

THE Wulamoc



Annual Lodge Banquet a Huge Success

The opinions of those who attended this year's Lodge Banquet are virtually identical- it was the best banquet they had attended in a long time.

Members and guests from all over Chester County, Pennsylvania, and beyond took the trek up to Kimberton Fire Hall on March 13th for the Annual Lodge Banquet. The attendance soared above last year's mark to reach 335 people- an astounding feat considering the late mailing.

New features at the banquet included a demonstration by the new lodge Drum/Dance Team and the sale of the Lodge Jacket Patch. In a new program feature that the lodge hopes to institute, Nick Abraham gave a short speech on his views of the Order as a newer member, while Mr. Bob Matje Sr. reflected on the impact of the OA on him as an "experienced" member. To coincide with the "Materials" part of the new Lodge Strategic plan, member resource surveys were passed out at the banquet to assist with the recruitment of help for future projects in the lodge. Before the festivities began, the Lodge Committee had their picture taken on the stage to commemorate a very successful year.

"Unique" door prizes at the banquet provided a good laugh for some in attendance but disappointed most who received them. These gag prizes ranged from a length of carpet to a metal rod, although most door prizes were store bought by members of the Vigil Honor.

The keynote speaker of the evening, George P. March, spoke on his memorable experiences as a youth member of Chester County Council and he emphasized the importance of the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scout program. Mr. March is an Eagle Scout with 2 palms from Downingtown Troop 2, and is a Brotherhood member of Octoraro #22. In his professional life, Mr. March spent time serving in the U.S. Army but has lead a successful career as a Law Enforcement officer. He has been chief of the Chester County Detectives and is also a graduate of the National FBI Academy. Mr. March spoke of the huge impact the Order of the Arrow had on his life and career, and he re-inforced how important it is for the Boy Scouts to continue as one of many stabilizing forces in an increasingly tumultuous world.

14 Brothers Called-Out into the Vigil Honor

At the conclusion of the evening, fourteen brotherhood members were called-out in a solemn ceremony to make them new candidates of the Vigil Honor. This is the largest Vigil class since 1996 when sixteen brothers were called out.

The following members were called-out into the Vigil Honor:



Youth

Noah Austin
Matthew Griffin
Chris Helmcamp
Mark Herman
Adam Larson
Sean McConnell
Tim Zupko



Adult

Ray Coe
Tom Cooper Sr.
Ed Dougherty Sr.
Susan Fisher
Curtis Fouts
Robert S. Hinderliter
Rodney Wynn



Jacket Patch Sells Well

Fifteen dollars was a small price to pay for one of the best products that Octoraro #22 has ever offered. Around 280 of the new jacket patches were sold at the banquet, which means over eighty percent of those in attendance bought one. This raised \$4200 for the lodge and the combined trading post sales soared above all past banquets and the average Ordeal weekend.

The jacket patch will now be a regular at the trading post during lodge service weekends along with the two degree segments that can be sewed adjacent to the large jacket patch.



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Special Section: 1999-2000 Lodge Officer Candidates

Lodge Chief

"The Lodge Chief is the heart of the Lodge. In order to be eligible to run for the office of Chief, a candidate must have previously been elected to a vice-chief position. The Chief is responsible for running the Lodge Committee and ensuring that the Lodge will continue to run in a smooth fashion."

The Candidates

◆◆◆ Cleo Brun ◆◆◆

Cleo became a member of the lodge in September of 1994 when he passed his Ordeal. One year later in September of 1995, he earned the Brotherhood degree. In June of 1998, Cleo became a Vigil Honor member of Octoraro #22. Cleo holds the Life rank and is a member of Troop 53. In his troop, Cleo has served as APL, PL, Scribe, Quartermaster, ASPL, and SPL.

Cleo currently serves the lodge as the Program Vice Chief of the Lodge, but has previously been the Convention Committee Co-Chairman, a position he held for three years.

Cleo was recently presented with the Founders' Award along with his twin brother, Kyle.

◆◆◆ Matthew Griffin ◆◆◆

Matt joined Boy Scouting in 1992 and has served both his troop and lodge in many positions. Matt earned his Ordeal in June 1994 and received his Brotherhood degree in April of 1995, both at Camp Horseshoe. Matt was called-out recently as a Vigil Honor candidate. Matt is an Eagle Scout, now with Troop 181, and has served as an APL, PL, Troop Guide, Bugler, and ASPL. He is now a JASM with his troop.

Matt was previously the Camp Promotions Chairman for the lodge and is currently serving his second term as the Administrative Vice-Chief.

