

The Lodge Lip

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Attention Ordeal Members

First, we want to congratulate the new Ordeal members. You might be asking yourself, now what? Well in 10 months after your ordeal you can seal your membership in the OA by becoming a Brotherhood member. Check out your handbook as the requirements and information is in your OA handbook.

You really should try to come to the lodge events. The next lodge event will be our Fall OA weekend, held in August (see article on this page for more details). You can come and give in the brotherhood of cheerful service and now as a member witness what you went through which will increase your knowledge of the OA.

Then in November, we have the Fall Fun Fellowship which is a weekend of fun. This year's theme is the Walking Dead. We have had themes in the past like Buffalo Games (off the Hunger Games) and Star War themed weekends. At the Fall Fun Fellowship, Saturday Night Dinner will be our Winter Banquet. Every year since 1985, we have held a winter banquet. We will be holding lodge officer elections at the Fall Fun Fellowship.

Don't forget to check out our website, www.takachsin.org Where we post information, and yes, check out our facebook page also.

Attention Brotherhood Members

First, we want to congratulate the new Brotherhood members. Even though you are brotherhood, you are still on the path of cheerful service. Come out to the Fall OA weekend to enjoy the fun, the fellowship and cheerful service.

Attention Vigil Members

We will be conducting vigil induction on Friday Night/ Saturday Morning during the Fall OA weekend on August 11-13th. All Vigil members are invited to the ceremonies and to the vigil breakfast which will be approximately 6 a.m. on August 12th at Camp Buffalo. Vigil Chief is Lucas Bowman.

Another Huge Success

At the Spring OA Weekend, we had 31 new ordeal members, and 28 members who became Brotherhood. We had over 100 in attendance and we inducted Mark Maris as our newest Vigil Honor member. We had a great hog roast headed up by Craig Burkholder. We got a lot of work done for the camp during the weekend. We haven't had those sorts of numbers at our Spring OA weekend for a long long time. A big thank you to all those who made it possible.

Fall OA Weekend

You may have noticed that we no longer call it Ordeal weekend. The 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 Fall OA weekend is August 11-13, 2017 at Camp Buffalo.

Remember that you need to have Parts A and B of the physical form filled out and brought with you. You can get a copy of this form over at takachsin.org under forms.

Remember also that this is a pre-register and pre-pay event only. You must pre-register & pay on campmaster or at the council office. Registration closes Monday August 7th. See you at Buffalo August 11-13th.

Bylaw Changes Approved

During the Spring OA Weekend, at the lodge meeting, our lodge approved the proposed bylaw changes. For a current copy of the bylaws, please see our website.

Patches, Patches, Patches

At the Spring OA Weekend, we approved our 45th anniversary lodge flap, our Fall OA weekend patch, our Fall Fun Fellowship patch along with our NOAC 2018 patch set. Some of these will first be for sale at the Fall OA weekend.

Ceremonialists still needed

At the Fall OA weekend, we are still in need of those who will be a ceremonialist. If you can do this contact Eric Chauret at vcinductions@takachsin.org. Adults if you are interested in being the ceremonial advisor for a particular ceremony contact Chris Birk at ceremonialadvisor@takachsin.org Your job would be to coach and advise the ceremonialists. We are going to have a ceremonial advisor training in the near future in our lodge. Watch the lip for more details.

New Sound System

The sound system the OA purchased was used during summer camp campfire ring programs including the call out ceremonies. We are working out any minor issues but it greatly enhances the call out and campfire program. Cree Gerlach has taken on the set up and monitoring each week. Special thanks to Chris Birk and Lucas Bowman who got the equipment to camp and tested it out prior to its first use in the summer camp program. This does greatly enhance the callouts.

What is going on at Buffalo?

Did aliens invade Camp Buffalo and take our ranger up into their space ship? Or Is there something in the water at camp? Or is the ranger just being a good sport as camp director and a skit during the opening campfire. Look at that hair. Below is a picture of our ranger, Billy Rood (who will be going for brotherhood at our Fall OA Weekend, way to go Billy).



