At the beginning of the year, Lodge Adviser, Mr. Gilliland relayed to the Lodge Executive Committee that the first three months of the new year are always some of O-Shot-Caw’s busiest. This is due to Lodge Banquet, Scoutmaster’s Camporee, Lincoln-Marti Camporee, Coconut Grove Arts festival, Lodge Banquet, and especially planning for Section Conference.

Despite the overwhelming amount of new-year activities, the Lodge Banquet always remains as being incredibly important to the lodge and the members of it who put forth service and cheerfulness every single day.

This year’s lodge banquet was absolutely nothing but a success. Unsurprisingly, there was a large focus on the up and coming Section Conference date to be held in April. Work and collaborative efforts between the chapters ensured that work on the camp was still being completed. Final touches to the Ron Bell Ceremonies Ring as well as final camp preparations were all completed. Chapters also duelied their own awards and acknowledgements. This includes the Golden Pumpkin, an award highlighting the best Haunted Forest exhibit in 2015. Placing first place for that award was Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter, with Tomoka and O-Shot-Co-Chee winning second and third place. Even with that presentation, there still had to be a well-deserved presentation to those members of the lodge who earned both The Founders Award as well as Vigil Honor. A full list of all the winners from Lodge Banquet is included on page four as well as a picture collage of some of the weekends events.
Chiefly Speaking

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.

At the start of the New Year, we held our Winter Ordeal. On January 6-8, we’re proud to say that 92 Candidates went out to Camp Elmore to be welcomed into our brotherhood. There were also 27 brothers who sealed their ties 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 Martí Camporee on January 23, 2016 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!

Lodge Banquet was also a sucess. It was hosted at Camp Elmore During March 4th-March 6th. Most notably, both Cody Brown and Jose Kudja earned the Founders Award. Also, Josh Semander Sebastian Romay, Jordan Baker-Robinson, Bob Kerr, Ryan Ellis, Cliff Freiwald, and Tom Brown as well as myself all earned the Vilil Honor. Congratulations to all of these members of the lodge. Your service and dedication doesn’t go unnoticed and we’re proud to have you as a vital part of the lodge.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Mike Brignola
Most often times, people in positions of power will say “never look back”. Understandably, you should always aim be looking forward towards the future. And while this argument is true in some instances, it’s also incredible important to know where you came from and how you got there. Any of the chapters we form, lodges we create, people we meet, or opportunities we have within the Order of The Arrow wouldn’t be possible without the initial creation of the Boy Scouting program.

The names Robert Baden-Powell, Ernest Thompson Seton, William D. Boyce, and Daniel Carter Beard all probably sound like familiar names, considering we’ve all been told about them since we were Cub Scouts. While Baden-Powell was not the founder of the Boy Scouts of America, he still began the scouting movement in the United Kingdom in the year 1907 with the introduction of the all-famous Camp Brownsea Island. The success that Baden-Powell had with the twenty boys who first attended his camp gave him the inspiration to rewrite his book *Aids to Scouting* and *Scouting for Boys*, which gave the foundation for the scout handbook that we live by every single day now.

The triumph that Robert Baden-Powell had began to inspire other young boys and leaders all around the world to join in on the Scouting Movement. Ernest Thompson Seton was a loyal and influential friend to Baden-Powell. He eventually became the person to form the entire Boy Scouts of America program in February of 1910.

His distinguished honor in the British Army gave him the full title: Lieutenant General, The Right Honourable, The Lord Baden-Powell OM GCMG GCVO KCB DL. His world travels, military experience, and influence on the International Scouting Movement has left him to be an incredibly influential member of history, impacting millions of kids everyday.

