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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of this printing, Octoraro Lodge #22 has a membership of 770 Scouts and Scouters. This is broken down into 612 Ordeal members, 111 Brotherhood members and 47 Vigil members.

These figures were arrived at following three long nights spent on revising and bringing up to date our record books. To be a member in our Lodge, you must be currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America and have dues paid to the Lodge. Notices and bills were sent out to those not registered or not paid.

If you have any questions concerning your membership, contact:

Joe Knipe 492 West Valley Road Strafford/Wayne, Penna. MU 8-4359

DID YOU KNOW ??

- -that there is still one of our charter members active? He is Thomas Gillingham, a Vigil member from 1929.
- -that the Lodge was originally chartered on May 17, 1926 as Lodge #22.
- -that the Lodge was created in a ceremony on May 17, 1926, at Camp Hilldale, along the banks of the Brandywine, west of West Chester. This was a council weekend-campsite, although it is non-existant today. The ceremony was presided over by E. Urner Goodman, original founder of the Order of the Arrow. Six candidates were inducted.

FOOD - A - PLENTY & FELLOWSHIP

Octoraro Lodge #22 held its 40th Annual Banquet at the L. G. M. Hall in Coatesville, Pennsylvania on December 28, 1966. The 303 (Our largest crowd ever) people who braved the inclement weather (even the Goose walked) enjoyed a fine meal and program, highlighted by many doorprizes; greetings from our Scout Executive and Lodge Staff Advisor, John H. Gronemeyer and the evening's speaker, Captain Robert Gilroy of the Tredyffrin Police Force and also a member of our Lodge, who talked about his training at the F. B. I. Academy in Washington, D. C. The evening ended with an impressive Vigil calling-out ceremony at which tije the following members of the Lodge were announced as candidates for the Vigil Honor:

George Gruss Eric Reid Daniel Yost Steve Matejowsky

Adults

Warren Hampton Edgar McComsey William Deaver Paul Taylor

NOW HEAR THIS

Get out your calendar and mark off these dates - August 28 to September 1, 1967. Now keep these dates open and plan to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The cost will be \$30 plus transportation and lodging on the way out and back. Octoraro Lodge #22 is permitted to send six boys and one advisor, with a chance to send 24 more boys and 6 more leaders if space is available.

To get in on this fine opportunity, send letters of application to the Council Service Center - Attention: Louis Cocciolone, Chairman of the Convention.

More details of the conference will be printed in future issues. Get those letters in the mail.

CAMPING PROMOTION

The Lodge has recently made available a twenty minute audio visual program describing the council's Horseshoe Scout Reservation in Rising Sun, Maryland. The program consists of a twenty minute tape recorded by Lodge members and sixty slides of the two camps. The slides and tape will be available through the Council Service Center.

Presently, the Chairman of the District Camping Committee is contacting all troops who have not attended Horseshoe or Jubilee, or those who have had weak attendance. After the chairman has made arrangements, he should contact a Unit Election Chairman or Advisor (who are listed below). When all has been arranged, the Lodge will send a member to the troop meeting with the program and equipment. The tape recorder, slide projector, and screen are all available at the Council Service Center. If there is any questions, as to the procurement of this program, just contact a member of the Executive Committee.

UNIT ELECTION CHAIRMAN & ADVISORS

Brandywine Dist. Tracey Coffey Herb Warner
Conestoga Dist. Steve Kurash Harry Weber
French Creek Dist. David Seel Ernie Walker
Lenni-Lenape Dist. Bruce MacLaughlin
William Hall

Octoraro Dist.

Kim Mohn

Frank Rhoades

*** FINAL NOTICE ***

Following the revising of the Lodge record books, notices were sent out to those members who were not registered or had not paid dues. There was a large response from this notice, but a number of members did not take notice. A second announcement will be sent out to the effect that this will be a final notice and that if dues are not paid or if members are not registered, they will be dropped from our records and receive no further Lodge correspondence.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

What are you doing this summer? Nothing? Good! How about a job at Camp Horseshoe or Camp Jubilee? Sounds good doesn't it? Well now, what do you have to do to apply? Easy! Get a Summer Camp Staff Application from the Council Service Center. What then? For you who have not worked at camp before, you will be contacted for an interview.

Now, get that application turned in. Camp is right around the corner.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 18	Interviews for Camp	
March 18	Work Day - Council Ser- vice Center	
April 29	Work Day - Horseshoe	
June 2, 3, 4	Spring Ordeal - Horseshoe	
June 9, 10, 11	Area III-A Conference Broad Creek Scout Camp	
June 12	Editor's Birthday	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On April 8, 1967, the Explorers of

Chester County Council are sponsoring an Explorer Safe-Driving Road Rally. The Program needs help to aid in checking and inspecting the cars at various points. If you are interested, please contact Joe Knipe at MU 8-4359. About 100 volunteers will be needed, so spread the word!

On April 1, 1967 there will be Inspection and Orientation for participating cars.