After a long summer of family vacation, summer camp’s, and hanging out with friends, 53 of O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s finest Arrowmen got together on the morning of July 30th at Miami International Airport. Everyone was excited to get on the planes that would begin their NOAC 2012 trip and before we even left Miami we were greeted with the contingent from Yokahu Lodge – the Order of the Arrow Lodge from Puerto Rico. Once we landed in Michigan, we departed on a bus headed for Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Due to bad weather that morning, which halted air traffic, we arrived just in time to get in our Class A’s, get our room’s and head off to the opening show which got us pumped for the week ahead because UNITED, WE LEAVE A LEGACY!

The next few days offered hundreds of training sessions which members could attend and gain valuable knowledge from.

In the afternoon’s members were given the opportunity to hang out or participate in the many different sports competitions available at NOAC. O-Shot-Caw took advantage of these opportunities and set up a team for each competition.

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Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

Summer has come to a close and we move into fall. With fall comes the start of school and of course the beginning of the Lodge year. Since we last spoke the Lodge visited Michigan State University for NOAC, held our annual LLD, and inducted 34 new brothers at the Fall Ordeal.

For those of you who couldn't make it NOAC was amazing. I was lucky enough to go with O-Shot-Caw on this trip. The trip began with the contingent waiting on the taxiway for an extra 2 ½ hours. When we arrived at NOAC we made our way to the first arena show. I was astounded when I looked out and saw how many people were in attendance. The trip was filled with fun, fellowship, and ice cream. Almost every Arrowman at NOAC made a trip to the MSU ice cream shop. O-Shot-Caw also had competition. Our dance team placed 3rd in nation, drum was 4th in nation, and our ceremonies team received many medals. We had an unbelievable athletic team. I was proud to see the rankings each morning as O-Shot-Caw climbed up through volleyball, football, basketball, and tug of war. Once the conference ended the Lodge took a trip to the Ford Rouge River Factory, and the Ford Museum. The tour was great and the museum was enlightening. My personal favorite part of the museum was the Titanic exhibit. Each person who went through the exhibit was given a story of a passenger and once you reached the end you got to find out if you lived or not. I was a diamond merchant in third class.

Once the Lodge made it home the preparations for our LLD began. I am proud to be a member of such a dedicated Lodge. The LLD was held at the West Broward Masonic Lodge. From the Lodge we all had the view of a lake and the Tropical Depression that was outside as well. Throughout the wind and rain the training continued and I would like to thank all who helped to make the LLD a success. Josh Levenson was a very important part of the adult sessions. Glenn Gomez was a great help in securing the location and meal plans for the day. I would also like to thank my officers, Connor Lape, Noah Crowe, Joshua Semander, and Jeremy Paz, and my advisers Mr. Bill Gilliland and Mr. Bill Gundlach.

The year continued and it was time for the Fall Ordeal. The Lodge would like to thank the Seminole tribe for the donation of Camp Seminole. For those of you who didn't get to see, there were two Chikees at Camp Elmore. They have been named Camp Seminole. Once again the Lodge was challenged with weather and once again thanks to the amazing amount of support the Lodge overcame. The Ordeal went great with 34 new brothers and 8 brothers sealing their ties in Brotherhood.

Looking forward, we have our Haunted Forest. This is one of the most fun events held by O-Shot-Caw. I look forward to seeing you all there. There is also the challenge of Journey to Excellence, a new national program that will allow O-Shot-Caw to show how great we are.

Working as Chief I also got to meet a new executive board. All I can say is this is going to be a year for the history books. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Kyle Senzig
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief

KNOCK KNOCK!!!
Lodge Leadership Development

Noah Crowe
O-Shot-Caw Second Vice Chief

On August 15, the Lodge had our annual Lodge Leadership Development, or LLD, seminars. With about 80 people in attendance, our LLD was a huge success. From the "Chain of Command" all the way to "Unit Elections," everyone had a lot of fun and learned tons of useful information to help them in their leadership positions for the upcoming year.

