Happy 100th Birthday to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting’s National Honor Society! What better way to celebrate than to throw a party with more than 10,000 invitees, large arena shows, and sporting events? NOAC kicked off the fun on August third and carried all the way onto the eighth in Lansing Michigan at Michigan State University.

It’s important to remember the purpose behind having the National Order of the Arrow Conference, and to do that, you have to reference back 100 years to the very beginning when Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll Edson founded the Order of the Arrow. They wanted to preserve and sustain the scouting spirit and themes of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. We’ve had a century to grow and develop as an organization and have been able to recognize those who best exemplify the traits of scouting in their everyday lives. Among acknowledging those scouts, the OA has promoted camping and outdoor adventure, develop and enhance youth leadership skills, and emphasize on establishing a sense of cheerfulness and helpfulness into the scouts’ lives.

The best thing about NOAC is that it quite literally unites the entire nation in brotherhood and spirit. [Continued onto Page 4...]

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Chiefly Speaking

The first few months of my term as Lodge Chief have definitely been an exciting time for the Order of the Arrow and O-Shot-Caw lodge. NOAC 2015 was, without a doubt the best way to start our year. Many say that this was the greatest event ever held by the Order of the Arrow, and for good reason. It provided our arrowman an amazing opportunity to bond with each other, and discover the meaning and purpose of the Order of the Arrow. The event was focused not on the first 100 years, but the next 100 years. The theme, “It Starts with us,” and its learning theme, “Make change for tomorrow, with action today,” focused on how each Arrowman can make a difference in the future.

NOAC was a motivating event for our lodge. This was evident in our first events after NOAC: the August LEC and LLD. At the first LEC, we saw every seat filled around our tables. It was great to see several new faces around the table. Being on the LEC comes with responsibility, but it is one of the most rewarding parts of our lodge.

At the Lodge Leadership Development, we had a weekend of training and fellowship at Camp Sawyer in the keys. It was also unique, as it was the Southernmost LLD in the country. This was innovative for us, as it was our first year having LLD as a weekend event at sawyer, and the training was different, but none the less, positively constructive.

Going forward, we have the fall ordeal and the Haunted forest. At both events will we need maximum participation and chapter support. At the fall ordeal, we will need people to be helping with work at camp in order to prepare Elmore for section conference. Haunted Forest this year is expected to be bigger than last year’s event. However, it is only with your support and commitment can we make this happen and can we raised funds for those scouts who can’t afford to attend camp.

Overall, I am incredibly excited for the upcoming year as Chief. I think our LEC has the potential to be the best in years, and I am looking forward to hosting the best conference O-Shot-Caw has had in years.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Mike Brignola
The lodge’s scouts have been hard at work preparing Camp Elmore for the upcoming SR-4 Section Conference in April of 2016. As Arrowmen and Brotherhood candidates gathered around with shovels and buckets in hand, improvements to the camp, slowly but surely, have in fact been made. The turnout was great, with nine Brotherhood candidates, six Elangomats, and seventeen Arrowmen, as well as countless lodge volunteers. Overall service projects included lake/aquatic center cleaning, bench building/placement, gravel shoveling in our state-of-the-art amphitheatre, and some much-needed landscaping. As more volunteers show up to both ordeals and lodge-organized “Camp Elmore Work Days”, a substantial impact will be had on the camp. To understand the need for camp restoration, it’s important to know the history of the camp. Although its current name is Camp Elmore, there was a time when it was solely called Camp Seminole. But the integrity of the camp was compromised during the 2005 Hurricane Wilma. Businessman Robert “Bob” Elmore made a generous one million dollar investment towards the camp. This ensured that it could be refined and renovated to one day host an entire section of Florida scouts. It’s been eleven years since O-Shot-Caw last hosted a section conference, but as 2015 draws to a close, we as a lodge are preparing harder than ever to make this the best camp in the State of Florida. Our ordeal candidates and volunteers have all been essential in making sure that Camp Elmore is equipped with cutting-edge facilities like the waterfront, archery, and air gun pavilions, as well as the Ron Bell Ceremonies ring and Amphitheatre. The scouts who have been able to dedicate their entire weekends to making this an even better camp deserve recognition, along with the adults who have ensured that everything was being built or constructed properly.
NOAC CONTINUED
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With representatives from almost every region, section, lodge, and chapter, scouts could share experiences, skills, and stories about their scouting careers while still celebrating the success of the OA.