He was born on February 22, 1857. This February, we should take the time to acknowledge and thank him for his service and legacy that was left behind him.
LODGE BANQUET CONTINUED
A Continuation of The Page One Feature Story

Meritorious Service Award:
Wyatt Engelmann
Vincent Cosomano
Jeanine Kinsey
Nick Gregory
Chip Collison
Barry Schwartzman
Matthew Pinkley
Preston Byk
Andres Guerrero
Arturo Fernandez

Founders Award:
Cody Brown
Jose Kudja

Vigil Honor:
Mike Brignola
Josh Semander
Sebastian Romay
Jordan Baker Robinson
Bob Kerr
Ryan Ellis
Cliff Freiwald
Tom Brown

Tom Tatham Spirit Award:
1st Place: Pooka Tooka
2nd Place: To-Hopki-Lagi/ Tomoka
3rd Place: Gokhos

Golden Pumpkin:
1st Place: Hnu-Ra-Con
2nd Place: Tomoka
3rd Place: O-Shot-Co-Chee
The 24th annual Sol Leiman Merit Badge College was underway March 11th-13th of 2016. As always, Boy Scouts from all around the council were able to come out to Barbara Goleman High School to complete sessions to fulfill merit badge requirements. Qualified adult leaders and anxious scouts flocked to Miami Lakes to attend this very beneficial event.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge was present and in full-force during this event over the weekend in order to share with everybody the upcoming Section Conference. Lodge Chief Mike Brignola as well as many other dedicated Lodge Executive Committee Members were present on Saturday. Under the direction of Brad Schmidt and Will McKinley, the lodge has acquired various marketing resources to use as promotional items for the conference. Banners, flyers, T-Shirts and patches have all been special-ordered for everybody in the council to see and experience.
CHAPTER REPORTS
Get Your Updates on the Lodge’s Nine Different Chapters

Tomoka
Biscayne Bay District
Keanu Orfano - Chapter Chief

This month Tomoka has been very busy with our Section Conference duties. We have been working on the Lodge Flip Flap lunch game. We have planned a few work days ahead. We have also been getting ready for the upcoming Lodge Banquet. We are looking forward to showing our spirit!

Elgixin
Light House District
Nick Gregory - Chapter Chief

This past month, Elgixin had our monthly meeting at CiCi’s Pizza for our holiday meeting. It was a great fellowship and everybody had a great time. A special thanks Mr. Gilliland for coming out and enjoying the endless pizza with us.

In the upcoming month we will be promoting and preparing our OA mentoring day where we will be teaching the fireman and totin chits.

Gokhos
Pine Island District
Justin Schultz - Chapter Chief

Gokhos had had yet another very successful February. Our meeting was on February 8th at Camp Elmore at 7:30 pm. We had 23 members attend and discussed Scoutmasters Camporee, Coconut Grove Arts Festival, and Section Conference.

Gokhos had a very strong representation at Scoutmaster’s this past Valentines Day weekend working The Heron Grill. After Scoutmasters, we had 8 Brothers attend The Coconut Grove Arts Festival stamping hands and taking tickets on Presidents Day. We also discussed Section Conference and got commitments from Brothers that will be attending.

Paldani Chapter
Seminole District
Arturo Fernandez - Chapter Chief

We have recently publicized CGAF, The OA Indian village at Lincoln Marti and Scoutmaster’s, and the Camp Elmore work days. For Section Conference, we are having meetings every Tuesday. Also coming up is Paldani-A-Thon which is our annual day of service which is how we raise funds for the various fundsthats the O-Shot-Caw Lodge endorses. This event will be held 2/26 from 7:00 P.M. – 7:00 A.M. at the West Broward Masonic Lodge.

The Paldani Chapter is overjoyed to have new brotherhood members. We are also very proud to have members receive their First year arrow man award. Congratulations to Mr. Kerr and Josh for having the Vigil honor bestowed on them, and congratulations to Mr. Kudja and Cody for earning the founders award.
To-Hopki-Lagi
Thunderbird District

Peter Rodriguez - Chapter Chief

At our last chapter meeting we discussed upcoming events in the lodge like Lodge Banquet and Section Conference, mostly finalizing plans. Also, this past weekend was Scoutmaster’s and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. We had brothers helping at the gates on Saturday and Sunday, and then a few brothers at the Indian Village.

Nok-Su
Buccaneer District

Matthew Pinkley - Chapter Chief

Nok-Su has been really busy in the past month; we started this month off strong by having two meetings and the start of our moving meeting idea. At Lodge banquet we had one member earn the first year arrowmen award and the flap, we had one person seal there ties this weekend. We had one scout earn the Meritorious service award. Conch Craziness registrations is now up and open the cost is 35 dollars; we plan on have the off camp treks to fishing, snorkeling and historic tours.

