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2014 SPRING CONCLAVE

“The Game of Life”

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From the epic of King Arthur to the adventures of Luke Skywalker, the “hero’s journey” has been retold generation after generation. These heroes were not made overnight but grew through challenge, hardship, and opportunity. In this “game of life” we encounter many obstacles but find much reward. During Spring Conclave we will continue the adventure and search for the hero within each of us. Gather your Chapter to risk danger, to fight evil, and to discover the hero within! Which chapter will be victorious on an all-out battle for the glory of Tipisa?

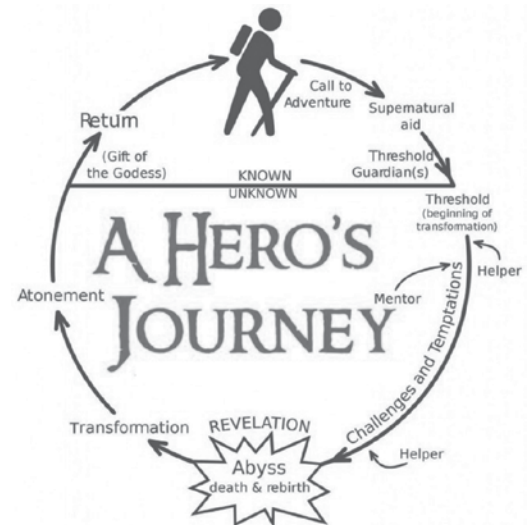
Before the journey can start, though, we must first all take time to better ourselves. Saturday morning will commence with classes to better prepare you to serve your Council, Chapter, District, and Unit. Prepare to learn how to be a better servant leader!

For those brothers that have served as Ordeal members for at least 10 months and seek to seal their membership in our Order, Brotherhood will be offered. The cost for Brotherhood is an additional \$10 for the new sash.

As an added bonus, dinner on Friday night will be available for as little as \$5 to include delicious options. Check-in and Friday night dining will open at 6:00 pm on Friday, March 14, 2014.

Preparing to take full advantage of the journey through this “game of life.” The fee for the weekend is only \$25.00. You can register online at www.tipisa.org before March 10th. After that, there will be a \$5.00 walk-in fee at the event.

Spring Conclave Chairman: Michael Burton III, Lodge Vice Chief
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Chiefly Speaking - Michael Todd



Brothers,

Congratulations on the completion of yet another successful Ordeal Season. I'm so excited that we have hundreds of new members to enjoy everything Tipisa lodge has to offer and that we as experienced arrowmen get to help them along their path as they seek the Arrow.

I'd like to give a huge shout-out to this year's TNAW staff: making this event happen is something bigger than any one person — the event is only as successful as we, the staff, make it — so thank you to everyone who spent their weekend in cheerful Service!

We have some awesome Spring program coming up! Spring Conclave is in just a month — March 14-16th — and is the highlight of our fellowships, where I guarantee each of you will have a blast! Join the rest of you chapter as you experience a Hero's Journey, and find out why being an arrowmen and being a hero are one and the same! Register today to find out what makes you a hero, and to help your chapter in the heroic quest for the Golden Arrow, honor the 2014 Vigil class and 2013 Founder's Award recipients, and so much more. Register today at tipisa.org and get ready to embark on a Hero's Journey!

In April, Tipisa Lodge will be traveling to Camp Shands and the Baden-Powell Scout Reservation in Ocala April 11th–13th to discover The Arrowman Effect at Section Conference 2014. Visit tipisa.org to register, and discover this powerful force that binds all arrowmen together. Join us as we compete as a lodge to prove our stance as the greatest Lodge in Florida!

I would like to thank everybody for the part they played, however big or small, in helping Tipisa Lodge earn Gold in Journey to Excellence for the second year in a row. This is a great accomplishment that everybody in the lodge can take ownership of. I also ask that you encourage any of your troop members who are not active in the OA to pay their dues and to get involved in making Tipisa Lodge as great as it can be.

I look forward to seeing all of you at one of our many upcoming events, and I hope you continue to enjoy everything Tipisa Lodge and your chapters have to offer. Make sure you peruse the following pages carefully, because your lodge leadership and I have put a lot of work in making sure the rest of the Lodge Year is a blast for everyone.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Todd". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Todd
Lodge Chief
chief@tipisa.org

Adviser's Minute - Howard Gross

Brothers,

We've just completed another successful Ordeal season, during which we welcomed more than 500 new Arrowman into Tipisa Lodge! Thank you to all the chapter members who worked in cheerful service at those ordeals. However, remember that the Ordeal is only the beginning of a long and fulfilling journey. The best is yet to come!

