What do you get when you combine bone-chilling thrills with cheerful service? O-Shot-Caw’s annual Haunted Forest, of course! All proceeds from this event go to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund – a charitable program that gives camping scholarships to Boy Scouts who can’t afford the cost of attending summer camp. In 2010, the Haunted Forest raised about $20,000 in support of Scout camping. This year, the lodge spiced up the event by adding a pumpkin patch and a costume contest to the traditionally provided “haunted” trail and carnival-style midway games. The new pumpkin patch sold over 50 pumpkins that night! Participants also had the opportunity to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin, conveniently weighing in at 305 pounds. There were also many unique themes on the trail that O-Shot-Caw’s chapters created, ranging from zombies to Edgar Allen Poe to Fairy Tales Gone Wrong and even Tron! There are also midway games that chapters create and staff to provide amusement for Haunted Forest guests prior to and following their journey down the trail. Some of the games were as simple as the classic “Guess what’s inside” to trying to make a goal with a hockey stick.

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“Chiefly Speaking”

Dear O-Shot-Caw Lodge Brothers,

I hope you all had a wonderful, fun, and safe Holiday season. It has been a successful year and O-Shot-Caw is now ready to take on 2012 and the new Journey to Excellence set forth by the OA National Committee. Reflecting on the recent however. We recently held or attended some successful events like Haunted Forest and Section Seminars.

On October 22, 2011, at the Heron Preserve in Markham Park, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge held our annual Haunted Forest, one of the largest service events in scouting. Over the course of a day, Arrowmen put together a massive display to entertain Cub Scouts and families across south Florida. The 2011 Haunted Forest was extremely successful due to all of the hard work and dedication from the brothers of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. Our lodge raised an astonishing $21,000 to support the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund! This helps to make it possible for scouts with financial needs to attend summer camp.

Following the Haunted Forest, O-Shot-Caw Lodge attended the Section S4 Seminars. It was a chilly weekend, but still very fun. The weekend was hosted by Echockotee Lodge and they did an excellent job running the event.

It is that time of year to pay your annual dues! Please log on to www.o-shot-caw.org and renew your commitment. Just around the corner is the Winter Ordeal, at Camp Everglades on January 4-6, followed by a lodge presence at the Lincoln-Marti Camporee on January 20-22, and an Indian Village display at Scoutmaster’s Camporee on February 17-19. I can't wait to see you all out there!

It is my pleasure to announce that the O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265 is a National Quality Lodge for 2011! This is an outstanding achievement for our lodge; it is something we aim for because it is the vision the Order of the Arrow has for Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service.

It has been an extraordinary year for us. I have enjoyed serving as your chief and I look forward to continuing that service in 2012.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathan Yost
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
Haunted Forest

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In other words, our chapters created and executed an outstanding array of highly creative ideas this year, and all of our work certainly paid off; our lodge was able to donate the sum of $21,000 to the JAACF following this year’s Haunted Forest.

This year the Elgixin Chapter did a great job cooking for all the volunteers. Elgixin also manned the Heron Grill on Saturday night, providing hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and more to guests and Arrowmen alike. Paldani Chapter also did an amazing job assisting with registration and attending to the “customer service” needs of the attendees.

On Saturday night at 7 p.m. the trail opened to visitors and saw a continuous flow of foot traffic all the way until close at 10 p.m. In that 3 hour time span, hundreds of people - Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts, community leaders and families - all walked the trail and had an absolute blast. After the trail closed the chapters began tearing down their individual section twice as fast as they went up; by noon the next day, no one could tell that such a huge event had taken place over the past 48 hours, as our Arrowmen are true pacesetters in cleanliness and outdoor stewardship. A big thank you to R.J. Hickman, the 2011 Haunted Forest Chairman, and his Adviser Matt Kinsey, for leading our lodge to the best Haunted Forest in recent history! Now, the question on everyone’s mind has to be: “Who will win the Golden Pumpkin?” Find out in March at our annual Lodge Banquet!