45th Anniversary

Our lodge was founded in January 1973, when 3 lodges (Ojibwa 173 from Lafayette, Me-She-Kin-No-Quah 269 from Marion and Tipicon 425 from Logansport) merged as their respective Boy Scout councils merged to form Sagamore Council. So in 2018 we will celebrate our 45th anniversary.

You can read a very detailed lodge history (and a brief one also) over at our website. Our lodge has a very rich history, in that one of the former lodges was part of a camper association older than the OA, that would be Gimogash. Another former lodge was part of the Tipisia program or Order of the Red Lodge, and the last former lodge was an early adopter of the OA program, the 173rd lodge to register.

As you know, our lodge totem is the calumet or peace pipe. Takachsin means leader and we as members of Takachsin can be very proud of our heritage and of our recent successes as with earning Gold JTE (Journey to Excellence) for the 3rd year in a row.

OA Donates Prayer Banners

The 12th point of the scout law is a scout is reverent. Like the dining hall at Cary Camp, now Shideler Hall at Camp Buffalo has the OA Grace, the Summit Bechtel Grace, the Philmont (or Wilderness) Grace along with a Morning/Noon/Evening Grace.

A member of our lodge donated them in the name of Takachsin Lodge. Think about it for a moment, you are a brand new scout coming to camp and it is announced we are doing the Philmont Grace and you say "what is that?". Well now it is posted. The OA, as the honor camper society, promotes camping. And we want the experiences of the scouts at our boy scout summer camp to be the best they can be.

2017 Executive Committee/Officers

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Lodge Associate Advisor to Membership – Brad Rody

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Lodge Associate Advisor of Commissary- Craig Burkholder

Lodge Committee Advisor (Finance)- Doug Whitham

Lodge Website Advisor- Vicki Triplett

Lodge Staff Advisor- Chas Triplett

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A Big Thank You

As the Associate Advisor in charge of Ceremonies, I want to thank every OA member who served on ceremonies at Spring OA weekend, council spring camporee callout, summer camp callout or will serve 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.

There were so many that made the ceremonies at the Spring OA weekend at Cary a success. However, one individual gave of himself that made it easier for the rest of us. That would be Vigil Honor member Matthew Bowman. He helped with the ceremonial ring fires for multiple ceremonies, served in the pre-vigil ceremony with a speaking part, etc. It made my job as ceremony advisor and the job of the ceremonial teams much easier. Matthew leaves for Marine boot camp right after our Fall OA weekend. As with all our service men and women, might we keep Matthew in our prayers.

I appreciate greatly everyone who helped us with the ceremonies, as it was you who made our success possible.

Chris Birk/Associate Lodge Advisor-Ceremonies

Is Vigil like Eagle Scout?

Originally when the OA started in 1915, there was only one level, and shortly thereafter the original members came up with the second level or what we call Vigil. Think for a moment, that we all got into OA by others electing us in. The furthest we can go by ourselves is to Brotherhood, as that is totally up to us to get. Vigil, in a way like Ordeal, you are selected by your peers for what you do in the lodge, scout camp and/or council. There are strict quotas and ratios of youth to adults that have to be followed.

So what makes a vigil member? A willingness to serve far beyond their responsibilities or position in the OA. They are the ones always there to help, not complain about the tasks at hand, and simply stand out. It is very hard to select Vigil candidates. In to answer the question of the title of this section, no Vigil Honor was not to be a rank like Eagle that one earns but the highest honor that the local lodge can bestow on a member.

Lodge Advisor's Corner

The Dragon Boat Race

By Steve Bowman

In 2013, I had the opportunity to teach the Engineering Merit Badge at the National Jamboree which was held at Summit Betchel Reserve in West Virginia. If you ever get the chance to visit Summit Betchel or attend a Jamboree I would encourage you to do it. The many experiences there would take me all day to cover, but lucky for you I have chosen one specific experience to talk about. Because of my jamboree work schedule I did not get much time off so when I did I went exploring on my own or with one of my sons.

