

Takachsin Lodge 2017 Annual Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Journey to Excellence level “GOLD” (this makes the 4th year in a row)
- Membership 339 (highest in 8 years)
- Ordeal Conversion 100%
- Brotherhood Conversion 40% (this is an increase over last year by 18%)
- Total Service Hours: over 1226 hours
- Donations: The Lodge purchased Grill, Coffee Maker, and a PA system for Camp Buffalo
- Scholarships for youth attending Nation Jamboree and Leadership training

2017 was an amazing year for Takachsin Lodge. We are reaching new heights and raising the bars. Our membership has increased significantly, and we are continuing to grow. Here's a summary of our past year's events:

January:

LLD: One of the most productive to date. Many youth and adult leaders were trained and prepared for a strong year.

April:

Conclave: Best in over a decade. Highest attendance, best feedback, and amazing reviews. Conclave hosted by Takachsin was a very strong one and boosted lodge as well as section attendance. Also, our very own Lucas Bowman was elected to the Section Board!

Spring Camporee: We had 7 in attendance who helped conduct unit elections for many of our local troops. This was a great event to spread the word about OA and what it was.

May:

Spring OA Weekend: An increased attendance brought great numbers to this event. With over 100 members present, projects around Cary Camp were completed ahead of schedule. All projects laid out by the Property Committee were taken care of and more.

June-July:

Summer Camp: The Lodge aided Camp Buffalo through numerous service projects throughout the summer. A new initiative was implemented at summer camp which was brotherhood testing. Results were slim; however, with greater promotion it is hoped that 2018 will be better.

August:

Fall OA Weekend: One of the biggest attended events all year! We inducted over 50 members with many earning their brotherhood and 5 received their Vigil Honors. Our service hours totaled 612 doing various service projects throughout Camp Buffalo.

September:

Terry Beasy Memorial Shoot: The Lodge provided service to the Council in helping with the memorial shoot where we had 18 members help out totaling to over 180 service hours for the Council.

November:

Fall Fun Fellowship/Winter Banquet: The theme was the Walking Dead drawing in a record number of attendants. A new event tried was a "Zombie Run" where candidates would try to avoid getting tagged by zombies along the way. Also conducted was the Winter Banquet where we welcomed implemented our newest position, Vice-Chief of Inductions and during our annual elections we had 3 new members and 3 returning. We also conducted our annual auction which was successful in helping to fund our scholarship program.

Summary:

2017 was an amazing year for Takachsin Lodge. We are continuing to grow our membership and attendance across the board. With new and more innovative ideas, it is our goal to provide the best for our Lodge. 2017 saw an increase in membership, attendance, and overall morale. We expect the coming year to bring us even greater rewards for the hard work of our members and our leadership team.