



Octoraro Lodge 22 THE WULAMOC

Serving Cheerfully Since 1926 Banquet 2016

The Chief's Bonnet:

Good Evening. My name is AJ Moreno, and I am the 2016 Lodge Chief of Octoraro 22. 2015 was an extremely busy, yet successful year for our lodge. Last year, we achieved a total of 22,716 hours of service to Chester County Council, an average of about 25.8 hours of service per Arrowmen, and we earned the Journey to Excellence Gold Level Award for the fourth year in a row. We were also awarded the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, the National Service Award, and the Innovation Award.

We saw 220 Ordeal Candidates gain entrance into our Order, as well as converting 116 members to the degree of Brotherhood. We were also proud to see 16 brothers keep the Vigil in 2015. We hosted great events like the April, June, and September Weekends, LLD, Cub Day, and the first annual Day of Service. We also sent a large contingent to National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, at Michigan State University. It was a great year for our lodge.

This year, I hope to continue the trend of great leadership, fellowship, and service. 2016 will be no short of excitement with our Lodge entering its 90th year of service. Needless to say, we have a lot planned to celebrate this great milestone. There will be plenty of great programs at the weekends and great fellowship activities. We also have great plans to make great progress at Camp by reconstructing the OA Bridge and re-opening the iconic Fire Circle among several other projects. I hope you all will join us for another great year for Octoraro 22. Thank you for your time and enjoy the Banquet!



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Lodge Adviser's Minute:

As we enter into the month of March, I feel relieved and thankful for the mild winter season. The aches and pains of age were mitigated for another year, thanks in part to the lack of significant snowfall. Next week we should anxiously look forward to Daylight Savings time, as we get some additional daylight to do the things we enjoy. I always look at that time as a renewal and a time for reflection. I get excited, starting to write lists of what I plan to accomplish this coming Spring and Summer season. We too, as a Lodge, should look at what we can accomplish this year as well as what we already lies ahead of us.

Octoraro Lodge 22 will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year. The first nine Brothers were inducted in May of 1926 with the assistance of Lodge #4 out of Bronx (NY). Unfortunately, they have been merged and merged again into another Lodge. Our Legacy continues and thrives today - unlike many others in the Country. This year will be a year of celebration with new and exciting things as well as Cheerful Service.

We should set our sights to attend as many events as possible to reinvigorate that dedication to our Legacy. Some of the things to look forward to are the Trail Crew days. We just won't be doing the normal Trail work but you will be able to say you were a part of reestablishing the OA Bridge and OA Fire Circle work. The plan is to have it ready for the April Weekend. The Fire Circle will be utilized for the first time in four years – many of our Brothers have yet to see it. Besides our normal June weekend, we will be attending Conclave 2016, which will be hosted by Sasquesahanough Lodge 11 at Camp Tuckahoe from June 3rd – 5th. In 2015, we sent 90 Brothers, our goal this year is 100. From June 19th through June 22nd, we will be attending the event PRISM at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Our Brothers will be taking part in a rededication Ceremony with the original fire circle from Treasure Island, a day of Service and a free day to take part in the activities offered at the Summit. You can currently register through a lottery system if you plan on attending. Our September Fellowship weekend will again be a time of celebration – activities to be announced. Our year will wind down with our Day of Service and Lodge Leadership Development weekend.



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When I look at the year ahead, I know 2016 will be a busy one. Albert Einstein put it best as I reflect at the year ahead. "Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing" - Albert Einstein.

I look forward to seeing you all this year as we ALL live up the Legacy of celebrating our 90th year of Cheerful Service.

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Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Advisor

90th Anniversary:

2016 is Octoraro Lodge 22's 90th Anniversary. Stay tuned to find out what great things are in store for the Lodge, and keep an eye open for the multiple patches coming out his year!

2016 Lodge Officers:

With a new year comes new Lodge officers! Please welcome the 2016 officers, voted for during the September Fellowship Weekend.

Lodge Chief: AJ Moreno

Vice Chief of Administration: Kevin Schwenk

Vice Chief of Program: Luke Carstens

Recording Secretary: Tyler Rollins

Corresponding Secretary: Kevin Babb

Treasurer: Carter Miller



Upcoming Events for 2016

March

Lodge Work Days: Camp Horseshoe- March 12 & 13, 9:00 am

April

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- April 3, 2:00pm

April Service Weekend- April 29– May 1

May

Lodge Meeting: Camp Horseshoe- May 1, 9:00am

June

Section NE-6B Conclave- June 3-5

June Service Weekend- June 10- June 12

September

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- September 11, 2:00pm

Fall Fellowship Weekend- September 23– September 25

Last day to pay 2017 dues with discount- September 30

October

Cub Recruitment day- October 1

Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend- October 21- October 23

November

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- November 6, 2:00pm

Lodge Leadership Development: Camp Horseshoe- November 11-12

Brotherhood Blitz: Camp Horseshoe- November 12

December

Council Service Center Cleanup- December 4

Lodge Meeting: Council Service Center- December 4, 2:00pm