There is so much that everyone learned that day. Everybody who was in attendance at the LLD knows how to properly follow "Robert's Rules of Order" at a meeting. Another highlight of our LLD was learning about the JTE standards that the Lodge must meet. JTE, or Journey To Excellence, is a system that is replacing the former "Quality Lodge" system. I am sure with all our Lodge leadership trained in JTE we will not meet the Bronze or Silver Standards, but the much higher Gold Standards that the new system entails.

Despite the bad weather due to Hurricane Isaac, most of our Lodge leadership was able to meet at the West Broward Masonic Lodge from 8 o'clock in the morning all the way to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. We did cut a few seminars from the schedule to allow people to leave early and prepare for the worst of the hurricane, but it did not take away from the overall LLD experience.

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At the end of the week O-Shot-Caw had advanced to the semi-finals in football coming in 4th and also in tug-o-war placing 2nd in the Nation!

In addition to the team sports, the members of O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Ceremonies, Dance and Drum Teams competed against other teams from around the United States. This NOAC we had two Ceremonies Teams go to get evaluated and both Team Eagle and Team Quail each received medals for Honoring in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Team Eagle, additionally was evaluated and honored for their outstanding performance of the Brotherhood Ceremony. For our Dance Team we placed 3rd in the Nation after a whole year of altering their dances and building new regalia.

Lastly, for one special individual from our Lodge, Jake Cairo, our Lodge’s only Individual Dancer, competed against over 90 other dancers in the Northern Traditional Dance and placed in the top 40. Jake also received top marks for the authenticity of his regalia. On the second night, the O-Shot-Caw Contingent geared up for the second show of the week, the Awards Show. We had beach balls, noisemakers, and hats. The Order of the Arrow received its newest class of Red Arrow Recipients and the Distinguished Service Award Recipients. The night after was the premier show of this NOAC, NESA @ NOAC. This was because 2012 was the 100th anniversary of the first Eagle Scout and the Order of the Arrow wanted to push the Eagle Scout theme throughout the week. They had special event and luncheons for Eagle Scout and even had classes to help younger Scouts on their path to being an Eagle. For this show our Lodge was decorated in glow sticks, patriotic hats and patriotic beach balls. After the show, there was a High Adventure Gathering, in which crew members could catch up on each other in the time lost between NOAC and their time at Philmont’s Trail Crew, NorthernTier’s Wilderness Voyage, or Sea Base’s Ocean Adventure. They also had a reunion for both Indian Summer and SummitCorps, the two major national events that happened last summer.

On Thursday night, after a day full of classes, competitions, and fellowship, every single member in attendance came together on Munn Field for the HoDag, in which root beer and pizza are handed out. At this event members got the chance to chill out for a few hours while meeting members from across the Nation.

Friday was Founders Day. Early that morning, there was a 5K run, followed by breakfast. At 9:00 AM, the Founders Day Parade started. Following the parade, there were the Goodman Games and the Lodge setup a booth for the Founders Day Fair. After lunch, Founders Fair began, in which our Lodge handed out Orange Bowl patches and lanyards and a special edition of our Lodge’s Founder’s Day Patch. In order to get these prizes though, members had three chances to throw a basketball through a swinging hoop that was suspended from two tripods and below waist level, thus adding to the challenge of the game. During Founders Fair, there was a Native American Pow Wow in which Jake Cairo took part in along with Chaz Pinna, a past O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief. Everyone had a ton of fun passing out prizes while trying to hit up as many of the other Lodges booths, prizes, and games. Later in the day, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge went to the Theme Show: United We Leave a Legacy. The show that night was the best one yet with fireworks and an intense plot and was very meaningful. Throughout the week there was an OA museum that had an immense amount of information on all the Lodges where old documents were displayed, along with an exhibit on Treasure Island and the founding of the Order of
the Arrow. At the conclusion of the show, everyone filed out of the arena and was greeted with an ice cream social, but that was not the end of the night for O-Shot-Caw. Our Lodge headed back to our dorm and took over the downstairs group hall. Ten minutes later a few adults arrive with 4 pans of chicken wings along with celery sticks and drinks.