TNAW was a huge success and I would like to thank TNAW Chairman Alex Field and Adviser Doug Abele for another successful event with over 1200 in attendance. Thanks to their efforts, and those of all who volunteered, Scouts of all ages enjoyed an unforgettable experience.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Conclave, held at Camp La-No-Che on March 14 - 16. We will kick off the weekend with the Friday night show, centering around the theme: "A Hero's Journey." We'll also call-out the candidates for this year's Vigil Honor class. Saturday will bring with it all of the great seminars and competitions that make a Lodge Weekend so much fun. The Spring Conclave is a weekend you do not want to miss, so register today at Tipisa.org. If you've been an Ordeal members for ten months or more, I highly encourage you to go through Brotherhood here for only ten dollars! Be sure to check the appropriate option when you register!

In April, the Tipisa brotherhood will travel to North Florida Council's Camp Shands for the Section S-4 Conference, hosted by Echockotee Lodge. Our lodge goal is to bring 200 people to help show the section who the best Lodge really is! Register now to attend this awesome event, and take notes, because the 2015 Section S-4 Conference is coming home to Tipisa next year! Join arrowmen from around the state of Florida as we discover the power of The Arrowman Effect!

Once more, I welcome our new members to Tipisa and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

In brotherhood,

Howard Gross
Lodge Adviser | Adviser@tipisa.org



Featured Camping Location

Kelly Park

Address: 400 East Kelly Park Road, Apopka, Florida, 32703

This camping spot is a favorite among the chapter chiefs of Tipisa Lodge. It is a great place to camp when you want to get away from it all. It does lack facilities, but is still an extremely popular camping site. You can cycle or hike the trails found throughout the park and swim or tube in the water of Rock Springs. For more information go to http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g29171-d116904-Reviews-Kelly_Park-Apopka_Florida.html.



Service Weekend & Lodge Ordeal

Service weekend is only a few months away, so be sure to add May 16th -18th to your calendars now! Join hundreds of your brothers from around Tipisa Lodge as we prepare for the thousands of scouts who will enjoy the beautiful camp LaNoChe for summer camp. Aside from serving, get ready for some rockin fellowsip and participate in the Lodge Officer Elecitons. Brotherhood will also be offered.

In addition, we will be holding a final make-up Lodge Ordeal for anyone who was elected but did not complete their Ordeal. If you have any friends in your troop who weren't able to complete their Ordeal, encourage them to attend. Pay attention to the lodge website, tipisa.org, the lodge Facebook page, and the next issue of *The Nimat* for more information on this event.

Jonathan Cirillo | Chairman Sean Hedegren | Ordealmaster
Ryan Showman | Adviser lodgeordeal@tipisa.org
serviceweekend@tipisa.org

NOAC 2015

NOAC is a national event, similar to our spring conclaves and section conferences... only with ten times the size of conference with 10,000 brothers from across the nation. At NOAC, there will be many different activities, such as lodge wide games, leadership seminars, patch trading, extravagant shows, and much more.



This particular NOAC will commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. This is one special event you don't want to miss. To commemorate the event, special edition red sashes with white arrows will be given to everyone that attends.

In addition to the actual event, the lodge will leave early enough to enjoy a couple of side trips before the festivities truly start. (fly into Cleveland, drive to cedar point, Stay the night, and then drive to NOAC) If you have any further questions about the event, email noac@tipisa.org.

Don't miss out on this historical event, register today!

Ethan Voegele | Contingent Leader

NOAC

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Section Conference 2014

On April 11-13, Tipisa Lodge will trek to our northerly neighbors, Echockotee Lodge 200, to visit Camp Shands at the Baden-Powell Scout Reservation, in order to discover the true meaning of The Arrowman Effect. Join thousands of scouts from around the state to uncover what the difference between being a servant and a servant leader really is and how you can embody that difference. Learn some new skills with some of the top trainers in the state, challenge the other Lodges of Section S4 in everything from lodge wide games to team challenges to individual events, plus meet new arrowmen from Miami, Tallahassee, and everywhere in between. Register today at Tipisa.org and help define The Arrowman Effect.

