From March 1th to the 3th, O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 hosted its annual Lodge Banquet at Camp Elmore. It was a weekend full of Brotherhood and good times. Friday included a Brotherhood Ceremony in which O-Shot-Caw inducted 21 new Brotherhood members into our Order. When Saturday rolled around the real games began. The day started off with seminars and after the seminars it was lunch time which was provided by the Pooca Tooka Chapter who did the cooking for the weekend. Then the games started. Volleyball, Lodge Ball, Tug-Of-War, were among some of the games played along with other Lodge favorites.

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Dear O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

I hope you all had a wonderful, fun, and safe Holiday season. It has been a successful year and O-Shot-Caw is ready to take on the new year. Reflecting on the recent, we recently held our annual Haunted Forest and attended the Section Seminars. We also held our first event of the New Year, our Winter Ordeal.

On October 20, 2012, 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 2012 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 over $17,000 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, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge attended the Section S4 Seminars. It was a chilly weekend, but still very fun. We got to meet arrowmen from all over the section as well as attend the training sessions. The weekend was hosted by Simalachee Lodge and they did an excellent job running the event.

At the start of the New Year we held our Winter Ordeal. On January 4-6, 2013, 92 Candidates went out to the Everglades to be welcomed into our brotherhood. There were also 27 brothers who sealed their tie in brotherhood. Congratulations to you all! The weekend was warmer than most Winter Ordeals, but the food was better than ever.

It is that time of year to pay your annual dues. Please log on to o-shot-caw.org and make your payment. Just around the corner is the Lincoln Marti Camporee on January 25-25, 2013 and an Indian Village display at Scoutmaster’s Camporee on February 15-17, 2013. We will also be in attendance at the Coconut Grove arts festival February 16-18, 2013. If you are interested in these events contact your Chapter Chief for more details and how to sign up. 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 Gold Level Lodge for the 2012 year!!! 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 serving you in 2013.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Kyle Senzig
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
Connor Lape
O-Shot-Caw First Vice Chief

The 2013 Scoutmasters Camporee was held at Markham Park. O-Shot-Caw lodge supported the event by setting up and running an Indian Village. The process began Friday afternoon when Brothers brought out the Lodge trailer, 2 tepees, pop-up and set-up canopies, a dance arbor and a lot of display items. There was also a trading post set up with all kinds of cool and interesting stuff for sale.

Early on Saturday morning, activity was furious as everybody was busy preparing for the opening of the village. The Lodge Camp Promotions team set up a great Camp Promotions Theater and a Philmont exhibit. There was an information booth and a booth where arrowmen could pay for their Lodge Dues on site and also register for the Lodge Banquet. Our Lodge historical display was set up showing off a lot of our great Lodge history and in case anyone did not see the signs that were set up telling everyone that this was the OA Indian village, the tepees certainly did. We had an Indian museum, costume displays, Indian games and of course, the dance arbor.

Once the village opened it was jammed! Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, family members and visitors kept coming and staying all day. There was a lot for them to see and do. The Lodge Drum Team played and sang during the day. The Indian museum was open (it was inside one of the tepees) and was a favorite, as were the Indian games, especially for the younger scouts. The Lodge Dance Team dressed in costume and performed for the crowd and invited scouts to participate. The Camp Promotions Theater was constantly running their program and the historical display looked great. The Trading Post had scouts of all ages stacked up to get a closer look at all the cool stuff they had for sale.
The Banquet began at around 6:30 Pooca-Tooka’s delicious steak dinner was enjoyed by family, friends, and scouters. Then the awards were handed out. To-Hopki-Lagi won the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and Hnu-Ra-Con won the Golden Pumpkin. Our Lodge Second Vice Chief, Noah Crowe was honored with the Hal Hollis Outstanding Arrowman Award which is given to a single Scout who shows outstanding service to the Lodge. This year Noah Crowe, Connor Lape, Jake Cairo, Nick Fernandez, Richard McEwan, Lydia Pinna, Joey Anderson, Debbie Baker-Robinson, Matt Crowe, Cody Brown, and Jeff Robinson were presented with the Meritorious Service Award. On Sunday, Gokhos Chapter held the Scouts Own Service. The Lodge then carried out its usual business meeting and the new Vigil Recipients were recognized:

