Lincoln Marti Camporee was held the weekend of January 20-23, 2012. Scoutmaster’s Camporee was held at Markham Park on February 17-19, 2012. While one is mostly for pioneering gadgets and tools and the other is about team building and just having fun, they both share something in common. The Native American village put on by O-Shot Caw Lodge.

At each camporee there was a village and these were run by our own first and second vice chiefs. Lincoln Marti Camporee’s Village was organized and run by Ryan Rodriguez. The Village at Scoutmasters camporee was organized and run by Kyle Senzig.

These villages are there to help Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts Learn of the Order and its purpose through teaching seminars as well as other games and activity booths. These different stations involve the different team such as the Ceremonies, Dance, and Drum teams. The Dance and Drum teams put on demonstrations where they let scouts and other volunteers participate in the excitement, while the Ceremonies team talked about the importance of the native American attire worn. These not only teach of the order but also some Native American culture. These weekends are a great learning experience or both participants and brothers.
Chiefly Speaking

My Brothers,

O-Shot-Caw Lodge put on so much during this Winter season. We had a beautiful Winter Ordeal weekend at Camp Everglades. We also 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 for the Founder's Award and Vigil Honor.

The Winter Ordeal was held January 6-8, 2012, 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 pole barn for the camp tractor. We inducted over 100 new members and about two dozen brothers sealed their ties in Brotherhood. Congratulations to all new brothers and Brotherhood members!

This year we provided a heavy presence at Lincoln-Marti Camporee and Scoutmaster's Camporee. Lincoln-Marti was much bigger than last year and Ryan Rodriguez did an excellent job heading the Indian Village there. Many people learned about native American culture and also learned more about our order. The display was so busy that we ran out of t-shirts an hour before we closed. Thank you Kyle Senzig for running a great Indian Village.

Recently, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Banquet was held on March 2-4 at the Heron Preserve in Markham Park. Congratulations to all members whom sealed their ties in Brotherhood on Friday night. I would like to thank all instructors that made the seminars successful and informative, and thank you to all the chapters for amazing spirit shown. I am also very happy to congratulate our newest brothers who were selected for the Vigil Honor: Gabe Gutierrez, Chris Alvarez, Andrew Crowe, Jonathan McEwan, Andres Badel, and Frank Gamez. These are real leaders in service to our lodge. Congratulations!

One of the most fun events of the year is the 2012 Section Conference! The event is to be held at Wallwood Scout Reservation on April 20-22, 2012. This is an opportunity for O-Shot-Caw to prove we are still the best. We will remind Section S4 who O-Shot-Caw is!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Jonathan Yost
Winter Ordeal

(by Noah Crowe)

On January 6-8, 2012, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge had our annual Winter Ordeal. It was a very unique ordeal, for that weekend our lodge welcomed 118 new brothers that were inducted into the order! and had almost 30 brothers sealed their ties this enormous amount of candidates called for 3 pre-ordeal ceremonies and 2 ordeal ceremonies to be performed. The ceremonies team introduced a new team that was able to perform the pre-ordeal ceremonies for the first time Friday night.

The work projects done at this ordeal included working on cleaning up trails and painting structures that needed to be touched up. The main project was building a pole barn for the camp tractor. There were so many new ordeal candidates that these project were done almost immediately and we were able to complete many more than expected.

On Sunday morning after the beautiful scouts own done by both The Tomoka and Pooka-Tooka Chapters. The Lodge business meeting was held directly after and all of the new ordeal members were able to get to know their new chapter members and chiefs. At this meeting the new members also learned about what the different lodge committees and teams are and how they operate. A big thank you to the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter for delicious food for the weekend. All in all, this weekend was a huge success in every way for O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

Brothers who have recently sealed their ties

The pavilion is bursting with activity from the new brothers.
Andrew Crowe

From a very early age, it was understood that three things were very important in life: church; school; and scouts. Andrew’s Scouting career began in Pack 868, where he earned the coveted Arrow of Light Award. He then crossed over into Troop 10 in the Hurricane District. In 2002, Andrew moved to Redland and joined Troop 69 where his leadership skills blossomed. Andrew has held virtually every leadership position including, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol, and Senior Patrol Leader – a post he held for several years. Andrew always set a good example for his fellow scouts by epitomizing the principle of servant leadership. One year, Andrew single-handedly raised $1,000 for his troop by selling tickets to the annual Spaghetti Dinner. The money raised helped send his Venture Patrol to an exciting high adventure trip aboard an 85 foot schooner at the Sea Base.

