



7:20 - Opening: Alex Heppermann, Lodge Chief

- Obligation
- Opening Announcements

- Establish Quorum

- Tipisa Lodge Rules, Section 6, Part E: “For the LEC to conduct business, a quorum consisting of a majority of all voting members must be present.”
- Ten are required for quorum. (21 unique voting members)
- 16/21

7:22 - Motion to Approve October LEC Minutes

- Megan Ewing, Secretary
 - “I move to approve the LEC Minutes from the November 13th, 2024, LEC as distributed December 10th, 2024.”
 - Seconded
 - Any Adjustments?
 - Include Treasurer report
 - Move to close the floor (yes)/ Floor closed (yes)
 - Minutes approved

7:24 - Reports

- Lodge Officer Reports
 - Alex Heppermann
 - 20/22 points for PMP, we need 2 points to reach High Performing officially. We asked Chapter Chiefs to go out and recruit members to pay dues, but this did not happen, so lodge officers took the initiative and called members, we only need 28 more to reach high-performing.
 - Benton Forrester
 - Nothing to report
 - Robbie Kuropkat
 - Nothing to report
 - Megan Ewing
 - Thank you to Ben and Mia for submitting their reports on time.
 - Austin Rice
 - We ordered new sashes and the OA handbook. New merch will be ordered by Ordeal. Need (ask Austin about who needs to submit)
 - Stephen Bohlin
 - Nothing to report
- Chapter Reports
 - Huracan – Mia DeVivo
 - Membership



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- Dues Paid for 2025 (completed Ordeal prior to 2024) Since Last LEC:
- -1 youth & youth adults
 - -1 youth
 - 0 youth adults
- This year's Ordeal Members Dues Paid for 2025:
 - 6 total
 - 4 youth
 - 2 adults
- Unit Elections
 - We have conducted 17 elections so far this season.
 - Our chapter has 1 election scheduled.
 - We have 6 elections not scheduled (are planning to decline based on lack of youth but hasn't happened yet)
 - We currently have 52 youth elected.
 - Currently 13 candidates have signed up for Ordeal. (11 for our weekend, 2 for weekend one)
- Ordeal Planning
 - The Ordeal fee has not yet been determined. Final details are currently being worked through.
 - Elangomats: Fees will be covered by chapter funds.
 - 3 total (Addison Brenton, Jonah Welsh, & James Wilson)
 - We currently have 45 Brotherhood eligible members.
 - To encourage our brothers to complete the induction at our ordeal weekend we will utilize mass communication such as emails, announcements at meetings, and social media posts. We will also use one on one communication such as personal phone calls in addition to setting goals to reach that may result in pieing of some people in chapter leadership.
 - We do not currently have any ordeal planning dates scheduled.
 - Elangomat training was a part of our November Chapter meeting.
- Kikape – Ronnie Tolley
 - Membership:
 - How many youth Brothers paid dues since last LEC?
 - 2 and % of this years Ordeal paid 2025 dues: 2 6%
 - Elections
 - Not scheduled: 1 - been unable to get ahold of anyone
 - Conducted: 11
 - Remaining for elections this week: 4



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- # candidates so far: 9 from 2023, 13 from 2024 so far
- # candidates registered: 2
- Ordeals
 - Ordeal fee - \$58 per Lodge, \$46 for Staff
 - Name and count of Elangomats? Polly Champ - 1 so far
 - Brotherhood eligible: total 33, 22 are from 2024 Ordeal
 - Elangomat training: Nefketch has one scheduled
 - Plan to recruit: TBD - Ronnie knows our plans
 - Ordeal planning meeting date: soon, not sure of exact date
- Lemhee-Yekchi – Ben Weger
 - Membership
 - How many youth Brothers from your chapter, who completed their Ordeal before 2024, have paid 2024 & 2025 dues since the last LEC? :16
 - # and % of this year's Ordeal members who have paid dues for 2025: 8 19.5%
 - Unit Elections
 - How many units are Not Scheduled?: 4
 - How many unit elections has your Chapter conducted?: 16
 - How many candidates do you have, so far?: 65
 - How many candidates have registered for an Ordeal?: 14
 - Ordeal Planning
 - What is your Ordeal fee for members?: 41
 - Names and Count of trained (and committed) elangomats?: (noted at the end of the report)
 - Trained and committed elangomats:
 - Laim Bundy
 - Elizebeth Olson
 - Noah Tilton
 - Peter Miller
 - Erik Olson
 - Dawn Wright
 - Ethan Tasier
 - How many Brotherhood eligible members do you have?: 41
 - What is your plan to recruit them?: Email, Phone call and social media
 - Ordeal planning meeting dates?: Following LEC, along with phone calls leading up to ordeal
 - Elangomat training dates?: Additional training Sunday Jan 5 th (time tbd)



