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SERVICE WEEKEND

Brothers,

Escape to the Amazon: A Weekend of Service and Adventure at Camp La-No-Che, May 17-19. Prepare for an Amazon rainforest weekend of service, ceremonies, and fun at Camp La-No-Che. Together, we'll wield our axes, shovels, and saws to carve paths, clear debris, and nurture the very essence of this wilderness sanctuary. After our treks through the Amazon, we'll dive into pristine waters, cheer our chiefs in the Float-a-thon, move an entire rainforest, and test our survival knowledge. Chapters can flaunt their wilderness skills for the prestigious "Sword of Service" award.

And that's before the Indiana Jones

movie marathon! The weekend will also feature lodge elections, complete with tropical campaign materials. Plus, makeup Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies will welcome members deeper into the rainforest brotherhood. All this for only \$40.

From howler monkey calls at sunrise to glowing jungle insects at night, we'll be fully immersed in Amazon themes. So, bring your expedition hats and mosquito spray as we answer the call of the wild rainforest and experience the lush spirit underlying our Order. Now accepting reservations at Tipisa.org!



Yours in Service,

Alex Hepperman, Benton Forrester, Colin Gibbons
2024 Service Weekend Chairmen

CHIEF AND ADVISER MINUTE

Lodge Chief Emily Sallustio

Brothers,

We're almost at the end of this Lodge year. I know, bittersweet, but there's still so much left to do this year. Over the last few months I've learned from many youths, I've learned strength, wisdom, and resilience. I've also learned what really makes Tipisa Lodge feel like a home. It's so amazing to see Chapters intermingling and working together instead of against each other. As we finish our journey with Service Weekend I want each of you to keep a few things on your mind. Think about how you can take back what you've learnt from the OA to your troop. Think about what leadership roles you want to take on in the next year. Think about how each of you can make a difference in a brother's life. We have come so far and I am so proud to not only call this Lodge my home but also call you all my family. Remember that one of the purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. So offer a helping hand and step up to be a leader for all.

Yours in Scouting,

Emily Sallustio

2023-2024 Lodge Chief



Lodge Adviser Paul Lackie

Known for its patches and ceremonies, the Order of the Arrow is an inspiration to both members and the wider Scouting community.

From the beginning of the pre-Ordeal ceremony to the closing of the Brotherhood, the OA distills the Scout Oath and Law into three actionable virtues - Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service - and ultimately, to a single overarching precept: "To love one another."

The meaning of words often relies on context. In the OA, the word "brotherhood" has three meanings...each for a different context.

- As the Order's first virtue, it means having the "awareness to listen"...to our own conscience and to the wider world around us.
- In the Induction, an Ordeal member is one who seeks the arrow while a Brotherhood member has found the arrow.
- In the context of membership, "brotherhood" has a meaning that honors a relationship: In the Ordeal, we accept scouts as members because they have been chosen by those who know them best. In the Brotherhood, the Order's mysteries are fully revealed to give scouts the ability to accept us, in return, with an open mind and open heart.

Encourage elected scouts in your troop to accept the honor of membership by completing their Ordeal, just as you have. Brotherhood and Vigil members can reach a hand to teach Ordeal members about the Order and help them complete their Induction. No special training is required. You already have the knowledge you need. If you completed your Ordeal within the last six months, come to any chapter activity or lodge event to find brothers ready to help you on your Journey to Brotherhood. If you are an Ordeal member of six months or more, come to Service Weekend (May 17- 19) to receive the fulfillment of Brotherhood membership and experience the Gift of the Admonition. (tipisa.org/events/service-weekend)

Yours in Brotherhood,

Paul Lackie

Lodge Adviser

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Ordeal Report

By 2nd Vice Chief Anthony McBride

Brothers,

This year, we have the honor of welcoming 286 new members. This consists of 233 youth and 53 adults. Although this may be an improvement from last year's 246 inducted, we can still do better. There are still 109 potential members who have not completed their Ordeal. This means we as a Lodge must do our absolute best to promote the Ordeal for Service Weekend. Aside from that, I want to congratulate all our new brothers and welcome them with open arms. I look forward to seeing how the Lodge grows as well as anyone looking to improve their leadership skills.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Anthony McBride



Finance Chair Report

By Chairman Robbie Kuropkat

Good day, brothers!

My name is Robbie Kuropkat, and I am YOUR lodge finance chair. Back here in the finance committee, Paul Lackie, Gary Butler, and myself have been working hard at our goal of financial transparency for the entire lodge. I am proud to announce that this goal is not only possible but may be accomplished in the near future. After completing this goal, chapters will have access to regularly updated accounts, and the lodge will have access to more updated financials for planning. If you have any questions about financials for the lodge or your chapter, please message the email below.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Robbie Kuropkat

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FOUNDER'S AWARD

Brothers,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Marc Homburger-Jacobs, and this year I have the distinct honor of serving as your 2023-2024 Founder's Award Chairman.

