

# The Lodge Lip

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## Conclave Photos



Above are some photos of training, meals, church and fun activities (flying squirrel) that was held at the 2018 Section C6A conclave at Camp Chief Little Turtle.

## Spring OA Weekend

You may have noticed that we no longer call it Ordeal weekend, for our Spring and Summer (formerly called 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 Spring OA Weekend is May 11-13, 2018 at Cary Camp.

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](http://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 May 7th. See you at Cary Camp May 11th-13th.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Patch Design and Patch Sale

At the Spring OA Weekend, there will be voting done on the Summer OA weekend patch, along with the patch for Fall Fun Fellowship. If you are interested in designing patches to be considered, please bring them to the Spring OA Weekend. We will have for sale our NOAC 2018 patches both the set honoring the 5 branches of the military and the set honoring Indiana. We will sell these at the Spring OA weekend lodge trading post at a special price for those who are registered for the event.

## ATTENTION: ORDEAL MEMBERS Going for Your Brotherhood?

If you took your Ordeal in 2017 or before, you are eligible to earn your Brotherhood. In the past few years our conversion to Brotherhood rates have exceeded the rest of the section, the area and national. We can attribute many things for this from the Brotherhood classes we have held (including the new dynamic one), to simply reminding you about such.

You see, others elected you into the OA. So to really seal your membership in the OA, once you are eligible (10 months in), you can go for your Brotherhood Honor. If you look in your handbook, it lays out the requirements. We typically do this in a group/class setting, which makes it easier for you to learn these things.

So look at your sash, if you have just an arrow without a horizontal bar top and bottom, then you are just an Ordeal member. Won't you seal your membership in the Brotherhood by becoming a Brotherhood member?

Oh, in case you are wondering, no you don't have to eat scant food, labor hard, be silent and sleep out under the stars for your Brotherhood!

### Vigil Selection

If you are a brotherhood member who has been a brotherhood member for at least 2 years, you are eligible to be considered for Vigil Honor. The Vigil Honor Committee will meet at the Spring OA Weekend, and only those whose 2018 dues are paid are eligible to be considered. The Vigil Honor induction will take place at the Summer OA Weekend.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting or their Scout camp.

### What does it mean to be an OA member?

I have over the years heard expressions like "sash and dash" meaning that some have come into the program simply to get their sash and then we never see again.

The Order of the Arrow is the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. I am a firm believer that in life, by the measure in which you give, it will be given unto you. That you will receive a blessing. Sure you don't do it for the blessing but it is nice no doubt.

When I was growing up in the OA in the 1970's, we could not wait for OA weekends to connect up with "brothers" who we didn't see that often. Yes these were the days before the internet and cell phones (yes, there was actually life before both of them). And we could come to camp and take pride in our service to make camp the best possible it could be and do it with our brothers.

Well, yes you can text, email, skype, facebook, snapchat, tweet and do a bunch of other things with your brothers electronically but good old fashioned service still requires you to come out to the events. I hope you aren't a "sash and dash" but that you take seriously the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Hope to see you at the Spring and Summer OA Weekends. Chris Birk

## 2018 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

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Lodge Website Advisor- Vicki Triplett

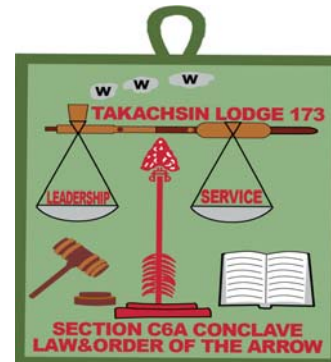
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Email addresses are shown in red, add [takachsins.org](http://takachsins.org) to them, such as [chief@takachsins.org](mailto:chief@takachsins.org)

### NOAC 2020

NOAC (National OA Conference) happens every two years, and the next one will be in 2020. So if you aren't going to NOAC 2018, you can begin to make plans for 2020. The location of the conference won't be revealed until the conclusion of the NOAC 2018 conference.

NOAC consists of living in a college dorm, taking great training, great shows, patch trading and other competitive events. The State of Indiana has hosted more national conferences than any other state. (all but one of those conferences were held at IU, with the 1994 NOAC being at Purdue University and Takachsins was the Service Lodge).



### Conclave

The 2018 conclave was held at Camp Chief Little Turtle on April 20-22, 2018. Takachsins Lodge brought a contingent of around 30 members. Takachsins was in charge of training. A good time was had by all. Special thanks goes to our Lodge Chief Nathan DeMien who was the Training CVC (committee vice chair) for this conclave.

The contingent patch is shown above, and was given to all those who attended from our lodge. A limited number will be for sale in the Lodge Trading Post at the Spring OA Weekend.

The 2019 Conclave will be held at a camp that is part of the Hoosier Trails Council (Bloomington, IN), and the Nischa Chuppecat Lodge.

## Lodge Chief's Corner

Brothers:

We are now rolling into the summer and we are going strong! Many hours of preparation and planning have gone into our many events coming up in the future.

