

The Lodge Lip

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Conclave

On April 20-22, 2018, Section C6A will be hosting a Conclave. For those who may not understand that jargon, let me try to explain. A "Section" is a group of lodges, in our case our Section which is basically the state of Indiana is called C6A, we are in the Central Region (hence the C in C6A).

Now a Conclave is a gathering of the Lodges for training, competition, fun and fellowship. It happens once a year. Last year, we were the host Lodge, as the Conclave was held at Camp Buffalo. This year it will be held at Camp Little Turtle which is north of Fort Wayne. It rotates through the several Lodges that make up our Section. Somewhere between 175 to 300 Arrowmen will gather. Our Lodge's responsibility this year is training. This year we are expecting around 250 Arrowmen. We are expecting around 30 to 50 Takachsin Arrowmen to attend.

For every Arrowman from our Lodge that goes, they will receive one of our contingent patches, shown above. For more details about the conclave, see the last page of our newsletter. Pay close attention to the various cut off dates for registration.

A Conclave is a great event to go to. Make your plans to attend (see back cover for more details).

Unit Elections and Callout

Now is the time that unit elections happen. If your troop needs elections, please contact our Vice Chief of Inductions Waylon Easterday or his advisor Brad Rody (see next page for contact information or email: unitelections@takachsin.org).

After a scout has been elected he can actually attend the Spring OA weekend EVEN IF he has not went through a Callout Ceremony. Going through a Callout Ceremony is optional and not a requirement.

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.

Gold Again

With the recent Olympics concluding, we heard a lot about "Gold", etc. Well, this is the 4th year in a row that our Lodge has earned Gold status in the Journey to Excellence program or JTE as we call it. There are standards that we have to meet, such as service, brotherhood conversion, donations, troop elections, etc. It is not easy to earn a Gold level JTE but Takachsin has done this 4 years in a row. I seriously doubt there are many lodges in the United States that can make this claim. But it is all because of you for it is a Lodge effort, not the effort of any one individual.

Happy Anniversary!

2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the Takachsin Lodge. Takachsin Lodge was formed back in 1973, when 3 Boy Scout councils, Three Rivers Council (Logansport), Meshingomesia Council (Marion) and Harrison Trails Council (Lafayette) merged as did their respective OA Lodges. Those lodges were Tipicon #425, Me-she-kin-o-quah #269 and Ojibwa #173. We kept the lowest lodge number (173) for the new Takachsin Lodge.

Starting in 1983 with our 10th anniversary, the Lodge has issued a special lodge flap. This year, we have a 45th anniversary flap to recognize this.

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Today I was eating a burger and fries at Wendy's and I started thinking about salt. Salt is a major ingredient that is used to season our food. When we use salt to season our food, it usually takes several shakes to spread multiple granules of salt onto the food. Everyone's tastes are different, so not everyone will require the same amount of salt to provide the added seasoning to satisfy their taste buds.

In the early days, salt was used to preserve foods. Settlers did not have the convenience of cold storage from refrigerators or freezers as we have today. They would use an abundance of salt to cover their meat to preserve it for later consumption. As we have seen a lot lately, salt can also be used to make roads safer in the winter. A little bit of salt improves driving conditions and makes all the difference in your drive to school or work.

We have identified three attributes of salt:

- (1) it seasons,
- (2) it preserves
- (3) it improves.

So how is salt related to our Lodge? Why is it important to our Lodge? Do we need salt in the Lodge? Do we have salt in the Lodge? Consider each Lodge member a granule of salt. We need salt for the same reasons mentioned above. We need to constantly season our younger members through mentoring and teaching in order for them to one day lead the Lodge as youth officers and chairmen.

Seasoned, older Arrowmen, can provide help in continuing this seasoning process. We need salt to continue to preserve our values not only in our Lodge, but also in Scouting and our communities. Our values must be maintained in order to be passed on to future Arrowmen. Improvement is an accomplishment. We should not become complacent to just do what was done the year before. We should strive to improve on what we did last year. Our continued success with JTE shows that we are always working hard to improve our Lodge and this should remain a focus for the future.

Salt is comprised of tiny individual granules. One granule is a start, but will not provide enough to recognize a huge difference. However, when we use multiple granules of salt, we begin to realize a difference and see results. I challenge you to band together like salt and help season our Lodge, work to preserve our values, and participate in activities to improve our Lodge and the members in it.

Steve Bowman
Lodge Advisor

Trivia

1. What is the totem for Takachsin Lodge?
2. What does Takachsin mean?
3. Who is the current lodge chief?
4. What is the highest level you can earn in the OA?
5. What year was our lodge formed?

Answers appear on the next page

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WANTED!

The Lodge Historian is looking for old photos of OA events, of the new Vigils for a year, of ceremonial teams and of key historical figures in our Lodge, which would include but not limited to Hal Ivey, Phil Deardorff, and Frances Lee. Even photos from the former three lodges (Ojibwa, Meshkinoquah and Tipicon) would be welcomed and any information about the event. The photos would be returned after we scan them in. For more information, contact Chris Birk at historian@takachsin.org

While we have compiled a history book for NOAC 2015 (and a copy can be downloaded from our website), we would also welcome any additional information that you may want to share. You see, in all honest terms, with our Lodge being now 45 years old, that means that those who were in their 40's and 50's at the time of the merger, well, most of them have passed. And so those still around, who have memories of things, need to record such so that we can include in our history.