Matt has attended 5 Conclaves and the 1 NOAC, and he has served on the Camp Horseshoe staff in 1998 and will return again this year.

Vice Chief

"The responsibility of the Vice-Chief is to help the Chief in all areas possible. There are two Vice-Chiefs, Administrative and Program. Both Vice-Chiefs make sure that each committee does its job responsibly and well. Both are responsible for the duties of the chief, should the chief be absent."

The Candidates

◆◆◆ Kyle Brun ◆◆◆

Kyle obtained the Ordeal degree in September of 1994 and earned his Brotherhood in September 1995. Kyle received the Vigil Honor in June of 1998. In his troop, Kyle is a Life Scout, has served as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Historian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Kyle is now an Instructor with Troop 53. He has also been nominated for Scout of the Year by the Octoraro District.

In the past, Kyle has held the position of Convention Committee Co-Chairman, an office he has held for three years. Currently, Kyle serves the lodge as Treasurer. Recently, Kyle has received the Founders' Award.

◆◆◆ Eric Kimmel ◆◆◆

Eric joined Scouting in June of 1993 and took his Ordeal in April of 1997. Eric sealed his membership by becoming a Brotherhood member in June of 1998. Eric is a Life Scout in Troop 78 where he currently serves as an APL.

Eric has been the Regalia Committee Chairman over the past year and is heading the Lodge Open House Committee for the upcoming June Service weekend. Eric has worked on the Camp Horseshoe staff for the past two years as a C.I.T. and Handicraft instructor, and will return again this summer for a third year.

◆◆◆ Chris Truitt ◆◆◆

Chris is a Brotherhood member of Octoraro #22 and is a member of East Greenville Troop 108. He is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster with his troop and will receive his Eagle wings soon. Chris has spent the last year in the lodge as the Winter Camp Staffing Co-Chairman.

Chris is a recipient of the J.B. Rettew Staff member of the Year for his outstanding work as a counselor at Camp Horseshoe. Chris has worked at Horseshoe four previous years and will return this year as the Campcraft Director.

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Treasurer

"The Treasurer keeps accurate records of Lodge inventories, insignia, emblems and supplies. He arranges for the payment of bills and maintains financial records for the Lodge."

The Candidate

◆◆◆ Dale Mast ◆◆◆

Dale has been an active member of Octoraro #22 for the past year and a half, taking his Ordeal in September of 1997 and his Brotherhood in June 1998. Since joining, Dale has taken on the role of Octoraro District Program Chairman.

Dale joined Boy Scouting in the 1993-1994 season and has been a leader in almost every position for Troop 217. These positions include APL, PL, QM, Troop Guide, Den Chief, Chaplain's Aide, and ASPL.

Dale has been to the 1997 National Jamboree and the recent NOAC held in Ames, Iowa. Dale went to last year's NE-4A Section Conclave and plans on attending the 1999 one as well.



Recording Secretary

"This secretary's duties include keeping accurate and simple minutes of meetings, as well as keeping track of lodge attendance."

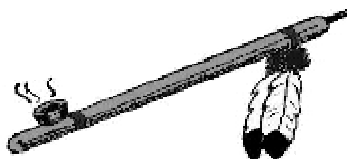
The Candidate

◆◆◆ Vince Piotti ◆◆◆

Vince joined Boy Scouts in April of 1994 and has been active in Troop 181. Vince has been a PL, Scribe, and the SPL for his troop and he now holds the position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Vince is currently a Life Scout.

Vince took his Ordeal in September of 1997 and went through Brotherhood a year later in September 1998. Since becoming a member of Octoraro #22, Vince has been the Diamond Rock District Program Chairman for the lodge.

Vince has been a Camp Horseshoe Staff Member for the past 2 years as a C.I.T. and as an Ecology & Conservation Counselor.



Corresponding Secretary

The Responsibilities of the Corresponding Secretary include all aspects of published communication among the lodge. He is responsible for the publication of the newsletter, as well as any pamphlets, lodge-troop relations, and thank-you notes or other letters that must be sent by the lodge."

The Candidate

◆◆◆ Michael Arles ◆◆◆

Michael joined the Boy Scouts in October 1991 and has been an APL, PL, Scribe, QM, Instructor, JASM with several troops such as 66 and 117. Mike is an Eagle Scout and currently holds the title of Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 66.

Mike took his Ordeal in September of 1993 and Brotherhood in June 1995. In the past, Mike has been the Lenni-Lenape Chairman for the Brotherhood Committee and has also been the Lenni-Lenape Chairman for the Program Committee.