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- What support or resources do you need?: none as of yet
- Micco-Tomokee – Scout Clements
 - No report submitted
- Nefketch – Rowan Aldridge
 - Membership
 - 13 more have paid dues
 - Unit Elections
 - None are Non-Scheduled
 - 12 Elections Conducted
 - 26 Candidates
 - Ordeal Planning
 - \$46.00 fee for members
 - 5 Committed Elangomats:
 - Bill Hartman
 - Ania Brandt
 - Andrew Bohlin
 - Alex Aldridge
 - Dr. Alan Caetano
 - 36 Brotherhood Eligible
 - Plan to send emails, Instagram promotion, meeting announcements, phone calls
 - Ordeal Planning Meeting: Unscheduled
 - Elangomat Training Date: December 30, 2024 @ 2:00pm
 - Support/Resources: None at this moment
- Oussauna – Adelina Morrison
 - No report submitted
- Wewahitchka – Billy Campbell
 - No report submitted
- Lodge Chief Note
 - We have noticed the quality of Ordeal tasks. So far we haven't had any submissions or requests for Ordeal tasks. By next Friday, if you have any requests or recommendations for Ordeals tasks. Submit report to activitieservice@tipisa.org, chief@tipisa.org, and inductions@tipisa.org including the safety, materials, tools, and other descriptions. If you don't do that, do not complain about Ordeal tasks this year. Chainsaw safety course coming to train people for Ordeals, doing it the first Ordeal Weekend.
 - Ben Weger - Idea for new targets for weapon practice
- Committee Chairman Reports
 - Activities and Service – Evan Stalnaker



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- Lodge Chief Note is the report
- Lodge sponsorship of Ordeal Feast. The decision will be made Friday night.
- Ceremonies – Piper Ebert
 - Nothing to report
- Spring Conclave - Robbie Kuropkat
 - The presentation sent out in the previous email
- Fall Fellowship - Alex Hepperman
 - Still have yet to get milk prices
- Council Ring Gateway Project - Ben Weger
 - No progress yet. May be Service Weekend project or next year's Ordeal project.
- Finance – Robbie Kuropkat
 - Made great progress on the 2025-2026 budget. If you have questions, email finance@tipisa.org or secondvice@tipisa.org
- Founders – Matthew Hill
 - Actively working on it.
- Inductions – Colin Gibbons
 - The presentation linked in email
 - Presenter said “The presentation is as beautiful as the presenter”
 - Stats:
 - 2022 Elected: 156
 - 2022-23 Ordeal Completions: 104
 - % completion: 66.6
 - 2023 Elected: 386
 - 2023-24 Ordeal Completions: 299
 - % completion: 77.5
 - 2024 Elected: 281
 - 2024-25 Ordeal Sign-ups: 28+13+31=72
 - % of elected signed up: 25
 - 2022 Brotherhood Eligible: 333
 - 2022 Brotherhood Completion: 52
 - %: 15
 - 2023 Brotherhood Eligible: 408
 - 2023 Brotherhood Completion: 103
 - %: 25
 - 2024 Brotherhood Eligible: 486
 - 2024 Brotherhood Completion: 159
 - %: 33
- Museum/Legacy – Clinton Kuropkat



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- Nothing to report
- NOAC – Chris Smith
 - National has closed out NOAC. There are still loose ends but hopefully we can close out by January.
- Publications – Piper Ebert
 - Nothing to report
- TNAW – Jacob Smith
 - Leadership Structure
 - Four Co-Chairs
 - Morgan Kirschten and Austin Rice - admin side
 - Jacob Smith and Josh Weger - program side
 - Emily Sallustio - mentor
 - Looking for people to run the stations and be area leads.
 - Chapter Chiefs/certain member from each chapter to run a station
- Vigil – Emily Sallustio
 - Tonight (December 15th) was the Vigil committee selection. Huge thank you to those who came and performed a huge honor to their Lodge.
- Website - Adam Brandt
 - Recent Updates
 - Spring Conclave (<https://tipisa.org/events/spring-conclave>)
 - Spring Conclave event page updated
 - Website Hack Update (<https://wewahitchka.tipisa.org/>)
 - Midway through last month, it was noticed that the Wewahitchka site suffered from the same breach as the main Tipisa site, but not to the full extent
 - Over 200 malicious posts were created
 - 9 files related to Malware were found
 - These have been disabled
 - Tipisa Progressive Web App (PWA) (<https://tipisa.org/>)
 - Tipisa.org web app exists
 - Now supports offline on some pages
 - Cached pages
 - Future Plans
 - Progressive Web App (PWA) (<https://tipisa.org/>)
 - Add notification support to the app
 - Currently in testing
 - Add app to Google Play Store on Android
- Camping Promotions – Jonathan Bangerter
 - Working on Guide for Summer Camps and High Adventure packet



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- Social Media - Jonathan Bangerter
 - Grown 3,300 followers
- 8:30- Old Business
 - 2025-2026 Tipisa Budget
 - Approved
- 8:39 - New Business
 - January-May LEC Dates
 - January 5th @ 5:00pm
 - February 6th @ 7:00pm
 - March 9th @ 10:00am (Spring Conclave)
 - (April LEC) March 30th @ 10:00am (TNAW)
 - TENTATIVE
 - May 18th @ 10:00am (Service Weekend)
- 8:57 - Open Forum
 - Nothing to discuss
- 8:59 - Adviser Moments
 - Donald Dillon -
 - Each chapter needs to have a responsible adult to do check-in, and someone to do lodgemaster liaison. Both need to be an adult that is familiar with Lodgemaster.
 - We need to get 25 new members, not old members. Get Ordeal Candidates to register.
 - Micheal Green -
 - Thank you all for everything. Take these next couple of weeks to recharge before Ordeal.
- 9:05 - Closing Song

Upcoming Dates:

January 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 2025

March 7-9, 2025

March 28-30, 2025

May 16-18, 2025

Chapter Ordeals

Spring Conclave

TNAW

Service Weekend