

# Takachsin Lodge ~ 2014 Annual Report

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- Journey to Excellence level “GOLD”
- Membership 226 (highest in 5 years)
- Ordeal Induction Rate 87.6 %
- Brotherhood Induction Rate 36.84 %
- OA Service Projects by Lodge Members 1,444.5 hours
- OA Service Projects by Non-Lodge Members 47.5 (hours during summer camp)
- Lodge donation to the Friends of Scouting \$800.00

The Takachsin Lodge has been very busy in 2014 and we provide this report as a summary of the events and accomplishments from the past year.

In January, we conducted the annual Lodge Leadership Development weekend at Cary Camp. Unfortunately, the weekend was ended early due to inclement weather, but we were able to conduct necessary training sessions.

The Winter Klondike was conducted in January and we saw a very good turnout of youth. There were many activities including four-man skis, obstacle course, and sled race. The weather cooperated and gave us a nice covering of snow for our outdoor events.

The 2013 Winter Banquet had to be postponed until February 15, 2014. The 2013 awards recipients were Lucas Bowman (Founder’s Award), Don Harper (Francis Lee Award), and Matthew Bowman (Francis Lee Award).

Also in February, the OA had representatives attend the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Wabash, Indiana. This was a great opportunity to introduce scouts to our organization and to help out with activities.

In April, the Lodge attended the OA Conclave at Vincennes University. We had a nice representation of youth who participated in many training sessions and fun activities. We also had a ceremony team that won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This was a great weekend for everyone who attended and we are looking forward to next year. Also in April, the lodge conducted Crossover Ceremony at Camp Cary for those Webelos crossing over to Boy Scouts.

In May, we conducted our Spring Ordeal at Cary Camp. We had several youth and adults inducted during the ceremony. This was a great weekend and we completed 314 hours of cheerful service. The Lodge also helped at the Pesewa Spring Camporee providing much need support.

In June, we attended a new event for us. The lodge packed up and headed to Victory Field to watch the Indianapolis Indians play baseball. After the game there were fireworks and a movie before we pitched our tents in the outfield and spent the night camping. This was a great event and we look forward to doing it again.

In July the Lodge help the community by doing 56 hours of service to the Grission Air Museum. Throughout the summer the lodge conducted ceremonies each week at summer camp, along with beach parties, root beer floats and movie nights for all campers. This was a great way to get scouts involved with the OA members attending summer camp and introduce new members to the group. During summer camp we completed 117 hours of cheerful service.

In August we conducted our Fall Ordeal at Camp Buffalo and we were very excited by the attendance. This was the largest group we have seen complete an ordeal in a number of years. We completed 714 hours of service during the Fall Ordeal.

In October the OA conducted an induction ceremony during the Fall Camporee where 3 youth were inducted into OA. The fight simulator provided by the lodge was a successful fun activity that added to the Camporee.

The 2014 Winter Banquet was held on December 6, 2014. This event had more than 50 people registered and included a number of events such as patch auction, silent auction and trading post. The 2014 awards recipients were Steve Bowman (Founder's Award), Eric Chauret (Founder's Award), Rex Banter (Francis Lee Award), and Jacob Clupper (Francis Lee Award).

Overall this was a successful year for the Takachsin Lodge. We participated in many familiar events and a couple new events. We also sent a ceremony team to a troop campout to conduct an induction ceremony, which was different for us. Over the course of the year we completed over 1,444 hours of service for the Council. In 2014, we have increased our membership rate by over 10%. We have an ordeal induction rate of 87.6% and increased our brotherhood conversion rate to 36.8%. We also have 15 youth registered to attend NOAC next summer. All these statistics show that our Lodge is continuing to improve and becoming a stronger Lodge.