The following morning, after breakfast, the contingent met at the bus so that they could begin our side trips. The first destination was the Henry Ford Factory. The contingent toured the factory and then took part in other activities that they offered. After the ride, the contingent’s second stop was the Henry Ford Museum. Everyone split up into groups and toured different part of the museum. We also had a special pass to get into the Titanic Exhibit that was in the museum. The contingent then departed the museum and headed for the Hotel.

The last day of the trip, Sunday, August 5, the contingent slept in and then had a late breakfast before heading off to a mall where everyone could get lunch and buy some stuff before heading off to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport where the contingent would leave for Miami International, arriving back a 7:30 PM, concluding O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s NOAC 2012 Trip. I would like to thank Steve Pinna, my Adviser for helping me through planning the trip for the contingent. In addition, we appreciate Bill Gilliland’s help with scheduling the flights, collecting money, and being there whenever we needed help. Also we probably could not compete up at NOAC without Dean Kubler and Alex Holinko for taking extra time out of their schedules to drive the van up to Michigan. Finally without the help of O-Shot-Caw Lodge officers for their help running around and helping myself to keep the contingent alive… Even though we didn’t go to the zoo!

Yours in Brotherhood,
William McKinley
NOAC 2012 Contingent Chief
Fall Ordeal
Connor Lape
O-Shot-Caw First Vice Chief

Between September 21-23, 2012, O-Shot-Caw Lodge had our annual Fall Ordeal at Camp Elmore. We had 34 Ordeal candidates go through their Ordeal and become members of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. There were also eight Brothers who went through and sealed their ties in the Brotherhood.

The weather that weekend was ominous. It rained sporadically all weekend and at one point the Arrow men had to seek cover due to a lightning alarm. However all work projects were able to be completed. The work projects done at this Ordeal included setting up and re-packing ROTC tents, cleaning Boy Scout road, and emptying the shipping container. The Ordeal candidates completed most of the work projects due to the weather conditions. The main objective for the weekend was emptying the shipping container at the Tatham Compound that was full of Lodge equipment and moving it into the new OA building. With the help of the Lodge trailer and the supervision of the project provided by Dylan Baker-Robinson the container was emptied, the OA building was organized, and the trailer was loaded for Haunted Forest.
On Sunday morning, after a wonderful scouts own provided by the Gohkos Chapter, the Lodge business meeting was held. The First Vice Chief of the Lodge, Connor Lape, presided over the meeting as acting Chief, because Kyle Senzig, the Lodge Chief, had to leave early due to sickness. Directly after the business meeting, all of the new Ordeal members were able to get to know their new Chapter members and Chapter Chiefs. At this meeting the new members also learned about what the different Lodge committees and teams are and how they operate. In addition, they learned how to join these teams and committees if they are interested in them. A big thank you to the Paldani Chapter for incredible food for the whole weekend. Overall, this weekend was a great success for O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

New Eagle Scout Arrowmen
We would like to congratulate the following scouts for earning their Eagle rank in the months of July through September.

Matthew Crowe
Jeremy Paz-Sirvas
Maxwell Bales
Chapter Reports

Elgixin

In the last month Elgixin has been working hard and striving to be the best, we have held our first meeting with our new leadership and have reconnected with fellows that we have not seen. We decided our Haunted Forest theme and believe it is one of the best yet. We are also planning on having a strong showing at Fall Ordeal and are ready to welcome our new members.

