The evening of October saw the Heron Preserve at Markham Park transformed into a fun park and creep show, all in the name of fun, fellowship and fund-raising to help needy scouts attend camps/ programs.

Months of planning, thousands of hours of hard work and thousands of dollars went into making O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s 2012 Haunter Forest event a fabulous success. Thanks to everyone who helped!
“Chiefly Speaking”

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 give 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 Levinson 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.

KNOCK KNOCK!!!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Kyle Senzig
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
William McKinley  
*Paldani Chapter Chief*

Forty-three years of tradition and brotherhood continued on the morning of December 22nd, as O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Forty-third Vigil Breakfast took place at Wolf Lake Park in Davie. It started off a chilly morning, but eventually warming up, making for a great day for an outdoor breakfast. This year’s breakfast was hosted by Pooca-Tooka Chapter which put together a great tasting breakfast that everyone enjoyed. 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 Brothers from our Lodge. No matter how far or how busy a Vigil honor member might be, most make the trip down to South Florida once a year, to see old friends, catch up on what everyone is doing, and enjoy a morning of fellowship at the Vigil breakfast. The best part of the Fellowship is getting to hear every Vigil honor member introduce themselves and give their Vigil name, year and location they kept there Vigil. Our Lodge has Vigil members from all over the country and several of whom received their Vigil way before many of us were born. Meeting these fellow members and hearing their stories are some of the most memorable and interesting times an O.A. member can have. This year we had over 70 members in attendance with 9 Past Lodge Chiefs. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Vigil Breakfast is a long-standing tradition that was started by our first Lodge Advisor, Hal Hollis, and is still continued today. For those members who attended the 40th Vigil Breakfast, we had a special present for them – a coin that was made to commemorate Hal on his countless efforts for the Lodge during his time as Lodge Advisor and mentor to many.

**Hope to see you all at Forty-four!**

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Welcome to our new Brothers!!!

Registration on Friday Night

Brotherhood Candidates

Ceremonies Team getting ready for the induction of the new Ordeal Candidates

I want one of those neat fluorescent vests too!!

What’s up with the weather every time we have an Ordeal???

Welcome to our new Brothers!!!
Haunted Forest

Nick Fernandez
O-Shot-Caw Haunted Forest Chairman

Aside from the displays, many Chapters also had Midway’s. These ranged from a bean bag toss, to sling-shooting dog food at Frankenstein.

Around ten o’clock things wound down and people began to leave. And everything that was setup had to come down. Many Brothers left for the night because their tents had been flooded. They returned the next day to dismantle their displays, load up, and get out of there before it would get too late or anything else too catastrophic.

The Haunted Forest was an overall great success and an amazing weekend of fellowship and scaring the pants off of little kids. Not to mention the excellent food cooked by Pooka Tooka which tinglyed the senses every time you walk past or smelled it.

Not to mention the weather was beautiful. The night was so clear that you could see all of the stars in the sky. No rain. No clouds. Just beautiful. Even though during the day it was a little overcast everything cleared up and made way for a beautiful, fun filled night of Haunted Forest.

Raising over 17,000 dollars in ticket sales for the trail itself and tickets for the chapter’s midway games, the Haunted Forest was an incredible fundraiser for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund.

Hope to see you all next year!

Happy Halloween!!!!

Construction in progress.
Part of our Lodge contingent show here breaking camp on Sunday morning. Everyone thought that the Section Seminars was a great weekend of learning and fellowship.

The classes were informative, and obviously, fun as well.
The food and the fellowship were outstanding!!

Jake Cairo showed off his moves at the Pow Wow. Is that Jose Kudja and Jorge Cairo strutting their stuff too??
Chapter Reports

Gokhos

The Mighty Gokhos chapter has been very active in many events such as section seminars we had 3 members of our chapter attended section seminars. Gokhos chapter had their one day of service on November 17th, 2012 and handed out almost 800 meals to the community. We had our holiday party at our chapter meeting in the month of December. We had the honor to serve at our district round table holiday party at the scout masters/leader dinner.