With just over 65 arrowmen from our own lodge attending, O-Shot-Caw made quite an appearance while in Michigan. We're proud to announce that our lodge is home to a National Award-winning Drum Team, Ceremonies Team, and Dance Team. [Pictured Above] Our very own scouts had the opportunity to preform team and ceremonies dance infront of a national pannel of judges.

Josh Semander, the Lodge's Second Vice Chief, said that he was proud to be included in a lot of the ceremonies competitions and evaluations. Josh says that spending weeks beforehand and then an additional three days at NOAC helped prepare him and the rest of the team for their performance. When asked about what he thought the most compelling part of the conference was, he said the shows were the best part. He was impressed by how well they were run, organized, and executed. This was evident by how interactive they were as well as their willingness to make the shows relatable to each of the scouts who attended, regardless of where they were from. Lastly, Josh said that he was greatful to have been able to attend NOAC because of the significance of the 100th anniversary event. He's glad he was part of not only the lodge's history, but also the nations history in attending.

The trip could be marked as nothing but a success and has left everybody who went, anticipating the next conference in 2018!
GET READY FOR HAUNTED FOREST
The Spookiest Time of the Year is Home to One of the Lodge’s Biggest Events

One of the Lodge’s most enjoyable and distinct events of the year is Haunted Forest. Each chapter is responsible for creating their own eerie-themed walk-through tent. This year, you can expect to see themes like “Bombs Away”, “Pirates of the Caribbean”, and “Shark-Nado” as well as many others. Haunted Forest Chairman, Nick Gamara, has been hard at work preparing the lodge for this annual event. Each chapter has assumed responsibilities that will contribute to the provisions needed at Camp Elmore. This is a rain or shine event and tickets can be purchased on the lodge’s website as well as from fellow chapter members. The funds collected from this event will go directly to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund, allowing worthy scouts financial assistance to go to summer camp.

SPOTLIGHT ON HIGH ADVENTURE
Take a Look at a New Addition to Louisiana’s Atchafalaya Swamp Base

Established in 2010, Louisiana’s Atchafalaya High Adventure Swamp Base is home to an incredibly unique form of camping. Unlike Philmont, Northern Tier, or our very own Sea Base, Swamp Base caters to a new kind of scouting adventure. Scouts who want to pursue “a wilderness far too intimidating for the casual outdoorsmen”, where they’ll encounter “challenges to conquer and wonders to behold”, this is the camp for you. While at the camp, you can expect to participate in a six day/six night 60-mile high adventure paddling base in the Atchafalaya Swamp of Southern Louisiana. On average, scouts paddle around 15 miles per day and spend the nights on the primitive Rougarou Island. Scouts can go fishing, paddling, cooking, and recreating atmospheres similar to those of the Cajuns, Creoles, and Natives of South Louisiana.

If you’d like to learn more about Swamp Base or if you’d like to enroll, please visit: http://www.bsaswampbase.org
CHAPTER REPORTS
Get Your Updates on the Lodge’s Nine Different Chapters

Tomoka
Biscayne Bay District
Keanu Orfano - Chapter Chief

This month at the chapter meeting, we finalized our theme for Haunted Forest. We decided on the theme of the Not-so-fun House. We also planned for workdays in the near future. Also at the chapter meeting, we voted to have a chapter fellowship on Monday, September 14, 7:30 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. We had 2 members attend the workday at Camp Elmore and plan to have more at the Fall Ordeal.

Elgixin
Light House District
Nick Gregory - Chapter Chief

Elgixin is back from summer as we just had our first meeting back, not too long ago. Over the summer, we had our annual chapter picnic full of fellowship throughout the chapter.

Also, we had three of our members go to NOAC at Michigan State, one being our Vice Chief, Glen Oglesby, who competed in all three competition ceremonies and Honor medaled in all three.

Elgixin is excited to be back from summer and hopes for a great year ahead of us.

Gokhos
Pine Island District
Justin Schultz - Chapter Chief

Gokhos had their first chapter meeting on Monday, August 31st at Camp Elmore at 7:00 pm. Gokhos is currently working on the menu for Haunted Forrest and Section Conference. (The Conference menu will differ slightly from the Haunted Forrest menu by offering new things that the brothers might enjoy.) Our theme for Haunted Forrest is “American Horror Story FREAK SHOW”. It will be loosely based on the actual show and more on the season “freak show”.

We are also currently in the process of setting up elections for troops so that we can induct new brothers into the Order.