Section Seminars

by Matthew Braun & Randall Martinez

On November 11th Arrowmen from all across the state headed to the 2011 Section S-4 Seminars in Hawthorne, FL, hosted this year by Echocotitee Lodge at Camp Shands. There we had the opportunity to learn and grow as brothers and leaders by attending high quality training seminars lead by some of the best trainers in our Order and meeting with Arrowmen from all around Florida.

Several O-Shot-Caw brothers were asked by the section to assist with training: William McKinley taught “Building a Great Chapter”, Lenny Schrager lead a discussion called “So You Wanna Be a Ceremonialist”, and Frank Gamez (the Tweet King himself) provided information regarding “Social Media and the OA”. Other classes were offered regarding topics such as Best All Around Lodge, Quality Lodge, Grass and Fancy Dancing, and OA High Adventure. The evening climaxed with the Native American Pow-Wow and Patch Auction. Some of the top bidding items were from our lodge, such as the SummitCorps Delegate Flap, the Indian Summer Patches, and the O-Shot-Caw “Pinks”, which were patches that helped raise funds for breast cancer awareness.

In addition to the training provided, lodge key 3 leadership gathered for a Council of Chiefs to discuss important section, region and national information. Thanks always to our chief Jonathan Yost for always representing us well on the section stage!

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By William McKinley

On December 17, 2011 O-Shot-Caw Lodge hosted the 42nd Annual Vigil Honor Breakfast. It was held at Wolf Lake Park where the weather was outstanding for the breakfast and fellowship. This year the past and current Scoutmaster’s Camporee Chiefs who are Vigil brothers, kindly volunteered to cook for the event and it was delicious. The breakfast brings together Vigil Honor members from our Lodge, once a year, to see old friends, catch up on what everyone is doing, and enjoy a morning of fellowship with some of the most spirited brothers of our lodge since its beginning.

Some of the best parts of the event are hearing the Year in Review from our Lodge Chief and listening to our fellow brothers give their Vigil name, the year they received it, and what they’ve been up to. It was especially great with about 100 brothers in attendance including 11 Past Lodge Chiefs and new South Florida Council President Mark Antonelli.

We started the breakfast a little later in order for everyone to get an opportunity to have more fellowship with one another. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Vigil Breakfast is a long-standing tradition that was started by our first Lodge Adviser, Hal Hollis, and is still continued today. Looking forward to next year!
Chapter Reports

by your O-Shot-Caw Chapter Chiefs

**Elgixin**
Elgixin meets on the fourth Monday of every month at the Prince of Peace Church in Margate. Over the past few months, Elgixin has given cheerful service back to the community by helping a church unload pumpkins and holding a canned food and teddy bear drive to give to families over the holidays. We also served lunch at Cub Fun Day and also sold snacks as a fundraiser for the chapter. This past month, Elgixin had a great time at our annual Holiday Dinner at Carrabba’s Italian Grill. Thank you to all the guests who attended and we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

Elgixin is pushing upcoming events, such as Section Conference, OA High Adventure and NOAC. Elgixin is looking forward to our OA mentoring day and fun events to come.

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**Gokhos**
The Gokhos Nation is overflowing with purple pride! Since my last update we have participated in many different events, giving service to the council, lodge, and district. At every meeting, we have greater attendance. As the Chief I have more pride than ever in my chapter, and am reminded constantly why I wanted this job as more and more members ask how they can serve their community.

We have helped out at Cub Fun Day north by serving food, and helping man the canoe station. We set up a fantastic display for the Haunted Forest, with zombies as our theme. We helped serve Pine Island Districts holiday pot luck. We also participated in the first Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale's Thanksgiving Basket Project. We helped deliver over 200 Thanksgiving meals to those in need, and is definitely an experience that I and all Chapter members that attended will remember for a life time. We meet at Plantation United Methodist Church at 7:00 on the fourth Monday of every month.

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**Paldani**
Paldani is having an excellent year thus far. Recently, we turned in our 960 documented service hours to the lodge Service Chairman **Andres Badel**. This is an outstanding amount of cheerful service spent by Paldani Brothers. We hope to continue by having a large number of people at the upcoming Winter Ordeal, Lodge Banquet, and Section Conference.