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to Lodge, Council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person’s conscious endeavors. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following: Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Scouting community, and Scout Camp. Under NO circumstances should tenure in Scouting or the Order of the Arrow be considered as reason enough for a Vigil Honor recommendation. Any member of the Order of the Arrow registered in Scouting and in good standing in a regularly chartered Lodge is eligible for recommendation to the National Order of the Arrow Committee for elevation to the Vigil Honor provided that, at the time of the recommendation, the individual has been a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years. A Lodge may nominate a maximum of two percent of their registered Arrowmen once a year, through the Vigil Honor petition, found in the annual re-charter packet. At least 50 percent of all nominated must be under 21 at the time of nomination.

Kyle Senzig

Kyle’s scouting career began as a Tiger Scout in Pack 803 in the Tequesta District and his first campout was at Camp Sawyer. When Kyle became a Cub Scout, he earned all 20 Webelos Activity Pins, and National Catholic Committee on Scouting Light of Christ, and Cub Scouting’s highest honor – the coveted Arrow of Light Award. After his time in Cub Scouts, Kyle crossed over to Troop 83 in the Tequesta District and later to Troop 314 Thunderbird District. In Troop 314, Kyle has held numerous leadership positions, including Senior Patrol Leader. In 2010, Kyle earned Boy Scout’s highest honor – the Eagle Scout Award.

Kyle was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2009 at the Winter Ordeal. He then sealed his ties in the brotherhood on 2011, at the Lodge Ban-
During his first year, Kyle earned O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award and has always served as a role model for everyone in the To-Hopki-Lagi chapter. Kyle became the Lodge’s Trading Post Chairman in 2010-2011, and provided great leadership during all L.E.C. meetings. In recognition of his tireless efforts, Kyle was awarded in the Lodge’s Meritorious Service Award. His O.A. ventures have included all lodge events, numerous section conferences, and section seminars. On a national level, Kyle has attended the 2012 National Order the Arrow Conference and competed in the group dance competition, despite having an injured knee. Today, we all know Kyle as our mighty Lodge Chief.

Outside of Scouting, Kyle has been doing community service from a very early age. His works entertaining veterans at the Veterans Hospital were so renowned that he was featured in an article in the Disable Veterans Magazine published in the fall of 2001. He continued giving service to the Veterans at the hospital's nursing home thru 2008 when his family moved to Thunderbird District. Overall Kyle has over 5100 hours of service for his community so far which earned him the prestigious President's Call to Service Award. This is a lifetime award given after completion of 4000 hours of community service. Today, Kyle is a student at Miami-Dade College where he maintains an “A” average and is a member of the Honor Roll. Kyle is the youngest of five Eagle Scout brothers and now in recognition of his true leadership in service, is a member of the Vigil Honor.

Connor Lape

Connor’s Scouting career began as a Cub Scout in Pack 850, Den 7. During his tenure as a Cub Scout, Connor earned the Arrow of Light Award, which is the only youth Cub Scout award that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. In March 2006, Connor crossed over into Troop 599 during the Webelos Woods campout. In his troop, Connor has held virtually every leadership position. He has also given back to the Cub Scout program by serving as a den chief for Pack 850 from 2008 through 2012. Outside of the troop, Connor has completed five barefoot mailman hikes from 2009 through 2013; attended numerous summer camps; and council campouts. On December 15, 2010, Connor earned the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. He has earned 51 merit badges and has 6 eagle palms.

Connor was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2007 and quickly became active on the lodge level. He has earned the Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award and was awarded the Hal Hollis Outstanding Arrowman Award. Currently, Connor is serving as the Lodge’s First Vice Chief. Notably, Connor is a member of the Triple Crown club. In order to be a member, one must attend all three of Scouting’s high adventure bases as a youth. Connor has attended all three; specifically: the High Adventure Sea Base in the Keys; the Philmont Scout Ranch; and the Northern Tier.

