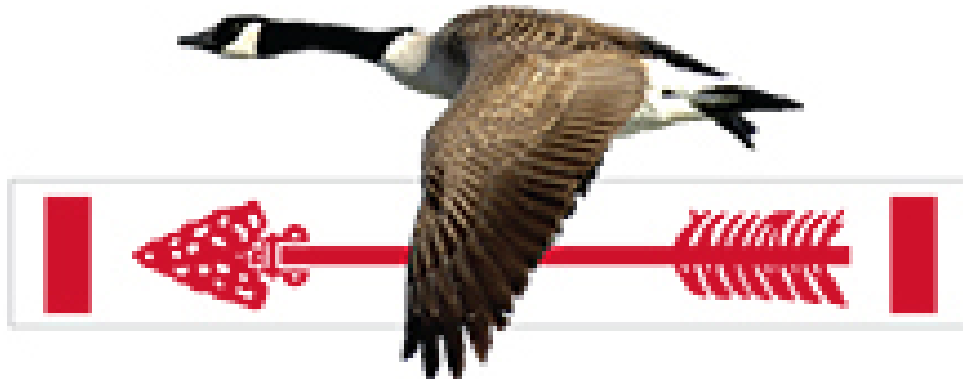




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Lodge Adviser's Minute:

The April Weekend is here and it is time once again to welcome new Brothers into the Lodge. Mother Nature lets us know that we are into the Spring Season when we look around the Reservation – trees are starting to grow leaves again and wild flowers begin to bloom. Just like Mother Nature it is to time for the Lodge to have a rebirth by reinvigorating the Lodge with new members. It will be up to them to make the most of this huge opportunity in front of them. However, it is our duty and responsibility to welcome them and get to know them – make them feel part of something much greater than any one individual. Please take five minutes out of your weekend to welcome them and explain to them what lies ahead. Offer them an explanation of what W.W.W. truly means.

It has been quite a busy year so far in the first four months. I am pleased to announce that the two large projects that have been in front of us for quite some time are now complete. The Ware Dining Hall and the OA Bridge/Circle are complete. I am really excited about the second project. The last time we traveled across the Bridge was September weekend of 2013. Although that doesn't seem too distant, we used it sporadically for a number of years prior due to the nesting Eagles. For many of our youth in the Lodge it will be their first time. It will be quite an experience. I would like to personally thank all who participated in both projects. Without your dedication, perseverance and your belief in Cheerful Service, we would have not been able to complete these huge projects.

We are celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year. Besides our June weekend, we will be attending Conclave 2016, which will be hosted by Sasquesahanough Lodge



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11 at Camp Tuckahoe from June 3rd – 5th. In 2015, we sent 90 Brothers, our goal this year is 100. Currently, we are falling short – registration stands around 30. I would urge a call to action and show NE6B who we are. I look forward to the Goose calls and Fellowship that weekend. Our September Fellowship weekend will again be a time of celebration – activities to be announced.

I look forward to seeing you all this year as we ALL live up the Legacy of celebrating our 90th year of

Cheerful Service.

W.W.W

Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Advisor

90th Anniversary:

Join us on May 22 to celebrate our 90th Anniversary at Camp Hilldale

The beginnings of Hilldale date back nearly two centuries when the Taylor family opened a grist and saw mill on a fifteen acre island in the Brandywine Creek. The grist mill was soon converted to a small barn and a large four story stone cotton factory was built. In 1850, the cotton factory was converted to a paper mill that specialized in the production of roofing, wrapping and other paper goods. Due to a number of difficult factors, the mill closed in 1889. Hilldale became a deserted



village with many of the buildings left in ruin. The stone mill was torn down in 1911 and much of the stone was moved downstream for the construction of the bridge at Lenape. In preparation for the 1926 season at Camp Rothrock, the charter for Lodge #22 was approved on May 17, 1926. A charter group of nine brothers gathered on the banks of the Brandywine Creek, west of the County seat at the site of the Old Hilldale Paper Mill to be inducted by our Founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and a ceremonial degree team from Ranachqua Lodge #4 from the Bronx. They