Mike has earned the World Conservation Award and Mike has also been a staff member at Camp Horseshoe in 1995, 1996, 1998, and will return again in 1999.

All candidates must be under 21 years of age at the conclusion of their office term, should they be elected. All candidates must be active members of Octoraro #22, but there are no stipulations on degree or experience. Anyone who would like to run as a "write-in" should talk to Matt McLaughlin.

Upcoming Events

May 1: Lodge Committee Meeting, Camp Horseshoe

June 4-6: Summer Work Weekend, Camp Horseshoe

June 5: Lodge Committee Meeting, Camp Horseshoe

June 5: Lodge Open House at Camp Horseshoe

June 11-13: 1999 NE-4A Conclave hosted by Wyona #18 at Camp Lavigne.

July 24-25: Vigil Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Aug. 20: Lodge Committee Summit at Camp Horseshoe

Sep 24-26: Fall Fellowship Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

Founders' Award Goes Out to 3 Brothers

In an unusual gesture, only reserved for larger lodges such as Octoraro #22, the past Founders' Awards recipients chose three brothers to be conferred the Founders' Award. Kyle Brun, Clee Brun, and Harold Weber were honored at the annual lodge banquet for their distinguished and dedicated service to Octoraro Lodge.

Kyle Brun, in the wake of financial turmoil within the lodge, was able to set straight a delicate situation by reorganizing the lodge's budget in order to have a better record of the money flow. The finance committee has also blossomed under his term of office along with the direction of Mike Patton.

Clee Brun brought forth new innovate ideas for the Lodge Banquet as well as spearheading the Program Committee to go out to Roundtable meetings to spread the word about Octoraro. All the committees under his office flourished in one way or another, bringing Octoraro to the next plateau of excellence.

Mr. Harold Weber, affectionately knows as "Web", has done heaploads of work for the lodge in recent years. An excellent carpenter and all-around craftsman, "Web" has spent endless hours working on the Lodge Building and doing crafts for special events such as the 1997 Conclave at Camp Horseshoe. Rarely does one find a person as devoted to service as Harold Weber, and some have said that this Founders' Award has been due for quite some time.

Reminders

- This is the end of the year for the Lodge Committee, but it is also the beginning for anyone interested in joining the Committee. There are sure to be plenty of spots so be sure to talk to an officer, new or old, about signing up.
- If you would like a unit election, call Ryan Sedar at 274-0275 and he can arrange one for you.
- Anyone interested in taking Brotherhood should sign up at the Lodge Building Friday night with Mike Fagan or Saturday morning with Hans Klotzbach. You must have 10 months of service to be eligible for Brotherhood.
- There will be a Line Leader meeting held on either May 21st or 22nd at Camp Horseshoe. All line leaders, past, present, or future, should attend. Contact Adam Miller for more information at miller@voicenet.com.
- Anyone who can donate old LPs to the Camp Horseshoe record collection should drop them off at HQ during the June Weekend or at Summer Camp.

New National Leadership

The 1999 Order of the Arrow National Officers were elected in Dallas, Texas recently. Will Parker, a Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award recipient, was elected Chief while Andy Oh, also a Vigil Honor member and Founders' Award from Amagamek Wipit Lodge, was elected to the position of Vice Chief. Ken Jenkins, a member of Allemakewink Lodge, was elected the Northeast Region Chief. You can contact these officers at the following email addresses:

National Chief Will Parker: wparker274@aol.com

National Vice Chief Andy Oh: ohas@jmu.edu

NE Region Chief Ken Jenkins: kjen9202@postoffice.uri.edu



The Chief's Bonnet

Brothers,

As we close our 1998-99 Lodge Year, we would like to take the time to thank all of you. This Lodge Year has been extremely successful. We have soared to new heights and set new precedents. Yet all this could have never been done without all of you.

As we all know, this is a time of farewells and thank you's. It is also a time for new beginnings and challenges. Our new officers will be elected, and new committee chairs will be appointed. We will say goodbye to some officers and chairs for college or age.

These new beginnings will hopefully bring out more youth to serve. We have many positions to fill, so if you are interested, please see one of the officers to sign up. Our challenges are many, our goals so great. We as a lodge can achieve these goals. At the end of this weekend, two of us will no longer be in office, but we would like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to serve you for this past year.

In closing, we would like to encourage all of you to work your hardest this weekend; we have many parents to impress in June, so lets make our Camps look in the best shape ever!

Yours in Brotherhood,

John M. Callahan
Lodge Chief