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## OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE LODGE

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## Chief's Corner

Brothers:

I would like to start by thanking all my vice chiefs especially Jake Segal, who has been traveling all over Chester County to hold OA elections for various troops. I would also like to thank Clayton Wilson, and Dave "Doc" Sherwood for organizing this years annual OA Banquet. Make sure to visit our silent auction where all proceeds will be going to renovating the OA Lodge.

The Lodge has had a very busy winter. We have officially gone paperless; the first stage of the renovation is close to being finished, and preparations for the first NE-6B Conclave are almost complete. The Lodge has been operating very well but we are in need of help, we have a number of Executive Committee positions that need to be filled, these positions include Winter Camp Staffing, Nominations, Troop Representatives for the Octoraro and Lenni Lennape districts, and Unit Elections; none of these positions are difficult to do. We are also looking for a Summer Camp Lodge Chief, this a paid job where you represent the Lodge over the summer and you will receive \$1,500 by the end of the summer. If you would like to give your service please contact me using the information below.

I hope everyone has a good time at the Banquet and I hope to see you at our April weekend.

In Brotherhood,

Chris Palmer

Lodge elections may take place at the April Service Weekend (see proposed By-Law change on page 2). If you are interested in running for any of the Lodge Positions (Chief, Vice Chief (3) Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer or Trustee) please contact me for more information. Don't feel up for a large position? How about helping on a Lodge Committee? We always have openings on our Committees where you can find anything that appeals to your interests. Please feel free to ask me or any of the officers about open Lodge positions. Contact Jake Segal, Vice Chief [Jake.Segal@verizon.net](mailto:Jake.Segal@verizon.net)

## II BI-LAW CHANGE II

Notice is given to all youth members. At the April 5th Lodge Executive Committee meeting at 2:00 PM at the Council Service Center, the following change to the Lodge By-Laws will be discussed and voted on: You may attend.

The proposal is to change the Lodge Bylaws, Section III Officers, subsection B, which currently reads:

"Lodge Officers shall be elected at the April Meeting. These Officers shall be installed at the June Meeting and serve a one year term."

### The proposed change reads:

**"Lodge Officers shall be elected at the September Meeting. These Officers shall be installed at the January Business Meeting of the Lodge and serve a one year term."**

### Pros

Gives officers more time to learn their position.

From election in September to taking office in January, the newly elected officers will have three months to learn positions.

Chief can go to a Council of Chiefs to learn process.

More effective LLDs,

LLDs are supposed to be done within a few months of officers taking office. Although we still do this today, our LLDs are poorly attended due to being in the summer. We can move this into the winter months where we could have greater attendance.

Runs with the calendar year

Our officer's terms would run with the National calendar, the council calendar, and the recharter of the lodge.

More voters/ more people to run at the September weekend which is our most attended weekend. This gives our elections more meaning (more voters) and gives more youth an opportunity to be active and run for officer positions.

### Cons

Breaks tradition.

This process has been used for a long time.

Interferes with other meetings.

If we move to an earlier LLD, this could interfere with the Vigil Selection and the Founders Award Selection meetings. Officers might not want to extend their terms.

Overall, one of our biggest problems as a lodge is finding youth. This new election process would make that happen easier. You can show more youth how the elections are run as well as show the most candidates how the process is. I believe this will increase youth participation and create a more effective lodge as we are matched with not only the national calendar, but the council calendar as well. All the "cons" can be dealt with, and the pros outweigh the cons.

## 2009 Octoraro Lodge 22 Fee Schedule

Annual Dues for member in good standing -	\$ 36.00
If paid before 9/30/2009	\$ 24.00
April, June or September weekends -	\$ 40.00
April weekend, April 24-26 <sup>th</sup> . If paid by 4/10/2009	\$ 25.00
June weekend, June 5-7 <sup>th</sup> . If paid by 5/22/2009	\$ 25.00
September 25-27 <sup>th</sup> . If paid by 9/11/2009	\$ 25.00
Transfer or reactivation of membership -	\$ 36.00
Ordeal candidates -	\$ 95.00
Paid prior to 10 days before weekend	\$ 85.00

**NOAC** **2009**  
AUGUST 1-6

### Octoraro 22 Brother Wins Patch Design Contest!

The section chiefs at the National Planning Meeting picked the winner of the NOAC Patch Design Contest. From the numerous submissions received, they decided that there was a three-way tie! The winning designers were: **Matthew Steinberger of Octoraro Lodge, West Chester, PA**; Michael D. of Chippewa Lodge, Waterford, MI; and Steven V. of Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge, West Palm Beach, FL.

Elements of two of the designs were combined to create the 2009 NOAC patch, which will be unveiled at the conference. The third design will be featured on the NOAC merchandise at the NOAC Trading Post. Because there were three winners, each designer will receive a \$100 credit at the NOAC Trading Post and a skybox seat at a NOAC show. Congratulations to our winners, and thanks to all who competed!

**Come to NOAC and see Matt's Patch!**

## Advisors Alley

My Brothers,

I would like to take a few minutes to remember three of our brothers who have been called home during the last year. All of them played important roles in the history of the lodge and, in one case, the history of our country.

