

The Lodge Lip

Website: Takachsin.org

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Calling all Ordeal Members

Did you know you are eligible to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow by becoming a Brotherhood member? One of the requirements is you have to be Ordeal for at least 10 months so all of you who went through your ordeal in 2018 or before are eligible. If you look through your handbook you can find all of the requirements.

We offer a class during the OA Weekends to help you learn the information that you have to know. Why not seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow and become a brotherhood member.

Run Forest Run!!!

That saying 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. We have a vacancy in the position of Lodge Vice Chief of Program.

There are a few requirements to run. You need a completed election form which you can find on Takachsin's website under "Resources and Forms" (lodge officer elections) which needs to be filled out in advance. You MUST have your 2019 dues paid! Will you give service to your Brothers?

2019 Dues

Reminder that your 2019 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, 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 ANY lodge event 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. Not sure if your dues are paid? See the article about the enclosed information slip!

Enclosed Information Slip

Enclosed is a 1/2 piece of paper that contains many of the vital tidbits of information we have on you. It shows you the year your dues are paid through (Reminder to new 2018 ordeal members, your dues were only paid through 12/31/18). It also shows your email address and it shows your mailing address. If either are incorrect or missing, please report that information to lodgeadvisor@takachsin.com. Otherwise you will be missing out on important emails or mailings.

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 10-12, 2019 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 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 6th. See you at Cary Camp May 10th-12th.

2019 celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of Lodge 269 (one of the three lodges that merged in 1973 to form our Takachsin Lodge). The Spring OA event patch will commemorate this anniversary with a special design. There is going to be a series of 3 or 4 of these during 2019 and 2020. You will want to attend this Spring OA weekend, the Summer OA weekend, and the Fall Fun Fellowship.

Unit Elections and Callout

Now is the time that unit elections happen. If your troop needs elections, please contact our Vice Chief of Inductions Kaden Rody 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.

Calling all Ceremonialists

Our Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Turner Parke, is in need of Youth Arrowmen who will be willing to serve on a ceremony at the Spring OA weekend. You can contact Turner by emailing him at vcceremonies@takachsin.org. Contact him asap so he can get you the scripts so you can memorize them. We owe it to our new incoming members and those going for Brotherhood to put on the best possible ceremony.

NOAC at MSU in 2020

The next National OA Conference will be held at Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI) August 3-8, 2020. It is not too early to begin thinking about attending the National OA Conference.



We are Takachsin Lodge! Above are photos from the 2018 Fall Fun Fellowship at Camp Buffalo!

Lodge Earns National Honors

First, our Lodge again earned Gold JTE (Journey To Excellence). We have earned Gold every year since 2014, making it 5 years in a row. Very few (if any) other lodges can make that claim. Congratulations to every Arrowman who made this possible and a special thank you to our lodge advisor who has guided us on this journey along with our Chief who has been chief during 3 of those 5 years.

Second, our Lodge earned two awards related to our website and to our digital archiving of information. The first award earned was an "HONOR" (highest level) for our website. Takachsin was one of only six lodges to be awarded "HONOR" status.

Third, we have started an archiving lodge site as it is important to digitally save our history. We submitted our new site for an award, and we earned "MERIT" which is the middle award. We were one of only nine websites that earned any level of award.

Just as a bit of history, our website was started around the turn of the century by one of our Vigil Honor members who had the foresight that reserving the name and building a website was important. Over the years various individuals have served as webmaster and now we have a committee with our head webmaster being Vicki Triplett.

You see, for the NOAC 2015, every lodge was to bring a copy of their lodge history. Takachsin was founded on 1/1/1973 when three scout councils merged and of course their OA lodges merged. While on the website was a bit of history about our lodge, there was a lot of history that was not there. Many of you may not know that in the 1980's the building that housed the council office burned to the ground.

You have to remember that back in those days, they were "BC" and "BI", that is, before cell phones and before internet. Our membership was actually on like index cards in a binder. Yes, that burned up also. And in the basement of the scout office, we had basically all our regalia, our sashes, and many of the old charters. That too all burned up (for an interesting read, go to takachsin.org and go to our lodge history and read about this).

And so when it came time to do our lodge history, well that could have been a very tough job because most members in the lodge today, weren't around, in OA, or in our lodge in the 1970's, 1980's, etc. Luckily, we had one Vigil Honor member who was, and had been, a key player in those days and so he was able to provide the lion's share of that information. We were successful in creating our history book. Our Lodge has a very unique history having our roots in the Order of the Arrow, in Tipisia and in Gimogash (the latter two were competing programs similar to the OA). And so going forward, you can see why it is so important to continue to maintain a digital archive of our history. This can be pictures from events, or this might be a movie or a Facebook post, etc.

Takachsin means leader. Earning five Gold JTE's, having our website ranked in the highest award category (along with only five other lodges), and our newly formed digital archive to earn the "middle award" (only one lodge out of nine total lodges to be recognized for the archiving), those all speak well of our lodge. You as an Arrowman can continue to live in our great history.

