

The Lodge Lip

Website: Takachsins.org

Volume 2017 Issue 4



New Vigil Members

At our Fall OA weekend, Takachsins Lodge inducted 6 new Vigil Members. Pictured above is Craig Burkholder, Cree Gerlach, Eric Chauret, Kyle Eenigenburg, Waylon Easterday and Doug Whitham.

Vigil Honor is the highest honor a Lodge can bestow upon a member. Much like OA members are chosen by others (the local troop), Vigil Honor members are chosen by the Vigil Honor Selection committee and are chosen for the work they do in the lodge and/or the council and for service beyond the expectation of their office or duty in scouting. One does not campaign for Vigil Honor.

The Lodge Chief annually appoints a Vigil Chairman and youth to serve on the Vigil Selection Committee. The Lodge Advisor appoints the Vigil Advisor. This year our Vigil Chairman and Vigil Chief was Lucas Bowman. The Vigil Advisor was Chris Birk.

There is a quota system based upon lodge membership at the end of the year, of how many possible candidates we can have. There are also rules about the youth to adult ratio (you can't have more adults than youth). The Vigil Committee meets annually in May to make the selection which has to be approved by the lodge advisor, the lodge chief and the scout executive. Then they are forwarded to national for approval. In the process also is the picking of an Indian name for each Vigil candidate.

Another Milestone

As it stands now, we have over 300 members in our lodge. We haven't been 300 for some time. Also it appears at this time we will earn Gold JTE (Journey To Excellence) for a 4th year. There are very few other lodges (if any) that can make that claim.

Takachsins means leader, and we were great hosts to one of the largest conclaves in years, and we continue to lead in many ways. We can be proud of our lodge! Hats off to all who have made this possible.

Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet/Auction Weekend

Our Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet will happen November 17-19, 2017 at Camp Buffalo. This event is pre-register only (no walk-ins). You can visit "event registrations" over at our website (www.takachsins.org) to get links for more information and to register. Registrations CLOSES November 14th midnight. The cost is \$19 for the full weekend and \$12.00 for the banquet only.

The theme this year is "The Walking Dead", and events will include Terminus talent show and karaoke, Daryl Dixon training and competition (archery), Glen Rhee training and competition (blow guns), Rick Grimes training and competition (rifles), Carl Grimes training and competition (sling shot), Michonne training and competition (knife throwing) among others. In the afternoon will be the zombie apocalypse along with patch auction. And of course our Winter Banquet, a tradition in our lodge that goes back to the first one which was held in February 1985 (after being snowed out in December 1984).

Check in is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday for the weekend. There will be a lodge meeting on Sunday at around 8:30 a.m. and events to conclude around 11 a.m. Sunday. You won't want to miss this event. Hurry however as registration closes November 14th at midnight. Family and friends can also register for the winter banquet (that is, it is open to anyone). For those coming to banquet only, auction starts at 3 p.m. and banquet starts at 5:30 p.m.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

On our website is a copy of proposed bylaw changes. The biggest portion of this is breaking the vice chief of inductions into two positions, one being the vice chief of inductions who will be responsible for unit elections and vice chief of ceremonies who will oversee ceremonies..

Patches, Patches, Patches

If all goes well, at the Fall Fun Fellowship, will be the first time that our NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) lodge 2-piece flaps will go on sale. The lodge has this 10 patch 2-piece set that highlights Indiana and should be quite a collector's item. The set will normally sell for \$100 (\$10 per 2-piece patch, that is top and bottom). We will also have a 5 patch 2-piece set honoring our armed forces (only 200 will be made) for sale.

However if you are a registered person for the Fall Fun Fellowship, you will get a special 20% off coupon that can be used ONLY at the Fall Fun Fellowship off the cost making them \$8 per 2-piece set or \$80 for the complete set.

The proceeds for this go to help us send folks to NOAC and other training events. We expect both of these patch sets to be highly collectable and will sell out quickly.



Pictures above show the entrance to the main ring, one of the columns with our stone in it and a closer picture of the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service Fire Ring at Summit Circle.

2017 Executive Committee/Officers

Lodge Chief- Nathan Demien [chief@](mailto:chief@takachsins.org)
 Lodge Vice Chief of Programs- John Kelsey [vcprograms@](mailto:vcprograms@takachsins.org)
 Lodge Vice Chief of Induction- Eric Chauret [vcinductions@](mailto:vcinductions@takachsins.org)
 Treasurer- Bryce Borden [treasurer@](mailto:treasurer@takachsins.org)
 Secretary- Kyle Eenigenburg [secretary@](mailto:secretary@takachsins.org)
 Lodge Committee Chair (Vigil)- Lucas Bowman [vigil@](mailto:vigil@takachsins.org)
 Lodge Advisor- Steve Bowman [lodgeadvisor@](mailto:lodgeadvisor@takachsins.org)
 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- Bryon L Haverstick
 Email addresses are shown in red, add takachsins.org to them, such as chief@takachsins.org

A Big Thank You

As the Associate Advisor in charge of Ceremonies, I want to thank every OA member who served on ceremonies at Fall OA weekend. This year we have worked on getting the ceremonies memorized by the ceremonialists. We have also worked on expression and emphasis which helps convey the message of our order. I have seen ceremonies since 1972, and I will say the ones that I saw this fall, were some of the best I have seen.

I also as Vigil Advisor would like to thank the vigil honor members who assisted Vigil Chair/Chief Lucas Bowman and myself with the Vigil Ceremonies. They too went flawless. The only negative was that it did not rain that night (grin).