Paldani Chapter
Seminole District
Arturo Fernandez - Chapter Chief

Since our last meeting, the Paldani Chapter has been starting the year off strong. We started having our gathering meetings in order to plan and brainstorm ideas for section conference.

Along with that, we had our first chapter meeting where we came up with our idea for haunted forest, which is bombs away. We were also able to finish the menu for fall ordeal. Also over the summer break, we had our annual flag day where we retired old flags in a ceremony conducted not only for the public but also for veterans.

In addition to that we helped staff the Cub Scout day camp, with multiple Paldani members there to provide cheerful service throughout the event. We had eight Paldani members attend NOAC with two ceremonialists, and three to four dance team members.

Finally I am happy to say that the 2015-2016 paldani chapter officers are Arturo Fernandez as chief, Zak Myers as First Vice Chief and Nathanel Cassagnol as Second Vice Chief. We have already held an officers planning meeting and will soon hold a section conference planning meeting for our chapter’s responsibilities.
Pooca-Tooka
Fireball District
Ryan Rodriguez - Chapter Chief

Over the summer, Pooca-Tooka showed a lot of leadership and performed many community service hours cheerfully. In June, we had our annual chapter elections where we elected our new officers: Chapter chief Ryan Rodriguez, 1st Vice Angel Acuna, and 2nd Vice Patrick Gross.

We volunteered at Cub Scout Day Camp and provided hundreds of hours in total being den leaders and running activities.

In July, we had some arrowmen volunteer at a local vacation bible school that is run every year in our community.

In August, we had three Arrowmen attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Lansing, Michigan and it was a blast! We are already looking forward to attending the next one.

We also had three youth members attend Lodge Leadership Development and we plan to move forward with what we've learned from that amazing weekend in Camp Sawyer. For High Adventure, we had two Arrowmen attend the national Summit and help work on preparing the summit for everything that is ahead.

We look forward to working in our district and in our lodge to make this one of the most successful years for our chapter and lodge.

O-Shot-Co-Chee
Tequesta District
Daniel Cardenas - Chapter Chief

We met on Monday, October 5th at the LDS Chapel. The following positions remain open: First Vice Chief and Second Vice Chief. Secretary was temporarily filled and I will confirm the name shortly. Haunted Forest- Our Theme is: Sharkie- Nado. We talked and prepared the details to execute the plan as well as items that are needed and need to be purchased. One of the brothers has offered his house this upcoming Sunday, to prepare and work on the details for the Haunted Forest.

Our chapter will be attending the Tequesta’s Cub Fun Day in Homestead, this , October 10th. We will be setting up the activities representing the OA and selling Haunted Forest Tickets. Additionally, all the Scoutmasters attending the Round table meeting were informed about our upcoming event and ticket sales so that they could inform their individual units.

Hnu-Ra-Con
Hurricane District
Wyatt Engelmann - Chapter Chief

Our Chapter Meetings have been more fun than ever. Our business is only brief to maximize the fun and fellowship. This year we have played Basketball, Football, Frisbee, and best of all... Lodgeball!

Every meeting is accompanied by snacks and refreshments. This year our theme was Pirates of the Hnu-Ra-Bean for Haunted Forest. It began with a fantastic facade with towering crow's nest, continued with a massive cannon crossfire and battle, and concluded with a terrifying volcano.

Next year we hope to involve more troops from out district and make next year’s even better. We will have a Krispy Kreme and Carwash fundraiser to raise money for our gaga ball pit and other chapter activities.

Nok-Su
Buccaneer District
Matthew Pinkley - Chapter Chief

In the last month Nok-su has had one meeting and a Haunted Forest workday. At the meeting we discussed that we will be only doing a midway game at haunted forest and the theme will be Classic Monster also at this meeting we held elections Matthew P chapter chief, Ben P 1st vice chief, William P 2nd vice chief, Tim H treasurer and Max H as secretary.

At the workday we drew the pictures and started to paint them. In the future we will be have at tap out ceremony at our fall camporee, and will have a good showing at haunted forest.

To-Hopki-Lagi
Thunderbird District
Peter Rodriguez - Chapter Chief

Since the last LEC To-Hopki-Lagi joined up with the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter at bird Bowl for a day of fellowship.

We then had are chapter meeting August 7th. We talked about Fall Ordeal, and planed a bit more for the upcoming haunted forest. We plan on having one or two more planning meetings to further prepare for haunted forest.