Alex Field | Contingent Chair
conference14@tipisa.org

Dues Motion

At the December meeting of the Lodge Executive Committee, your Lodge leadership approved a \$2 increase in the Lodge Dues — to \$11 a year - by revising Article XI, Section C, “Lodge dues shall be \$9.00 per year” to read “Lodge dues shall be \$11.00 per year,” with a proposed start date of January 1st, 2016 (meaning that, if approved, dues for 2016 will be \$11, but dues for 2015 & 2014 will still be \$9). Your annual dues are specifically allocated for the National Recharter Fee (\$3), council support (\$1 to Camp La-No-Che, \$1 to the Council Friends of Scouting Campaign, and \$1 to the Council Endowment fund), and Printing for four issues of The Nimat (\$3.) Remember, all of our annual committee-level program (like Inductions and membership) are funded through the Lodge box, and all Lodge Events are self-funded (the registration fee is what pays for the event, nothing more).

According to the Lodge Rules, any change in the rules — including dues — must be approved by the entire membership of the Lodge at any regularly lodge event. At the 2014 Service Weekend, we will have lodge-wide, secret vote among the youth to either approve or reject this proposed revision. Take the time between now and Service Weekend talk to your chapter chief, who has been present during all of the discussions at the Executive Committee meetings. You can also ask me any questions you may have by emailing me any time at cheif@tipisa.org.

Michael Todd | Lodge Chief

OA High Adventure

If you haven't heard about Order of the Arrow High Adventure by now – you're missing out! If you can get out to one of our nation's four High Adventure bases – Sea Base, Philmont, Northern Tier, or the Summit – you can spend two weeks in the wilderness for only \$200. For the first week, you and a crew of arrowmen provide cheerful service to the base, building trails, making walls, restoring reefs in the Florida Keys, and more, to ensure that the untold thousands of scouts who visit these high adventure bases have an enhanced experience. After that, you spend a second week going on an adventure that you and your crew design: that's two whole weeks of adventure for \$200! Space is limited, so go to adventure.oa-bsa.org now and start your journey. Can't afford the \$200 and the travel costs? Tipisa Lodge and Section S-4 want to help – there are scholarships available to ensure you can have the experience of a lifetime: go to Tipisa.org/events/adventure to apply.

Branden Palasi | National Events Chairman

TNAW Review

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this TNAW the best one yet! The TNAW committee and I had an awesome time putting on this event, and I hope everyone who staffed did too. We provide an ever improving event every year, and the scouts and families who come know it! If you or your unit has any feedback for us, please send it to me at TNAW@Tipisa.org. Again, a huge thank you to all of our dedicated staff; this event wouldn't happen without you!

Alex Field | Weekend Chairman

Dues Reminder

Goodbye, My Brother

If you haven't yet paid your 2014 dues, you have until the end of Spring Conclave to do so or else you must pay a 5\$ reinstatement fee. You can pay at any lodge event, or securely online at tipisa.org/membership. In addition, remember that you can now print your own dues card online at tipisa.org/membership. All you'll need is your date of birth (make sure to enter it in the requested format) and your BSA ID. If you prefer your dues card the old fashioned way, be sure to pay your 2014 dues by the Friday night of Conclave and your dues card will be available for pickup by dinner Saturday. If you have any issues, please send me an email at Membership@tipisa.org.

Harrison Cord | Membership Chairman

Section Conference 2015

Stay tuned to the next issues of *The Nimat* for an official announcement of the Conference 2015 dates! We as a committee have begun planning this groundbreaking event. If you have ideas for program that you want to see, please email me at conference15@tipisa.org. Get ready for an experience of a lifetime as we celebrate 100 years of cheerful service in Brotherhood!

Jonathan Cirillo | Event Chairman

Chapter Reports

AYOCHATTA CHAPTER

We had a successful Ordeal and would like to congratulate all of our new brothers. We would also like to congratulate the brothers that sealed their membership in the Brotherhood at our Ordeal Weekend. We encourage all of our chapter members to come out to our Chapter Meetings.

-Joseph NeSmith, Chapter Chief - auburn.1@hotmail.com

Will Weiss, Chapter Adviser - aggiedutch@yahoo.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month at First United Methodist Church in Winter Garden

HURACAN CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate our 58 new members and the 4 from other chapters that went through Ordeal. We loved the chance to get to know all of those new members at the new member welcome nights we held in January and February. We also had a fantastic time at TNAW. Be sure to encourage any of your troop members that missed our Ordeal to come out to the one at Service Weekend.

