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Tipisa Native American Weekend needs staff! On February 8-10, 2013, Tipisa will host the fifth iteration of the iconic event at Camp La-No-Che. TNAW '13 will be bigger than ever—but so are our staff needs. That is why the weekend cost for Lodge members who wish to serve as staff is only \$20—all you pay is the cost of food. In addition, each staff member will receive a staff shirt, a participant patch, and an option to pre-order additional staff shirts and a lodge event staff patch.



Register before January 31st to ensure Staff Shirt availability and avoid a \$5

TNAW '13

Tipisa Native American Weekend

February 8th – 10th 2013

Staff Price — \$20

Includes food, participant patch, & staff shirt.

For more information & registration, visit:

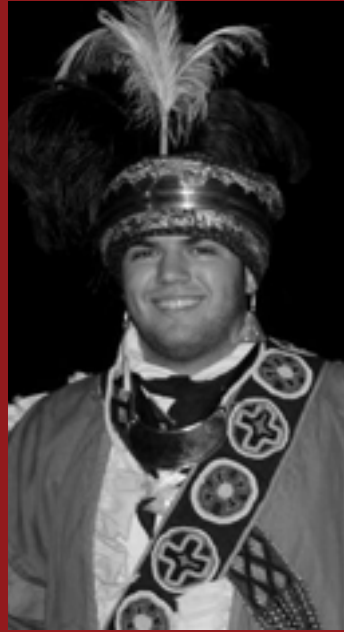
Tipisa.org/tnaw-staff

or contact weekend chair Michael Todd at :

tnaw13@live.com



Chiefly Speaking - Greg Raymond



Brothers,

What have you been doing thus far in your chapter? As we approach the end of the year and enter into our Ordeal season, I challenge you to take the next step of service in your lodge and chapter. Taking on a leadership role in your chapter not only helps your chapter improve and grow to the next level but also allows you to perfect your leadership skills. The work that you do will serve you for many years to come.

To that end, I heartily recommend that you serve as an elangomat at your chapter's Ordeal! Being an elangomat is much more than just going through the ordeal a second time. It is a rededication to the Order of the Arrow and is the greatest service you can perform. Ordeal candidates will see your example and realize how great the OA must be for someone to want to go through the trials of the Ordeal a second time.

For brothers who have been in the Order for at least 10 months, Brotherhood is your next step! Sealing your membership in the OA will give you further knowledge about the OA and will invigorate your desire to be an active part of your chapter and lodge.

OA High Adventure is a purely fun way to be an Arrowman. You can attend one (or all!) of the three high adventure bases (Philmont, Sea Base, or Northern Tier) for a fraction of the cost that it would normally cost to go. Through OAHA, you will provide service to the base for the first week and then get to go on the trek of your choice for the second week! Don't forget, the lodge and section has plenty of scholarships available for these programs, too! Contact your chapter chief for more info.

Finally, the 2013 Tipisa Native American Weekend (TNAW) is quickly approaching! The lodge will host more than 1,500 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts from all across the state of Florida and provide an AWESOME Native American program! They will have opportunities to shoot native weapons, do arts and crafts, and learn about native history. As a member of the OA, you are able to serve as a staff member for the great event. Or, if you don't want to go on staff, you can come as a participant with your troop. Either way, it is not an event that you want to miss out on!

In Brotherhood,

Greg Raymond
Tipisa Lodge Chief

Adviser's Minute - Howard Gross

Brothers,

I would like to recognize all the chapter and lodge officers and their advisers who have been working hard so far this year. Our lodge chief Greg Raymond has settled on a theme for the year, and I am sure you will be as excited as I am to rally behind "U-knighted in Brotherhood." I hope all of you had an opportunity to attend the LLDP to get trained by the lodge's renowned trainers so you can take that knowledge back to improve your chapters. The annual lodge banquet was held that evening, celebrating the events of the prior past year. Congratulations to all the award winners, and thank you to Chris Tito, past lodge chief, and Bill Patterson, past lodge adviser, for their tremendous service.