Chris Birk

National OA Ring at the Summit

Several members of the Sagamore Council (and our lodge) went to the National Boy Scout Jamboree held at the Summit Betchel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. On these grounds is the National OA ring referred to as Summit Circle. Due to flooding at Treasure Island where the first OA ceremony was held, that camp was closed and parts of those ceremonial grounds were moved to Summit Circle..

Chris Birk and Lucas Bowman were special VIP guests to the jamboree and got to see parts of the jamboree grounds that are not open to public or even scouts. During the tour, they asked to see the OA ring. And were taken to it. "It is really impressive" said Chris and "it was the highlight of the jambo visit." Both Chris and Lucas came back with a few ideas for our own ring at Camp Buffalo which the LEC approved (seating).

At Summit Circle, our lodge has a stone with our lodge name and number as part of the permanent OA ring. The three former lodges are also represented. There is one huge (more than 12 foot across) rock that came from Treasure Island via helicopter next to the ring.

The OA Service Corp was very active at the National Jamboree, referred to as Operation Arrow including providing over 16,746 hours of service in just 13 days.

Lodge Advisor's Corner

"Firm Bound in Brotherhood"

That is how the song of the Order of the Arrow begins.
"Firm Bound in Brotherhood"

A few years ago, Takachsin's membership was just over 100 members. We could not fill the youth leadership slots and our event attendance was poor. Our Sectional and National presence was minimal. The three chapters of our Lodge did not work together. The Scout Executive wanted to shut down our Lodge. But instead we eliminated the chapters and went in a different direction. We actively engaged the youth; got fresh ideas and went in new directions. Now look at us! Our Lodge has accomplished a great many things the past few years. We have provided many hours of service to the camps and community. We have tripled our membership. We have earned Gold level JTE for the past three years and soon to be four. Almost 1/2 of our members attend events regularly. We have provided scholarships for the youth and financial support for the camps. Other Lodges look to us for help and guidance. We have become STRONG!

As long as we work together as a team, bound together by the ties of Scouting and brotherhood, we will stand together as a strong Order. But if we remove those ideals of Scouting, and each man thinks only of himself, we'll be like we were before. One person did not get our great Lodge where it is today. It was all of its brothers working together for each other that made this Lodge Strong. As we all live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan, we will be making ourselves, our Lodge, and our Community stronger.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's Fall Fun Fellowship and Annual Banquet. Please plan to attend and add your fellowship to your brothers in the Great Takachsin Lodge!

Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui
(Brotherhood of Cheerful Service)

Steve Bowman
Takachsin Lodge Advisor

2018 Dues

Reminder that your 2018 Dues can now be paid. You can do this at Campmaster (you can go to our website and click on the link) or you can do this at the Fall Fun Fellowship for example. Dues are \$12 a year. A good portion of the dues goes the sectional and national OA along with a portion supporting scouting in Sagamore Council.

Our bylaws indicate that dues not paid by January 31, 2018, may put you on the inactive list and that you need to remove your Takachsin Lodge flap from your uniform(s) as only current members may wear the flap.

Also in order to attend lodge events your dues must be current. We will only be mailing newsletters to those with current dues paid. Thank you in advance for taking care of this issue.

Lodge Chief's Corner

Brothers:

I believe words have a hard time describing how proud I am of the entire Lodge this year. But I'll give it my best shot.

I could not be prouder of how our Lodge has done this year. At the start of the year we had record turnouts at both the Section Conclave and Spring OA Weekend. After attending some of the meetings from the Sectional levels, hosts of the next Conclave have told me they have a tough act to follow. The ranger of Camp Cary still contacts me saying that he was happy to have had us come out and help.

Then, summer and fall came around. The summer ceremony team did an amazing job of inducting candidates at Summer Camp. The Fall OA Weekend rolled around and indeed everything went well. We got everything done that was planned by our planning committee and more!

Congratulations to our new Vigil Class of 2017! Our next big event is the Fall Fun Fellowship! We are expecting record attendance with some of the most important events of the year coming up. We are hosting our Winter Banquet at the Fall Fun Fellowship so therefore there is a lot to get done. We are interested in patch designs for a Contingent flap to NOAC 2018. We are also interested in anyone who would like to run for the LEC to please sign up! A new position is in the works of being created so there is even more room for leadership development.

Once again, I am very proud to have been your Lodge Chief for 2017 and I can't wait to see where our Lodge continues to go in the future!

Yours in the Order:
Nathan DeMien
Lodge Chief 2017

Upcoming Events-Calendar

November 17-19 Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet
November 18 Annual Awards Banquet
January 5-6 Lodge Leadership Development

For more information on these events and our full calendar, see takachsin.org and don't forget to check out our Facebook page!

Lodge Lip

The Lodge Lip is published 5 times a year, at the end of the even months except August (i.e. February, April, June, October, December) and is sent to those whose dues are current.

NOAC at IU in 2018

The National OA Conference will be held July 30-August 4, 2018 at Indiana University. See the website for registration information. Our Lodge has been given a quota of 12 youth and 4 adults. We have filled our slots and am hoping that in January additional slots will be made available to us.



A few photos of our Lodge Activities since the last newsletter. These include the Fall OA Weekend at Camp Buffalo in August. From Brotherhood testing to giving a hug to an Arrowman leaving for the Marine Corp, to ceremonies to doing skits at camp, to the Vigil callout, to the zombies arriving advertising the Fall Fun Fellowship and the rewards of being a sectional officer or lodge advisor (pie in face).

“WE ARE TAKACHSIN LODGE”.