It is our desire to continue to update the Lodge history. Vicki Triplett our webmaster has done a great job with many history items on our website. We thought getting a near complete list of Lodge Chiefs would be impossible, but digging through old files I had of our earlier websites, I found a website page that had on most and along with checking other sources we have this pretty complete list.

We don't want to wait another 25 or 50 years before updating our Lodge history. As I mentioned previously, we in Takachsin have a very interesting background, we come from the 173rd lodge to be registered (Ojibwa/Lafayette), we have two competing OA groups in our background, Tipisia (Kokomo/Marion) and Gimogash (Logansport). Gimogash was actually started prior to OA. So we have a rich heritage.

I would encourage you to go download the history (pdf) and read about our first event Lodge flap, about the "fire patch", about the council office burning down and losing all our regalia, etc. Or about those in our Lodge who have been recognized with the DSA. You can read about the former Lodge histories.

Lodge Chief's Corner

Brothers:

Conclave is a yearly event hosted by the Section in which members from all over the state come together to train, exchange friendships and knowledge, and just have fun. Each year, Conclave draws in hundreds of OA members all wanting to continue to explore the OA and its purpose. This is an amazing opportunity for any youth or adult looking to meet new OA members, train in certain skills, and just enjoy a weekend of fun. Our theme for Conclave 2018 is "Law and Order of the Arrow". If you have ever see the show, in which it references, or have any sort of interest in police work, then this is the event for you.

2017 was an amazing year. We had amazing attendance at all events, our membership increased by around 15%, and our very own Lucas Bowman had the privilege of being elected to our amazing section board. Most notably though, we hosted one of the best Conclaves in over a decade. Attendance was phenomenal, the feedback was all great, section was impressed at how everything came together.

This year, I am expecting nothing different. This year our role at Conclave is Trainings. Relative to years past, we are switching up the style of the trainings so that we only offer 6 instead of 9 and all of them repeat so you have the chance to attend one that you want to attend. Our training team is working strong and diligently at making the best possible trainings for you guys as well as the rest of the section.

It is my hope and goal that we continue to show Section what Takachsin is all about. We had record breaking attendance last year and I'm hoping that this year we do even better. It is therefore my duty to call upon each and every one of you to join us at Conclave 2018.

Yours in the Order,
Nathan DeMien.
Lodge Chief '18
Chief@takachsin.org

Calling All Youth Arrowmen

Part of the success of our Lodge is that everyone pitch in and do what they can. We need Arrowmen to volunteer to be ceremonialists not only for spring and summer OA weekends but also for things like call-outs and bridging ceremonies. And not only the 4 principals but also torch bearers, etc.

Back when I was a youth in OA, there was literally a waiting list to even be considered for a spot on a ceremonial team. And those who did ceremonies, well we all viewed them as if they walked on water (so to speak). I remember a young man just last year, who I twisted his arm to consider doing a part in a ceremony. This year, he is our Ceremonial Vice Chief. I think of others over the years that I have given a friendly nudge to consider such and after they do such, they are hooked. You can only get out something what you put into it. I encourage you to contact Bryce Borden our ceremonies Vice Chief and volunteer. His email address is vcceremonies@takachsin.org. It is NOT too early to start.

Chris Birk-Lodge Associate Advisor-Ceremonies

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! Below are SOME of the various upcoming OA and OA related events.

March 11: LEC Meeting -2:00 pm (Grissom Air Museum, 1000 W Hoosier Boulevard, Peru)

April 2: NOAC Program registration opens

April 8: LEC Meeting – 2:00 pm (Cary Camp)

April 8: NOAC Contingent Meeting 3:00 pm (Cary Camp)

April 20-22: CONCLAVE – Fri April 20 – Sun April 22, times pending (Camp Little Turtle) *OA Section Conclave training will be done by Takachsin Lodge*

April 24: Sagamore Council Annual Recognition Dinner -6:30 pm (Location: Crosswinds UMC, Logansport)

April 27-29: Sagamore Council Spring Camporee at Camp Buffalo. Theme is a WWII theme.

May 5: Sagamore Council Work Day Service (Camp Buffalo)

May 11-13: Spring OA Weekend -Fri., May 11th, 6pm—Sun., May 13th 10 am (Cary Camp) All OA members are expected to come out for cheerful service and fellowship. Ordeal and Brotherhood Honor inductions will be conducted. *Lodge Meeting will be held at the event*

Trivia Answers

The totem of Takachsin Lodge is the Calumet or peace pipe. Takachsin means leader. The current Lodge Chief is Nathan DeMien. The highest level you can earn is Brotherhood (you don't "earn" Vigil, it is bestowed upon you). Our Lodge was formed in 1973, so in 2018, we are celebrating the 45th anniversary of our lodge. We have a proud history and every Arrowmen makes up that for it takes a whole Lodge to do what we do.

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. The name Lodge Lip was the name picked back in 1973 and was used starting with the first Takachsin newsletter mailed back in 1973.