

# The Lodge Lip

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## New Vigil Members

At our Summer OA weekend, Takachsin Lodge inducted 6 new Vigil Members. 2018 inductees include Nathaniel Ebert, Tressa Bowman, Lee White, Ben Holley, and Turner Parke.

Vigil Honor is the highest honor a Lodge can bestow upon a member. Much like OA members are chosen by others (the local troop), Vigil Honor members are chosen by the Vigil Honor Selection committee and are chosen for the work they do in the lodge and/or the council and for service beyond the expectation of their office or duty in scouting. One does not campaign for Vigil Honor.

The Lodge Chief annually appoints a Vigil Chairman and youth to serve on the Vigil Selection Committee. The Lodge Advisor appoints the Vigil Advisor. This year our Vigil Chairman and Vigil Chief was Lucas Bowman. The Vigil Advisor was Chris Birk.

There is a quota system based upon lodge membership at the end of the year, of how many possible candidates we can have. There are also rules about the youth to adult ratio (you can't have more adults than youth). The Vigil Committee meets annually in May to make the selection which has to be approved by the lodge advisor, the lodge chief and the scout executive. Then they are forwarded to national for approval. In the process also is the picking of an Indian name for each Vigil candidate.

## Run Forest Run!!!

That title comes from the movie Forest Gump but today we are going to talk a moment about a different kind of running. That is running for Lodge Officer. Each year at the Winter Banquet, we hold annual lodge elections. There are several offices to run for and they include:

- Lodge Chief
- Lodge Vice Chief Programs
- Lodge Vice Chief Inductions
- Lodge Vice Chief Ceremonies
- Secretary
- Treasurer

There are a few requirements to run. You need a completed election form which you can find under Resources and Forms (lodge officer elections) which needs to be filled out in advance. You can read the requirements for the office as Lodge Chief must be at least a Brotherhood member. All need to have their 2019 dues paid!

Being a lodge officer is a great way to give service to your Brothers in the OA.

## Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet/Auction Weekend

Our Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet will happen November 16-18, 2018 at Camp Buffalo. This event is pre-register only (no walk-ins). You can visit "event registrations" over at our website ([www.takachsin.org](http://www.takachsin.org)) to get links for more information and to register. Registration CLOSSES November 14th midnight. The cost is \$19 for the full weekend and \$12.00 for the banquet only.

The theme this year is "Super Heroes", and events will include Superhero Talent Show/Karaoke; Award for best Costume; Quick Silver - Race around Camp; Batman - Tomahawk & Knife Throw Competition; Green Arrow/Hawkeye - Archery Competition; Black Widow - BB Guns; Hulk - Log Throw; Black Panther - Fighting Sticks; The Flash - Obstacle Course; Infinity Stones Scavenger hunt; Lunch (Game Instructions & Rules); Civil war - Capture the Flag; Tug of War (6 man teams); Human Torch - Dodge Ball (6 man teams); Tesseract - Hot Isotope Transport (6 man team). In the afternoon will also be our patch auction. And of course our Winter Banquet, a tradition in our lodge that goes back to the first one which was held in February 1985 (after being snowed out in December 1984).

Check in is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday for the weekend. There will be a lodge meeting on Sunday at around 8:30 a.m. and events to conclude around 11 a.m. Sunday. You won't want to miss this event. Hurry however as registration closes November 14th at midnight. Family and friends can also register for the winter banquet (that is, it is open to anyone). For those coming to banquet only, auction starts at 3 p.m. and banquet starts at 5:30 p.m.





Our National Vice Chief and former Section Chief getting dunked as Arrowmen throw the softball trying to dunk Michael Kipp at NO-AC 2018

## 2018 Executive Committee/Officers

Lodge Chief- Nathan DeMien [chief@](mailto:chief@takachsins.org)  
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 Lodge Vice Chief of Ceremonies- [vcceremonies@](mailto:vcceremonies@takachsins.org)  
 Treasurer- Thomas Bragg [treasurer@](mailto:treasurer@takachsins.org)  
 Secretary- Colby Koppelman [secretary@](mailto:secretary@takachsins.org)  
 Lodge Committee Chair (Vigil)- Lucas Bowman  
 Lodge Advisor- Steve Bowman [lodgeadvisor@](mailto:lodgeadvisor@takachsins.org)  
 Lodge Associate Advisor (Inductions)- Chris Birk & Don Harper  
 Lodge Associate Advisor to Membership - Brad Rody  
 Vigil Advisor- Chris Birk  
 Lodge Associate Advisor of Commissary- Craig Burkholder  
 Lodge Committee Advisor (Finance)- Doug Whitham  
 Lodge Special Events Advisor-Tressa Bowman  
 Lodge Website Advisor- Vicki Triplett  
 Lodge Staff Advisor- Bryon L Haverstick  
 Email addresses are shown in red, add [takachsins.org](mailto:takachsins.org) to them, such as [chief@takachsins.org](mailto:chief@takachsins.org)

## A Big Thank You

As the Associate Advisor in charge of Ceremonies, I want to thank every OA member who served on ceremonies at Summer 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. I am impressed and proud of our ceremonial teams.

