



Octoraro Lodge 22 Order of the Arrow

Council Service Center,
504 South Concord Road
West Chester, PA 19382

Dear Friend,

Congratulations on your election into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. You have been chosen by your fellow Scouts to become a part of our Brotherhood. Through your dedication to the ideals of Scouting, and your exemplification of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life, you have the opportunity to join this prestigious organization and earn the title of Arrowman.

The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 in the nearby Philadelphia Council; its purpose was to honor and recognize Scouts and Scouters for their steadfast dedication to the principles of Scouting. In order to be inducted into the Order, you must undertake an Ordeal, to prove your willingness to serve others, just as all Brothers have done before you.

Octoraro Lodge hosts three (3) Ordeal and Service weekends each year, April, June and September. You will have one year from the time of your election to complete your Ordeal. While you are free to choose any of the three Ordeal weekends, we strongly encourage you to complete your Ordeal in April or June, as these weekends are crucial in preparing the Reservation for the Summer Camp season.

After completing your Ordeal, and earning the distinctive pocket flap and sash which identify our members, you are not only a member of the Brotherhood, but you are now easily identified as a model Scout and Leader within the Scouting program. We encourage new Arrowmen to **supplement** their activity in their home unit by becoming active in the Lodge and its programs.

On behalf of the Brothers of Octoraro Lodge, we would like to congratulate you on your election as a candidate of the Order of the Arrow. We hope that you will join us to complete your Ordeal at the next possible opportunity. We have enclosed a Frequently Asked Questions sheet, as well as a short letter to the parents of youth candidates. Should you (or your parents) have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at questions@octoraro22.org.

In Brotherhood,

Luke Carstens

2017 Octoraro Lodge Chief

Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Adviser

Jake Segal

Staff Adviser

Charlie Rogers

Scout Executive