The highlight of Andrew’s Scouting career was reaching the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. For Andrew’s Eagle Project, he led a crew of 30 volunteers in revitalizing the garden at Fruit and Spice Park. Andrew was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2007, and sealed his ties in the brotherhood in 2008. His tireless service to our Order was evident from day one. He served as an Elangomat on numerous occasions, helping to ensure that O-Shot-Caw’s new members got the best ordeal experience possible. Andrew has also been a key member of the Lodge’s Drum Team, working closely with the chairman to achieve the goal of Best in Section. In 2008, Andrew became the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter Chief. After a few years away from South Florida, Andrew returned to the helm this past year leading To-Hopki-Lagi to a fantastic year, including one of their best Haunted Forest displays ever.

Outside of Scouts, Andrew graduated from South Dade High School in 2009 where he was in the top 10% of his class. In High School, Andrew was a member of the Chess team taking his chess master skills all the way to national competitions. When Andrew wasn’t checkmating his opponents, he served as a sports editor for the school newspaper. Most importantly, Andrew is a role-model for his family. His younger brother Apollo is perhaps Andrew’s biggest fan. The two of them share a remarkable bond and a phenomenal friendship. Andrew’s family will tell you, he is one you can count on and look up to when needed.

Chris Alvarez

Chris’s scouting career began in Webelos and continued when he crossed over into Troop 236. It was apparent from the beginning that Chris was a natural-born leader and so his troop put those skills to use. He served as Den Chief, Chaplains Aide, Historian, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and a multi-year Senior Patrol Leader. Chris is also a skilled trainer, helping to pass on everything he has learned. He attended the National Youth Leadership Training in 2009 and then served on the staff at Pioneer District’s Troop Leadership Training in 2009 and 2010. Chris has hiked the challenging Barefoot Mailman hike five times, which earned him the “Big Foot” award.

Chris’s Scouting journey changed forever when Chris earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, an accomplishment that will stay with him forever. Currently, Chris is a member of Troop 814 and serves as its Troop Guide. Additionally, he is a member of Sea Scout Ship 814 and serves as the Knot Specialist.

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Chris was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the Winter Ordeal in 2007. He wasted no time getting involved and earned the Lodge’s coveted Exceptional First Year Arrowman award in 2008 before sealing his ties in the brotherhood later that year. Since then, Chris has been the heart-and-soul of our Lodge’s Drum Team. He has been a member of the drum team for four years and has been its leader for the past two. Chris’ passion for the Order and our Lodge is never more evident than when he is around the drum with his brothers. Under Chris’ leadership, the team has established a tradition of performing at the end of every Lodge Executive Committee meeting, serving as a monthly reminder to our leaders of the importance of our Native American program. Chris’s OA journey spans far beyond South Florida. Chris attended the 2009 NOAC and is scheduled to attend the 2012 NOAC. Chris was also a part of the Section S4 “FourCorps” project in 2010 which was a continuation of the national ArrowCorps5 program. For his years of service, Chris was awarded the Lodge’s Meritorious Service Award in 2011.

Outside of Scouting, Chris is a junior at Somerset Academy Charter School where he maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA. When Chris is not studying, he plays fullback and nose guard on the school’s varsity football team. He also plays the forward position on the school’s Rugby team. Chris is also a member of “I Love Smile,” a truly remarkable organization that raises money to fix cleft lips and pallets for children that can’t afford to pay for the surgeries.

Andres Badel

Andres’ scouting journey began as a Tiger Cub in Pack 150. He then transferred to Pack 496 the following year working all the way to the Arrow of Light in 2006. Andres crossed over into Troop 814 in Pembroke Pines and joined Ship 814 in 2009. He was a member of South Florida’s contingent at the 2010 National Jamboree and last August, Andres reached the ultimate goal of any Scout – the rank of Eagle. Andres joined O-Shot-Caw in the Fall of 2007 and sealed his ties in the brotherhood in January of 2009. He quickly became an active member of the Paldani Chapter where he has served as Chapter First Vice Chief. He has been awarded the Lodge’s Exceptional First Year Arrowman and Meritorious Service Awards and has represented the Lodge at the National Leadership Seminars, FourCorps, Indian Summer and NOAC. For the past three years, he has served on the Lodge Executive Committee as the Service Chairman helping the Lodge to win the National Service Award and a National Service Grant in 2011. Andres has also been a key member of the Lodge’s Ceremonies team, serving as O-Shot-Caw’s Nutiket for the past three years. As a member of the Ceremonies team, Andres has taken home honors at both Section Conference and NOAC, and was a part of O-Shot-Caw’s two best in section teams last year.