I also as Vigil Advisor would like to thank the Vigil Honor members who assisted Vigil Chair/Chief Lucas Bowman and myself with the Vigil Ceremonies. They too went flawless. The only negative was that it did not rain that night (grin).

Chris Birk

## NOAC at MSU in 2020

The next National OA Conference will be held at Michigan State University. It is not too early to begin thinking about attending the National OA Conference.



Two of our arrowman doing their final ceremony (before turning 21), Zack Kirk and Lucas Bowman (Pre-Ordeal)

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Brotherhood Ceremony

The red arrow in the background was Takachsins's 1st red arrow from about 1983. The "normal" arrow was under repair at the time.



Bumping into the Chief Scout Executive at NOAC 2018

## Lodge Advisor's Corner

The Takachsin Lodge Annual Awards Banquet will be held 5:00 pm Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> at Camp Buffalo. To find out more or to register visit campmaster at <https://sagamore.camp-master.com/>

This year we will be honoring Troops earning The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award. The Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award seeks to identify those units, and the leaders within them, who excel at incorporating the OA into their annual planning.

The OA Unit of Excellence Award criteria recognize units that invite the Lodge to conduct quality unit elections, participate in Lodge events and meetings, and operate a complete OA Troop/Team Representative program.

Visit the Takachsin Lodge page to learn more about this special award at <http://new.takachsin.org/home/lodge-history/award-winners/the-order-of-the-arrow-unit-of-excellence-award/>

I would like to congratulate Troops 401, 429, 433, and 566 on earning the 2017 Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award.

Yours in Brotherhood  
Steve Bowman  
Takachsin Lodge Advisor

## 2019 Dues

Reminder that your 2019 Dues can now be paid. You can do this at Campmaster (you can go to our website and click on the link) or you can do this at the Fall Fun Fellowship for example. Dues are \$12 a year. A good portion of the dues goes the sectional and national OA along with a portion supporting scouting in Sagamore Council.

Our bylaws indicate that dues not paid by January 31, 2019, 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.

## Lodge Trivia

1. What was the first flap the lodge issued besides the standard lodge flap?
2. Who was the first lodge advisor?
3. Ivey Lodge a concrete block building was originally going to be what sort of structure?
4. Where was the original rifle range at Camp Buffalo?

Answers: 1) 10th anniversary in 1983. 2) Hal Ivey 3) log cabin from telephone poles 4) where Shideler Hall sits now.

## Lodge Chief's Corner

Brothers:

As our year draws closer to an end, our spirits are ever strong and soulfully excited for the coming month. Soon draws near our Fall Fun Fellowship, being held on November 16-18 at Camp Buffalo. But let us not forget the amazing year we've had.

In the Spring, we had one of the best OA Weekends I can remember. This event had an extremely high attendance where we got everything Cary needed done and more. Over the summer, we had hundreds of hours of service to the camp during Summer Camp as well calling out many new brothers into our order. At the end of summer, we had a NOAC like no other where we sent over 20 of our members to learn and have fun for a week. Most recently, we had our Summer OA Weekend in which we had amazing attendance and hundreds of hours of service. Sagamore Council and our entire LEC are very appreciative of everything you guys have done to serve the Boy Scouts of America.

Looking forward, the Fall Fun Fellowship is fast approaching, and our excitement is above the roof. This year's theme is Super Heroes and we have quite a variety of fun and exciting activities planned for you. All of our LEC has been hard at work making sure everything will run smoothly and with plenty of joy. However, we are still in need of volunteers and if you would like to help with any of our activities please email me at [chief@takachsin.org](mailto:chief@takachsin.org) or Kyle Eenigenburg at [vcprograms@takachsin.org](mailto:vcprograms@takachsin.org). If you are interested in running for an office, make sure to turn in your paperwork to Steve Bowman at [advisor@takachsin.org](mailto:advisor@takachsin.org). We highly encourage each of you to give it a try, anything you can bring to the table is helpful to the survival of the lodge.

I would like to mention that I'm so very proud of each of you. We have been setting more and more records as well as providing so much service to our Council. From me and the rest of the LEC, thank you guys for your support and effort and we can't wait to see this lodge grow even more.

Yours in the Order,  
Nathan DeMien  
Lodge Chief '18

## Upcoming Events-Calendar

Check out our web site, [www.takachsin.org](http://www.takachsin.org) for more information on upcoming events and our full calendar. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page!

## 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.



We are Takachsin Lodge! Above are photos from the 2018 NOAC at Indiana University, from the 2018 Summer OA Weekend and from 2018 Summer Camp Call outs!