



Octoraro Lodge 22

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April 2017

Brothers,

When I set out at the beginning of my term as chief, I laid out a number of goals for myself. Foremost among these goals was an increase in membership and participation in our lodge, and I immediately made sure our lodge was taking steps to work towards this.

I am happy to say that we are well on our way to the largest Octoraro 22 of all time. We have several visits to inactive troops scheduled already, and we are currently in contact with the rest of the council's troops with a low number of OA members. With the help of our Lodge Officers and Advisers, we should be able to pay a visit to every single troop that needs one, where we will state the Order's case and stress its importance.

We need your help with this goal as well. Each brother in our lodge knows at least one scout or scouter that either does not come to enough OA functions or has never even taken their Ordeal. I implore you to reach out to this person, make the effort to tell them how great our organization is. Let them know what the Lodge wants is more service, and that the only path there is with more members.

With your help, we can reach membership numbers this lodge has never seen before. Please consider my words, and understand that every action you take on the part of the lodge benefits the community and the lives of countless others.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Luke Carstens



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The April Weekend is here and it is time once again to welcome new Brothers into the Lodge. Please take five minutes out of your weekend to welcome them and explain to them what lies ahead. Offer them an explanation of what W.W.W. truly means. It has been quite a busy year so far in the first four months. In January, we sent a contingent to #LEAD for a training. In March, we hosted a successful Banquet and nominated individuals for the Vigil Honor. On April 2nd, the LEC and the OA Troop Representative Committee held its first ever OA Troop Representative Training. We had 18 youth and 16 Adults attend – 18 out of the 69 Troops – it was great first step but more to come.

With the passing of April, I am pleased to announce that the second phase of repairs on the Fire Circle and OA Bridge projects are now complete – thank you to those Brothers that came out for a full day. Because of their dedication, all of us will be the benefit of their arduous labor. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Trail Crew for their excellent work on widening the Green Trail at Camp Ware. Without your dedication, perseverance and your belief in Cheerful Service, we would have not been able to complete these huge projects.



One of the main goals of National and Octoraro Lodge 22, is membership retention and increased Youth involvement. Our first step was to engage the Youth and Adult OA Troop Representatives at our training in early April. We felt that to drive retention and involvement, a good OA Troop Representative was an integral part of the success. The second step was to reach out to those Troops we felt had an opportunity to increase membership. Recently, a communication went out to Troops seeking Troop Visits and Unit Elections. Currently with no engagement (approximately 12 Troops) and some 19 Troops with membership opportunities – that is 45% of the Troops currently registered under Chester County Council. This appeal to the Scoutmasters was to increase Troop representation and involvement and we plan to follow up if we do not hear back. The LEC and Unit Elections Committees cannot do this on their own. It will take the entire



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Lodge to spread the word. You ask, “How can I assist”? Three ways come to mind, first get in touch with the Officers and assist in local Troop Visitations. Secondly, contact the Unit Elections Committee directly and ask how you could assist. Lastly, spread the word back in your Troop and at Summer Camp, be ready to speak about your experiences in the Order of the Arrow and what you and your Troop do.

Besides our June weekend, we will be attending Conclave 2017, which will be hosted by Kittatinny Lodge 5 at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation from June 9th – 11th. In 2016, the Lodge sent 75 Brothers. Octoraro had the largest contingent, however, we had the smallest youth contingent. Our goal this year is 100 with a 50-50 split. Currently, we are falling short – registration stands around 25. I would urge a call to action and show NE6B who we are. I look forward to the Goose calls and Fellowship that weekend. Our September Fellowship weekend will again be a time of celebration – activities to be announced.



I look forward to seeing you all this year and appeal to each of you to assist in driving retention and new membership. Please spread the word of Cheerful Service.

W.W.W

Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Advisor



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Attention Ordeal Members

Did you take your Ordeal in June 2016 or before?

Yes: then you are eligible to complete Brotherhood this weekend!

Why should I 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 Lenâpé 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 your Brotherhood.

How can I sign-up to complete my Brotherhood?

Sign-ups are accepted up-to the start of the Brotherhood Experience at 1:30PM on Saturday afternoon in Goodman Pavilion. You may sign-up at the Brotherhood table in Goodman Pavilion during Friday evening registration. You may also sign-up at dining hall during Saturday breakfast or at McIlvaine Lodge between breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

How much does it 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.

Octoraro Lodge 22 needs YOU!!!



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Section NE-6B Conclave

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! This year it will be held June 9 – 11 at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. The 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.

Dance Team

We are still looking for more people to join the OA dance team. When we get enough for a team we will be giving out OA flaps when they're approved for Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. If you are interested please contact us for more info at battaviob7132@gmail.com or dappersage@verizon.net

Octoraro 22, April 2017 Word Search

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Octoraro Lodge Calendar 2017

Amended and Approved 3/5/2017

January 2017

- 8 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 12:00 PM
- Founders Award Selection Meeting, Council Service Center, 1:00 PM
- Vigil Selection Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 28 # Lead, Carroll County Community College in Westminster, MD

February 2017

- 5 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- TBA OA Troop Representative Summit

March 2017

- 5 Lodge Meeting, Chester County Technical School, Downingtown, PA, 2:00 PM
- Annual Lodge Banquet, Chester County Technical School, Downingtown, PA, 4:00 PM
- 18 Trail Crew Day, Horseshoe Scout Reservation – Camp Ware 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

April 2017

- 2 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 15 Lodge Work Day at Camp, 8:00 AM
- 28-30 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp (Lodge Meeting, April 30, 9:30 AM)

May 2017

June 2017

- 2-4 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp (Lodge Meeting, June 4, 9:30 AM)
- 9-11 NE Section 6B Conclave, Kittatinny Lodge 5 Hosting, Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation (Tentative)

July 2017

- 15-16 Vigil Weekend at Camp
- 15 HSRAA - HSR

August 2017

September 2017

- 10 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 22-24 Lodge Fellowship Weekend at Camp (Lodge Meeting, October 1, TBA)
- 30 Last Day to Pay 2018 Dues at a Discounted Rate

October 2017

- 14-15 C5 Event hosted by Octoraro Lodge
- 20-22 Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend, Tidewater, VA (Tentative)

November 2017

- 5 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 10-11 Lodge Leadership Development Conference at Camp TBA
- 11 Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe, TBA

December 2017

- 3 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM (Service Center Cleanup starting time TBA)