Connor is a senior at Coral Reef Senior High School where he is a member of the International Baccalaureate Program. Connor, by all accounts, is one of the brightest individuals you will ever meet. By way of example, Connor: ranks in the top 15% of his class; has completed over nine AP classes; has earned the AP Scholar Award; is a member of the National Honor Society; was a delegate to Model U.N.; and carries a 5.93 weighted GPA. Going forward, Connor has already been accepted to six colleges, including University of Florida, Purdue, Indiana, Pittsburgh, and Florida State University. In the coming weeks, Connor will decide which school will be lucky enough to welcome him as a student.
Matt Crowe

Matthew comes from a family that truly epitomizes the values of the Scouting program. His Scouting journey as a Tiger Cub in Pack 868. He then moved to the Redlands where he joined Pack 69. Some of Matthew’s early scouting successes include winning the Webelos Jamboree chariot race championship with a time score of 1 min 3 seconds and earning the coveted Arrow of Light Award. Following Cub Scouts, Matthew crossed over into Troop 69 where he went on to serve in various leadership roles, including QM, Patrol Leader, ASPL and SPL several which he held multiple times. He also is involved with Venture Crew 314 has recruited many, including some who remain very close to him today.

Matthew was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in Winter of 2007. He then sealed his ties in the brotherhood at Fall Ordeal in 2010. Matthew is currently serving as the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter Chief. In addition to this chiefly duties, Matthew has served as Chapter Haunted Forest Chair and participated with the Lodge’s Drum Team, and is one of the founding members of the “South” Ceremonies Team.

Outside of Scouting, Matthew is a student at FIU where he is interested in criminology. Additionally, every Sunday, Matthew volunteers at his local church in its media department.

Aaron Kudja

Aaron began his Scouting career in 2002 with Pack 492. Aaron earned his Arrow of Light Award in 2007 and crossed over to Troop 492 where he served in various leadership roles. Aaron has attended every summer camp with his troop. Aaron was inducted into the Order at the Winter Ordeal at Camp Everglades in 2009 and sealed his ties one year later. At the Lodge level Aaron is a regular at Section Seminars, Section Conferences, and Ordeals. Aaron attended his first NOAC in 2009, as a first year arrow man, where he competed and was awarded a medal with the Ceremonies Team. In 2009, Aaron once again demonstrated his leadership by joining the Lodge Executive Committee as the First Year Arrowman chairman. At the 2010 Lodge Banquet, Aaron received his First Year Arrowman Award and delivered an outstanding speech, addressing the 2010 First Year Arrowman Award recipients. In 2010, Aaron was sworn in as a Lodge Officer holding the position of Lodge Secretary. At the 2010, 2011, and 2012 Section Conferences, Aaron, once again earned medals with the Ceremonies Team. In 2010 Aaron participated with our Lodge contingent at 4Corps, where he helped restore an Indian burial mound, plant thousands of trees, and help remove unwanted plants, all in the scorching heat of a Florida summer in the Ocala Forest. In 2011, Aaron accepted the challenge to spear head the Ceremonies Team as the chairman. At the 2012 Lodge Banquet, Aaron received the Meritorious Service Award. In 2012 Aaron attended NOAC, and demonstrated his commitment to the lodge, by leading the Ceremonies Team to earning 12 medals. At the Paldani chapter level, Aaron has held the position of 2nd Vice Chief, and is currently the chapters Ceremonies chairman. His leadership at both the Chapter level and Lodge level has helped elevate our Lodge to its national quality status and has positively impacted the lives of many Arrowmen. Indeed, he has a powerful presence, whether it is at a Ceremonies Team performance or at a Lodge-level activity.

