This winter was one winter that was full of activities for the lodge. From winter ordeal to Lincoln Marti and Scoutmaster’s Camporee all the way to The Coconut Grove Arts Festival, O-Shot-Caw showed cheerful service all throughout our community. Following a very successful Fall, we knew that our winter would not disappoint. All of our events went off without a hitch and as we look towards the spring, we aim to get ready for Lodge Banquet and Section Conference while constructing our own camp to host Section Conference in 2016!
“Chiefly Speaking”

A Letter from our chief…

These last couple of months have been a turning point for the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. In December we submitted our petition for Journey to Excellence, where we place GOLD for all the great things our lodge has done. We prepared for the winter ordeal as well as had our annual Vigil breakfast. Where we had about 80 of our brothers get together for a morning of fellowship. This was the last event we had for the 2014 year.

O-Shot-Caw stated the New Year off with a bang in January. At the Winter Ordeal, we had 254 brothers attend! Which was 70 more than we had in the previous year. At the winter ordeal we had a great load of projects, but the biggest was the completion of the Amphitheater which can sit about 1,200 people. It was a great weekend with 110 candidates and 46 brothers sealing their ties in brotherhood. Later in the month we had an Indian Village at the Cub Scout Camporee, Lincoln Marti. We had dances, drumming, and even Native American games for the Boys in Blue to come and enjoy.

The lodge really came to shine in February with all the events we participated in. In one weekend we had the Indian Village at Scoutmasters Camporee, National Leadership Seminars and Coconut Grove Arts festival. Having brothers at each of these event was challenging, but we pulled it off! And then at the end of the month, we participated at the Special Olympics held every year at Miami Dade College. This year, we help set up and take down the event, helped the young boys and girls in participating in the events and also prepared, cooked and served all the meals. It was a great weekend for everyone!
On January 9th-11th, O-Shot-Caw Lodge held its annual Winter Ordeal to induct those Scouts who had been elected to the Order. There was a great turn of candidates who cheerfully served during the weekend. O-Shot-Caw held this Ordeal for the first time at South Florida’s local Scout Camp, Camp Elmore, and the candidates helped to prep the camp for the upcoming Section Conference in 2016 due to the fact that O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be the hosting Lodge.

The Lodge Ceremonies Team had provided a wonderful Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Ordeal Ceremony for the newly inducted Brothers and those Brothers who sealed their ties in Brotherhood. The Team consisted of the Ceremonies Chairman, Jordan Baker-Robinson as well as Glen Olgesby, Dillon Baker-Robinson, and Josh Semander. O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Dance Team had also put on a Pow-Wow for the Brothers who were camping on Friday night of the Ordeal. This Pow-Wow was led by the Dance Team’s own Dance Boss, Michael Brignola.

With a great turn out in candidates and fellowship stronger than ever, Winter Ordeal shows a promising future for O-Shot-Caw Lodge and all of the OA Brothers in South Florida Council.

- Josh Semander
Every year, the O-Shot-Caw lodge sets up an Indian Village at Carlos J. Arboleya Park where we show to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Girl Scouts what the OA is all about. From dance to drum all the way to ceremonies, every team shows up and performs for the audiences that come and go throughout the day. When not performing, they teach everyone about what they do as a team or play American Indian inspire games.

On January 24th of 2015 O-Shot-Caw lodge assisted in the setting up and putting on of the Lincoln Marti Indian village this year. The work day began at 7:30 A.M. and was completely over and taken down at 5:50 P.M. A total of 47 brothers came out to support the lodge and myself in our endeavors totaling approximately 417 hours of service. Lincoln Marti also gave both the dance and drum teams the opportunity to further hone their abilities in preparation for section conference and eventually NOAC. Over the course of Saturday we handed out a total of 105 O-Shot-Caw t-shirts to the scouts of Lincoln Marti, which we see as future arrowmen.

Just as every year, it is an honor to volunteer our time at the Lincoln Marti Camporee and we look forward to providing our services again next year. If you’d like to volunteer some of your time at our Indian Village or would like to make suggestions on how we can improve for next, feel free to contact your Chapter Chief today!

- Glen Oglesby
The 2015 Scoutmaster’s Camporee took place at Markham Park on the weekend of February 13th through the 15th. As we do every year, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge hosted our annual Indian Village. The village hosted at Scoutmaster’s is the biggest one of the year that we hold. From AIA teams to an American Indian vendor, you can find things for anyone.

Our lodge went all out and showed up in full force to provide the best experience for scouts of all ages. The Ceremonies team, led by Jordan Baker Robinson, held a game that got all the cub scouts’ attention. When they weren't playing their native American game, he was explaining what the OA does to our “Future Arrowmen”. The Dance team, led by Mike Brignola, performed incredibly for the audience every 20 minutes. Some dances they performed were dances they were going to do at Section Conference, so they got great practice. Every so often, they would do an inter-tribal dance that got the audience to perform and dance along with them. The Drum team, led by Sebastian Romay, sand all throughout the day. They would occasionally have a cub scout sit down and learn a song for himself too! During inter-tribal dances, they songs were led by none other than the Drum team themselves!

If performances weren't your thing, then you can sit yourself down at one of the many booths we had promoting the OA. One of the major booths we had was the Camp Promotions booth, where we explained what High Adventure is and how you can sign up for it. Along with OAHA, we also promoted our council camps and encouraged troops and packs to spend a weekend camping at one of them.

