

The Lodge Lip

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Year in Review

We had a great year in 2017 in Takachsins Lodge. The year started off good with our annual LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) training, held at Cary Camp on a Friday night and Saturday in early January.

We were the host lodge for the Section C6A Conclave. We held the Conclave at Camp Buffalo, which is the first time in over 50 years it has been held there. This was the largest (and best) Conclave that has happened in at least a decade if not longer. At the Conclave, Lucas Bowman was elected Section Vice Chief. We have had very few section officers in our lodge history.

We had a very successful Spring OA weekend at Cary Camp in early May. Then we moved into doing the summer camp call-outs. Before you know it, August was here and we had our Fall OA weekend including the Vigil Induction at Camp Buffalo.

Then we moved into our Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet at Camp Buffalo. Of course there were many things the lodge also did between these major events. Takachsins means "leader" and we have done a good job of this. We earned Gold JTE (Journey to Excellence) again this year, something we have earned for 4 years in a row, something few lodges can claim.

Ceremonies this year took a big leap forward and we should continue to improve them. Many new candidates were inducted into the OA, along with many who became Brotherhood this year. We opened up registration for NOAC 2018 which will be held at Indiana University in later summer 2018.

The Lodge had numerous new patches, including the introduction of our 45th anniversary lodge flap (1973-2018), 2 sets of NOAC flaps, and numerous event patches.

All in all, we had a very successful year. But we cannot just sit on our butts. We need to continue to strive to improve our lodge and continue to live the OA obligation, to be the brotherhood of cheerful service. Many new adventures and challenges are on our horizon and we need to "be prepared" for them.

If you are a youth, consider being part of a ceremonial team. Come out to the OA Weekends and Conclave which are great time of fun for all who attend. If you are an adult, consider assisting with ceremonies or other fashion to make our lodge the best it can be.

A member commented that he used to talk about the great things the lodge did back in the 1970's and 1980's but doesn't any more. Why? Because we are doing great things now and they are as good if not better than then. You can't change the past, only the present and future so we need to concentrate on the "NOW". You can start this, by paying your 2018 dues, if they are not yet paid. Reminder to those inducted in 2017, your dues expired 12/31/17.

Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet/Auction Weekend

We had a great FFF and Winter Banquet, along with new lodge officer elections. Even though the weather was not the nicest on Saturday morning, it did not prevent us from participating in the various planned events.

At the Winter Banquet, several sets of awards were presented. Bryon Haverstick, our Staff Advisor presented Cree Gerlach and Nathan Demien with the Founder's Award. Ben Bloembergen, our Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire, presented Chris Birk and Lucas Bowman with the Francis Lee Key 3 award. Chris Birk, one of the Associate Lodge Advisors along with Chief Nathan Demien presented Steve, Tressa, Lucas and Matthew Bowman with a special "Make A Difference" medal for all they have done and do for our lodge. The kitchen staff was recognized as were the ceremonial teams and ceremonial advisor (Chris Birk) and Vice Chief of Inductions (Eric Chauret).

Items in the silent and live auction sold very well. The Lodge Scholarship Fund was increased by over \$1750.00 The by-law changes were approved to create the new position of Vice Chief of Ceremonies, breaking it apart from Vice Chief of Inductions.

Since all of our sectional officers were at SOS (Section Officer Seminar), elections were conducted by Lodge Advisor Steve Bowman with assistance from Associate Lodge Advisor Chris Birk. A great class of officers were elected.

New officers elected are as follows:

Chief: Nathan Demien

Vice Chief of Program: Kyle Eenigenburg

Vice Chief of Ceremonies: Bryce Borden

Vice Chief of Inductions: Waylon Easterday

Secretary: Colby Koppelman

Treasurer: Thomas Bragg

Great meals were prepared by Commissary Advisor, Craig Burkholder and crew in the kitchen. Hats off to our two auctioneers, Ranger Billy Rood, and former staff advisor Chas Triplett. Assisting the auctioneers were Tressa Bowman and Vicki Triplett who booked all the purchases, Tressa and Doug Whittam who checked out the bidders. Helping with the bid process (holding up items, putting into the sacks) were Steve Bowman, Zach Kirk and Susan Emore.

The members of the LEC would also like to thank Don Harper, Phil Drake, Randy Helder, Mike Neilander and all those we may have missed for running the field sports. And the LEC would like to thank all those helped or came, which made this event quite a success.

Lodge Advisor's Corner

All of us have a preferred comfort zone. Our comfort zone is something that has both positive and negative qualities for our lives. Most of us are creatures of habit and want to be comfortable with our personal lives to the extent that we are relatively free from constant worry. Unfortunately, if we allow ourselves to be *too* comfortable we can miss the fulfillment of our potential—in all aspects of life.

There is a story about two hikers who were hiking along in the woods one night in utter darkness. Their flashlights were burned out and it was difficult to see the trail. In front of them was a tree that blocked the trail. They had to deviate off the trail to attempt to go around the blockage. Off the trail, they did not see a huge hole. Unwittingly, they both fell into the hole. They struggled profusely to get out but simply couldn't climb up the steep walls in the blackness of the night. Content that they would have to wait until morning to get out, they sat down in the corner and quickly fell asleep.

Several hours later a lone hiker finds himself also falling to the bottom of that same hole. He too struggles and strains to get out but, exhausted, he decides to sit down and wait for the morning light. As he is about to rest he hears a sluggish voice in the darkness say, "Forget it, you can't get out." Faster than you can blink your eyes, he was out of the hole! It is amazing that when the lone hiker was not comfortable any more, when he had a little fear in him and didn't feel safe, he was able to jump higher, climb farther, and put forth a little more effort. Imagine what you can accomplish if you simply put forth a little more effort.