-Joseph Anderson

Pooca Tooka

Paldani

O-Sot-Co-Chee

In the month of October the O-Sot-Co-Chee Chapter had it elections, the new Officers for the Chapter are Fabian Trujillo, Chapter Chief, Sebastian Altamira, Danny Hernandez, David Barge, Matthew Carmona-Gonzalez, Unit Elections Chair.

We also planned for the Haunted Forest at the meeting. At the event we had a great turn out with help with 21 members volunteering and an even better time putting it all together and acting in it. We decided to go with a funny display.

In the November Chapter Meeting we elected new positions to further unify the Chapter and get more brothers involved in the core group. These are the new positions and position holders Jonathan Tapanes, Chapter Treasurer & Membership, Matthew Carmona-Gonzalez, Chapter Newsletter, Michael Carmona-Gonzalez, Chapter Webmanager. We have also started to discuss ideas for a new shirt and planning for the December holiday meeting.

In December we had our monthly meeting in a much more informal way, it was a fun and easy going time to say happy holiday to all of our members. 21 brothers were in attendance for the festivities. During the month we held 2 elections, Troop 16: 4 Youth / 1 Adult were elected. Troop 83: 2 Youth / 1 adult were elected. O-Sot-Co-Chee meets on the first Monday of every month at The Knights Of Columbus (270 Catalonia Ave) Coral Gables.

Hnu-Ra-Con

To-Hopki-Lagi

To-Hopki-Lagi is off to a great start, starting off the year with record attendance at all of the events over the last couple of months.

In October, we had four members of To-Hopki-Lagi join the Ceremonies team and create the Southern Ceremonies team. They have been practicing profusely in hopes to be prepared for the Winter Ordeal and be able to do a pre-ordeal ceremony. Also in October our chapter had a display in the Haunted Forest, Executions of the Ages, where our chapter recreated all the types of executions of the past and present them to the public.

In November, our chapter sent a few members to attend Section Seminars while the rest stayed behind and helped in the annual Everglades Clean-up. At Section Seminars our brothers got to go to some knowledgeable seminars and learn some amazing things about ceremonies. All in the same weekend the other brothers went out to the Everglades to mow and clear out areas in preparation for the Winter Ordeal.

In December, our chapter was privileged to run Thunderbirds District Camporee. Although it was rainy most of the weekend, we were still able to have a great time. Saturday night of the Camporee the Southern Ceremonies team put on what our chapter calls a “Tap out Ceremony.” This is where the our chapter recognizes those that were elected to attend an ordeal and become apart or the Order of the Arrow.

Finally our chapter is ready to serve for the Winter Ordeal!

-Matthew Crowe

Elgixin

Elgixin has been quite busy over the holiday season, on December 10 Elgixin had their annual holiday dinner at Carrabba’s Italian Grill. Thank you to all who came out to have good food with us.

At winter ordeal Elgixin chapter welcomed 9 new bothers into the chapter, along with congratulating 2 brothers on sealing their ties. Elgixin is proud to say that there were 27 brothers at the winter ordeal in total.

Elgixin is working hard to get more participation for events that are coming up such as; lodge banquet, coconut grove art festival, section conference, among other things. Elgixin is also pushing 2013 dues so that everyone is up to
date and will no longer have to worry about it. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at the Prince of Peace Church at 6012 NW 9th court, Margate, FL 33063

- Glen Oglesby

Nok-Su

Nok-Su ended the year strong. We have started having meetings at Marathon Community Park at 4:00 pm on Sundays. But we are looking into with Camp Jackson Sawyer opening soon to move the meeting there.

In the month of October we had Haunted Forest and Ryan Rodriguez the chapter chief of Pooca Tooka to help us in the Haunted Forest. Also we set where meeting are going to be.

In November we had 10 out of 18 members attend our chapter meeting. At the meeting we talked about doing a chapter fellowship at next year Haunted Forest.

On December we had our 2nd meeting, created our cheer, and started talking about a flag retirement ceremony we could do as a community service project. We held an election for troop 578 in Key West and received 3 candidates. We decided to do a Fellowship for our next meeting at Roberts Fruit Stand.

