



Octoraro Lodge 22

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My Goals for the Coming Year

Brothers,

As your 2017 Lodge Chief, I am proud of our lodge's past accomplishments as well as excited about its future. My goals for this year can be summed up in two major points.

First, membership. Our membership is already outstanding for a lodge of our geographic area, encompassing only the area of Chester County while approaching nine hundred members. However, I know our council is capable of an even larger lodge, one that could provide even better camp service than it currently does. I plan on achieving this goal of increased membership by increasing visitations to inactive troops, revamping lodge-troop communications through the Troop Representative training we will be implementing in April, improving our program at Lodge Weekends, and creating a new fellowship event.

Second, I want the lodge to witness a new birth in service, to our camp but also to our community. Not only do I wish to see more Horseshoe workdays this year than in any prior year I have witnessed, but I want to expand the Day of Service committee to reach out and allow the lodge to do good for those whose lives have not yet been affected by scouting.

Brothers, I hope you share my vision for the lodge this year and in the future, and I am excited and honored to work with you to get there.

Luke Carstens

Lodge Chief



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As we head into Spring season, our weather has been mild once again, which has given us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. As daylight lengthens, it enables us the opportunity to accomplish many things this year. It reminds me of a famous idiom: “Not enough Hours in the day”. I reflect on that saying from time to time and I realize that the does not apply to our Lodge. With the day to day pressures of school, work and a personal life, we the Brothers of Octoraro 22 always manage to get done what needs to be done to serve others cheerfully. As we enter into our 91st year, we have many things not only to thankful for but things to look forward to. Our 90th year was a busy one but our 91st will be equally as busy. I know, we are up to the challenge.

I would like to congratulate and thank those for all we accomplished at Camp Horseshoe and Chester County Council. We utilized our OA Bridge and Fire Circle for the first time in three years last April. Our C5 (Chester County Council Cub Camporee) event was the largest Lodge event held in 2016 (420 Cub Scouts, Parents and 48 Lodge Members). In 2016, Octoraro Lodge, qualified for the Journey to Excellence Gold Award (5th out of the 5 years of the program) – Congratulations!

In speaking with our youth leadership, they too have a renewed focus on youth involvement and building our lodge participation at events to even greater heights. The lodge plans are starting to come into focus for 2017. Although, we do not anticipate any work on the bridge this year, other than what has already been done – we do plan on getting the Fire Circle complete. This year our focus will revolve around our Lodge Building – more to come. The lodge has plans in place to hold it first ever OA Troop Representative Summit on April 2nd. New goals have been set for our participation for Conclave 2017, C5 work weekend and fellowship involvement.

There will be days, when you think you can't do one more thing in the day. I challenge you to do just one more thing – that one more thing, will make the difference. I am confident that with your assistance, that our youth leadership will accomplish the goals set forth by them for our lodge.

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Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Advisor



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Section NE-6B Conclave:

June 9 – 11 at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. Conclave is a fun and educational experience where 5 lodges from Section NE-6B convene annually to share best practices, have fun activities in the afternoon, and further the purpose of the OA. The 2017 theme is James Bond, and the world is not enough to keep you from signing up! Our Lodge's goal is to have 100 Brothers attend and registration is now open. The cost is \$36, or \$46 with the purchase of a t-shirt. If you have a t-shirt design, e-mail it to conventions@octoraro22.org.

Upcoming Calendar:

March 18th – Trail Crew workday at Camp Ware, 9 am to 3 pm
April 2nd – 12:30 PM Troop Rep Summit, 2 PM LEC Meeting, Council Service Center
April 28th – 30th, April Service Weekend, HSR
April 30th – LEC Meeting, 9:30 AM, Camp Horseshoe Dining Hall
June 2nd – 4th, June Service Weekend, HSR
June 4th – LEC Meeting, 9:30 AM, Camp Horseshoe Dining Hall
June 9th – 11th, Section NE-6B Conclave, Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
July 15th – 16th, Vigil Weekend, Camp Horseshoe
September 10th – LEC Meeting, 2 PM, Council Service Center
September 29th – October 1st, September Fellowship Weekend, HSR
October 1st – LEC Meeting, 2 PM, Council Service Center
October 14th – 15th, Chester County Council Cub Camporee
October 21st – 22nd – Blue Heron Fellowship, Pipsico Scout Reservation
November 5th – LEC Meeting, 2 PM, Council Service Center
November 10th – 11th, Lodge Leadership Development course, Camp Horseshoe
November 11th – Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe
December 3rd – 12 PM Council Cleanup, 2 PM LEC Meeting, Council Service Center



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Attention Ordeal Members

Your brothers in the lodge want **you** to choose to **complete Brotherhood** in 2017!

Why should **you** choose to **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 Lenapé 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 Brotherhood. Can they rely on your help?

How many opportunities are there to **complete Brotherhood** during 2017?

There are four opportunities during 2017 to **complete Brotherhood** by participating in the *Brotherhood Experience* and Brotherhood ceremony. These opportunities are: the two spring service weekends (April and June), the fall fellowship weekend (September), and the *Brotherhood Blitz* (November). See the lodge calendar for details.

How much does Brotherhood 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 **2017 lodge dues are paid**; if you took your Ordeal in 2016, then your dues are already paid.

Your brothers await **your** decision in **our** circle!!!