

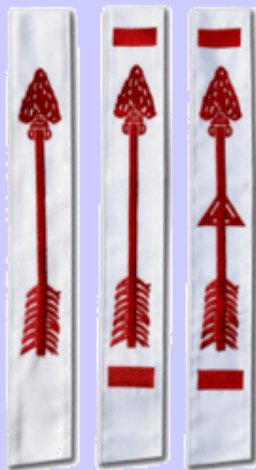


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Octoraro Lodge 22's Newsletter

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“I hope you all enjoy this banquet of brotherhood and fellowship, and I look forward to serving with you.”



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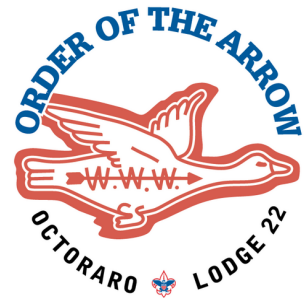
Chief's Corner April 2013

Brothers,

I would first like to thank all of the Scouts, adults, and my officers who have helped me through the year so far. Now with that being said I want to be able to thank all of the Scouts out there for helping me. I see so many Scouts at every weekend who enjoy the lodge. I want those Scouts to come more often to meetings and get more involved. There are many open committee positions now that anyone can help out with. You can even co-chair the committee with a friend. That is what I did my first year getting involved. What I have learned is that it does not take a lot of work to get involved and help out, but it does make a large difference for a lot of people. If you want to get involved, please contact me at chief@octoraro22.org

or the lodge adviser Andrew Coe (adviser@octoraro22.org) and we can get you started.

In Brotherhood,
Philip Ruffini



Seal Your Membership

Calling ALL Ordeal Members: Seal your Membership... Complete Brotherhood in 2013! Remember how cheerful you felt on being called-out as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow? Remember how you were referred to as a “friend” at the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, but were called a “brother” at the conclusion of the Ordeal ceremony? You are on a journey: a journey to awareness of the true meaning of

the Order of the Arrow! When you completed the Ordeal, you took your first steps on a path to greater understanding of the Spirit of the Arrow. By sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow and participating in the Brotherhood ceremony, you to conclude that journey of awareness, which you started when you were called-out as a candidate for the Ordeal. Furthermore, by completing your Brotherhood, you show your appreciation

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to those who selected you for membership in the Order of the Arrow while gaining further understanding of the Order's purpose. Moreover, you help your fellow Arrowmen in the Octoraro Lodge 22. By completing your Brotherhood, you help the lodge on its Journey to Excellence. Why is that important? Journey to Excellence attainment signifies to the greater community what our lodge brothers already know: that Octoraro

Advisor's Minute April 2013

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It seems like much has happened already in 2013 for Octoraro 22 – we've had a successful annual lodge banquet at a new venue (Downingtown Country Club), helped the Downingtown community by assisting the move of the Minquas Fire Company to their new home, worked on getting the Yellow Trail in shape at Camp Horseshoe through the OA Trail Crew, we sent 5 brothers to NLS and NLATS to receive training from the regional and national OA officers, received the inaugural 2012 Journey to Excellence Gold Award and was one of 8 lodges in the country to receive the National Service Award for over 23,000 hours of service to HSR in 2012.

But the big things are yet to come!

In addition to this service weekend, we have 2 more slated for June (5/30-6/2) and September (9/27-29), and we have a Conclave coming up in a few weeks at Camp Mack. If you've never been to a Conclave, don't miss out on this unique opportunity to experience all the fun and fellowship! The Conclave is a gathering of 5 lodges in the section (NE-6B) who come together for great competitions, demonstrations, training, food, pageants and so much more! This year's theme is Cowboy / Western related, so prepare for lots of great barbeque and Western-themed events. There is still time to sign-up: check out our website at octoraro22.org to register before the deadline: 4/29

We also have some other big events, such as the Cub Recruitment Day hosted by Octoraro 22 at Camp Ware on October 5th from 9 am to 3 pm. We hope you're able to help facilitate this event to show potential Cub Scouts what Scouting is all about! We will again host the Lodge Leadership Development course in November, and the Brotherhood Blitz will take place that same weekend. All of our events are listed on the website, so be sure to mark your calendars!

A lot of times we only see each other at the service weekends, but I hope you realize that the Order of the Arrow is much more than just service. Service is really our classroom for doing so much more – it is our chosen tool for experimenting with leadership skills, for honing our camping skills, for discovering how a simple obligation that you took as an Ordeal member actually pays dividends to your camp, your unit and your community. It is in these actions we discover there is a brotherhood of like-minded individuals who have built a legacy for nearly 100 years, a legacy we will celebrate at the centennial celebration at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2015 at Michigan State University. We hope you take an interest in participating – we look to greatly increase our attendee numbers for 2015 as this is a once-in-a-lifetime event that will have great incentives and gifts to those who attend, not to mention the incredible program put on

by the National Committee.

As you can see, this service weekend is but a small piece of the puzzle, and we hope you look further than this event to getting involved at the Lodge Committee level or attend conclaves and the NOAC. We are also hosting the conclave at Camp Horseshoe in 2014, so we will need plenty of help to facilitate a fun and exciting event for our brothers in NE-6B. Our theme is “Arrowmen: Assemble the Brotherhood” in the vein of “The Avengers”, so we need all you superheroes out there to chip in!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andrew Coe

Octoraro 22 Lodge Advisor

Trading Post News

Don't forget to attend this weekend's Ceremonies. Every brother who attends the Ceremony will receive a ticket that enables them to purchase up to ONE SET of the new Ceremonial Campfire Flap set. There are three different borders in the set. You may purchase one flap or one set of flaps for each Ceremonial Event Weekend you attend. When we run out, these patches WILL NOT be reordered. Flaps will not be sold after the September weekend. All proceeds go to the Ware Dining Hall Project.

