



OSCEOLA ORACLE

January 2024

ORDEAL 2024

What a wet and cold Ordeal that we had at soggy Camp Miles. The Lodge had an amazing weekend welcoming 83 new arrowmen and congratulating 8 new Brotherhood members who sealed their membership. We want to thank everyone who braved the wet landscape and the cold temperatures to make this weekend a success. Over the course of the weekend, dozens of service projects took place; pavers were installed by the pool house, central showers and the water treatment plant got a beautiful coat of paint, many roads and trails got a much-needed trim, handrails on stairs around campsite bathrooms and various safety repairs around camp were made that weekend.

After a whole day of cheerful service, we ate a fantastic dinner made by an awesome kitchen staff. Once dinner was finished, we rocked the dining hall to 80's music. There was dancing, karaoke and a fun time had by all. We even got some adults (who grew up in the 80's) to join in on the fun and showed off their dance moves. That part was a hit amongst the youth. They may have even learned a few dance moves.

Don't forget to sign up for Spring Fellowship held at Camp Flying Eagle and being held on March 8-10. There is more information later in this issue.



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ADVISER'S MINUTE

Arrowmen

Our Lodge just finished our 2024 Ordeal Weekend which was held at Camp Miles. The Camp was wetter and muddier than normal for this time of year. The youth leaders of our Lodge did an excellent job of adapting to situations that required changes and were able to make a great weekend.

We inducted more than 80 new members to our Lodge at Ordeal. I would like to welcome you all to our Brotherhood. I hope that you will attend your Chapter meetings and get involved! Don't forget, if you just went through Ordeal, your fee for Spring Fellowship is covered. You will have a great time at Camp Flying Eagle the weekend of March 8th-10th.

There are 44 candidates that didn't make it to Ordeal weekend. If any of your unit members were candidates that didn't make it, encourage them to get registered for the Make-Up Ordeal weekend which will be happening during our Spring Fellowship.

Lastly, our youth elections will be taking place at the Lodge meeting in March. This meeting will happen on Sunday morning at Spring Fellowship. If interested in any of the elected Lodge positions, I must receive a letter of intent from the candidate prior to the beginning of elections.

Cheerful Service does not end when our Lodge Weekends end, it should be a way of life for us all!

Yours in Brotherhood
Sean Hauser
Lodge Adviser

CHIEF'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

We just had a successful Ordeal with 83 new members joining our lodge, with more to come on the makeup ordeal during our spring fellowship March 8th-10th. With the Section Conference following April 12th-14th, Section Conference is where all 7 lodges in Florida come together to compete in lodge vs. lodge competitions and participate in some great training; it will be held at camp Sandhill around Tampa; make sure you sign up. Your multi-level service award papers must be turned in at Summer Fellowship May 10-12, and all hours must be signed off by one of the leaders in the project you participated in. If you are not already on a committee, I highly recommend it; it's not a full-time commitment, and it doesn't hurt to try it.

Yours in Brotherhood

Caleb S.
Lodge Chief





CHAPTER COMMUNITY

Hvlpata Tastanagi

In our past couple meetings we planned for camporee. However, we unfortunately had to reschedule camporee to the third weekend in November due to lack of registration. It will most likely be held at the Florida Sports Park. Also during this Ordeal, we had about 15 new arrowmen join our chapter. We are excited to invite our new members and we are all ready to finish the year off strong.

Oen F.
Chapter Chief

Yaha Hajo

I would like to congratulate all of our new brothers for completing the Ordeal! We have got a lot of opportunity to grow our Chapter. I can't wait to get started and I look forward for the future of Yaha Hajo! I will like to congratulate any member that also received their Brotherhood during the Ordeal. Well done for completing your induction! As we move forward, I look forward to our success.

Alister M.
Chapter Chief

Tukosee Mathla

With the passing of this Ordeal weekend, I am glad to see so many new Arrowmen in the chapter, along with our new Brotherhood members. Try to make room in your calendar to attend the spring fellowship, and let's have the most members out of all the chapters there and show our presence! I can't wait to see how many people show up to our chapter meeting, along with our PIZZA PARTY! Let's continue our cheerful service throughout this new year and achieve new goals!

Nathan B.
Chapter Chief

Oscen Tustenuggee

Oscen Tustenuggee was thrilled to welcome eight new Ordeal members to our Chapter during the Ordeal weekend. We are also in the process of creating Chapter shirts! They will be available by our next Chapter meeting, which will be held after the Manatee Camporee Campfire at CFE. We look forward to seeing old and new Oscen Tustenuggee Arrowmen there!