Outside of Scouting, Aaron is a junior at West Broward High School where he maintains a 4.5 grade point average, while also participating in the National Honor Society. On the varsity sports teams, Aaron is a 3 year
Jose Kudja

Jose is an extremely active Scouter and excellent role model for both the youth and adults of the South Florida Council. He currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 492 in Seminole District. Prior to his tenure as Scoutmaster, Jose was an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 492 and the Cub master of Pack 492. As Scoutmaster he has led the Troop to 5 summer camps – going to 8 altogether – and has made sure that his Troop was a Quality Unit every year. Jose was inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the 2008 Winter Ordeal. He then sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later at the 2009 Winter Ordeal. Since being inducted into the Order, Jose has always been an active Arrowman. Immediately following his induction into the Order, Jose became the Elangomat Adviser for O-Shot-Caw Lodge and performed his job to the highest standard. After three and a half years as Advisor, Jose went on to become the Service Advisor where he has helped the Lodge to achieve the National Service Award. In the District, Jose currently serves as the FOS and Financial Chairman. He is the proud father of our one Eagle Scout and fellow Vigil Honor, Colby Kudja and Aaron, a soon to be Eagle Scout and one of our Lodge’s newest Vigil members.

Jose was born in Cuba and grew up in the Bronx as a child. In 1978 he moved to South Florida and he graduated Hialeah Miami Lakes High School in 1980. Jose graduated from Florida International University with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, with a minor in Mathematics. He is currently employed with Great Health Works in Hollywood, FL. He has owned several businesses in the past related to the travel industry, as well as, employed with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and Ryder. In his free time Jose enjoys grilling great food on the barbeque, fishing, traveling, and just spending time with his family.
Winter Ordeal

Cody Brown
O-Shot-Caw Elangomat Chairman

This past Winter Ordeal was a blast. The weather was amazing all weekend long. The projects were carried out swiftly. Everyone was ready to Cheerfully Serve at Everglades National Forest. And everyone had a wonderful time. At this Ordeal the Lodge received over 90 new Ordeal members were inducted into the Order. 27 members also sealed their ties in the Brotherhood.

As always, Winter Ordeal was held at Camp Everglades. The weather provided an excellent working atmosphere, which resulted in hard working candidates. The projects of this weekend consisted of painting benches to be used at Camp Seminole, painting the gate leading into the camp, breaking up rocks for a trail, clearing the overgrown trail between the Activity Field and Campsite Quail, sealing teepee poles, working on a new compost bathroom and building the fire for the Ceremonies that evening.

The Ceremonies Team was in full force this weekend and put on four Pre-Ordeals, one Brotherhood, and two Ordeal Ceremonies due to the enormous number of candidates present. They did a tremendous job at putting on the ceremonies. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge Ceremonies team was able to pull off a great weekend.

Winter Ordeal is nothing without the magnificent meals cooked by To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter. Everyone always looks forward to their turkey dinner along with a wide selection of deserts and sides.

At the conclusion of the weekend the revved Pal-dani and Nok-Su Chapter’s gave the Interfaith Worship Service soon followed by the business meeting and Chapter work projects. The bottom line, if you weren’t there than you really missed out on a time of fellowship and Brotherhood!
Chapter Reports

Pooca Tooka

Over the past 3 months, Pooca-Tooka has been burning with Chapter pride. On May 12th, Pooca-Tooka participated in our yearly Callout Ceremony at our District Camporee. We tapped out roughly 40 Scouts that are eligible to join our order. Pooca-Tooka has been showing our pride all over, participating in every Lodge Event and more. This includes Section Conference, Summer Ordeal, Chapter Meeting and Elections. At Section Conference, Pooca-Tooka had 5 Arrowmen attend and be a big part of the Dance Team, helping O-Shot-Caw Lodge win 1st place in advanced group dance, an award the Dance Team hasn't seen in quite a while. At Summer Ordeal, our colors really showed when we inducted about 8 new Arrowmen. The Monday after Summer Ordeal, we had our monthly Chapter Meeting where we had our Chapter Elections as well. Adrian Alvarez passed the responsibility onto our newly elected Chapter Chief, Ryan Rodriguez. Along with a new Chapter Chief, we were proud to elect Matthew Sosa as our 1st Vice-chief, Brian Horowitz as our 2nd Vice-Chief, and Joshua Spaeht as our new Secretary. These past 3 months have been a major period of growth and development for Pooca-Tooka, and we plan on making a huge impression in the coming year. If you have any questions please email me at ryan9004@yahoo.com.

