



## The NIMAT

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### Lodge Calendar Updates

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## SAVE THE DATES!

**LLDP & Banquet - August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Fall Fellowship - September 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>**

More details will be available soon – check out [Tipisa.org](http://Tipisa.org)!

### Membership Update

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Have you paid your 2020 dues yet? Want to pay your 2021 dues? Check your membership status? All this and more is available at [Tipisa.org/membership](http://Tipisa.org/membership)! Questions? Email [Membership@tipisa.org](mailto:Membership@tipisa.org).

## Chiefly Speaking

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Brothers,

I hope this issue of The Nimat, the Tipisa Lodge newsletter, finds you and your families well! For those of you who did not know, on May 31<sup>st</sup> Tipisa conducted our first ever Lodge election via Zoom! Join me in congratulating your newly elected officers; JD Adam (1<sup>st</sup> Vice), Joey Gans (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice), Caleb Farr (Treasurer), and Aj Grasso (Historian)! Learn more about each of them below.

My name is Adam Lucier and I am honored to have been elected to serve as your 2020-21 Tipisa Lodge Chief! I'm 19 years old, an Eagle Scout, and Vigil Honor member from Lodja Hadjo Chapter. I was inducted into Tipisa Lodge in 2014. Since my Ordeal, I have served in various capacities in both Scouting and the OA. I have been on Camp La-No-Che Staff for five summers, and you can often find me volunteering at various camp programs. In the OA, I have served as a Lodge Vice Chief, TNAW Chairman, and most recently the Section S-4 Vice Chief.

I am very excited to start working with the incredible Lodge Officers we have elected this year and continue to carry out the excellent legacy of our Lodge. Our goal is to encourage, engage, and evolve the members of our Lodge to provide a quality program for our Camp and Council. Over the coming weeks we will begin planning the upcoming year, and it WILL NOT be something that you want to miss! This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Lodge and we will also be hosting the 2021 Section Conference! This year will truly be special, and I hope you will be a part of it!

If you're interested in joining the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) or want to get more involved with the Lodge, email me at [Chief@Tipisa.org](mailto:Chief@Tipisa.org) to find out how to get started!

Thank you again to Brandon and his officers for a great year. I certainly have a big jacket to fill!



WWW,

Adam Lucier

Tipisa Lodge Chief

## Lodge Adviser's Minutes

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Brothers,

2020 will go down in the history books as a year unlike any other we've seen, or at least most of us have seen. We've lost out on many opportunities to gather as Brothers this past last lodge year and as I reflect back, I realize how much I miss seeing everyone! It is very easy to lose sight of what your commitment to the Lodge and chapters has meant and may mean for the future with so many things uncertain.

Think back to your ordeal; whether it was just a few months ago or many years ago. When I think back to my own ten years ago, I remember asking myself why was I there and where would this path lead me? At that moment in time I never saw myself serving as a Lodge Adviser. These words, although not my own, are very relevant today.

*"Fifteen blazes led you to us, but the trail that you have followed becomes rougher, steeper, fainter. You will need a brighter fire."*

Have you ever stopped to think about what this means? Perhaps unless you have portrayed Nutiket in the pre-Ordeal ceremony, then you haven't given much thought to this. We know what the fifteen blazes represent. Think about what Nutiket means when he says that those blazes led you to the pre-Ordeal ceremony. What does he mean when he says that the path becomes more difficult? What is the brighter fire he refers to, and how will it help you over this treacherous terrain?

Nutiket is *not* saying that you should abandon the fifteen blazes and opt instead for a brighter fire. Instead, you should continue to use the fifteen blazes to assist you on your path. However, they won't be enough.

Have you experienced a time since your induction when the trail has become a bit rougher? Perhaps there were forks in the road, and you needed a guiding light to help you safely discern the right path from the wrong one. The fifteen blazes are there to help you.

What words resonate with you? How can you make the fire brighter?

If you are interested in serving as an adviser on the LEC or are looking for new ways to get involved in the Lodge, please contact me at [adviser@tipisa.org](mailto:adviser@tipisa.org)



I am honored to serve as your Lodge Adviser and will see you soon. Stay safe and be well.

WWW,

Dawn Gross

Tipisa Lodge Adviser

## Letter from the Immediate-Past Lodge Chief

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Howdy Fellars,

I personally want to take a moment to thank you all for an amazing two years where I have had the privilege to serve as your Lodge Chief.

