

The Lodge Lip

Website: Takachsin.org

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First Time in more than 50 Years....

For the first time in more than 50 years (last time was 1966), Camp Buffalo will be the location of a section conclave, as Takachsin Lodge is host lodge this year. A Conclave is the gathering of lodges in the state of Indiana, and is like a mini-NOAC. It will be held at Camp Buffalo April 7th thru the 9th.

Our lodge as host lodge has many responsibilities. We need about 100 of our lodge members to come out and be a part of this great event. Our lodge will have a special patch for this event. Hurry, however, as registration ends April 1st. To register, visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/160-10633> or go to takachsin.org and click on event registrations for the link.

Our Lodge Advisor, Steve Bowman, along with camp Ranger Billy Rood and our conclave committee Chair Lucas Bowman have said that if Takachsin gets 100 to come to the conclave, all 3 will jump into Liberty Lake (since conclave is early this year we might have to cut a hole in the ice). WE NEED YOUR HELP, REGISTER TODAY.

Are Your Dues Paid?

Was an invoice included with this mailing? Only those with current dues can wear the lodge flap on their uniform and participate in lodge, section and national OA events. Dues are \$12 a year and can be paid at the council office or through campmaster at: <https://sagamore.camp-master.com/>

WWW.TAKACHSIN.ORG

Have you checked out Takachsin.org lately? Our webmaster, Vicki Triplett keeps it up to date with the latest news and information. It is the go to source for the calendar, forms, and even lodge history. If you haven't been there lately, check it out.

Ceremonialists NEEDED

In order to induct and advance members, we need ceremonies. There are 3 sets of ceremony teams needed for the Spring OA weekend, that is Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood. We need your help. If you are interested in being a ceremonialist, contact Eric Chauret at vcinductions@takachsin.org. Ceremonialists must be under the age of 21. However each ceremony needs an advisor and so if you are 21 or older and would like to be the advisor contact Eric. Contact him now to get the scripts as we want all ceremonies to be memorized and so you can get started now on such.

NOAC 18 is just around the corner...



The National OA Conference will be held in July 30-August 4, 2018 at Indiana University, and registration should begin in August 2017 and only those in our lodge whose dues are paid can register. There will be registration limits placed on the lodges so once this information is given to our lodge, we will notify you. Those 22 from our lodge who went to NOAC 2015 at MSU had a blast and learned a lot. NOAC 2018 has a maximum quota of 6,000 youth/adults and 2,000 staff for a total of 8,000 where there were 15,000+ at MSU in 2015. So there will be strict quotas. Our guess at this time is that we will be able to bring about 9 youth and 3 adults. Approximate cost will be around \$500.



Another Reason to pay your dues now!

If you are a brotherhood member who has been a brotherhood member for at least 2 years, you are eligible to be considered for Vigil Honor. Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a lodge can bestow on its members. Less than 2% of Arrowman ever become Vigil. The Vigil Honor Committee will meet at the Spring OA Weekend, and only those whose 2017 dues are paid are eligible to be considered. Also, the Vigil Honor induction will take place at the Fall OA Weekend.

Spring OA Weekend

You may have noticed that we no longer call it Ordeal weekend, for our Spring and Fall weekends are not just "ordeal" weekends, but a time for all members to come to camp and give in cheerful service, for we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. The Spring OA weekend is May 12-14, 2017 at Cary Camp.

Patches, Patches, Patches...

In addition to the event patches that we give out at the Spring and Fall OA Weekends and at the Fall Fun Fellowship, there will be several additional patches that the lodge will have for sale this year and next. These include the 2018 NOAC flap(s), the 45th Anniversary lodge flap along with a special lodge contingent patch for conclave.

Got an Idea for our 45th Anniv. Flap?

Our lodge over the years have issued several anniversary flaps starting with the 10th anniversary flap. In 2018, we will have completed 45 years as Takachsin Lodge and the LEC (lodge executive committee) is planning for a 45th Anniversary flap. To submit a drawing (and for deadline info) watch www.takachsin.org for more information.

Events are Pre-register Only

Our LEC (lodge executive committee) took action last year that all events going forward would be pre-register only. We allow registration up to like 5 days before the event. There are many reasons for this including planning logistics and extra costs for meals. It typically cost a member attending an event a couple extra bucks because of having to purchase food for an unknown number of participants. National Dues also are going up \$2 a member, which the lodge continues to tighten its belt on the expenses. (this is one reason why we sell patches, to help offset these costs).

So if you are planning on attending the conclave, Spring and/or Fall OA weekend, Fall Fun Fellowship/Winter Banquet, etc. you must preregister and pay at campmaster or at the council office. Visit our Website takachsin.org and click on event registration for more info.

2017 Executive Committee/Officers

Lodge Chief- Nathan Demien

Lodge Vice Chief of Programs- John Kelsey

Lodge Vice Chief of Induction- Eric Chauret

Treasurer- Bryce Borden

Secretary- Kyle Eenigenburg

Lodge Committee Chair (Vigil)- Lucas Bowman

Lodge Advisor- Steve Bowman

Lodge Associate Advisor (Inductions)- Chris Birk & Don Harper

Lodge Associate Advisor to Membership – Brad Rody

Vigil Advisor- Chris Birk

Lodge Associate Advisor of Commissary- Craig Burkholder

Lodge Committee Advisor (Finance)- Doug Whitham

Lodge Website Advisor- Vicki Triplett

Lodge Staff Advisor- Chas Triplett

Troop Elections/Callouts

If your troop needs an OA election, contact Brad Rody. We will be doing a Call out at the Council Camporee and of course summer camp. You can email brad at unitelections@takachsin.org

Did you know?

