The 2013 Section Conference was held on the weekend of April 12-14 at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. From hot air balloons to American Indian Activities, this event showcased some of the funnest opportunities available to all arrowmen.

Section Conference is the annual gathering of the lodges in Section S-4. It's primary objective is to provide the best OA training experience by pulling resources from every lodge in the state. There were training seminars on AIA crafts, drumming, dancing, and ceremonies. As well as sessions on leadership, conflict resolution, chapter involvement, and various other OA subject areas.

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“Chiefly Speaking”

It is my pleasure and honor to be elected O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s newest lodge chief. O-Shot-Caw Lodge is known for our great strive for excellence, and that is exactly what I plan to deliver this upcoming year. Through events such as Lodge Banquet and Section Conference, I will show that O-Shot-Caw lodge is number 1! I’d like to congratulate all our newest brothers who joined this past ordeal and those brothers who sealed their ties in brotherhood as well. I encourage all the brothers in our lodge to get more involved by joining one of our 3 award winning teams: Dance, Ceremonies, or Drum. If you want to help make a difference in the lodge on a bigger level, I encourage you to ask about joining the Lodge Executive Committee.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matthew Crowe
At Section Conference there were display booths for each of the three OA High Adventure bases as well as one for the upcoming 2013 National Scout Jamboree. The OA has organised Project 2013 an initiative that will provide 700+ staff members that will provide cheerful service at the Jamboree. There was a special guest, Brad Torpey, the 2013 Southern Region Chief who spoke about OA High Adventure at the opening show and at the VIA luncheon.

In addition to all of the training and promotion, there were sports competitions where each lodge competed in the Quest for the Golden Arrow. From tug-of-war to lodge-ball, a variation of dodgeball, there were dozens of fun games to participate in. One of my favourite events was seeing advisers from each lodge trying to sink each others canoes at the Advisor Sink-a-thon.

Section Conference is also also home to the Best All Around Lodge competition where each lodge chief presents his lodge's program for the past year. Everyone brings great ideas in their presentations to share with other lodges, but only one can be crowned the best. There were also team competitions for drum team, dance team, and the ceremonies team. They are evaluated on their performance and are given tips on improvement from top judges from around the state.

There were also individual competitions where members of the Lodge Executive Committee had to present their work for the year. Among those competitions was the lodge publication competition, lodge website competition, and King's Cup historical display competition. If you want to get involved with anything mentioned above, be sure to contact your chapter chief for more information. One of the highlights from this year's Section Conference was the hot air balloon, a first that had never been done before at any conference!
At Section Conference every lodge chief in the state gets together at the Council of Chiefs meeting to discuss policy changes for the upcoming year. The COC is comprised of the section officers: section chief, vice chief, secretary and historian and immediate past chief with their respective advisers. Plus the eight lodge chiefs and their respective advisers. Each lodge elects its lodge chiefs and officers but the section officers are elected by the lodges at the conclusion of each Section Conference. On Sunday, elections were held and a new group of section officers was sworn in for the 2013-2014 term. One of our lodge members, Matt Braun, was elected to serve as the section secretary.

If you were able to attend this year's Section Conference, you know that it was definitely an event to remember. And if you've never been to one, be sure to sign up for the next one, I promise you won't regret it! -FG

Written by Frank Gamez
Ceremonies Team wins 1st Place in Brotherhood!

Drum Team won 1st Place!

Ceremonies Team wins Inductions!

Josh took 3rd place in Internet!

Matt took 3rd place in King’s Cup!

1st Place Volleyball Trophy!
May 31—June 2 marked an important weekend for O-Shot-Caw as well as South Florida Council. For the first time since Hurricane Wilma destroyed Camp Seminole, Boy Scouts were back at the property! 84 Brothers gathered for the annual Summer Ordeal at the new Camp Elmore and helped 43 Candidates through their Ordeal and 9 Brothers sealed their ties in Brotherhood.

Camp isn’t the same as it used to be, and one of the biggest challenges is the lack of trees. Fortunately, we had lots of willing workers this weekend to help plant new ones. Other brothers helped clean up trash along Boy Scout Road, which it desperately needed since we have not been here in a while, and others started working on the new OA Shed.

Sunday morning we held our annual Chapter Elections and Matt Crowe was elected as the new O-Shot-Caw Chief. Nicholas was elected 1st Vice Chief and Glen is 2nd Vice Chief. David R. was elected Secretary and Jeremy P. was re-elected Treasurer. The new team will be working over the next few weeks to put together the new LEC and getting ready for the new year.
2013 Summer Ordeal

Our newly inducted officers with our Lodge Advisor and Staff Advisor

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43 New Arrowman completed their Ordeal this weekend.

9 Brothers sealed their ties this weekend.

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Summer 2014 is going to be very exciting! We have Brothers who will be attending the first National Jamboree to be held at the Summit Becktel Scout Reservation in West Virginia. Other scouts will be attending summer camp with their troops and some are serving as summer camp staff at Camps around the nation.

Our Lodge Leadership Development for the new LEC members will be held in August followed by the Fall Ordeal at Camp Elmore in early September.

Be sure to keep your eyes open for emails about these and other opportunities for fun and fellowship with your Brothers in your Chapter and the Lodge.
Chapter Reports

**Pooka Tooka**

Has recruited several members for the dance team and is already gearing up for next year. Looking forward to a great summer.

**Elgixin**

The Chapter is having a weekend of fellowship at Sawyer. They had a tap out ceremony at the Lighthouse District Camporee, and they are volunteering at Tomorrow’s Rainbow.

**Gokhos**

We had 3 brothers attend the Section Conference, and are looking forward to a great summer.

**O-Shot-Co-Chee**

They meet the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables located at 536 Coral Way, one block west of LeJeune (42 Avenue) on Coral Way (SW 24th street). O-Shot-Co-Chee is the “little white heron.

**Paldani**

The chapter had meatball subs at their May meeting and have donations for Hall Hollis and JAACF. Their June meeting will be a pot luck.

**Tomoka**

We are planning a youth fair and Cub Scout Derby as well as looking forward to a great summer. We had 12 brothers attend Section Conference, designed new Chapter Tee-Shirts and launched a new Chapter Facebook Page.
Chapter Reports

u-Ra-Con

We had 13 brothers attend the Section Conference and had a great Tap Out Ceremony at the District Camporee.

Nok Su

Had a great weekend fellowship and is looking forward to continuing to grow the chapter next year. We are already making plans to be part of the Haunted Forest Trail next year and are plan-

Fellowship is definitely part of the Ordeal

A few boxes to be unloaded by some of our Ordeal

The trees are Looking good!

Josh presenting at the Internet Competition at Section Conference

Pork Chop, Pork Chop!
“Editor’s Notes”

It was my honor to serve the Lodge this year as the publications chairman. I got to see firsthand everything the lodge does from monthly Chapter meetings held across our entire council to what goes into making events like Haunted Forest and Ordeals happens. I’d like to thank all of you who read the Patchwork throughout the year.

Your in Brotherhood,

Dylan Carter
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