- Benjamin Pinkly

Tomoka

Tomoka meets the first Monday of every month at the Church Of Ladder Day Saints on 8515 Biscyane Blvd at 7:30.

- William McKinley

Paldani

Paldani is having an excellent year thus far. Recently, we turned in our 1100 documented service hours to 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. Also this past year we completed our Journey to Excellence Petition received Gold status from the Lodge.

On October 1, Paldani attended our District Roundtable Meeting. We promoted Camping to every unit in attendance. We also told them about the Order of the Arrow’s opportunities for youth to go to High Adventure Bases. On October 8, Paldani held its monthly Chapter meeting. This month we discussed old business along with the new business, Cub Fun Day, Haunted Forest, and Section Seminars.

On October 13, Paldani had 9 members attend the Cub Fun Day North and help out with the BB-Gun Range and any other activities that needed assistance.

On October 19-21, Paldani attended Haunted Forest and entertained the Cub Scouts with our theme this year was Scooby Doo and the Mystery of the Swamp Monster. It was a huge hit with the Cub Scouts and their parents who came through our display. Like always out Midway Games went great and helped to keep the kids busy while they waited in line to get into the Haunted Forest trail.

On November 11-13, Paldani attended Section Seminars in full force, leading the contingent with 15 members out of 34; we were the largest Chapter contingent from the Lodge. We had Aaron Kudja and Jake Cairo, two of our Chapter members teach classes for the Section.

On December 12, Paldani had its holiday party. We started by eating a potluck style dinner in which each member brought in a dish, with more food that we can possibly eat. Paldani made sure to get people signed up for Winter Ordeal, Lincoln-Marti, Scoutmasters and Coconut Groves Arts Festival. Paldani has already turned in our Elangomats and Brotherhood Testers for the upcoming Winter Ordeal.

On December 14, Paldani held a District Callout 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 Paldani-o-thon at the West Broward Masonic Lodge. We had the largest attendance at both of these events than we have seen in the past couple of years.

Paldani has brought in over three hundred canned goods along with over three hundred stuffed animals. We have completed all our necessary unit elections and will have a strong turnout at the Winter Ordeal. Paldani is working hard to get our members to begin paying their dues for the upcoming year to start the year off strong.
Philmont Is in Cimarron, New Mexico and is a great experience for scouts of all ages.

National Jamboree is coming up in 2013 and it is going to be held at the Summet Bechtel Reserve from July 15th to July 24th
Dear Brothers,

I am privileged to be able to produce the Patchwork for the Lodge. However, none if this could have been done without everyone else. I say this because it is important, especially for new Ordeal Members, to become involved. There are several ways in which you can do this. Some examples, are joining the ceremonies, drum, or dance teams. You can also become a part of your Chapter CEC (Chapter Executive Committee). Or even at the bare minimum be an active member that attends all events. This is what Brotherhood is all about.

On a lighter note, I have to say that this past Haunted goes down in my books as being one of the best. The weather was perfect, nobody complained, and to top it all off the food was excellent. I personally spent the whole day preparing for the night’s presentation, but other Brothers worked on their “room” for scaring people. Quite frankly there wasn’t anything that was problematic to speak of. It was a great weekend of fellowship.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can direct them to me by emailing me at jordanbr265@gmail.com.

Until Next Issue,

Jordan Baker Robinson

If you have any interesting stories or topics regarding the Order of the Arrow or one of your experiences in O-Shot-Caw Lodge, please write me a note and email it. We are always looking for new and interesting topics. Thanks to Mr. Shrager and everyone else who took photos and made them available for this publication.
Lodge Calendar

Winter Ordeal
Where? Camp Everglades  
When? January 4-6, 2013  
Cost? Check Website for details  
Why go? To Cheerfully Serve and induct new members.

Lodge Banquet
Where? Camp Everglades  
When? March 1-3, 2013  
Cost? Check Website for details  
Why go? To have fun and compete with your Chapter in earning the Golden Arrow Award.