On October 21-23, Paldani attended Haunted Forest and entertained the Cub Scouts with “The Cereal Killer”. They also received trading cards, or cereal boxes. We could not have done it without the help of Wax Eye who gladly donated all of the merchandise. Paldani’s adults ran Registration without a hitch and received nothing but complements from the Lodge.

On November 11-13, Paldani attended Section Seminars, we were the largest Chapter contingent from the Lodge. We had four of our Chapter members teach classes for the Section.

On December 3, Paldani held a District Call-out for all the members of the District who have been elected at Unit Election’s this year. During the same night we held our annual Charity-o-Thon at the West Broward Masonic Lodge.

On December 12, Paldani had its holiday party. Then we had a short meeting, where we among others things we had a very special guest, Marissa Osceola on the Seminole Tribe of Florida, attended our meeting and shared a little bit of her culture and traditions to the members in attendance.

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**Hnu-Ra-Con**

On the weekend of October 22nd Hnu-Ra-Con successfully ran a Cub Scout display, full scare, display, several midway games, and an information booth at Haunted Forest. We had a large contingent that went up to Markham Park that not only set up and participated but played a huge role in cleaning up on Sunday morning. Hnu-Ra-Con sent up a few members up to Section Seminars. They had a great time and took a lot out of the seminars.

On December 4th Hnu-Ra-Con met with Pooca-Tooka at Denny's for a planning meeting for the construction of a float for the Junior Orange Bowl parade. After designs were made we once again met on December 17th at Hnu-Ra-Con's adviser Dave Kussner’s home. We constructed the frame of the float and assigned duties for all of the arrowmen. On January 2nd Hnu-Ra-Con along with Pooca-Tooka and O-Shot-Co-Chee participated in the Junior Orange Bowl parade. We were joined by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from all over South Florida Council and ended up winning most creative float design. Hnu-Ra-Con is looking forward to bringing a large contingent to the Winter Ordeal.

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We had a great time volunteering at the Haunted Forest, where our theme was Zombies. We had about 25 members help out this year, which is an all-time high. Upcoming events are the Winter Ordeal, the One Day of Service Project, and Lodge Banquet. We can’t wait to start planning for these. We look forward to the rest of a very fun and eventful year.

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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.
Dear Brothers,

This is already my third issue of *The Patchwork* and I intend to have two more coming your way soon, as well as reanimating *The Thread* - a newsletter that my predecessor William McKinley started. You can review any of the previous *Patchwork* newsletters online at www.o-shot-caw.org. These past few months were extraordinary. We held our annual Haunted Forest and raised a tremendous amount for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. It was a blast, the chapters did a great job with their sections of the trail.

The annual Section S-4 Conference is coming soon so don’t forget to sign up for this event! The lodge is taking a bus up to Quincy, so this Section Conference is sure to be legendary - especially now since we will enjoy our brothers’ company on this long journey to and from Wallwood Scout Reservation. I hope to see you there!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Randall Martinez
Publications Chairman, O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265

**Editor’s Notes**

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**Patch Corner**

2011 Haunted Forest «««

O-Shot-Caw Pinks were used to help raise funds for breast cancer awareness »»»

**PROJECT 2013**

@ the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

OA SERVICE CORPS / DAY OF SERVICE GUIDES / JAMBOREE TREK GUIDES

Serve with 700 Arrowmen on the Project 2013 staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.
O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265
South Florida Council
15255 NW 82nd Avenue
Miami Lakes, Florida 33016

**Lodge Calendar**

**Winter Ordeal**
**Where?** Camp Everglades  
**When?** January 6-8, 2012  
**Why Go?** To perform cheerful service and induct new brothers.

**Lodge Banquet**
**Where?** Markham Park Heron Preserve  
**When?** March 2-4, 2012  
**Why go?** Have fun with Fellow Brothers!

**Section Conference**
**Where?** Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation  
**When?** April 20-22, 2012  
**Cost?** $40 (travel not included)  
$115 (travel included)  
**Why go?** Compete for Best All Around Lodge and learn more about the Order.