Andres’ dedication to the team and the Lodge was never more evident than at this past Winter Ordeal. He had an important math competition scheduled in Central Florida the same weekend as the Ordeal. Andres performed the Pre-Ordeal ceremonies, leaving Camp Everglades after midnight and driving straight to his school to meet his team. After a long competition Andres drove back down to Camp Everglades to perform the Ordeal ceremonies, knowing that the Lodge was counting on him.
Andres is a junior at Deerfield Beach High School and is in the International Baccalaureate program. He has a perfect unweighted GPA of 4.0, with a weighted GPA of 5.4. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (the Math Honor Society) and the Japanese Language Club. He has represented his school at the National Japan Bowl 2011, School Duel, Brain Brawl and countless Mu Alpha Theta competitions where he has placed in Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Analytic Geometry and Statistics. He is also a cadet-captain for the Civil Air Patrol, National Air Force Auxiliary.

Gabe Gutierrez

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Vigil Honor Committee is proud to select, Gabe Gutierrez as a candidate for the Vigil Honor. Gabe began his scouting career in Cub Scouting, where he went through the ranks to receive the Arrow of Light. After crossing over into the Boy Scout program, Gabe earned Scouting’s highest honor: the rank of Eagle Scout. During his trail to Eagle, Gabe held numerous leadership positions in Troop 317. He has also attended several summer camps, which have included Camp Woodruff and Camp Raven Knob. Moreover, Gabe is planning to attend Philmont this summer with the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew. Gabe was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2008, where he quickly sealed his ties in the brotherhood one year later. He enjoyed the Brotherhood experience so much that he requested that the chief bring him on board as the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Brotherhood Chairman. For 2 consecutive years Gabe has held this position bringing in new ideas to help with membership retention and the Brotherhood process as a whole, using his famous slogan “you’re not good till you’re Brotherhood”. Gabe is also heavily involved in his chapter where he has served as the chapter Brotherhood Chairman, as well as was elected to the position of Paldani Chapter 2nd Vice Chief. Here, he led fellow members at chapter events, as well as lodge events. Outside of Scouting, While attending Cooper City High School, he was an active member of the Debate Team, Cycling Club, and the Wrestling Team. Continuing to stay involved, Gabe gives back to his school by volunteering as a coach for the school’s Debate Team. Gabe currently attends Florida Atlantic University. Due to his academic success, Gabe received the school’s freshman scholarship, and is also a recipient of the Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship.

Jonathan McEwan

Jonathan’s love of Scouting began at an early age as a Cub Scout. He earned the Arrow of Light as a Webelos before crossing over into Boy Scouts and Troop 27. He has held numerous leadership positions with his troop including several terms as Senior Patrol Leader. Noting his enthusiasm and leadership, his fellow scouts elected him as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow in 2007. Jonathan joined our Lodge that year and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later in 2008. From the beginning, Jonathan became one of the most active members of the Elgixin Chapter where he served as Secretary and Vice-Chief. He is a recipient of our Lodge’s Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award and the Meritorious Service Award. In 2010, he represented our Lodge at the National Leadership Seminar. For the past two years he has served as the Unit Elections Chairman helping revamp the way we handle OA elections and making the Ordeal candidate check-in process much smoother.

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When you begin to look at Jonathan’s accomplishments outside of Scouting and the Order, one can’t help but wonder if he has discovered a way to add hours to the day. Jonathan is a senior at Coral Springs High School where he is currently taking 7 AP classes. He serves as an Officer of the National Honor Society, Philosophy Club, Editor of the school newspaper, and captain of the Quiz Bowl team. Recently, he placed 10th at the Regional History Bee and this April will be traveling to Washington, DC to compete in the National History Bee. Jonathan is also a card carrying member of Mensa.

Jonathan has also been a member of his school’s water polo team for 4 years. This past year, while serving as the team captain, he led the team to the state championships. He is also a member of the school’s swim team, going to Regionals all three years he has competed. And still, he finds the time to serve as a leader of his church’s youth group.