Our next meeting is Monday September 24, and we are planning to strengthen our Chapter by increasing attendance and help Ordeal members who are ready to convert to Brotherhood. Elgixin is planning different things to ensure that our members are having fun. If you have any questions please contact me, David O’ Shields at oshieldsdavid@gmail.com

Pooca Tooka

This year Pooca-Tooka is making a big comeback and we plan to restore our former glory. We are already off to a great new start with seven new members joining our Chapter at this past Summer Ordeal. The Monday right after the Ordeal we held Chapter elections, inducting Ryan Rodriguez as our Chapter Chief, Mathew Sosa as our first vice, Brian Horowitz as our second vice, and Joshua Spaeth as our Secretary. We had a great time at NOAC with eight members of our Chapter attending, and one of those eight members, Frank Gamez, served as a staff member. We had four members on the dance team. There was a lot to do at NOAC and we had a lot of fun but the best part was growing closer to our brothers from other Chapters. We had our new committee members attend the LLD on Aug. 25th and it was a wonderful new educational experience. Unfortunately our Chapter advisor could not make it because he was helping the elderly in his community put up their hurricane shutters for the oncoming storm. At the recent summer Ordeal we had one member seal his ties in Brotherhood. We also had three members work guide candidates through their Ordeal as Elangomats. Finally we had three members join our Chapter. On Sunday morning one of our adult Arrowmen, Steve Pinna was presented with the James E. West Fellowship Award for taking care of NOAC, organizing the trip and working with our contingent leader William McKinley. We look forward to another great Haunted Forest. Our theme this year will be optical illusions. Our past committee meetings have been focusing on the plans for the upcoming year and also our plans for Haunted Forest. We plan to step up with a great amount of community service projects and hours as well as focus on OA promotions since many of our district’s scout leaders are unfortunately anti-OA. We plan to really pull in a great number of members and we are aiming for a Brotherhood conversion rate of at least 40%. We meet at the LDS church on the corner of Miami Gardens Dr and NW 82nd Ave at 7:00 p.m. the first Monday of every month. If you have any Questions or need anything you can contact me at joshua.spaeth@aol.com.

Gokhos

The mighty Gokhos Chapter as been very active and are getting our Chapter events started and are looking forward to the upcoming events. We are getting our Chapter One Day of Service under way. We are looking forward to the upcoming Haunted Forest and Section Seminars. Gokhos has been at the Fall Ordeal in full force and will also be out in full force at all future Lodge events. Contact info. Gokhos Chapter Chief Joey Anderson email: joeya324@gmail.com

Nok-Su

I am writing this letter to report the current status of Nok-Su. Nok-Su will be attending the Fall Ordeal. We contacted all past members who were current last year but have not yet renewed for this year. New memberships have been made and existing memberships have been renewed. Our new Chapter Vice-Chief Lars Vihlen is now acting in his position. I am happy to say we have four members that have renewed and will be in attendance at the Ordeal. One of which can be an Elangomat if needed.

In addition to those returning, we will also have three youth candidates and one adult candidate attending the Ordeal from Troop 573 , my troop, on Big Pine Key. We are still working on contacting past members to strengthen our numbers, hold meetings, and have more fun.

- Ryan Rodriguez

-David O’Shields

-Joey Anderson

-Benjamin Pinkley
To-Hopki-Lagi

To-Hopki-Lagi has had a great year, with receiving the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and second place in the Haunted Forest. Kyle Senzig received the meritorious service award and our past Chapter Chief Andrew Crowe became a Vigil Honor. It is our honor to have Kyle Senzig as Lodge Chief from To-Hopki-Lagi. In June, we held Chapter elections, and Matthew Crowe became the new To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter Chief. In late July, we did OA mentoring for 3 troops in our district with underprivileged scouts. In August, we had 3 members attend the LLD. In September, we had the Fall Ordeal where had 13 members from our Chapter in attendance and had a great time cheerfully serving our Lodge and helping out around Camp Elmore. We are looking forward to another great year with the Lodge. We have been having our monthly meeting in preparation for the Haunted Forest this year. This year we are very excited in working closely with Nok-Su as they are starting up again. We are hoping to help out in elections and getting them well organized for the upcoming events. Finally we are getting ready for the upcoming Winter Ordeal where To-Hopki-Lagi will serve the Lodge by cooking.