This year, we honored two youth in our Lodge with the 2024 Founders Award; Matthew Hill, our Immediate Past Lodge Chief, and Wesley Restrepo, our ICE and Vigil Chairman. Please extend your heartiest congratulations to them the next time you see them! Both have served Tipisa Lodge, Scouting, and their fellow man with such fervor that it is only right that they were selected by their brothers. Again, on behalf of the 2024 Founder's Award Committee, congratulations to Matthew Hill and Wesley Restrepo. Thanks for all you have done for our Lodge, and I am excited to see what you will do!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Marc Jacobs

Founders Award Chairman



VIGIL CLASS OF 2024

Rowan Aldridge
Sebastian Baldwin
Ethan Burkhart
Lance Cyrier
Holly Ebert
Piper Ebert
Megan Ewing
Craig Golub



Erin Harris
Wylie Hill
Micheal Hriciso
Robbie Kuropkat
Alex Lewis
Emily Sallustio
Jeremiah Smith

Brothers,

A huge congratulations to the 15 Arrowmen who were elected to the honor and who kept their Vigil this Spring Conclave.

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CHAPTER REPORTS



Huracan

Dear Brothers of Tipisa Lodge,

Our chapter had an incredibly successful ordeal season with 38 new brothers inducted to our order this past January. Our chapter hosted the third ordeal weekend alongside Micco-Tomokee, and our Ordealmaster Colin Gibbons took the opportunity to learn from prior weekends to help the weekend go smoothly. He would like to recognize everyone who came out to help, especially Anthony, Adam, Enzo, and all the advisors who made the weekend possible. We will need elangomats for Service Weekend so please feel free to reach out to Colin if you are interested.

In February, we gathered for a pizza party for our new members alongside the introduction to speedball. Additionally, our December meeting included a holiday party with a white elephant and a costume contest. Our regularly scheduled meetings occur every third Thursday of the month at the New Covenant Assembly.

Sincerely,

Huracan Chapter Leadership
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Kikape

Weekend 1 Ordeal was a success with Kikape inducting 29 new Brothers. Our overlap with winter camp put up a huge challenge that we were able to work through to continue our Ordeal. During TNAW, Kikape worked logistics, many of our members were key staff for the event leaving us with 7 scouts who worked at the event and many advisors. After many years of being lost in a closet the Kikape King's Cup display is coming back to life. The display was seen at Fall Fellowship for the first time in many years, now we have seen it at Spring Conclave with a few updates! In the upcoming months, Kikape plans to partake in many activities, such as our Kikape & Nefkete chapter campout (QR code below), Service Weekend, and Section Conference. For those who are new to Kikape we welcome you to join us at our meetings every 4th Thursday at Cocoa Presbyterian Church starting in April we start the meetings at 7:00. We will be holding a special meeting to replace our March meetings. If you are not receiving emails or have questions please reach out to me.

WWW,
Stephen Bohlin
Kikape Chapter Chief
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Lemhee-Yekchi

Brothers,

Lemhee-Yekchi has had an amazing start to the year. We had a highly successful Ordeal season and welcomed many new members into our chapter. We recently held an enjoyable lock-in event where we formally activated several of these new members and got them actively involved in chapter activities. A special thanks goes out to the 20 brothers from our chapter who embodied the spirit of leadership and service by volunteering their time at TNAW this year. Looking ahead, be sure to keep an eye out for emails about our future chapter meetings coming up soon that you definitely won't want to miss! As always, the continued engagement and participation of our members is what keeps this chapter going strong. We have much to celebrate and are grateful for all those members who have stayed active this year and all the new ones to join us.

WWW,

Benton Forrester

Lemhee-Yekchi Chapter Chief

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Oussuana

At our January Chapter Meeting, the Brothers of Narcoossee District met to choose the name for the new chapter, created by the combination of Lodja Hadjo and Wahitlaw chapters. The Order of the Arrow chapter is now known as Oussuana which means Otter in Seminole. It is pronounced OOH-Sauna.

Our chapter had 12 brothers help staff TNAW weekend.

At our February meeting, we had Butterbeer (Thank You, Brother Stan) and chose our chapter design/patch as well as played Steal the Bacon. We have upcoming meetings in March, April 18, and on the third Thursday of each month, unless said otherwise.

Please make sure to check your emails and notifications from the BAND app.

If you are not on the Oussuana Chapter BAND, you can join through here:

WWW,

Mia Lewis

Oussuana Chapter Chief

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Nefketch

Hello Brothers,

The CEC has listened to your feedback and in recent months, Chapter meetings have included more informative material and fun! At our January meeting, we worked in cheerful service for the Children's Hunger Project. And at our February meeting, we had a meeting dedicated to Brotherhood Counseling. Back in January our chapter completed Ordeals, and we had over 25 members inducted across all three weekends. Even though Ordeals looked a bit different for us this year, I'd like to thank every single person who came out to help run the Ordeals! And a big congratulations to our new Brothers! At TNAW, we had 18 brothers come out and work in the crafts area. Those who staffed TNAW reported it was a rewarding experience for them to see all ages enjoy the many different crafts offered. As for upcoming chapter activities, our next meetings are on March 21st and April 18th at Melbourne Church of Christ. We also have a campout with Kikape coming up on April 19-21 at Kings Landing Campground, we will be swimming, canoeing, and spending the weekend bonding with other Arrowmen! The QR code below.