Throughout the day, if a scout were to visit all that we had to offer at our Indian Village, they received a shirt and were dubbed our newest “Future Arrowmen”. Maybe we’ll see them at our next ordeal! If you weren't able to attend this year’s Indian Village, don’t worry; you’ll be able to attend one again at next year’s Scoutmaster’s Camporee.
The Coconut Grove Arts Festival is a yearly event that is hosted right in the back yard of O-Shot-Caw lodge. For the past couple of years, the organizers of this event have asked our lodge to help them by manning the gates and entrances while we took tickets and gave others stamps for re-entry. This event usually lands on Scoutmaster’s Conference and so it becomes a challenge to balance how many arrowmen we need to have at both the camporee and the arts festival, but O-Shot-Caw can always find a way to work things out when we’re in tough situations. We were not short handed whatsoever at the Arts Festival and performed an incredible job.

Not only is this an opportunity to give back to our community as arrowmen, but the Coconut Grove Arts Festival allows another opportunity to us as a lodge. Every arrowmen who volunteers at this art festival can receive a reduced price on their total for NOAC. And for any arrowman going to NOAC, that is a huge relief. Volunteering every year until NOAC comes can really add up the savings!

The most entertaining part of the Arts Festival, other than meeting a lot of interesting new people, was the opportunity to enjoy the art just as if we were patrons ourselves. With so many arrowmen volunteering, we had ample time to take a breather and walk around to look at some of the art that was on display at the festival. I speak for everyone who volunteers for the festival when I say that the art alone is a great enough reason to spend the weekend, lasting from Friday to Monday, at the arts festival and giving cheerful service.

The O-Shot-Caw lodge is proud to be a part of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, and just as we do every year: we are excited and cannot wait to participate and volunteer again next year as well as the years that will follow. If you are interested in volunteering for the arts festival next, make sure to keep an open ear and listen around for when we will be asking for volunteers. Whether it’s for the art or for the love of volunteering, I'm sure everyone has a reason for volunteering, so make sure to ask your chapter chief about this great opportunity!
Throughout the winter, O-Shot-Caw Lodge has put time into finishing the construction of our council camp. Between volunteering time for work weekends and ordeals, we hope to accomplish this goal and be prepared to host the entire section at Section Conference 2016, which will be the first time we hosted one in many years.

On December 13th and 14th O-shot-caw lodge went out to camp Elmore to work on the camp amphitheater as well as complete the piping that goes to the water front that was started on the November work days. On Saturday the 13th O-shot-caw had 12 brothers out working the amphitheater this day was mainly focused around digging up the amphitheater in preparation for laying down cement, Saturday totaled approximately 96 hours of service. Sunday the 14th O-shot-caw had 13 brothers come out and work on the amphitheater as well as complete the piping that runs to the water front, on Sunday 0-shot-caw cheerfully serviced for a total of 75 hours.

Glen Oglesby
Upcoming Events

With so many events happening over a small time, how can we follow up on that? Well some of the best events of the year are yet to happen! In the coming months, we have Lodge Banquet and Section Conference: some of the biggest events of the year for O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

First up is Lodge Banquet. Unlike ordeals that we host throughout the year, Lodge Banquet is an opportunity for the entire lodge to get together and enjoy a morning of training sessions and an afternoon of activities ranging from ultimate Frisbee to tug-of-war. At night, we hold the banquet part of the weekend where we recognize arrowmen who have stood out amongst the rest throughout the year and our LEC members for helping make this lodge who we are today.

In April, we have section conference: the biggest yearly event that the lodge participates in. Section Conference is hosted by a different lodge every year and this year it will be a Camp La-Noche and hosted by Tipisa Lodge. O-Shot-Caw expects to go there with an enormous contingent and come back as the number 1 lodge in the section as well as do our best in the afternoon events from Volleyball to AIA Team competitions. Section Conference is a great experience that every arrowman in the lodge should experience. The energy and spirit at the shows each night are something you cannot get from just a district event. To see the lodge work together to achieve our goal of the being number 1 is incredible fun and every arrowman has a chance to participate. Make sure to sign up for pre-registration when it goes up for Section Conference 2015.
Hello again Brothers,

I hope you all had an incredible holiday break and enjoyed the time with your friends and family! It is great to see how the year has shaped, from a successful Fall to a Winter filled with great experiences, this year has shaped to be one the best years personally for as an arrowman. As an editor for the patchwork, it makes me real glad to see people sending in articles and playing an active role in the creation of the patchwork. I had a lot of fun going to events such as Coconut Grove Arts Festival and I am excited to go to Section Conference and try my hardest to bring back first place in events like Ultimate Frisbee! I hope to see you all there!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ryan Rodriguez

This edition of the patch corner is a little different. During the Lodge Banquet, there will a special patch auction with an assortment of patches for everyone. Whether you are into rare old patches that are no longer being printed or if you want to bid on a patch that you think would just look good on a uniform or collection, I can guarantee that there will be patches that will catch your eye. The money raised at this patch auction will be donated to the Joseph Aaron-Abbott Campership Fund which raises money for scouts to go to summer camps that can’t afford the whole cost. Whether you are an avid patch collector or you are just looking for something nice to add to your collection, I encourage everyone at the Lodge Banquet to participate in the patch auction!
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