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were conferred both the First (Ordeal) and Second (Brotherhood) degrees at this ceremony at Hilldale. Hilldale opened for camping in 1926 to serve as a weekend campsite for the troops of Chester County Council. It was a place for the troops to practice their outdoor skills of hiking, packing, and overnight camping. Hilldale remained an important part of the Council's promotion of the camping program and was used by the troops of Chester County until 1928. Hilldale was closed for camping upon the opening of Camp Horseshoe. Little remains of Hilldale today. Only the Mill Superintendent's Cottage and the crumbling banks of Paper Mill Island are all that is left of this once important piece of our pre-Horseshoe past. Join us as we celebrate our humble beginnings on the banks where Dr. Goodman stood 90 years ago, the site where our first nine brothers took the obligation of the Wimachtendienk, to join in rededication of the principles of cheerful service on the banks where the oath was first administered and to remember those Brothers who began the legacy of Octoraro Lodge #22.

2016 Banquet:

The 2016 Lodge Banquet was a very successful night at the beginning of last month. Celebrating our 90th year as a Lodge, Octoraro had a former Lodge Chief, James A. Matthews, III, come out and tell some stories about his days in the Lodge and highlight how much the Lodge has changed (and stayed the same) over the years as we have continued to thrive and grow. We would like to send a sincere thank you to all that had come out to the banquet- and to the rest: we hope to see you at next year's banquet.



Brotherhood:





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Attention Ordeal Members

Did you take your Ordeal in June 2015 *or before*?

Yes: then **you** are eligible to **complete Brotherhood** this weekend!

Why should I complete Brotherhood?

- You fulfill the commitment you made during the Ordeal ceremony to **conclude the induction process** that you started when you were called-out as a candidate for the Ordeal.
- You gain further awareness of the Order's purpose.
- You learn the other part of the Legend... about Uncas' challenge while helping the Lenâpé force back the fierce marauders.
- You will meet new friends outside your troop.
- You discover what "service to others" really means.
- You rededicate yourself to the traditions of the Order of the Arrow.
- You learn the symbolism behind the two bars on your new Brotherhood sash.
- You set the example that other Arrowmen should follow.
- You gain a sense of belonging to something greater than yourself.
- You help the lodge earn the *Journey to Excellence* award.

Adults: The *Journey to Excellence* program does not distinguish between youth and adult members. Please **support the youth** in our lodge by completing your Brotherhood.

How can I sign-up to complete my Brotherhood?

Sign-ups are accepted up-to the start of the *Brotherhood Experience* at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday afternoon in Goodman Pavilion. You may sign-up at the Brotherhood table in Goodman Pavilion during Friday evening registration. You may also sign-up at dining hall during Saturday breakfast or at McIlvaine Lodge between breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

How much does it cost? Are there any other requirements?

There is no additional cost to complete Brotherhood—you paid for Brotherhood when you paid for the Ordeal. The only other requirement is that your **2016 lodge dues are paid**; if you took your Ordeal in 2015, then your dues are already paid.

Octoraro Lodge 22 needs You!!!



Upcoming Events for 2016

March

Lodge Work Days: Camp Horseshoe- March 12 & 13, 9:00 am

April

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- April 3, 2:00pm

April Service Weekend- April 29– May 1

May

Lodge Meeting: Camp Horseshoe- May 1, 9:00am

June

Section NE-6B Conclave- June 3-5

June Service Weekend- June 10- June 12

September

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- September 11, 2:00pm

Fall Fellowship Weekend- September 23– September 25

Last day to pay 2017 dues with discount- September 30

October

Cub Recruitment day- October 1 (Tentative)

Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend- October 21- October 23

November

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- November 6, 2:00pm

Lodge Leadership Development: Camp Horseshoe- November 11-12

Brotherhood Blitz: Camp Horseshoe- November 12

December

Council Service Center Cleanup- December 4

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- December 4, 2:00pm