Conclave went very well this year having nearly 250 attendances from around Indiana and surrounding states. From a training aspect, we had great attendance with some very intriguing classes. One of our best classes was lead by a local cop who taught several very interesting classes including: a mock trial, accident reconstruction, and an effects of drugs course. We are very grateful to all of the staff who made it possible and everyone who attended.

Some of our next events are fast approaching with everyone getting very excited. Approaching very swiftly is the Spring OA Weekend. We are already having massive amounts of people signing up to attend and many more getting ready. Spring OA Weekend, Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>, is fast approaching and there is still so much to do, so much for each of YOU to do. Here at the Weekend we are planning on voting for many of the upcoming events, mainly in patch designs. This is why I'm asking each and every one of you to design our next few events patches. We are looking for patch designs for our Summer OA Weekend, formerly known as Fall OA Weekend, and the Fall Fun Fellowship. This year's theme for FFF is "Superhero's". This is your chance to make an impact on the future of the lodge.

If you are ever interested in helping out via a ceremony role or an elangomat or just lending a hand, please do contact me. We are always looking for the next generation of leaders to make this Lodge event better than what it is now. I'm here for each and every one of you guys and if you ever want to help I will be here for you guys. Feel free to send me an email any time at [chief@takachsin.org](mailto:chief@takachsin.org).

Thank you everyone for an amazing year and I can't wait to see it become event better in the future.

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

## 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), Meshingomessia 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. This year, we have a 45th anniversary flap to recognize this.

There are a limited number of 45th Anniversary flaps with an optional special feather border available. They will be next sold at the Spring OA weekend. Our Lodge has produced anniversary flaps since its 10th anniversary in 1983.

Remember, Takachsin means Leader and so we have a goal to maintain and that is of being a leader, in our units, our Lodge and Council and our Section.

## Upcoming Events-Calendar

For more information on upcoming events and our full calendar, see [takachsin.org](http://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.

**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*

## What is an Elangomat?

For the first 50 years of the OA, Elangomats did not exist. Then they were introduced into the program. Elangomat means friend. It is a member of the Lodge who is sort of a clan leader who eats, sleeps, and toils with the new candidates and sets the example of cheerful service. They are then to keep in touch with their clan (the new members) and encourage them to seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood members.

So you can see that the elangomat plays an important role. If you would like to be an elangomat visit our website and you can read the Elangomat guide to learn more about this prestigious honor. And the final question deals with the pronunciation. The correct way to say it is like: "E" "lang "O" mat.

## 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.

## Congratulations and Thank You!

On behalf of the Lodge, we would like to congratulate and thank Lucas Bowman who served this past year as a sectional officer (Section Vice Chief). The Section has only 3 officers, and they do all the necessary planning with the lodges for the conclave. Lucas' term started back in 2017 at the end of our conclave, and finished with this conclave. (Lucas due to aging out in early 2019, was not eligible to run again for section office).

In the history of our Lodge, we have had very few sectional officers. It is a great honor and privilege to be a section officer and we thank him for his hard work.

# Advisor Minute: Posers

I was watching the movie Wild Hogs this weekend and it reminded me about an issue with our Lodge.



In this movie three friends from the city decide to ride their motorcycles across the country. They dress up in their leather jackets and bandanas and give themselves a “gang” name. These friends are businessmen that are not at all like bad bikers they pretend to be. In the movie they get called out as “**Posers**”. This gets these friends in a lot of trouble throughout the movie. Wikipedia defines a poser as someone who “poses for effect, or behaves affectedly”, who “affects a particular attitude, character or manner to impress others”, or **who pretends to belong to a particular group.**

How does this tie in with the Lodge? Well, there are a lot of people out there **posing** as members of Takachsin Lodge. You have seen them. People that have come to their Ordeal got their patch and are never seen at any event or meeting again. There are even Scout Masters that have not paid their dues for years and still have the nerve to wear the Takachsin Lodge flap patch that identifies them as being a member of the Order of the Arrow. According to the National By-laws “An Order of the Arrow member can wear their sash and the Universal Arrow Ribbon once they have completed the induction. However, wearing a lodge flap indicates that their current dues are paid in the specific lodge that the flap represents. **So, if the individual has not paid their dues, they must remove the flap from their uniform.**”

Anyone who is not current on their membership dues is not a member. They cannot attend events, meetings, or wear a lodge flap. Doing so makes them a **Poser**. It takes more than just one weekend to be considered a member of the Order of the Arrow.

If you have not yet paid your 2018 Order of the Arrow Membership dues now is the time. Even if you have missed a few years all it takes is to pay this year’s dues to become current. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; to promote Scout Camping; to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life of leadership in cheerful service to others. Your dues help support youth training, the Lodge, the camps, and the Council. You may pay your dues while registering for any OA event, on CampMaster, or by paying at the Council Office.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Lodge event (Spring OA Weekend on May 11-13)  
Yours in Brotherhood,

Steve Bowman  
Takachsin Lodge Advisor