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The Wulamoc

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Chief

He Who Speaks Truly

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

June 5, 2004	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting 4:00pm
June 11-18, 2004	NE4A Conclave at Camp Minsi
September 12, 2004	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting 2:00pm
October 1-3, 2004	Lodge Service Weekend
October 2, 2004	Lodge Executive Committee Meeting 4:00pm
August	Lodge Summit (see Andy Arthur for details)

**Congratulations to the following for being elected to serve
and lead Octoraro Lodge 22 in the 2004 - 2005 term.**

Andy Arthur	Lodge Chief -- 610-388-1298
Chris Grove	Vice Chief – 610-933-2846
Ted Mongan	Vice Chief – 610-444-9515
Mike Tancredi	Vice Chief -- Phone #
Mark Staab	Recording Secretary – 610-917-0670
James Coll	Corresponding Secretary -- 610-363-9349

Weekend Weather

Weather for June 4 Mostly Sunny. High: 75 Low: 52
 Weather for June 5 Partly Cloudy. High: 77 Low: 63
 Weather for June 6 Isolated T'storms. High: 82 Low: 65

Chief's Bonnet:

Brothers,

This is the first opportunity to address you as the new chief of Octoraro Lodge, which is undisputedly the best lodge in this universe as well as in the next 2 universes over. I suppose I ought to let you know that I am a history buff, (It runs in the family) and I just wanted to share with you a few observations that I have made, and a few that I have temporarily borrowed. "We cannot escape history. We will be remembered in spite of ourselves. The Fiery trial through which we pass will light us down in honor or dishonor to the latest generation. We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of earth" (Abraham Lincoln). Indeed, these are trying times, as no one can deny. Whether or not they are as trying as Lincoln's time remains to be seen, but in any case, the people who decide the outcome will be the same. Those on the front lines will be the ones who decide how the issues are decided. Some would say that this is irrelevant to us here today, but I firmly disagree. In some cases, we here will be on the front lines within the not too distant future. In any case, we must remember that the most successful people are those who execute the fundamentals the best. We need to fulfill our responsibilities on time, every time, error free, no exceptions. Is that impossible? Probably, but that is no excuse not to try. In lodge has the best that the world has to offer, and if we do not try to do everything in our power to accomplish our goals, than no one else will. Above all, maintain a sense of humor, because when people do not keep a sense of humor, they usually end up as religious wackos or governmental stooges.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andy Arthur

Lodge Chief

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Contributions to the Wulamoc are always welcome. If you would like to submit news or articles for the next Wulamoc, please contact James Coll at 610-363-9349 or via email at xgene@comcast.net

News and Notes

Congratulations to the following members who were called out for the Vigil Honor at the Lodge Banquet in March

Brian Armstrong	Anthony Cascone	Evan Ellwanger	Matt Lewis
Ryan Robertson	Ted Mongan	Robert Pantazes	Robert Pryor Jr.
Jackie Palmer	Ray Conlin	Robert Cunningham	Harry Alberts
Bruce Wilson	Casey Snyder	Blake Pritchard	Richard Bensing

Congratulations to the following recipients of the James H. Gawthrop Allouchsit Allogagan Award as announced at the Lodge Banquet in March.

Frank J. DiMarzio	G. Mitch King	Eleanor "Ellie" Rettew
James J. Trainor	Wesley B. Vincent	

Octoraro Presents the Founders' Award to Three Individuals

By: Matt Griffin

On behalf of the Founders' Award Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this years' Founders' Award recipients, Noah Austin, Brett D'Antonio and JB Rettew.

Noah Austin is well known to nearly anyone who comes to camp due to his enthusiastic and outgoing personality. Noah's contributions to the Lodge as a ceremonialist as well as Vigil Honor Chairman have been outstanding, due to this he became one of our three Founders' Award Recipients.

Brett D'Antonio was a major factor in the success of the 2003 NE-4A conclave held on the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Although Brett's contributions extend much deeper through his efforts in making the lodge much more prevalent within out units, it is his outstanding service to his troop that made Brett an outstanding recipient.

JB Rettew is no stranger to Horseshoe, or Octoraro Lodge. Words simply cannot begin to explain the outstanding contributions that JB has made to our Scouting program. In being awarded the Founders' Award, JB became the first dual recipient of the James H. Gawthrop Allouchsit Allogagan Award award the Founders' Award.

Congratulations to Noah, Brett and JB for being awarded the Founders' Award. Nomination forms for the 2005 Founders Award are available on the lodge website at www.octoraro22.org.

Friend of Octoraro Lodge to be Awarded the Distinguished Service Award

By Matt Griffin

At the National BSA Meeting in Chicago, the National Order of the Arrow Committee selected Edward T. Clifford, III of Unami Lodge, Cradle of Liberty Council to receive the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Ed has rendered unselfish service to the Lodges of Section NE-4A, serving for two terms as Section Chief.. Ed also served as Conference Vice Chief for Training at the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference as well as the Program Vice Chief for the development of a New Lodge Leadership Development Conference in 2003. Congratulations Ed!

2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference*Chosen to Lead, Inspired to Serve*Adapted from www.oa-bsa.org

Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen themselves. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun.

These gatherings draw over 7000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five days of training, fun, and fellowship. With each conference, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and more exciting.

NOAC has many different aspects and it is impossible to participate in every event in one year. Each year events are added and changed so you could go to NOAC every time and do new things each time. The main activities at NOAC include training, ceremonies evaluation, American Indian events, shows, competitions, and Founders' Day. NOAC has something for every one of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events.

This year's NOAC is being held at Iowa State University. For more information, see Conventions Chairman Eric Johnson.

Hanging up the Sash: a message for new members

By: John Sauser

Are you a new member of Lodge 22? Have you just joined the OA? Did you think your ordeal was a little rough and your back is sore from sleeping on the ground? Have you "been there, done that, and got the sash." Decide you will just hang up your sash in the closet and maybe bring it out for a court of honor or something? Well, then you are missing out on a lot. There's more to the Order of the Arrow than just taking your Ordeal; the service continues every work weekend and the service continues, whether it be a work weekend, work day, or special event. You can always become a line leader and help bring in new members like your line leader brought you into the order. Or, you can work was a waiter or roofer. This list goes on.

Besides the work there are fun events in the OA, that is if you do not find working with your friends' fun. Every year a conclave is hosted, in which all the lodges in the section meet for games and training. Or there is a National Order of the Arrow conference held every biannually, and the name says it all: National Order of the Arrow Conference, just a big conclave with lodges from all over the nation. How much you do is up to you, but just remember when hanging your sash, it goes over the right shoulder and the arrow always points up.

You got an itch you just can't scratch? Then buy a back scratcher or if your itch pertains to wanting to get involved in the OA executive committee, then contact Andy Arthur at 610-388-1298 or chief@octoraro22.com