Golden Pumpkin award. We are now very motivated to win it back next year and are already planning for the next Haunted Forest. We were proud to have Michael Kussner and Evan Burr recognized for being members of the LEC. We look forward to Section Conference, April 8th-10th and plan on having a large attendance. If you have any questions, please contact me at elape14@gmail.com. ~Conner Lape
**Paldani**

On December 24, several members from Paldani along with Santa Clause (Mr. Gomez) headed over to the Memorial West Hospital in Miramar. We handed out stuffed animals and candy canes to the children. On January 7-9, Paldani proudly attended the Winter Ordeal down at Camp Everglades. We had several candidates undergo the Ordeal along with one member sealing his ties in Brotherhood. All in all, it was a picturesque weekend filled with cheerful service. On January 10, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. Several new members attended. Mr. Brown from our Chapter smoked a pork butt prior to the meeting and everyone was able to indulge in a pulled pork Cuban style dinner. Such business as the past Winter Ordeal along with the upcoming Ordeal was discussed. On February 13, Paldani had five members attend the Special Olympics. The day was spent serving breakfast and lunch to the attendees along with helping break down some tables and chairs. On February 15, Paldani had its annual fellowship at Bellante’s Pizzeria. Over sixty five members and their families attended. It was a great night of Brotherhood. On February 18-20, Paldani helped out at the Scoutmaster’s Camporee. On Friday we helped set up the Lodge Indian village. On Saturday we ran the various booths with the Lodge. And on Sunday we provided the Scout’s Own for the camp. On February 26, several of Paldani’s members helped out with a road clean up on Boy Scout Road by Camp Seminole. On March 4-6, Paldani proudly attended the Lodge Banquet in full force. At night several of our members received awards. William McKinley, Aaron Kudja, Colby Kudja, Kris Carter, Jake Cutler, John Semander, Kevin Innes, Andres Badel, Gabe Gutierrez, and myself all received LEC recognition plaques. Mathew Braun, Curran Butcher, Scooter Brandt, and Thornton Davis all received the First Year Arrowmen award. In addition, I am proud to say that this year Paldani won the Golden Pumpkin Award along with the Quest for the Rusted Arrow Award. Andres Badel received the Meritorious Service Award. And finally, Colby Kudja, Jake Cutler, Kevin Innes, and William McKinley all received the Vigil Honor. On March 7, Paldani cooked for the Seminole District Roundtable. We served hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, lemonade, and baked beans. Paldani is having a great year so far and looks forward to attending the Section Conference with as many members as possible. In addition, Paldani donated $100 to the Drum, Dance, and Ceremonies teams for their regalia. We will be hosting a Life to Eagle seminar on April 4 at our District Roundtable.

~James Kerr

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**Pooca Tooka**

Since the last edition of The Patchwork, Pooca Tooka Chapter has had an eventful and exciting three months. We began January this year with our monthly Chapter Meeting on the third. There we proudly discussed dues for both 2010 and 2011, finalized our plans for the upcoming Winter Ordeal and prepared for Lincoln Marti Camporee. That weekend, Pooca Tooka cheerfully served the Lodge at the 2011 Winter Ordeal. We had great food, great company and lots of fun participating in all of the service projects that were completed. To end the month, Pooca Tooka had a blast at the 2011 Lincoln Marti Camporee. We all had a blast while actively helping at the OA Indian Village. Pooca Tooka members helped set up, run, and take down the stunning display without hesitation. In February, Pooca Tooka Chapter was busy giving service as always. We started off with a Chapter Meeting on 7 February 2011. There, we discussed the Special Olympics and the 2011 Scoutmaster’s Camporee. On the 13th, we contributed to the Special Olympics with cheerful service. As planned, many members arrived and aided the Lodge in fulfilling its goals. The next weekend, Pooca Tooka was once again in the hot sun, selflessly working for the fun of it. We, once again, helped set up, run, and take down the OA Indian Village. Also, we sold ice cream in order to raise funds for our charities. So far in March, Pooca Tooka has already participated in numerous activities. Initially, we had a very successful Lodge Banquet. We spent a great weekend with the Lodge cooking, competing and having fun. Pooca Tooka was in charge of cooking for the weekend, and we made sure to do our best in order to make it happen. The food was great! Also, Pooca Tooka competed for, and won, the Tom Tatham Spirit Award. In addition, many of our members won the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award that weekend. Furthermore, we are very proud that Gene Olive, among others, was honored with the highest honor any Arrowman can be honored with: the Vigil Honor. The Monday following the Banquet, we had our monthly Chapter Meeting. There, we celebrated our successful weekend with leftover deserts (taking full advantage of our responsibility as cooking crew), and planned for Section Conference, Chapter Fellowship and Summer Ordeal. We plan closing off this Scouting year by continuing our tradition of cheerful service.