-Matthew Crowe

Paldani

This past summer Paldani was proud to have one member attend Northern Tier High Adventure Base with the Order of the Arrow from June 27th - July 11th. Paldani also had 15 of our members attend NOAC. Aaron Kudja, Andres Badel, John Semander, and William McKinley honored in both Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood with the A Team. Matthew Braun also was evaluated with B Team and honored for Pre-Ordeal. Paldani also had our Lodge’s only Individual Dancer, Jake Cairo, who competed in the Northern Traditional competition and ranked in the top 3rd of the nation.

On August 20, Paldani had 12 members attended the Lodge Leadership Development. On September 10, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. We discussed the old business, which consisted of Chapter Leadership Development, Flag Day, NOAC, and Lodge Leadership Development. We also discussed the upcoming Fall Ordeal and Haunted Forest.

Paldani helped out at the Fall Ordeal by cooking delicious meals for the Lodge. Paldani also helped out with the Elangomat and Brotherhood programs along with working in the service project and assisting in the Ceremonies. Paldani had 5 members join our Order.

Paldani is getting ready for the upcoming Haunted Forest, and is working to sell as many tickets as possible. We are promoting ticket sales within our Packs and Troops in the District. Our theme is Scooby Doo and the Mystery of the Swamp Monster. At the end of the meeting we held a Flag Lowering for the Elks Lodge in remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11.

Paldani is promoting Section Seminars to our members so they can learn invaluable leadership, Lodge, and American Indian Activity skills.

Paldani is looking forward to an amazing year. We meet the second Monday of every month at the Hollywood Elks Lodge at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, you can contact me at willmckinley@ymail.com, or my Chapter Advisor, Glenn Gomez, at glenn@gomez@bellsouth.net or at (954)-655-4446.

-William McKinley

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.

-Fabian Trujillo
The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more. For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage: Canadian Odyssey program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Like its U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Quetico that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need or repair. The second part of the program is a 90 mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota.

The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to provide cheerful service while experiencing the adventure and fun of one of the greatest ecosystems on our planet - the Florida Keys and the waters which surround them. Your program is a 10-day experience in which you will experience wilderness camping, kayaking, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, team building (including a trip on a war canoe) and of course cheerful service. The program will be conservation based and will seek to help protect the eco-system of the Florida Keys. In addition to the conservation service, participants will strengthen leadership skills, learn about the Keys eco-system and its marine environment, experience life afloat and strengthen understanding of the Order of the Arrow.
“Editor’s Notes”

Dear Brothers,

So far working on this issue of The Patchwork I have been learning the “tricks of the trade.” The 2012 year has been a great year for me and the rest of the Lodge. It has been a wonderful experience working on the LEC. Being my first year in the Order of The Arrow, I am a little nervous about taking on new responsibilities. The work is challenging, but I look forward to continuing on in the OA with the next exciting year of 2013. The 2013 Winter Ordeal will be a big event for me, because I will take an attempt in earning my Brotherhood. From what I hear, the Lodge has some great things planned for next year, so be sure to stay active to 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 Dylanc0316@gmail.com or calling my Advisor, Ira Schrager at (954)-410-2101.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Dylan Carter

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**Patch Corner**

Fall Ordeal Dangle 2012

LLD Dangle 2012
**Lodge Calendar**

### Section Seminars

**Where?** Camp Miles  
**When?** November 16-18, 2012  
**Cost?** Check Website for details  
**Why go?** To learn more about our order.

### Winter Ordeal

**Where?** Camp Everglades  
**When?** January 4-6, 2013  
**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 25-27, 2013  
**Cost?** Check Website for details  
**Why go?** To cheerfully serve the Cub Scouts of South Florida Council.