The Tipisa Lodge 2012 Fall Fellowship was held in September with great success. Sam Korn, chairman, and Doug Abele, adviser, put on an excellent weekend. Tipisa, as always, provided stellar training, particularly for inductions. Of course, the first step in the inductions process is unit elections which are well underway. The official process for nominating adults to the Order of the Arrow has changed, so please check with your chapter chief and adviser for more details to make sure your troop is following the correct procedure.

In October, Huracan was the first chapter Ordeal for the season. Ayochatta and Micconope will be in December and the remaining chapters will be in January. Check out the lodge website (Tipisa.org) for online registration information. Now is the time to encourage those that were elected from your troop to go thru the ordeal. Your chapters are already preparing for your chapter ordeal, and you as a member of your chapter have the special opportunity to share the message of the Arrow and welcome new Brothers into the Order. Find out more about what you can do to help by attending your next chapter meeting (look for meeting places and times later in this issue of The Nimat).

Two items to remember: everyone inducted into the Order is encouraged to seal their membership in the Brotherhood. If you have been in the lodge for more than 10 months, please consider taking brotherhood at your next opportunity. The cost is only \$15, but you will never regret the decision. Lastly, if your dues are not current please pay them. Just like your troop, Tipisa has Journey to Excellence (JTE) goals we must meet, and we need your support in getting gold for 2012. Please help make this happen. Go to the lodge website and pay your dues online. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Fellowship!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Howard Gross,
Tipisa Lodge Advisor



That Time of Year Again

The Ordeal Season is upon us! This means it is up to us as servant leaders to help induct our new members to become a part of our great and honored Order. To do this, we ask that you please find the date of your chapter Ordeals and offer assistance to your chapter chiefs. In particular, chapters are always looking for more Arrowmen to volunteer in the single most important job at an Ordeal--the elangomat. If anyone in your troop was elected to the OA, please encourage them to go to their Ordeal and help organize carpools. As we all know, getting to camp can be a hurdle that causes difficulty for many of our members and it may just be that little push they need to convince them to come to Ordeal.

November 30 – December 2 Ayochatta/Micconope

January 4 – 6 Lemhee-Okee/Wahitlaw

January 4 – 6 Kikape/Nefkete at Camp Oklawaha

January 11 – 13 Tosohatchee/Wewahitchka

January 18 – 20 Mato Tanka/Tomoka

See you all at your chapter Ordeals,
Michael Burton
Activities and Service Chairman

Section Conference 2013

Some claim that the Lodge weekends held at Camp La-No-Che, with such great games as Spam Toss and a Sinkathon, just aren't enough. For those who dare to make such bold assertions, there is still more to attend. In addition to our Lodge events throughout the year, Tipisa is also invited to attend the Section S-4 Conference.

Section Conference offers the same type of fun and fellowship featured at all of our lodge weekends, but on an even larger scale. If you enjoy a refreshing new take on ceremonies or leadership or the amount of teamwork built through games, you will love them on the Section level. With access to a wider variety of resources, the Section Conference provides quality courses from the best leaders in the State with the best instructors in the Section. In the afternoon, we will unite as one Lodge to compete against all the other lodges in one body of brotherhood. Come on out to support Tipisa Lodge to prove to definitively that we are the best lodge in Section S-4.



Check it out on the Section website:
www.sections-4.org/conference

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2013 Sunshine Trade-O-Ree, Feb 1st-2nd

Have you ever heard of the Sunshine TOR? Do you wonder what a TOR is all about? The Sunshine Trade-O-Ree (TOR) is an annual event where scouts and scout friends gather together to display, collect, trade, purchase and sell all kinds of scouting memorabilia. What kind of memorabilia you might ask? Well, let me tell you that you will see anything and everything scouting related at the Sunshine TOR. There will be displays of patches of course, but you will also see older uniforms, scouting pins & buttons, coins, flags, hats, neckerchiefs, knives and other tools, newspapers and magazines and the list goes on and on. EVERYTHING scouting related can be found at the Sunshine TOR.

Many TORs are conducted throughout the United States but the Sunshine TOR is one of the best. For a number of years I knew that Central Florida Council, BSA and Tipisa Lodge hosted a TOR every year but I did not attend. I figured that it would be another boring event where scouters would be setting around tables trading a patch now and then. I thought that it just wouldn't be interesting for me, a guy who only recently started collecting patches. Boy was I wrong! I learned more about Central Florida scouting and made more friends at my first Sunshine TOR than I could have imagined.