~Miguel Nieves
Chapter Reports (Continued...)

Gokhos

In January the Chapter had a great turnout at the Winter Ordeal. We are very proud of the fact that Gokhos Chapter had 21 new Ordeal members go through the Ordeal and join our Brotherhood! Some members of our Chapter participated in the Bare Foot Mailman’s hike, the Special Olympics held at Traz Powell Stadium, the Lodge Indian Village at Scoutmasters Camporee and we also cooked and fed Scoutmaster’s Camporee Staff during the weekend. We plan to make generous donations to the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund and the Hal Hollis Fund at the next LEC meeting. We have also provided community service by having several Chapter Members participate in the “Power of One Hour” community clean-up. After the Power of One Hour clean-up was over, we had several Chapter members join with other OA Brothers helping with the Adopt a Street road cleanup on Boy Scout Road. We also provided support to the Sea Scouts Commodores Cup by cooking. It was held at John B Lloyd State Park and the U.S. Coast Guard facility at Port Everglades. In March the Chapter attended the Lodge Banquet where several of our Chapter members were recognized. Other Chapter members were providing Staff support to the NYLT that is being held at the Hut 69 location in Silver Palms. We had a great Chapter meeting this month and are getting ready to go to Section Conference.

Tomoka

Tomoka had 8 members in attend Winter Ordeal, with one sealing his ties in Brotherhood and 4 beginning their OA career. Despite some chilly weather it was an awesome weekend, full of fun and excitement. In January we held our Chapter Meeting, we talked about Chapter colors and making a banner, T-shirts, and such. 3 members attended the Lincoln-Marti Camporee helping to run the Indian Village. In February we attended the Troop 305 meeting, held Unit elections, and conducted an E.D.G.E. class for OA Mentoring. Later in February we held our Chapter Meeting. In March 9 members attended the Lodge Banquet and due to not having enough youth we merged with To-Hopki-Lagi forming To-Moki-Lagi. Despite the fact that we won little to nothing, we had a blast.

Lincoln Marti Camporee

Written By: Ryan Rodriguez

On January 21st to the 23rd South Florida Council held the Lincoln Marti Camporee at the Carlos J. Arboleya Camping and Picnic Grounds for the Cub Scouts Packs in our Council. As always, the Order of the Arrow showed up in impressive numbers. Early Saturday morning, we set up a spectacular Indian Village that had amazing feedback from the Scouts that visited. Not once was the Indian Village not full of fellow Scouters interested in either Indian Lore, Dancing, or Drumming along with the other things we had going on at the Indian Village that day. The members of O-Shot-Caw had a very successful day setting up an amazing Indian Village for the Scouters of South Florida and having an outstanding attendance from Scouts and Arrowmen amazed at our display. There will be an even larger display and presence next year. I look forward to seeing you there!

Drum Team spreading Indian culture to Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts being taught the Welcome Stomp
“Editor’s Notes”

Dear Brothers,

Congratulations to all new Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members. I, myself, received the Vigil Honor. I thank everyone who has helped me in my Scouting endeavors and I will continue to serve the Lodge in any way possible.

Section Conference is within our reach and everyone should be pumped and ready to show the Section who **O-Shot-Caw** is. The Publications Committee is preparing for the Publication’s Competition. I know that **O-Shot-Caw Lodge** will show their presence at Section Conference and for anyone not planning on going, GO! You will have a great time competing, showing Lodge Spirit, and meeting new members from around the state.

The Patchwork has gone digital for all members not on the Lodge Executive Committee. If you are not receiving it and you would like to receive a hard-copy please contact me or my advisor so we can work out a compromise.

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 by calling my Advisor, **Ira Schrager** at (954)-410-2101.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

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