

The Lodge Lip

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New Vigil Members

At our Summer OA weekend, Takachsin Lodge inducted 6 new Vigil Members. 2019 inductees include Draven Burkerholder, Tyler McGuire, Daniel Hillman, David Benninghoff, Brad Rody and Zach Kirk.

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 Kyle Eenigenburg. 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 will find in this newsletter and you can find under Resources and Forms (lodge officer elections) at Takachsin.org which needs to be filled out in advance. One of the requirements for the office as Lodge Chief must be at least a Brotherhood member. All officer candidates need to have their 2020 dues paid!

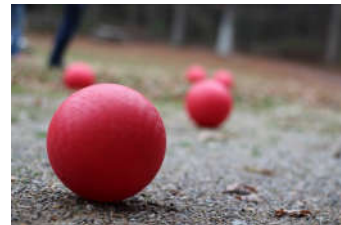
Being a lodge officer is a great way to give service to your Brothers in the OA.

Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet/Auction Weekend

Our Fall Fun Fellowship and Winter Banquet will happen November 8-10, 2019 at Camp Buffalo. This event is pre-register only (no walk-ins). You can visit "event registrations" over at our website (www.takachsin.org) to get links or for more information and to register. Registration CLOSSES November 5th at midnight. The cost is \$20 for the full weekend and \$12.00 for the banquet only.

The theme this year is Mystery Weekend, and events will include shooting sports activities, survival or outdoor skills, dodgeball, and lots more! 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 Saturday evening after the banquet and events to conclude around 11 a.m. Sunday. You won't want to miss this event. Hurry however as registration closes November 5th 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.



NOAC 2020

The National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at Michigan State University August 3-8, 2020. A national conference is a great event. The cost is \$545.00. We live in college dorms, there are numerous training classes in the mornings and in the afternoon various fun activities and great shows in the evenings.

The previous conference was in 2018 (they typically happen every 2 years) and was at Indiana University. Registration is open on campmaster to put down a \$100 down payment.

If you would like to know more about NOAC, come to the Fall Fun Fellowship because there will be more information and you can talk to members who have went in the past.

This is one of the largest gatherings of OA members. In 2015, there were approximately 15,000 in attendance and in 2018, there were around 10,000 in attendance. The first "NOAC" was held in 1948 at Indiana University (there were previous national lodge meetings). IU has been home to more NOAC's than any other university. In 1994, Purdue was home to NOAC.

Summer OA Weekend Roundup

The Lodge inducted 35 new Ordeal Members and 11 Brotherhood members and 6 Vigil Honor members. We accomplished many work projects at Camp Buffalo on the weekend. At the Lodge Meeting, we voted for a new T-shirt design among other things. All present had a great time of fellowship and service.

Ceremonial teams put on 5 different ceremonies. If you have interest in being on a ceremonial team in 2020, please come to the Fall Fun Fellowship for further information.

On Sunday morning, we sang Happy Birthday to one of our beloved OA members, Ranger Billy Rood who indicated he was only 23 years old!

Camp Buffalo Celebrating 75 years

In 2020, Camp Buffalo will celebrate 75 years of being a council camp. While the council is going to have several events/patches/memorabilia for such, our Lodge is issuing a special 75th Camp Buffalo Lodge Flap (2 piece) and a CSP. These will be available at the Fall Fun Fellowship. There will be a limited number of these patches.



2019 Executive Committee/Officers

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Lodge Associate Advisor of Commissary- Craig Burkholder
Lodge Committee Advisor (Finance)- Doug Whitham
Lodge Associate Advisor (Activities)-Tressa Bowman
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A Big Thank You

As an Associate Advisor in charge of Ceremonies, I want to thank every OA member who served on ceremonies at Summer OA weekend. 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 and if we get memorization down on the parts we would have teams worthy of national competition. As special thank you to Lucas Bowman who served as advisor to the Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies and to Ranger Billy Rood and Assistant Rangers Cree and Trent who helped with various needs we had.