-Nok-Su

At the beginning of the month at Summer Ordeal we had one Elangomat and two Ordeal Candidates go through. That month we got a new Chapter Chief, Benjamin Pinkley, along with a new Advisor, Allen Pinkley. We are proud to have one of our Chapter members going to NOAC. Hope to see you all in August. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email me at benjamin@thepinkleys.com.

-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
Chapter Reports Continued...

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

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 First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables.

Since the last Patchwork, we have participated in the Section Conference, our One Day of Service, and the Summer Ordeal. At Section Conference, our Chapter was very active in competing in the inter-Lodge competitions. We were able to help win 1st place in Ultimate Frisbee for the Lodge. We had a great time and look forward to next year. For our Service Project, we cleaned veterans’ tombstones at the City of Miami Cemetery. We were glad to see the difference our work made.

Upcoming events are Fall Ordeal and Haunted Forest. We can’t wait to start planning for these. If you have any questions please contact me at umgws3@gmail.com.

-Garret Silgee

Paldani

This past year has been great, as evident by our achievement of 'Best All Around Chapter' status. However, the past is behind and now Paldani looks to do even bigger and better things in this upcoming year. The new Paldani Officers for the upcoming year in addition to myself are Cody Brown as the First Vice Chief, Matt Braun as the Second Vice Chief, and Dylan Carter as the Secretary.

On April 20 - 22, Paldani attended the Section Conference in full force. Many members of our Chapter received awards for various competitions. Aaron Kudja, John Se-

-mander, William McKinley, Josh Semander, and Matt Braun competed with the Ceremonies Team. A team honored in Pre-Ordeal and received first place for Brotherhood. Chris Alvarez lead the Drum Team to second place in the Section (but was truly the Best Drum “Team” in the Section). Sebastian Torres led the Lodge in Spirit for the weekend and helped to bring back the Spirit Award, even if he lost his voice in doing so.

On May 14, Paldani held its monthly Chapter Meeting. We discussed the old business, which consisted of recap-ping on the past Section Conference. Then we moved on to the new business, which was focused around the upcoming Summer Ordeal. On June 1 - 3, Paldani attended the Summer Ordeal. Thirty-six members were in attendance. Two new members were inducted into the Order. As stated earlier Paldani won the 'Best All Around' competition. On Sunday, our very own, Josh Semander became the 2012-2013 Lodge Secretary.

On June 10, Paldani held its annual flag retirement cer-eemony for the Hollywood West Elks Lodge. We provide this service every year in order to give back to the Elks since they let us use their facility. We had 23 Arrowmen in attendance to help with the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Immediately after, Paldani held its final meeting for the year and conducted our Chapter Officer Elections while enjoying a wonderful lunch provided by the Elks.

From June 11 – 15, Paldani had at least nine Arrowmen help out at the Cub Scout Day Camp held at Vista View. We help in various ways from running the BB Range, being a Den Chief, or being a runner for whatever tasks are needed. Our help was greatly appreciated by the Cub Scouts of South Florida.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please email me at willmckinley@yahoo.com or my Advisor, Glenn Gomez, at glennngomez@bellsouth.net or at (954)-655-4446.

-William McKinley
“Editor’s Notes”

Dear Brothers,

I am privileged to be able to produce the Patchwork for the Lodge. However, none of this could have been done without everyone else. I could not have done this without the help of my mentor William McKinley who has helped to teach me and pass on his knowledge with me.

This past Lodge Banquet was a great success and congratulate all the new Brotherhood and Vigil Honor Members on their achievements. I look forward to competing at Section Conference in April. Hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you can direct them to me by emailing me at jordanbr265@gmail.com or calling my Advisor, Ira Schrager at (954)-410-2101.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Jordan Baker-Robinson
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**Lodge Calendar**

**Lodge**  
West Broward Masonic Lodge  
August 25, 2012  
Invitation Only Event  
Seminars to improve your Leadership

**Fall Ordeal**  
Camp Elmore  
September 21 - 23, 2012  
Check Website for details  
To Cheerfully Serve and induct new members.

**Haunted Forest**  
Markham Park  
October 19 - 21, 2012  
Check Website for details  
Help raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Foundation