I was comfortable with my first job out of high school. It paid the bills and was not bad. Many people are just ok and are unwilling to try something new. Those people ask: What if I fail? What if I don't like it? What will others think? My experience is that good things do **NOT** come to those who wait. The world does not owe you anything. In adult life, everyone does not and should not get a trophy. The major difference between the person asking you "do you want fries with that" and the CEO of any fortune 500 company is hard work, commitment, and your willingness to try something new. No one is going to do it for you. This is something that only you can do for yourself.

You have to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Avoid getting too comfortable in your life. Do something this week that takes you out of your comfort zone and out of your normal routine. Start small and discipline yourself to do something that stretches you to become better, improve a skill, or expand your experiences. Read a lesson at church, take a leadership position, or just get to know someone new. Striving to push your own comfort zone will make you feel more alive and more in tune with your senses. Yes, comfort is desirable to an extent, but not when it stifles your ability to truly live up to your potential. I have seen and done some amazing things in my life! I would have never been able to do these things if I was unable to take a little step out of my comfort zone. Don't get left behind by not trying something new today.

Steve Bowman
Lodge Advisor

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- Bryon L Haverstick

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Our 2018 Officers being sworn in

2018 Dues

Reminder that your 2018 Dues can now be paid. The preferred method is to pay on Campmaster. Go to our website, www.takachsin.org and click on the link. Dues are \$12 a year. A good portion of the dues goes to 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.

OA Grace

In 2012, the national committee began a process to come up with a specific grace for use at OA events. In 2013, the below prayer was selected:

For night alone that rests our thought
For quiet dawn that lights our trail
For evening fire that warms and cheers
For each repast that fuels our work
We give thanks, O Lord.

It channels poetry from the pre-ordeal, ordeal and brotherhood ceremony. Think of the words spoken and how they relate to your trail in the Order of the Arrow.

103rd Birthday

The Order of the Arrow will celebrate 103 years in 2018. Founded in 1915 at Treasure Island Scout Camp by E. Urner Goodman and Caroll Edson, the Order of the Arrow remains strong. So whether you are brand new to the OA, or have been in the OA a long time, we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

OA Sash Info

You can find the official policy on page 64 of the OA Handbook (2015 edition), it states: "The sash is worn over the right shoulder so that the arrow is pointing over the right shoulder. The sash is worn diagonally across the chest. It is not to be worn in any other manner." I think this is quite clear; it is not to be dangled over the belt in any circumstance.

Only currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order may wear the insignia of the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow sash is worn with the official Scout field uniform or Scouting's official adult professional dress wear (a blue blazer and gray slacks). The sash also may be worn by elangomats who are not in uniform at an Ordeal, youth wearing ceremonial attire, and in such other instances as approved by the Scout executive.

The sash is worn at Order of the Arrow functions and special Scouting activities, when members need to be identified as Arrowmen rendering special services. One would not wear the sash with a T shirt (class B as we sometimes call it). (this is taken from "Ask the Chairman", National OA website)

Lodge Chief's Corner

Hello Brothers:

What an amazing year! I was very, very impressed with how our lodge did this year. We've set records and made huge impacts on large amounts of people. Whether it was having record setting attendance at Conclave or getting yet another Gold JTE, I could not have been prouder to say that I was your Lodge Chief.

This sets a high precedent for 2018. I feel as though this coming year will be even better than before. With new LEC member and returning ones, I would expect that we should have a good program this year and in years to come. Anybody who is interested in being an OA Representative, feel free to contact our new Vice Chief of Inductions at vcinductions@takachsin.org

I am highly excited for the 2018 Conclave and NOAC. With regards to Conclave, my staff and I have been hard at work preparing classes for our trainings. If you are interested in teaching or aiding in a class, please contact me at chief@takachsin.org. With regards to NOAC, I am anticipating an awesome experience for everyone going. With our newest patch set sales, you are helping fund a life changing program for any youth or adults going. To that I want to say Thank You.

Once again, I am very pleased with how 2017 went and I look forward to another awesome year. If you ever have any suggestions or idea for events or projects, please feel free to contact any of the LEC or advisers.

Yours in the Order:

Nathan DeMien.
Lodge Chief '18

Upcoming Events-Calendar

For more information on upcoming events and our full calendar, see takachsin.org and don't forget to check out our Facebook page! You will find on our website information on upcoming events, registration links and info. Our webmaster, Vicki Triplett keeps our website current so that we may more efficiently communicate with our OA members!

News Flash

Some of you may know or remember Michael Kipp, who was elected as our Section Chief (again) at Camp Buffalo during the section Conclave in April 2017. All Section Chiefs gather in late December where Region chiefs and the National Chief and National Vice Chief are elected by the Section Chiefs. Michael was elected National Vice Chief. This is quite an honor for our Section to have one of our own be a national officer. Michael is a vigil honor member of Sakima Lodge out of South Bend, Indiana.

The Section at the next COC (council of chiefs) will elect a new Section Chief.

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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.



These are a few photos from the Fall Fun Fellowship 2017 and Winter Banquet, held at Camp Buffalo, November 17-19.

A great weekend was had by all present. From the activities that your LEC came up with, to great food, to awarding those outstanding arrowmen.

Takachsin Lodge in 2018 celebrates its 45th year. Takachsin means "Leader". During this past year, we have been just that.

But it requires the efforts of all its arrowmen which starts with paying your 2018 dues!