To all the advisors, named and unnamed, who have guided me, all the youth who trusted me in leading you, and most importantly all of the friends who I have made through this journey. Thank you!

I'd like to give a special thank you to my officers this past year— Spencer, Evan, Kelly, Madelyn, and Christian. This team went through many brainstorming sessions, training, trips to camp, phone calls, officer meetings, late nights, early mornings, and arguably most difficult task, they had to put up with me and my many asks of them.

I said this to the Lodge Executive Committee the last time we met—the saying "It takes a village" sticks out to me when thinking about what it takes to run a Lodge. Each and every one of you has had a hand in making the Lodge successful. It may have not always been easy or fun, but these experiences will help all of us grow as leaders, scouts, and people.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you! I have seen myself grow in countless ways. I hope when you look back on your time in the lodge during the past few years you will remember the good times, meaningful activities, and experiences that will be with you for a lifetime!

In closing, my advice to the upcoming youth in the Lodge—make the most of it! I can promise you without a doubt that 12-year-old Brandon had no clue what the Order of the Arrow would have in store for him on that cold January night when he stepped off on his ordeal.



In Brotherhood,

**Brandon Glass**

2018- 2020 Lodge Chief



## Meet Your New Officers

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### 1st Vice Chief- JD Adams



Howdy everyone,

My name is JD Adams and I want to thank you for electing me as your Tipisa Lodge 1st Vice Chief. As officers, we want you as a member of Tipisa Lodge to learn a little something about ourselves. My full name is John-David Adams and I am 16 from Troop 773. I am the immediate past Huracan Chapter Chief and have worked at La-No-Che for two years as a shooting sports instructor. I want to take this year as your First Vice Chief to work closely with Adam and create a lodge that focuses on you as a member.

### 2nd Vice Chief- Joey Gans



Hello All,

My name is Joey Gans and I am proudly your Second Vice Chief this year! I plan to work on getting individuals from all different chapters more involved into the workings of the lodge and to have new faces be the representatives of our order out in their local areas. I am nineteen and a member of Troop 323 in Nefketeh Chapter. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Can you guess my favorite color? Hint: It's the color of the tipi ☺

### Secretary- Vacant

Interested in serving as the Lodge Secretary? Reach out to Lodge Chief Adam Lucier ([chief@tipisa.org](mailto:chief@tipisa.org)) for more information!

### Treasurer- Caleb Farr



My name is Caleb Farr from Troop 145 in Oakland, Florida, and I'm in the Lemhee-Yekchi Chapter. My goals as Lodge Treasurer are to get some new merchandise and keep up the lodge in good shape.

Fun Fact: My favorite camp song is Yogi Bear

Interested in getting involved with the Lodge Box or have a great idea for new merchandise? Email Caleb at [treasurer@tipisa.org](mailto:treasurer@tipisa.org)

### Historian- AJ Grasso



My names Aj Grasso from Troop 400 in Micco-Tomokee Chapter. I'm 18 and looking forward to being this year's Lodge Historian. One of my main goals for the year is to help bring together the Lodge and increase attendance from all chapters of the lodge attending.

Fun Fact: My favorite camp food has to be the chicken tenders from La-No-Che

Interested in helping AJ capture the history of Tipisa? Contact him at [historian@tipisa.org](mailto:historian@tipisa.org)

# The Lodge Box is now **ONLINE!**

Visit <https://councilstuff.com/083-tipisa>  
for all your patch needs!

**Current hot items are:**

- 2020 NOAC "Whale" set \$10 less than 50 sets remain
- 2021 National Scout Jamboree Guy Harvey CFC set \$50
- 2021 Guy Harvey Mylar NSJ Lodge Flap \$10 (not included in set)
- 2021 Guy Harvey NSJ Lodge Flap \$5 (included in set)
- 2019-2020 Tipi Grown Annual Patch \$12
- 2020 Service weekend \$4 (Cancelled COVID-19)
- 2020 Spring Conclave \$4 (Cancelled COVID-19)
- 2020 TNAW Participant Feather \$3
- 2020 Tipisa Chapter Ordeals \$4
- 2019 Fall fellowship \$4

Shipping is \$5 flat for all orders. Tracking Included.