One free afternoon I met up with my son Matthew and another friend to explore everything the Jamboree had to offer. One of our paths crossed the top of the dam that formed Lake Goodrich, where many of the water activities were held, including the Dragon Boat races. A dragon boat is like a 20 man canoe with a real cool paint job. You have 10 oarsmen on each side, a drummer in the front and someone to steer in the back. Well when we walked by the port for these racing dragon boats someone encouraged us to come join the next race. So 20 people at random were set in the red boat and given a quick safety briefing. Two boats then departed and headed out for the middle of the lake where the race back to port was to begin.

I soon realized that this was not as easy as it looked. The people on the left side were paddling harder than the right so we could not keep the boat straight and everyone kept hitting paddles because we weren't paddling at the same rate. You heard paddles hitting and felt cold water splashing. We were all working hard but not getting there very fast. Every time the steersman had to correct our path or our oars tangled it slowed us down. Finally our steersman developed a plan. The drummer would beat a rhythm on the drum and we would follow. We would all yell stroke each time we pulled our paddles. We lined up with the other boat and began our race. Our drummer started his rhythm and we started to paddle-saying stroke, stroke. Then his rhythm became faster and we still stayed in sync.

Soon we were pulling away from the other boat at a speed none of us could achieve alone. We all know where we wanted to go but without working together we got there slowly. When we worked as a team it seemed our dragon boat grew wings and flew across the water and won the race. This expresses exactly what I believe this Lodge needs to, work together as one Lodge, moving in the same direction to accomplish the same goal.



Lodge Chief's Corner

Hello Brothers

I am very proud of how our Lodge is doing this year! We pulled in one of the largest crowd in over 10 years at Conclave, hosted by us this year, we have also had an amazing Spring Weekend breaking records with over 3x's the attendance of what we normally get at this event. So far it seems this year that we are yet again onto another Gold JTE! Keep up the great work!

Now we are getting to our busy season in the Lodge. I am highly encouraging anyone who would like to help with ceremonies or be an elangomat at the next OA Weekend on August 11-13 to go ahead and email me at chief@takachsins.org.

We are also hastily preparing for our Fun Fall Fellowship that has the chosen theme of Walking Dead. If you guys have any ideas on what you would like to see, please contact me.

Once again I would like to thank you guys for such an awesome year so far. You guys are breaking records at every event! Keep up the great work!

Yours in the Order,

Nathan DeMien

Lodge Chief 2017 chief@takachsins.org

Upcoming Events-Calendar

July 30—LEC meeting at Cary Camp

August 11-13 Fall OA Weekend

September 16-Terry Beasy Memorial Shoot

September 16-LEC Camp Buffalo

October 27-29-Cub Haunted Weekend

October 28-LEC Cary Camp

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

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The Lodge Lip is published 6 times a year, at the end of the even months (i.e. February, April, June, August, 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. Only a few slots are open. Those who make a deposit after we reach our quota will be put on a waiting list in case more slots open up.



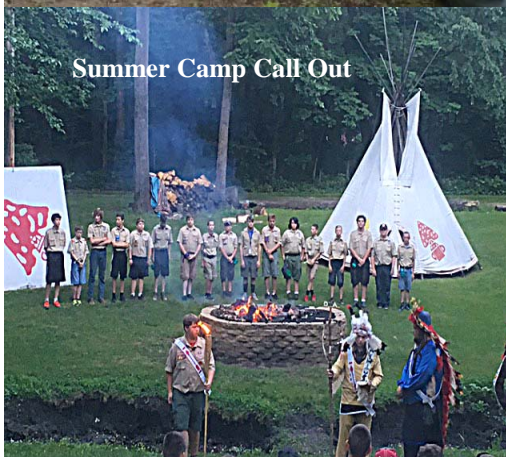
Clan at Spring OA Weekend



Ordeal Ceremony- Spring OA Weekend



Call Out at Summer Camp



Summer Camp Call Out



Clan at Spring OA Weekend



Off upon the trail they started



"A Few Good Arrowmen"- Spring Weekend



Flag Raising at Cary Camp

A few photos of our Lodge Activites since the last newsletter. These include the Spring OA Weekend at Cary Camp in May, and Call Out Ceremonies which are done each week of summer camp at Camp Buffalo. "WE ARE TAKACHSIN LODGE".