A very limited number of Jamboree are available. Only 300 were made and most went to the Jamboree Contingent Members. Stop by and take a look at the new hooded sweats, fleece vests and ceremonial campfire blankets. We now have many different colors and sizes available. In addition to the Jambo Flaps and new apparel listed above, we have several new items for 2013 in stock. Based on numerous requests, we now have the two different versions of the OA Legend for sashes. If you skipped dinner coming in or if you are just plain hungry, stop by and see us. New this weekend

PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA! That's right, we now serve personal size pizzas hot from our own pizza oven. And don't forget our quality hot dogs. Visit the Trading Post where every night is "Dollar Dog Night". Free Fixings! Stop by and see what will become the Octoraro Lodge 22 "MOBILE TRADING POST". We are excited and need your ideas on what you want. Come take a look. Coming in June: 'THE BOY SCOUT ROAD SHOW' This June, we will be hosting our spin on the Antiques Road Show. Have you ever wondered what the value of your pre-

cious scouting collectibles were? Did your Dad or Granddad hand down a special patch or neckerchief that he wore as a youth? Did you pick up a pile of old hand books at a flea market and always wondered what they were worth? Well, bring them to the June Weekend and ask the experts.

Calling Youth Arrowmen!

Are you a Youth in Octoraro Lodge 22? Do you enjoy working with others who share your interest in Scouting? Do you enjoy having fun at Camp Horseshoe or Ware? Have you ever fought a Dragon? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Octoraro Lodge 22 Executive Com-

mittee wants YOU to join a committee position! Committee positions are a great way to get involved in the Lodge, to make new friends, and to have the experience of a lifetime. Anyone can join a committee all you need is the willingness to commit to a little work and even more fun. So get involved by

talking to a Lodge executive tonight at the Banquet. You may just be surprised by what you and Octoraro 22 can do!

In Brotherhood, The Octoraro 22 Executive Committee

Seal your Membership, Cont.

Lodge 22 achieves excellence in both program and service to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Additionally, earning the Journey to Excellence award allows the lodge to apply for grants from the national organization for matching funds for vital improvement projects at both Camp Horseshoe and Camp John H. Ware

You should be asking yourself: am I eligible to complete my Brotherhood? The answer is: all current Ordeal members are eligible to complete Brotherhood during 2013! Ordeal members who completed their Ordeals at the June 2012 service weekend or before are eligible to seal their membership with the Brotherhood ceremony at the



April 2013 service weekend. Ordeal members who completed their Ordeals at the September 2012 fellowship weekend are eligible to seal their membership starting at the September 2013 fellowship weekend. The only other requirement is that your lodge dues are paid. Octoraro Lodge 22 needs YOU!

2013 Brotherhood Opportunities

There are four opportunities in 2013 for you to seal your membership by completing the Brotherhood ceremony; they are:

April Service Weekend April 26-28, 2013

June Service Weekend May 31-June 2, 2013

Fall Fellowship Weekend September 27-29, 2013

Brotherhood Blitz November 9, 2013

We hope to see you at one of these opportunities. Please help our lodge increase our Brotherhood conversion rate. Make your plans today to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow in 2013 by completing Brotherhood.

Conclave 2014

Now that you know what a Conclave is (see Conclave 2013), you're most likely wondering how long it will be until Octoraro 22 hosts a Conclave. Luckily that day, or weekend, is closer than you think. In fact, we are already preparing to host Conclave in 2014. Our theme will be "Conclave 2014: Assemble the Brotherhood!". If you want to get involved in helping the Lodge prepare for this exciting event e-mail conclave@octoraro22.org, or talk to me Alex Hughes here at the Banquet. Already the committee is preparing for a "Super" Conclave, and we want you to be a part of it all

In Brotherhood,
Alex Hughes
2014 Conclave Chair

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Upcoming Events from January to June 2012:

January 2013

- 6 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 12:00 PM
- Founders Award Selection Meeting, Council Service Center, 1:00 PM
- Vigil Selection Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM

February 2013

- 3 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM

March 2013

- 3 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 9 Annual Lodge Banquet, Location TBA, 5:30 PM

April 2013

- 7 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 20 Lodge Work Day at Camp, 8:00 AM
- 26-28 **Lodge Service Weekend at Camp**
(Lodge Meeting during weekend, TBA)

May 2013

- 31-June 2 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp,
(Lodge Meeting during weekend, TBA)

June 2013

- 7-9 NE Section 6B Conclave, Lodge 39 Hosting, Camp Mack

Upcoming Events from July to December 2012:

July 2013

- 13-14 Vigil Weekend at Camp (Tentative)
- 15 National Jamboree Begins, Bechtel Family High Adventure Base, The Summit, West Virginia
- 24 National Jamboree Ends, Bechtel Family High Adventure Base, The Summit, West Virginia

August 2013

No Events Scheduled

September 2013

- 8 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 27-29 Lodge Fellowship Weekend at Camp
(Lodge Meeting, September 28, TBA)
- 30 Last Day to Pay 2014 Dues at a Discounted Rate

October 2013

- 25-27 Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend, Tidewater, VA (Tentative)

November 2013

- 3 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 9 Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe, TBA

December 2013

- 1 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
(Service Center Cleanup starting time TBA)