-Derek Zoock, Chapter Chief - derek@zoock.com

Donald Dillon, Chapter Adviser - dhdillon@hotmail.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month along with Roundtable in the Church of Later Day Saints at Lake Mary

KIKAPE CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate our 38 new brothers that went through Ordeal recently. We hope everybody liked the Chapter planbook we handed out at our first meeting after Ordeal. If you didn't get one and want to know what is going on with the chapter, talk to a chapter officer or adviser and we will get you one. We also had a great time teaching scout skills while running Challenger District's Webelos Woods January 24-26. We look forward to another year of Cheerful Service with Tipisa. Remember that if you bring your brotherhood pass to 10 chapter meetings and one lodge event, we'll pay your Brotherhood fee.

-Michael Deliz Jr, Chapter Chief - mdeliz@cfl.rr.com

Joe Kirschten, Chapter Adviser - joekir86@hotmail.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month at Cocoa Presbyterian Church

LEMHEE-OKEE CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate all of our new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting so be sure to check out our website to find out what fun and exciting thing we'll be doing this month.

-Brandon Eiler, Chapter Chief - chief@lemheeokee.org

Eric Cooper, Chapter Adviser - cooptroops@yahoo.com

Chapter Meeting Information can be found on www.lemheeokee.org

MATO TANKA CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate all of our new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting.

-Jonathan Ulrich, Chapter Chief - jon.wvjd@gmail.com

Michael Green, Chapter Adviser - mgreen0604@yahoo.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month at Delaney Baptist Church along with Roundtable

MICCONOPE CHAPTER

We had a great time at our chapter lock-in at the beginning of the year and enjoyed helping out with TNAW. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting. If you're interested in helping with any cub scout ceremonies, let any of the officers know and we'll get you connected.

-Elliot Gregg, Chapter Chief - speeddemoneli@gmail.com

David Hedengren, Chapter Adviser - hedengrend@dbpd.us

Meetings: 7:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month at Four Towns Community Church in Deltona

NEFKETEH CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate the 52 new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We would also like to congratulate the 10 brothers that sealed their membership in the brotherhood at Ordeal. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting. If you're interested in helping with any cub scout ceremonies, let any of the officers know and we'll get you connected.

-Charles Owen, Chapter Chief - cowen2012@hotmail.com

Eric Snyder, Chapter Adviser - snyder.eric@gmail.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month at Melbourne Church of Christ, 810 Hollywood Blvd.

TOMOKA CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate all of the 27 new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting.

-Ben Rice, Chapter Chief - benrice1337@gmail.com

Bob Preis, Chapter Adviser - bobpreis@bellsouth.net

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of every month at Central Baptist Church

TOSOHATCHEE CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate all of our new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We had a great time working at TNAW. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting.

-Kyle Gilmore, Chapter Chief - fancydancerkyle@yahoo.com

Susan Burton, Chapter Adviser - tosohatcheesue@gmail.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month at the Church of Later Day Saints of Oviedo

WAHITLAW CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate all of our new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We had a great time working at TNAW. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting.

-Steven Kirsch, Chapter Chief - stevent800@earthlink.net

Arthur Polnasek, Chapter Adviser - abstracta@embarqmail.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of every month at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Kissimmee

WEWAHITCHKA CHAPTER

We would like to congratulate all of our new brothers that went through Ordeal this year. We had a great time working at TNAW. We hope to see you at our next chapter meeting.

-Jonathan Campbell, Chapter Chief - jonbuddy@comcast.net

Mike Baker, Chapter Adviser - mbaker470@aol.com

Meetings: 7:00 PM on the Thursday following the first Monday of every month at Haines Creek Baptist Church

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LODGE CALENDAR

March 14th-6th Spring Conclave at Camp La-No-Che

April 1st-13th Section Conference at Camp Shands
26th Scout Show at the UCF Arena

May 16th-18th Service Weekend & Lodge Ordeal at
Camp La-No-Che

August 16th LLDP & Banquet at the First United
Methodist Church of Apopka

September 5th-7th Fall Fellowship at Camp La-No-Che

November 7th-9th Section Seminars at Camp Tanah Keetah

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<http://www.tipisa.org/>



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