We have had members from our chapter attend the work day back in August 29th. On October 10th we will be helping our district with the cub funday. At our last meeting we started finalizing our plans and ideas for the haunted forest, and plan to have one or two more meetings to work on smaller projects in preparation for the haunted forest. We are so excited and can't wait till October.
MEET YOUR 2015-2016 LEC
Get To Know The Four Leaders of The Lodge Executive Committee

Mike Brignola
Lodge Chief

Mike became chief of O-Shot-Caw in May of 2015 during the Summer Ordeal in May. He succeeded Matthew Crow, becoming the 48th chief of the lodge. He’s been born and raised in Sunrise Florida and is an active member of the Gokhos Chapter. He’s currently enrolled at the University of Florida, taking online classes in preparation for a career in Marketing. He believes that scouting has been most beneficial to him, by exposing him to leadership styles and possibilities. He’s also been granted opportunities in that he wouldn’t have experienced otherwise. His favorite hobby is traveling and his favorite drink is Barq’s Rootbeer.

Richard “Cody” Brown
First Vice Chief

Cody proudly wears his a Vigil Honor Sash after being an active and involved member of his lodge and Paldani Chapter. Cody was born in Pembroke Pines, but raised in Hollywood. He currently attends McArthur High School and is dedicated to his performance his school’s marching band. He wishes to study Optometry once he arrives in college, but in his spare time, he enjoys watching TV. He says that scouting has helped him by allowing him to transition from somebody who was anti-social into someone who was eager to talk to others and create new scouting friendships. His favorite food is cheesecake and his favorite drink is whole milk.

Josh Semander
Second Vice Chief

Josh is a Pembroke Pines native and a proud member of the Paldani Chapter. He currently anticipates attending Florida International University and then moving onto Florida State University. He wants to continue his studies in theatre in college because of his dedication especially in High School. He added that scouting has been most beneficial to him by giving him the confidence to speak in front of a public audience. When he’s not on the stage, he enjoys bike riding. His favorite food is pasta and his favorite drink is Iced Tea.
An entire weekend of learning new leadership skills may sound a bit tedious at first, but not when you do it the O-Shot-Caw way. Being in the South Florida Council, the Lodge was able to host the annual “Lodge Leadership and Development (LLD)” weekend at Camp Jackson Sawyer. This camp is situated perfectly on Scout Key, just north of Big Pine Key in a beautiful tropical oasis. Along with fluent instruction from our own youth leaders, was time for aquatic fellowship, where arrowmen get to bond together in an array of aquatic activities. Doesn’t sound all too bad now, does it?

Even if we didn’t host the LLD in the keys, we can still put on a great collection of seminars that benefit the entirety of the LEC, but in-turn, our Chapter members as well. After all, strong leaders and strong chapters make for a strong lodge.

Adrian was born and raised in Pembroke Pines. He’s an avid video game player who currently attends Pembroke Pines Charter High School. After his senior year, he hopes to continue his educational career by majoring in Computer Science and Programming. As far as scouting goes, he says that it’s helped him the most by giving him exposure to new people that have, in-turn, shaped his life. His favorite food is Mac and Cheese and his favorite drink is milk.

Last but not least, Gary Taylor III was born and raised in Miami-Dade county. He currently attends American Senior High as a ninth grade student and wants to pursue a career in the medical field after completing his four years in High School. His favorite food is “pretty much anything edible” and his favorite drink goes between Chocolate Milk or Peace Tea.

Adrian Aponte
Secretary

Gary Taylor III
Treasurer

Lodge Leadership and Development Weekend
Get an In-Depth Look at our LLD

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Lodge Calendar

National Order of the Arrow Conference
August 1-8
Michigan State University - Lansing, MI

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
August 20
SCFBSA Office - Miami Lakes, FL

Lodge Leadership and Development
August 21-23
Camp Sawyer - Big Pine Key, FL

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
September 17
SCFBSA Office - Miami Lakes, FL

Fall Ordeal
September 18-20
Camp Elmore - Davie, FL

Quotes

“Things of the spirit are what count: brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; service – in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving.”

-E. Urner Goodman
Order of the Arrow Founder

“As a young boy, scouting gave me a confidence and camaraderie that is hard to find in modern life.”

-Bear Grylls,
Adventurer

“I have never forgotten my days as an Eagle Scout. I didn’t know it at the time, but what really came out of my Scouting was learning how to lead and serve the community. It has come in handy in my career in government.”

-Lloyd Bentsen,
Fmr. Texas US Senator

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

-John Quincy Adams,
Fmr. U.S. President