In July, retired 4-star General Walter T. "Dutch" Kerwin passed away in Alexandria Virginia. Dutch, who grew up in West Chester, was an early member of our lodge and a popular member of the Camp Horseshoe staff in the early 1930's. He went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1939 and served in the European Theater during World War II as an artillery officer with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. For his service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters, the Army commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with "V" device, and the Bronze Star. He also received the Purple Heart when he was wounded near Mutzig, France in late 1944. General Kerwin's lasting contribution to our country was the development of the all volunteer army in 1973. Prior to that time, the draft was used to fill the ranks of the military

Early this year, word came that James H. Gawthrop had passed away at the Garden Spot Retirement Community near Lancaster. Jim was raised in Kennett Square and lived his later life in West Chester before retiring in 2000. Jim became the founding Scoutmaster of Troop 53 when he was just 18 years old and later became the associate advisor of the Lodge. Jim often lead the lodge NOAC contingents, and though he never married or had children of his own, he mentored over two dozen young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. Jim loved to do fun trips with his scouts and with the NOAC contingents and when he retired in 2000, he donated most of his scouting memorabilia to Troop 53 to sell, with the proceeds to be used to "take the Scouts on a fun adventure." The sale ultimately netted far more than Jim ever imagined possible and

to this day Troop 53 maintains the Gawthrop Fund for "fun trips." A Vigil Honor holder of our lodge, Jim also was the driving force behind the Allouchsit Allogagan (Mighty Servant) Awards, which have become a way for our lodge to recognize outstanding service to Octoraro Lodge. Tonight, we rename those awards the James H. Gawthrop, Jr. Memorial Allouchsit Allogagan Award to honor Jim's long service to our Lodge.

Two weeks after Jim passed away, Brother William W. Robertson, Jr. passed away. Bill was a longtime Scoutmaster of Troop 44 in Oxford and a Vigil Honor holder in our lodge. Bill started in Scouting as a youth and despite a somewhat nomadic early life, Bill obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1935. After a stint in the Army where he served in the southwest Pacific, Bill became somewhat of a nomad and worked in North and South America as well as the Caribbean. Bill eventually married and he and his wife Wanda saw both their son Bruce and grandson Ryan become Eagle Scouts and Vigil Honor holders of the Lodge. As Scoutmaster, Bill mentored almost two dozen young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 44 spent their summers at Camp Ware and on work weekends and when he had free time, Bill could be found working on projects in Camp Ware.

Join me in taking a minute tonight to remember these brothers, as well as the many brothers that have gone before them.

In Brotherhood,

Scott Salvatore  
Lodge Advisor





# TRAIL CREW

This year we have changed (i.e. eased) the requirements for attaining the trail crew award to improve participation. The attractive patch can be earned for 12 total hours of service with

the add-on segments for an additional 4 hrs each. Also, service on the trail crew program during summer camp through Troop standard and Troop award projects will also be credited for the award.

Remember, even though the Trail Crew award is sponsored by Octoraro Lodge 22 you don't have to be a member to earn it.

We are also announcing a Trail Crew work day on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM -3 PM (lunch provided) ...all are welcome! For further information check the website ([octoraro22.org](http://octoraro22.org)) and follow the Trail Crew link.

## HSR Trail Crew Committee

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During the 2008–2009 season, four troops participated in the Winter Camp Staffing program. Octoraro Lodge 22 thanks the brothers of these troops for their support of weekend camping at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. The troops that participated this season were: Troop 16, Troop 22, Troop 52, and Troop 100. This year, the winter camp staff was quartered at the White House while renovations were proceeding on the OA Lodge.

It is not too late to add your troop to this list. A few weekends are still available this year. Go to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation web site at:

<http://www.hsr-bsa.org/Octoraro22.htm>

for more information and to sign-up. Also, please consider participating during the 2009–2010 season. The OA Lodge will be re-opened following phase 1 of the renovations. Our goal is to staff every weekend next year! The lodge wants your help in achieving this goal. Thank you.

### *What does the winter camp staff need to do?*

Brothers participating as part of the winter camp staff must provide meaningful service to the camp during the weekend. They shall:

1. Provide a Saturday program/activity for the packs, troops, and crews in camp;
2. Perform a Saturday service project benefiting the camp;
3. Conduct a Saturday evening campfire program for the units in camp; *and*
4. Hold a Saturday evening or Sunday morning church service for the units in camp.

They will work with the Campmaster to promote the schedule of their program activities to the campers.

## NOW HIRING

Last year Octoraro Lodge decided to have a paid position on the camp staff. The Camp Chief position serves both Camp Ware and Camp Horseshoe. This job entails conducting the Saturday evening Tap-outs at Camp Horseshoe, Tap-out at Camp Ware, along with elections for the Troops at both Camps. In this position you represent the Lodge as a whole being the only paid Lodge member on the staff. Your job is to conduct everything "OA" for the camps. For this job you are employed for 60 days. Your total earnings would be 1,500.00 dollars. This position is open to any youth Lodge member and is a great way to meet new friends and help promote the Lodge and the Order of the Arrow. Please contact me anytime or any of the Lodge Officers with your questions or for an application. [Jake.Segal@verizon.net](mailto:Jake.Segal@verizon.net)