

Takachsin Lodge 2016 Annual Report

- Journey to Excellence level "GOLD"
- Membership 257 (highest in 7 years)
- Ordeal Induction Rate 99%
- Brotherhood Induction Rate 49% (approx. 15% increase over previous year)
- Lodge donation to the Friends of Scouting approximately \$900

2016 was a great year for Takachsin Lodge and we provide this report as a summary of the events and accomplishments from the past year.

In January, we conducted the annual Lodge Leadership Development weekend at Cary Camp. We had all our officers plus guests in attendance for the training sessions. It was a great weekend to learn and plan for the upcoming year's events and to bond as a new LEC.

The Winter Klondike was held at Mississinewa in January. There was a great youth turnout to compete in the numerous events. The OA members always look forward to assisting with this event.

Also in February, we had 22 scouts attend a service day at Grissom Air Museum near Peru to help clean and re-organize the various displays within the museum.

In March, we conducted a service day at Cary Camp to take down the old pool shed and a few other projects to prepare for the upcoming summer with the new facilities. It was a long, cold day but a lot was accomplished.

In April, the Lodge attended the OA Conclave at Culver Military Academy in Culver, IN. We had 18 youth attend this event, as well as 6 adults. We had members of our lodge lead training on ceremonies, and members were able to attend numerous other trainings. Our lodge provided activities such as obstacle course and lodge ball.

In May, we conducted our Spring Ordeal at Cary Camp. We had 12 members who completed their Ordeal requirements, as well as 12 who completed Brotherhood. We also had numerous other members who attended to provide ceremonies, work crews and kitchen staff.

During the months of June and July, the Lodge assists at Summer Camp with numerous projects throughout the summer. The lodge also conducted weekly ceremonies. The Kyle Eenginburg was our Lodge Camp Coordinator and did a great job conducting special events. During summer camp we completed 165.75 hours of cheerful service.

In August, we conducted our Fall Ordeal at Camp Buffalo and had nearly 50 candidates sleeping under the stars. The members were able to complete a number of projects including pool cleaning, tree and trail work, and campsite improvements. We completed 756.5 hours of service during the Fall Ordeal. We also recognized 12 Brotherhood members and 2 new Vigil members during this great weekend.

Also in November we conducted our Fall Fun Fellowship at Camp Buffalo. The theme was Buffalo Games and it was a great weekend. We had trivia games and karaoke during cracker barrel. Then the members were sent off for blowguns, archery, knives and hatchets. Then the true Buffalo Game was started with the sound of an air horn. Winners were announced at the great banquet that evening.

The 2016 Winter Banquet was held on December 10th. This event had more about 50 people registered and included a number of events such as patch auction, silent auction and trading post. The 2016 awards recipients were Kyle Eenigenburg (Founder's Award), Craig Burkholder and Ethan Lutgen (Francis Lee Award), and Lucas Bowman (C-6A RD Dunkin Leadership in Service Award-from Sectional). We elected our new officers as well.

Overall, this was a successful year for the Takachsin Lodge. Over the course of the year, we completed over 2470.75 hours of service for the Council and continued to work toward our Journey to Excellence goals.