



Octoraro Lodge 22

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THE WULAMOC

June 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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I would like to welcome back the new Brothers that took their Ordeal during the April weekend and those that have decided it was time to get back involved. The primary 2017 goal of the Chief and his Officers was increased by participation – particularly the youth. The steps decided to attack the plan was four-fold.

The first through engaging Troops via an OA Troop Representative Training. That training was held at the April LEC Meeting – 20 different Troops sent a combination of OA Adult ASM's and youth OA Troop Representatives. The thought was that stronger communication between the Lodge and Troops of Chester County would enable the youth to engage in Lodge activities. We still could use everyone's assistance – if you are a member of a Troop that does not have an OA Troop Representative, ask the SPL and SM for that Troop position. Tell them that you want to be that person and are willing to carry out those duties and responsibilities.

The second phase was to conduct Troop Visitations. A list on Troops that were currently not participating in the Lodge or had low membership were contacted through a set of emails to the Troops SM's requesting some dates that the Officers and Advisors could visit. It has been a very busy last 2 months, traveling all over Chester County. The Lodge is closing that gap with still many more Troop Visitations planned and more follow up still necessary.

The third phase was to ensure the Unit Election team was hitting on all cylinders. That team has done outstanding work, receiving praises from numerous SM's on their professionalism and the team being great ambassadors for the Lodge. It is great to report that this Committee has grown in numbers to aid the many requests. I would like to personally thank them all as well – job well done.

The fourth and final phase was go back to a full-time Summer Camp Chief at Horseshoe Scout Reservation. I am happy to report Jack Wills has accepted that position and has already been trained on how to conduct Unit Elections by the Unit



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Election Committee. I am looking forward to having a strong OA Summer Camp program.

Conclave is a gathering of the Lodges within a section. Our Section Conclave will be held next weekend, June 9th – 11th, at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. To date, we have met our attendance goal but if you still would like to attend, please see someone at HQ this weekend – time is running out. Plans are in place to receive top training along with many games and activities. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Lastly, please keep at the top of your mind, that our mission in the Order of the Arrow is to be an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America. That WE are a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Please carry that message out to your Troops and assist the Lodge achieve their goal of increased youth participation. You are the Lodge Ambassadors each and every time you engage others in the name of the Lodge or wear that sash. I look forward to meeting and talking with you all this weekend.

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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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NOAC 2018 is coming

Join Octoraro 22 as they adventure to Indiana University in Bloomington, IN for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).

This event offers:

- the best in training for your personal benefit and to become more knowledgeable about this Brotherhood.
- Awesome evening shows.
- Opportunities to share and network with brothers from across the country and internationally.
- Fun activities and competitions for every interest including sports, STEM, Indian Lore and so much more.

In 2015 we sent 108 youth and adults to NOAC. Ask them about this event and they will surely smile! Don't wait to register as our Lodge has received a small delegation allotment. Registration will open June 10, 2018. Click on the link available at www.octoraro22.org.

Youth (thru age 20): Register on Doubleknot with your deposit of \$100.00. When our allotted delegation is full we will start a waiting list for additional delegate we hope to be allotted before the end of January 2019

Adults (21 and over): Due to the delegate allotment and the youth to adult ratio set by the National Committee, adults will be selected based on applications submitted. No deposit is required until you are selected. Final selections will be determined by the end of January when we have received our final allotment numbers.

We encourage all brothers to look at the many staff opportunities.

Registration Opens: **June 10, 2017**. Links will be made available on our website and Lodgelist.

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



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Octoraro Lodge Calendar 2017

June 2017

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

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)