Because of our location here in Central Florida, we draw many more people than other TOR events can. At the 2013 Sunshine TOR we will have over 100 tables that will display scouting items from all around Florida as well as the country. Collectors from Connecticut to Oregon, and all over Florida, will be at the 2013 Sunshine TOR.



Do you want to learn about the rich history of scouting? Do you want to make new scout friends? Do you want to earn cub scout and Webelos advancements or boy scout merit badges? Have you ever wanted to design a patch? Then come to the 2013 Sunshine Trade-O-Ree and have some fun!

The Sunshine Trade-O-Ree will be held on the 1st and 2nd of February at the National Guard Armory, 2809 South Fern Creek, Orlando, Florida 32806. Doors open at 5:00pm on Friday and 9:00am on Saturday. Go to www.sunshineTOR.com to find out more about the Sunshine Trade-O-Ree.

New Items in the Lodge Box!

The Lodge Box has recently gotten some great new items, like the awesome flap that plays music! Also there are new plastic flaps that can be attached to your sash or shirt. Come check out the Lodge Box at any of the events!

Musical Lodge Flap

Rubber Lodge Flaps

Jamboree Lodge Flap

Make sure you swing by the Lodge Box at your Ordeal, typically open during the feast, to check out some of our awesome new items!

Logan Taaffe

Lodge Treasurer

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Vigil Nomination

My Brothers,

It is reaching that time of year when our lodge has the distinct pleasure of selecting outstanding Brotherhood members to receive the Vigil Honor. This letter is to promote Vigil Nominations and make you all aware of the requirements for nomination. First, remember that the Vigil Honor is the Order of the Arrow's highest honor and is to be bestowed only to those Brotherhood members who have shown exemplary service to the Lodge, Council, or greater scouting community. This is not an award that is earned through any conscious effort but by the selfless service given and the valuable experience gained in scouting. Upon receiving the Vigil Honor it is imperative that each honoree continue to serve the lodge to the best of their ability; such is purpose of this high honor.

All Lodge members that are dues paid, in good standing and who have been registered as a Brotherhood member for a minimum of two years are eligible to be called-out for Vigil. I encourage all of you to nominate your brothers who fulfill these requirements for the Vigil Honor. The Vigil Nomination Form can be found at tipisa.org and is due to me through email or by mail to the Council office by January 12, 2013 at 10:00 am. With the nomination form I require a picture of the individual being nominated and at least one personal letter of recommendation that shows the member's impressive service and leadership capabilities.

Finally, I am in need of volunteers, one from each chapter, for the Vigil Selection Committee, which will meet at the Council office. Preferably the Committee will consist of past Vigil honorees that are well aware of the attributes necessary for the Vigil Honor, however any volunteers would be appreciated. A team will be determined based on those who volunteer. My contact information is as follows: jmstanton326@gmail.com or (321)-446-8234.

Regards,
John Morgan Stanton
Tipisa Lodge 326
Vigil/Founder's Award Chairman

NOAC 2015

Though it may seem like NOAC 2012 just finished, Tipisa Lodge is already hard at work planning our contingent for NOAC in 2015. This NOAC will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow and promises to be the best one yet. The exact date and location has not yet been announced, but start making plans to join your brothers from Tipisa Lodge and over 10,000 others from around the nation at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in the summer of 2015! Look for more info on www.tipisa.org or in future editions of *The Nimat* as it is released.

Recap: Fall Fellowship 2012

On September 7-9, 2012, Tipisa Lodge gathered for the Fall Fellowship at Camp La-No-Che. Fall Fellowship is an annual event for the entire Lodge for a weekend of brotherhood, training, and fun. This year's theme was "The Pirates of Tipisa." In the morning, Arrowmen had many opportunities for training in various aspects of the Order as well as the chance to seal their membership and complete Brotherhood. That afternoon pitted chapters against one another in pirate-themed games and competitions to determine which chapter would claim both the Spirit Cone and the coveted Golden Arrow. This year, Huracan chapter won the Golden Arrow and Wewahitchka chapter claimed the Spirit Cone. Following dinner, we held a small pow-wow, followed by a wild Lodge social gathering.