Daniel G.
Chapter Chief



VICE CHIEF REPORTS



VICE CHIEF- ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations to all our new members who just completed their Ordeal! We are very excited for you to join us at future fellowships. Make-up Ordeal is coming up, and we need Elangomats! If you're interested in the best opportunity to give back to your Lodge this, is it, so reach out to your Chapter Chief or Adam Blais. Everyone did very well with their service projects, and the ceremonies teams were very good. For new candidates, don't forget Spring Fellowship is free for you if put your name on the paper by registration. I hope to see everyone at Spring Fellowship!

Lola S.

VICE CHIEF- PROGRAM

Brothers, I couldn't believe how smoothly all of the service projects ran. That has to do with each one of you and how hard you worked. Out of all the hard work, we also played hard. The 80s dance party that we had was a huge success. Overall, I couldn't be more grateful to be part of an amazing organization with hard working people. So, Thank You.

Yours in Scouting
Nick S.

VICE CHIEF- INDUCTIONS

We had a very successful ordeal weekend. I would like to thank all of our Elangomats, Nimats and Ceremonialists for a great weekend.

I am also happy to welcome our 83 new ordeal members to our Lodge. During ordeal weekend we also had 7 members who went through their brotherhood ceremony. For our upcoming fellowship, our ceremonies teams are continuing to practice and prepare. I am also looking for more elangomats. If you are interested in this role please reach out to your chapter chief or myself.

I also urge all of our new members to get active in a committee. If you wish to be apart of a ceremonies or dance team I urge you to join the ceremony committee or AIA committee.

Adam B.

SAVE THE DATE!

2024 DATES

Spring Ordeal	3/8-3/10	Camp Flying Eagle
LLDC	5/3-5/4	Camp Miles
Summer Fellowship	5/10-5/12	Camp Miles
Section Conference	4/12-4/14	Sandhill

2025 DATES

Section Conference	April 2025	Camp Miles
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2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Caleb S.	Lodge Chief
Lola S.	Vice-Chief of Administration
Nick S.	Vice-Chief of Program
Adam B.	Vice-Chief of Induction
Matthew S.	Treasure
Peyton W.	Secretary
Tucker M.	Historian
Sean Hauser	Lodge Advisor

Please click on the following Link to Register for Events, Pay OA Dues or Update your Contact Information.

<https://www.swflcouncilbsa.org/order-of-the-arrow/74267>

MULTI-LEVEL SERVICE AWARD

This award is to Honor those who go above and beyond in service of others.

Hours will be accepted from active participation in Lodge project/events and camp improvements. The service hours are to be signed off by the lead of the project/event. Summit these hours and signatures to the Vice Chief of Admin. Your multi-level service award papers must be turned in at Summer Fellowship May 10-12.

NOAC 2024

There are a few spots left for the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Boulder, Colorado. This event is held July 29th thru August 3rd. Please contact Alyson Connor for more information. Get signed up today!!

SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Spring Fellowship will be held March 8th-10th at Camp Flying Eagle. Please see the link below to register. <https://www.swflcouncilbsa.org/event/2024-spring-fellowshiplec-cfe/3028771>

We have many service projects planned. Please bring loppers, gloves and water bottles. We will send out a more detailed list of projects we are working on closer to the event.

LODGE ELECTIONS

During our Spring Fellowship Lodge Meeting, we will be having Lodge elections for the upcoming year. All Lodge positions are up for election. Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Admin, Vice Chief of Program, Vice Chief of Induction, Secretary, Treasure, and Historian. In order to run for one of these positions, the members must submit a written letter to the Lodge Chief expressing their intent to serve as a lodge officer and is approved by the Lodge Advisor. Newly elected lodge officers should also attend the Lodge Leadership Training after their election. The member must be present during the Lodge meeting on Sunday March 10th.



The Spirit's Higher Purpose is to let us know that we are here for our brothers. We are reminded that the Order was created to put others ahead of our own needs/wants. This conference is truly an opportunity to bond with others and create new friendships with Arrowmen from all over the state. Have fun and try to find The Spirit's Higher Purpose.

Section Conference 2024 Registration is Open. Represent Osceola Lodge while networking with Arrowmen from across the state at Sandhill Scout Reservation. Use this link to register directly on the Greater Tampa Bay Area Councils website:

<https://scoutingevent.com/089-2024OAE5SectionConference>

Registration for the E5 Section Conference is \$50. On time registration ends on April 5th. As of 12:15 am on April 6th, the fee will be \$60.

Check-in will begin at 2pm on Friday April 12th at the rifle range at Sand Hill Scout Reservation.

You will need your BSA ID and adults will need current YPT date.



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