WWW,
Megan Ewing
Nefketch Chapter Chief
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Wewahitchka

We have been very successful with our monthly chapter meetings. Our attendance has been increasing at an unbelievable rate! Our brothers are having a great time and are filled with spirit! At our last chapter meeting, we had 46 brothers attend! At our most recent meeting, we came up with spirit items and prepared for Spring Conclave. Wewa strongly believes in service. We're proud to report that Wewa had 27 brothers cheerfully answer the call to staff TNAW. Our chapter was able to fully support the pioneering area. During our Ordeal, we were able to successfully induct 41 Wewa brothers during our ordeal weekend. An additional 13 brothers were inducted at weekends two and three. We're proud to report that our CEC created and approved our official Ordeal Close Out Report. Our Chapter regularly meets on the third Thursday of the month at Grace Way Church in Leesburg. We are planning to do a car smash at a future meeting to celebrate the successful year that our chapter has had. Our Chapter has been looking forward to this since last May. This will be a time full of food, fellowship, and fun!

WWW,
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Micco-Tomokee

Micco-Tomokee had a good Ordeal season - candidates attended all three weekends and we had one elangomat on the first weekend and four elangomats on the third weekend. Huracan and Micco-Tomokee ran the third Ordeal weekend with great results. The chapter had stronger attendance this year compared to our Ordeal weekend last year. Overall 31 of our 45 candidates have completed their Ordeal. Of those 31, 23 have attended a chapter or lodge event so far. TNAW was a lot of fun. We helped staff the ranges, mainly the primitive weapons. Many attendees enjoyed the slingshot, axe, and knife-throwing ranges.

Spring conclave saw six of our brothers seal their membership in the Brotherhood. Attendance for the chapter was up this year for the conclave. Speaking of chapter events, in January we welcomed our new members with an ice cream social and a discussion of what opportunities exist for Arrowmen.

February saw us making chapter t-shirts in preparation for Spring Conclave.

In March we covered online resources and plans for Service Weekend.

WWW,
Blake Harrell
Micco-Tomokee Chapter Chief
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LODGE PROMOTIONS

Kings Cup Tips & Tricks

Hello everyone, my name is Ethan Burkhart, and I have the honor of serving as your 2023-2024 Lodge Historian. I just wanted to give our Chapter Historians some tips and tricks that will help them get a higher score when it comes to the King's Cup competition. When trying to make a visually appealing, historically balanced, and overall amazing Kingscup, there are a few things you want to make sure you have. A few items that your displays should have would be scrapbooks with recent (labeled) pictures, a website link (updated is best), and to have someone (if not your Historian) present the King's Cup.

Also, a reminder about your Chapter presentations for the new Lodge King's Cup. Please include: a brief rundown of your chapter history, a few pictures, spirit items and any major awards you have earned from previous events (golden quest items are a perfect example).

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at historian@tipisa.org. Thank you and I will see you all at Service Weekend!



LODGE PROMOTIONS



OA High Adventure

By Megan Wilson

Hello Brothers,

My name is Megan Wilson, and I am a member of the Lemhee-Yekchi Chapter. I have been very fortunate to be able to experience one of the greatest parts of scouting through the OA: OA High Adventure. Participating in an OA High Adventure trek allows you to attend one of the National High Adventure bases (Philmont, Northern Tier, Summit Bechtel Reserve, and Sea Base) outside of your unit, alongside Arrowmen from all across the country. I have personally been on two of these treks: one at Northern Tier (OA Wilderness Voyage) and another at Philmont (OA Trail Crew). During each of these treks, I completed over 40 hours of service for the PSR and Boundary Waters via clearing and building trails with my crew. After roughly a week of cheerful service, we embarked on the most remarkable adventures that could not be replicated by any other program. OA High Adventure allows crews to experience a week-long trek designed specifically by their crew. From waking up to beautiful sunrises over the water to watching the sunset atop a mountain, the possibilities are endless. Through these treks, I have found mentors, forged amazing friendships, and made memories to cherish for a lifetime. High Adventure is truly one of the greatest parts of scouting and to be able to do it with your brothers and friends is an experience like no other. I encourage all who seek adventure and excitement to embark on an OA High Adventure trek, for it's not just a "camping trip", it's a journey that will leave you with unforgettable memories and experiences that will stay with you forever.

Yours in Brotherhood and Adventure,
Megan Wilson



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www.Tipisa.org

Visit for event registration information, resources
and more!

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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/6814016/>

Can you find all
the OA-related
words?

PICTURES

Find pictures and more on our Facebook page! Tipisa Lodge #326



CALENDAR

Section Conference - April 12-14, 2024
Sandhill Scout Reservation
Brooksville, Florida



Service Weekend - May 17-19, 2024
Camp La-No-Che
Paisley, Florida



NOAC - July 29-August 3, 2024
University of Colorado Boulder
Boulder, Colorado

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