Frank Gamez

Frank was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1994 and spent much of his childhood there. In 2001, at the age of 7, Frank moved to the United States. Three years later, Frank joined the cub scout program by enrolling with pack 552 as a Webelo. Within a year of joining, Frank earned the arrow of light.

In 2006, Frank crossed over into Troop 552. Frank has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. He is currently a Life Scout, and is working hard on attaining the rank of Eagle. His project consisted of constructing and installing a United States flag deposit box, in Doral, to retire old and worn out American flags.

Frank became a member of the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 2008. Ten months later he sealed his ties at the Lodge Banquet and was recognized as an Exceptional First Year Arrowman. Frank was inspired by the order’s dedication to cheerful service, so at the Summer Ordeal in 2009 Frank was successfully elected to serve as the Lodge Secretary. After a year of service, Frank aimed high and was elected Section S4 Secretary in 2010. Here, Frank opened the social media door in sending information to the section. Following his term as secretary, Frank ran for Chief of Section S4 and was successfully elected to the office where he currently serves. Frank's attendance record to Order of the Arrow Events has been outstanding. He has attended NOAC 2009, FourCorps 2010, National Jamboree 2010, SummitCorps 2011, Indian Summer 2011, and has supported OA High Adventure by attending Philmont Trail Crew in 2011. Moreover, Frank was asked by the National Order of the Arrow Committee to be the Conference Vice Chief of Founder’s Day Activities at the 2012 National Order of the Conference.

Outside of Scouting, Frank has excelled substantially. He is currently a senior a Ronald W. Reagan / Doral Senior High School and will graduate with a 4.3 grade point average. After school, he plans to attend college to study and pursue a career in political science. He participates in programs such as Future Business Leaders of America and in fact won first place for Impromptu Speaking in the program.
O-Shot-Caw Lodge held the annual lodge banquet on the weekend of March 2-4, 2012. The weekend started off with a great Brotherhood Bash done by the Hnu-Ra-Con chapter. Where we tried to dissolve an Alka seltzer tablet on our opponents necklace with water blasters, if it dissolved you lost. We had 14 brothers seal their ties in brotherhood that evening.

Early next morning we sent a group of brothers over to the Traz Powell Stadium at Dade Community College, to help set up for the 30th annual Winter Special Olympics. We help set up the main stage as well as a few fences that needed repair. We were able to finish those tasks before lunch and were back before the chapter games started. All of this was being done as the remainder of the lodge was still at the banquet receiving training at seminars put on by other brothers. The games started almost right after lunch. These games are modeled after the ones that will take place at the Section S-4 Conference. This included Lodge Ball, an alteration of dodge ball, Volley ball, Tug-O-War, and breaking a completely frozen t-shirt open in order to wear. These games went on well into the afternoon just up until the patch auction started.

This patch auction was fundraiser for those going to NOAC this summer and it was a huge success as it raised over one thousand dollars toward the trip to Michigan State University.

Later that night, after a terrific dinner cooked and served by Pooca-Tooka Chapter, we held the award ceremony where Exceptional First Year Arrowman, and The Founders Award were handed out. This year the Founders award went Jonathan Yost, and Moose Pederson. After this the Vigil Honor Committee presented its names of candidates, and of them were Andrew Crowe, Gabe Gutierrez, Chris Alvarez, Jonathan McEwan, Andres Badel, and Frank Gamez.

The following day a beautiful interfaith service was done Gokhos Chapter. Followed by the lodge business meeting, and then we showed our understanding of Leave No Trace as we cleaned up the campsite that was set for over two hundred people. That weekend will surely be one to remember as we ready ourselves for the Section S-4 Conference soon approaching.
Elgixin

Over the past few months the Elgixin Chapter has been very active. We have had a meeting every fourth Monday of the month at the Prince of Peace Church. At the winter ordeal our chapter welcomed 3 new arrowmen and had one member seal his ties in brotherhood.

The Elgixin chapter also volunteered at the Special Olympics on Saturday, March 2 and 3. On the second, we went and helped set up for the Special Olympics, while on the third we helped to serve lunch and break everything down.

At the Lodge Banquet, our chapter proudly competed in the lodge games and had a fun weekend of fellowship with the lodge. The Elgixin Chapter would also like to congratulate all of the new vigil members and all the brothers who sealed their ties in brotherhood. We would also like to congratulate Jonathan McEwan on being awarded the Vigil Honor award. We also congratulate Moose Pedersen and our Lodge Chief, Jonathan Yost, on receiving the Founders Award.