O-Shot-Co-Chee
Tequesta District

Daniel Cardenas - Chapter Chief

This month our meeting took place at the LDS Chapel we discussed the upcoming events taking place such as the Coconut Grove Arts Festival and the Scoutmaster’s Camporee.

Our unit will be assisting on the weekend of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival and some members have already signed up. I will be contacting more units in our Chapter to participate in this event. The Northern Chapters will be assisting with the Indian Village and would come and support the Arts Festival on the following Sunday and Monday.

Our focus next month will be on upcoming projects and how we can contribute more as a Chapter to Section Conference.

We’re also focusing on working to increase membership and activities. More efforts will be placed in these two areas which are of the primary concern at the moment.

Pooca-Tooka
Fireball District

Ryan Rodriguez - Chapter Chief

No Chapter Report Submitted

Fur-Lu-To
Hurricane District

Wyatt Engelmann - Chapter Chief

Finally we have completed our Gaga Pit! Our efforts paid off no doubt. At this past Lodge Banquet the Gaga Pit was a huge hit. Everyone in the Lodge was begging for a turn to get in the game. Because it was being used constantly by our Lodge members, it turned into a dirt pit.

On April 2nd we will add a layer of sand to the pit in order to keep our scouts much cleaner. The week after we refurbish our pit is Section Conference! We are preparing our Chapter for the best games and competitions anyone has ever seen. The largest Challenge we are facing is recruiting enough man power. We are confident we will have the man power needed come Conference.

The Thursday before the Conference we will have a Haunted Forest Pizza Party to celebrate our Golden Pumpkin award. Speaking of awards, we had three of our Chapter members receive the Meritorious Service Award: Wyatt E (Chapter Chief), Vincent C (1st Vice Chapter Chief), and Barry Schwartzman (Chapter Advisor). We are looking forward to our District Camporee and Summer Ordeal/Fellowship activities.

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LINCOLN-MARTI CAMPOREE
Highlights From This Year’s Lincoln-Marti Camporee

The Lincoln-Marti team celebrated its 45th successful Camporee on January 22-24. This event caters most directly to the southern troops and chapters in the South Florida Council. O-Shot-Caw showed its presence with some of our own lodge members from our award winning Dance Team, Ceremonies Team, and Drum Team.

SCOUTMASTER’S CAMPOREE
Highlights From This Year’s Scoutmaster’s Camporee

Scoutmaster’s Camporee was a big hit with both the inclusion of the Heron Grill and Indian Village. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the lodge’s own members came out to work the event and were thrilled with the turnout. Just as we had at Lincoln Marti, the Drum Team, Ceremonies Team, and Dance Team all came out to demonstrate various Native-American traditions that the Order of the Arrow tries to continue. As always, the Future Arrowmen T-Shirts were a big hit and served as incentive to become part of O-Shot-Caw.
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Lodge Calendar

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
January 21
SCFBSA Office - Miami Lakes, FL

Lincoln-Marti Camporee
January 22-24
Carlos Arboleya Blvd. - Miami, FL

Scoutmaster’s Camporee
February 12-14
Markham Park - Sunrise, FL

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
February 18
SCFBSA Office - Miami Lakes, FL

Lodge Banquet
March 4-6
Camp Elmore - Davie, FL

Merit Badge College
March 11-13
BGHS - Miami Lakes, FL

Quotes

“Divide and rule, the politician cries; unite and lead, is watchword of the wise.”

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Writer

“There are only two forces that unite men - fear and interest.”

-Napoleon Bonaparte, French Military Leader

“A wingnut is someone on the far-right wing or far-left wing of the political spectrum - the professional partisans, the unhinged activists and the paranoid conspiracy theorists. They're the people who always try to divide rather than unite us.”

-John Avlon, CNN Journalist

“Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add ‘within the limits of the law’ because law is often but the tyrant’s will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual.”

-Thomas Jefferson, Fmr. U.S. President