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YOUR OA SASH

Q. When should the OA sash be worn?

A. Wear it at OA events and when you represent the OA, over the right shoulder, **never** over the belt. The Order of the Arrow Sash is the outward manifestation of the OA founding ideals: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. The rule of thumb is its appropriate to wear the sash is when you are doing official Order of the Arrow business or attend an Order of the Arrow ceremony. We wear the sash as a symbol of an ideal, it is not a rank, and it is not an item to "show off" your honor.

Examples of inappropriate times to wear the OA sash:

- Troop Meetings
- Campouts
- Courts of Honor
- Trainings such as NYLT, Woodbadge, Den Chief Training
- FOS Presentations

The only exception to these is if you are representing the Order of the Arrow in an Official capacity. Examples of appropriate times to wear the OA sash:

- Unit Election
- Lodge Fellowship
- Chapter Meeting
- Lodge Meeting
- Winter Banquet
- Section Conclave
- OA Training Event

The OA sash should always be worn over the right shoulder; it is not appropriate to wear the sash on your belt, as a neck tie, as a head band, or at the same time as a merit badge sash.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Unit of Excellence award is more than just for Troops? Along with the Unit of Excellence are three additional awards, Scoutmaster of Excellence, Troop Representative of Excellence, and the Troop Representative Adviser of Excellence. Did you know that these awards are actually easier to earn than the Unit of Excellence award is? The Scoutmaster of Excellence award is awarded to a Scoutmaster who while in term of Scoutmaster of a Troop leads them to earning the Unit of Excellence award a total of three or more times. The Troop Representative Adviser of Excellence award is given to Troop Representative Adviser or Assistant Scoutmaster who while in this position advises at least two Troop Representatives towards earning the Unit of Excellence Award. The last award you can earn is the Troop Representative of Excellence award. This award is given to a Troop Representative who has served a minimum of six months and lead the Troop in earning the Unit of Excellence Award during your service. You can find all of this information along with the requirements for the Unit of Excellence award and more by going to <http://new.takachsin.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Unit-of-Excellence-Award-information.pdf>

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Reaching for the Stars

There used to be a saying that if a man had great ambition, he was "reaching for the stars." The idea was that he was so eager to succeed he was willing to try the impossible, to reach for the stars. That doesn't seem so impossible anymore. Men have walked on the moon, a feat that was only dreamed of not so many years ago. Did you know that the first astronauts who walked on the moon were Scouts? Did you know more than 2/3 of America's astronauts were scouts first? One of them, Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, is an Eagle Scout. At the 2015 NOAC, I met Mike Fossum, who was the first Vigil Honor member in space. The scientists and astronauts in our space program brought the impossible dream of reaching for the stars much closer to reality. Men will never really walk on the stars, but reaching them does not seem as far away as they used to be.

Still the idea expressed in the phrase, "reaching for the stars," is still valid. It tells us that to enjoy life to the fullest, we must stretch our abilities to the limit. An Arrowman who does his best in everything he tries will become the kind of man who reaches for the stars. Scouting and the Order of the Arrow helps give youth the confidence to realize that anything is possible. So take on a leadership role, join a ceremony team, or volunteer to be an elangomat because you never know what your leadership abilities are until you give them a real try.

Yours in Brotherhood
Steve Bowman
Takachsin Lodge Advisor

Lodge Chief's Corner

Brothers!

"An Ordeal is swiftly approaching!" No seriously though, we have many upcoming events that are definitely worth attending. Whether it be our annual Section Conclave or our Spring OA Weekend, there are many events to help get your OA calendar year on a roll.

Section Conclave has been a staple of the Section C6A for decades. In years past, we've went to Culver, Camp Chief Little Turtle, and even hosted one of the best Conclaves in over a decade! Conclave is similar to a NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference), but on a much smaller level. OA members from around the state get together and share in training, activities and brotherhood. It's a great opportunity to grow in brotherhood and get to know others from around the state. This year, Conclave is being held at Mawmee Scout Reservation on April 12-14. To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/160-2019C6AConclave>

Another great opportunity coming up is the OA Spring Weekend. This is an amazing weekend where the Lodge comes together to help our new members join our brotherhood and have fun while doing it. We've put in hundreds of hours of service into our Council, but we've also had great evenings of camaraderie. Spring OA Weekend will be at Cary Camp from May 10th-12th. To register go to: <https://sagamore.camp-master.com/events/2019OASpringWeekend/EventDetails.aspx>

This great organization is built off of you guys! Each and every one of you is at the center of what we do. It's your ideas that fuel our events and patch designs. That said, we are asking for your opinion and your help. At the Spring OA Weekend, we will be having elections for our Vice Chief of Program. As a Vice Chief of Program, you would be helping by planning some of our amazing events throughout the year. Not to worry if this sounds like a big task - we have members who will help mentor you and help you grow in your leadership. I encourage anyone who is interested to run.

I can't wait to see you guys soon!

Yours in the Order,
Nathan DeMien
Lodge Chief '19

Upcoming Events-Calendar

Check out our web site, www.takachsin.org for more information on upcoming events and our full calendar. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for announcements and updates!

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