Our chapter also did a fundraiser at the American Legion Post 157. Our chapter received $150 for cooking and serving lunch to them.

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Gokhos

Over the past few months, the Purple Nation’s ranks have been swelling! With every passing meeting, I see more and more new faces ready and willing to show the lodge that Gokhos is the number 1 chapter! In January, we had members step up to be an elangomat, and many new members join our Chapter. With plenty of work to keep us busy, we helped improve one of our local scout camps. At the ordeal, we also had members on both the ceremonies and drum team perform for the first time.

Many of our members who sought out to seek service opportunities were granted the experience at the Heron Grill, Indian Village, and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. I am proud of all the members that came to help support the lodge, and raise money for the Hal Hollis NOAC fund! We also showed up at the Lodge Banquet, fervently fighting to claim first in every event. Members showed that they would not go down without a fight!

We meet at Plantation United Methodist Church at 7:00 on the fourth Monday of every month.

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Paldani

Paldani has started the year out strong by proudly attended the Winter Ordeal down at Camp Everglades on January 6-8. We had 22 candidates undergo the Ordeal along with five members sealing their ties in Brotherhood.

On January 9, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. On January 28, Paldani will help out at the Seminole District Cub-0-ree at Tree Tops Park.

On February 13, 2012 Paldani held our chapter meeting at Bellante’s All You Can Eat Pizzeria. This fellowship allowed friends and family of Chapter members get a chance to meet each other and enjoy true fellowship.

At Scoutmaster’s Camporee, many of our new Chapter members helped out at the Indian Village Paldani put on the two separate Scout’s Own Ceremonies on Sunday morning. We also had several members attend the Coconut Groves Arts Festival on Sunday and Monday to help collect tickets and stamp people going in and out of the event.

On March 1-3, Paldani proudly attended the Lodge Banquet in full force. At night several of our

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members received awards. Aaron Kudja, Josh Semander, John Semander, Andres Badel, Gabe Gutierrez, Chris Alvarez, Sebastian Torres, and myself all received LEC recognition plaques. Aaron Kudja, Josh Semander, Cody Brown, and Bob Brown all received the First Year Arrowmen award. In addition, Paldani came in third for the Golden Pumpkin Award. Aaron Kudja, Jose Kudja and Cody Brown received the Meritorious Service Award. And finally, Andres Badel, Gabe Gutierrez, and Chris Alvarez all received the Vigil Honor.

Our next Chapter Meeting is April 9, 2012.

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 $200 to the JAACF and the Hal Hollis Campership Fund. Paldani also donated over 200 pounds of food to the Jubilee Kitchen.

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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 the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables.

Since the last Patchwork, our Chapter has competed at the Lodge Banquet, helped at the Coconut Grove Art Festival, helped with the Ten Commandment Hike, and built the bridge and fire for the Tequesta District’s Spring Camporee. At the Lodge Banquet, we made a very strong team. We were able to achieve 1st place in Volleyball for the 2nd year in a row, placed 1st in Ultimate Frisbee, and 2nd in Tug-of-War.

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Dear Brothers,

This winter has been one of the most exciting for me as it was my first time performing the Pre Ordeal ceremony for a group of new ordeal candidates instead of just my team mate. I was nervous at first but I got the hang of it.

The lodge banquet was a great experience to see two members from my chapter receive the Founders Award Jonathan Yost and Moose Pederson. As well as another member receive the Vigil Honor Jonathan McE-

wan congratulations to all three of you.

I would like to personally thank everyone who has helped me in making The Patchwork, in particular William McKinley, Mr. Alex Gomez, and especially my adviser Mr. Schrager. If they didn't help me along the way the patchwork would not be a quality publication of the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

Thank you,

Randall Martinez

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Publications Chairman, O-Shot-Caw Lodge #265

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**Editor’s Notes**

**Patch Corner**

- **Winter ordeal 2012**
  - On the back of each is a small excerpt from the legend of the order.

- **Lodge Banquet 2012**
Lodge Calendar

Section Conference
Where? Wallwood Scout Reservation
When? April 20-22, 2012
Why go? To show support for your brothers and represent the lodge.

Summer Ordeal
Where? Camp Elmore
When? June 1-3, 2012
Why go? To perform Cheerful service and induct new brothers into the order.

NOAC
Where? Michigan State University
When? July 30 – August 4, 2012
Why go? To meet brothers from around the country and to see the order and its purpose on the largest scale possible.