Takachsin means leader. Our lodge has earned Gold JTE (Journey to Excellence) in the past 3 years. We are in a handful of 274 lodges that have earned such, but each year we have to do more and more to earn this honor. It requires each of us, to be that brotherhood of cheerful service and to serve others. As you know our admonition means to Love One Another.

Adult OA members what is my role?

Adults in the OA are "advisors" and play an important role in mentoring and being a role model for our youth. Recently the national OA put on a "Developing Youth Leadership Conference" at Rochester, Indiana (Geneva Center), and the whole purpose was to train adults on the important role they play in mentoring, advising, coaching and caring for youth. Whether you are a scoutmaster or not, adults are the role model to help our youth become the leaders of tomorrow.

Are you getting our emails?

If you are not receiving our emails, it might be the email address we have for you is no longer accurate. If you aren't getting them, drop an email to: lodgeadvisor@takachsin.org with your correct email address.

The Lodge Lip???

Back when the lodge was formed (merger of 3 lodges in 1973), the name of the newsletter was established as the lodge lip. For many years, we simply put an article in the Sagamore Signals, but with this edition, we return to The Lodge Lip.

Lodge Chief's Corner

Dear Brothers:

As your lodge chief, I encourage you to be a part of as many of our lodge functions as you can. We need your help with the section conclave, which we are the host lodge and we need members to be a part of the ceremonial teams at the Spring OA weekend. Your LEC (lodge executive committee) has spent many hours planning events for our lodge. We have for the past 3 years earned Gold JTE, something most lodges have not done. We are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. On behalf of all the lodge officers, we hope to see you at our events this year.

Yours in Brotherhood

Nathan Demien

Lodge Chief email: chief@takachsins.org

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Each of us has the ability to make an important difference. Whether you know it or not, each of us has the power to make a difference in the lodge. As inspiration for all of us to realize that potential to help improve our lodge, here are several people in history that have proven one person can make important differences.

Gandhi made peaceful protest and peaceful civil disobedience a valuable process of peaceful change. Susan B. Anthony rose to the challenge as a famous leader in the battle to obtain women's right to vote in the U.S. In 1908, an acclaimed English war hero, Robert Baden Powell, founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Seven years later at Treasure Island on the Delaware River, E. Urner Goodman launched an innovative program, the Order of the Arrow, which is based on peer recognition and service to others.

John F. Kennedy believed that "one person can make a difference and every person should try." We need to realize that important improvements can begin with one person. If that one person is truly passionate about his or her mission, then he can make a difference. It starts with one person, one idea, one mission. Imagine what would happen if each one of us worked together to improve the attendance at each of our lodge events.

It is easy to say that you don't need to attend the next event, and that it would not matter since you are only one person. What happens when a hundred Arrowmen feel this way? What would be the outcome if these same Arrowmen decided to attend? What difference would it make for that meeting, for that event?

You may not realize it, but each and every one of you is important and can make a difference. Just think that if one person can make a difference, imagine the difference a group of committed Arrowmen can make to the lodge, our lodge. I hope that I see each one of you at the Conclave and the Spring Weekend event. Until then, let's work together to make our lodge the best it can be.

Yours in Brotherhood

Stephen W Bowman

Lodge Advisor email: lodgeadvisor@takachsins.org

Upcoming Events-Calendar

March 5th LEC Meeting 2 pm Grissom Air Museum

April 2nd LEC Meeting 2 pm Camp Buffalo

April 7-9 Section Conclave Camp Buffalo

April 27th Sagamore Council Annual Recognition Dinner

May 5-7 Council Spring Camporee (callout)

May 12-14 OA Weekend at Cary Camp

For more information on these events and our full calendar, see takachsins.org



Lodge Secretary Corner

Dear Brothers:

This is our first print edition of the Lodge Lip in 2017. I hope the information provided helps each of us to be better Arrowmen. Our goal is that we will publish the lodge lip 4-6 times a year (every 2-3 months). We welcome any feedback.

Yours In Brotherhood

Kyle Eenigenburg

Lodge Secretary email: secretary@takachsins.org



WILD WILD WEST

SECTION CONCLAVE 2017

Come one, come all to the WILD WILD WEST Section C-6A Conclave April 7-9, 2017 hosted by Takachsin Lodge at Camp Buffalo in Buffalo, Indiana. Section C-6A's Wild Wild West Conclave is sure to be a highlight of your Scouting year! For just one can't-miss weekend in April, Arrowmen from across the state of Indiana (and even a bit of Michigan) will come together for an event like no other. Whether this is your first Section Conclave or your fifth, there's something for everyone here.

- **Interested in our Order's ceremonies?** Attend unique training sessions or even compete against ceremonies teams from other lodges!
- **Want to hone your skills as a leader and an Arrowmen?** There are all sorts of sessions being offered at Conclave; you get to pick which to go to!
- **Just want to have some fun?** Don't worry, we've got that covered. Between archery, shotgun and rifle shooting, and other wild, western activities, you'll be far from bored.

Inter-lodge competitions, shooting sports, American Indian activities, exciting shows, expert training, and far more await at Section Conclave. All we're missing is you!

More information will be posted to www.oasectionc6a.org when available. Registration is available on the website.