This year's Fall Fellowship saw 10 brothers seal their membership, and one brother, Sam Korn, keep his Vigil. Several chapters also took the opportunity to have their ceremonies teams coached and evaluated.

About 240 Tipisa brothers were in attendance. This number was an improvement over last year however, it is imperative that we continue to promote upcoming lodge events to all of the Arrowmen in your troops and chapters. Make plans to attend Tipisa's next fellowship, Spring Conclave, in March!

In Brotherhood,
Sam Korn
2nd Vice Chief
Tipisa Lodge 326



Dues

Don't forget to pay your 2013 Dues before it's too late. If you wait till after Spring Conclave, your dues will cost an additional \$5 for the reinstatement fee. Pay now and encourage the other Arrowmen in your troop to do so as well.

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DUES FORM 2012/2013

Dues are valid until December 31 of the year for which you pay.

You can pay your dues online and check your dues status at tipisa.org/membership, and direct questions to the Membership Committee at membership@tipisa.org.

2012/2013 TIPISA LODGE DUES FORM (FOR USE AFTER 2012 SUMMER CAMP)

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City, State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY): ____/____/____
 Home #: (____) _____ Cell #: (____) _____ Unit #: _____ BSAID #: _____
 E-mail: _____ Chapter: _____

I have enclosed \$23 for 2012 and 2013. My dues are not current for 2012. (\$5 OA 514 / \$9 OA 515 / \$9 OA 516)

I have enclosed \$9 for my 2013 dues. My dues for 2012 are already paid. (\$9 OA 516)

I am not paying dues, but I wanted to update lodge records.

Cash or Check Check # _____ Total Amount \$ _____

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My Order of the Arrow Journey

	Date (MM/YY) approx.
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Brotherhood	
Vigil Honor	

Method of Payment

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 Council Fax (407)889-4406
 Mailing Address:
 Wayne Densch Boy Scout Service Center
 1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Ste 102
 Apopka, FL 32703

AYOCHATTA CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month. We meet at First United Methodist Church in Winter Garden and we hope to see you there.

HURACAN CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month. We meet along with Roundtable in the Church of Later Day Saints at Lake Mary and we hope to see you there.

KIKAPE CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month. We meet at Cocoa Presbyterian Church and we hope to see you there.

LEMHEE-OKEE CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings. We meet at a variety of places so check out our website www.lemheeokey.org to find out where this month's will be. We hope to see you there.

MATO TANKA CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month. We meet at Delaney Baptist Church along with Roundtable and we hope to see you there.

MICCONOPE CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month. We meet at Four Towns Community Church in Deltona and we hope to see you there.

NEFKETEH CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month. We meet at Melbourne Church of Christ, 810 Hollywood Blvd and we hope to see you there.

TOMOKA CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of every month. We meet at Central Baptist Church and we hope to see you there.

TOSOHATCHEE CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month. We meet at the Church of Later Day Saints of Oviedo and we hope to see you there.

WAHITLAW CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter Meetings at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of every month. We meet at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Kissimmee and we hope to see you there. You can also come get plugged in at one of our CECs on the third Thursday of every month at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kissimmee.

WEWAHITCHKA CHAPTER

Come to our Chapter meetings at 7:00 PM on the Thursday following the first Monday of every month. We meet at Haines Creek Baptist Church and we hope to see you there.

LODGE CALENDAR

Tipisa is on the web at
<http://www.tipisa.org/>

November 2012

11/16-11/18 Section Seminars at Camp Miles
11/30-12/2 Ayochatta and Micconope Ordeal at Camp
La-No-Che

December 2012

12/15 Vigil Reunion at the Central Florida Council
Office
12/26-12/30 Winter Camp at Camp La-No-Che

January 2013

1/4-1/6 Lemhee Okee and Wahitlaw Ordeal
Nefketeh and Kikape Ordeal at Camp Oklwaha
1/11-1/13 Tosohatchee and Wewahitchka Ordeal at
Camp La-No-Che
1/18-1/20 Mato-Tanka and Tomoka Ordeal at Camp
La-No-Che

February 2013

2/1-2/2 Sunshine Trade-O-Ree
2/8-2/10 Tipisa Native American Weekend (TNAW)
at Camp La-No-Che



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