I also as Vigil Advisor would like to thank the Vigil Honor members who assisted Vigil Chair/Chief Kyle Eenigenburg and myself with the Vigil Ceremonies. They too went flawless. The only negative was that it did not rain that night (grin). However I want to especially thank Ben Holley who built the Vigil Fires and to Lucas Bowman who prepared all the artwork for the red triangles and to the ranger staff. And to our Vigil Guides.

And of course to those who did ceremonies. Special thanks to VC of Ceremonies Turner Parke who did the organizing of the ceremonialists for this weekend. It was such a blessing and a privilege to serve my fellow brothers

Chris Birk

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?
5. What lodge chief served for more than 3 years?

Answers: 1) 10th anniversary in 1983. 2) Hal Ivey 3) log cabin from telephone poles 4) where Shideler Hall sits now. 5) Nathan DeMien

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Changes always come but the fundamentals stay the same.

I imagine you've all played some form of baseball, or maybe just played catch. You know that there's not a lot of padding in your mitt for the palm of the hand. It is because you are supposed to catch the ball in the pocket weave of the glove, not with the palm. That is not how baseball gloves started. The methods of catching the baseball were different back in the day. Baseball gloves originally had the padding in the palm of the glove, and often it took two hands to catch the ball. As you can imagine, there wasn't a lot of protection with these early gloves; it is easy to misjudge the ball and hurt your hand or break a finger. Many of the early baseball greats—Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Ted Williams—used the older gloves. In fact, Lou Gehrig played 2,130 straight games without missing a single one. It is reported that he played with seventeen broken fingers or bones in his hands over the course of his career and never missed a game. Nowadays, the method for catching the ball is very different. The glove's long fingers and pocket changed that method. Despite this, the fundamentals of the game of baseball are exactly the same. You have a pitcher, a catcher, and a batter. The batter tries to hit the ball and run to first base before he is thrown out. The fundamentals are exactly the same as in the 1930s when Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth played baseball.

There have been several changes recently with Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow and we can expect more to come. However, the principles and fundamentals with which Goodman started the Order of the Arrow have not changed. They are still true today. Service to camps and cheerful service without expecting recognition for it are all the fundamentals we go by today. Some of the methods we use are a bit different from 1915, but the methods do not change the principles. So always try to keep in mind why you do the things you do for the Order of the Arrow. You have something in common with the early twentieth century boys of Treasure Island. Your principles are the same, though some of the methods are different.

Yours in Brotherhood
Steve Bowman
Takachsin Lodge Advisor

2020 Dues

Reminder that your 2020 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, 2020, 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 Chief's Corner

Brothers:

What an amazing weekend we had this summer at the Summer OA Weekend! We had over a hundred in attendance with hundreds of hours of service being completed to the camp. I talked with Billy Rood, the ranger, and he said that he could not be more gracious for the help that we provided to the council. Every bit of work done will allow for the scouters of today and tomorrow to stay at an amazing place camp. I, along with so many others, want to thank all of you for your contributions to Order of the Arrow and Scouting at large!

The hard work is done, now it's time to look to the annual Fall Fun Fellowship – Cypher Games. We have been planning for the best weekend of the year for quite some time and the LEC are super excited to see everything come together! Each person will be given a puzzle to solve and through attending events, talking with people, and other such methods will earn hints and clues to help solve the ultimate mystery. Registration is open and I encourage everyone to sign up.

We will also be having our annual Winter Banquet where we will be recognizing the best the OA has to offer. Not only that, but we will be hosting our annual officer elections. If you have any interest in leadership, I would highly encourage you to run. The OA is always in need of great leaders and every leader has to start small. This is the chance to make an impact on hundreds of men and women in your community and Scouting program!

Lastly, this will be my last newsletter that I will be writing as Chief. It has been an amazing 4 years getting to know and serve each and every one of you. I could not have been more honored to serve as your Chief and provide the best service that I could in my time. I hope that each of you take the opportunity to make an impact on the people in your lives whether that be through leadership or simply helping them through the struggle of life. Thank you so much for everything!

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!

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