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Octoraro Lodge 22

Wulamoc



"He who speaks truly"

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Corresponding Secretary

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Upcoming Events:

June Weekend Fri, May 30th to
Sun, Jun 1st,

Lodge Meeting (at camp)

Sat, May 31st, @4:00pm -
05:00PM

Conclave!!! Fri, Jun 13th to Sun.
June 15th at Camp Bayshore

Vigil Weekend

Sat, Jul 12th-13th

Chief's Corner

Brothers,

I cannot believe a year has already passed since I took the oath that Saturday night where the rain held off just long enough and became your Chief. Now, looking back upon the last year, I see a great base to build off upon for years to come. Now comes for the youth to choose the best candidate to take this lodge into the next year.

I would like to use this column to thank everyone that I can for making this an incredible year. First, I would like to thank the officers for the year; My Vice Chiefs, Chris Palmer, Chris Cotignola, and Mike Di Domentico, my secretaries, Dave Sherwood and Tom Steinberger, and my Treasurer, Clayton Wilson. They made my job look easy and I thank them for this. Next, I would like to thank the Committee Chairman for the year. There are too many to name here, but you know who you are. I hope you continue to do your jobs to the best of your abilities and hope you all have a good year in head of you. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank all the advisors who took time out of their schedule to help the youth out with whatever they needed. Without the Advisors, the Order would not exist.

I cannot wait to see this lodge grow over the next few years. I wish Next Years lodge officers all the luck in the world and I will be around if anyone needs helps.

In Brotherhood,
Sean Bealer
Lodge Chief Octoraro Lodge 22

Brothers,

I hope you have enjoyed reading the new and improved Wulamoc as much as I have enjoyed producing it this past year. I hope you have appreciated the many pages, color, photographs and snazzy new banner.

I would like to thank all of you who submitted articles and photographs, especially Sean and Scott, for without your contributions I would not have been able to fill four pages for each of the newsletters. The Wulamoc is your newsletter so I hope you will continue to contribute articles and photos to make the Wulamoc great.

I would also like to thank my brother Matt who designed the banner and helped with the layout and my dad Mike who edited and helped me print and fold all those color copies. Without their help I could never have done as good a job. Give Matt a hard time next year!

Thank you to all the brothers who elected me to Vigil and I promise to uphold that honor. I'm off to Penn State in the Fall and will try to attend as many Lodge events as I can.

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Tom Steinberger

NEW SECTION / NEW CONCLAVE HOST DATE

My Brothers,

Much has happened since my last column came out. As many of you have heard, after 10 years as a member of Section 4A, Octoraro Lodge will become part of the new Section 6B beginning July 1, 2008. Many of you have asked me how the region decides what councils are in what sections, so let me briefly explain the process to you.

The new Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America commissioned an outside research group to try to identify where the Scouting programs were succeeding and where they were not. When the study was completed, the results indicated that one of the primary problems, at least in the Northeast Region, was that the metropolitan areas (Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, New Jersey Metro, Connecticut Metro, Allentown, Reading, Pittsburg, Buffalo/Syracuse, and Erie) were not being serviced well enough by the regional professionals, mainly because the Areas were too large for the professionals to be effective. So the decision was made to break the Northeast Region into more Areas so that instead of having 14 or 15 councils each Area would now have just 9 or 10.

The Areas were each subdivided into Sections that each contained 4 or 5 councils. Our new Area includes Chester County Council, Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Hawk Mountain Council, Keystone Area Council, York-Adams Council, Baltimore Area Council, Delmarva Council, Mason Dixon Council, and National Capital Area Council. Dividing this group into two Sections was difficult. After some debate, it was finally decided that Mason Dixon Council would join the southern group to form Section 6A and Chester County Council would join the northern group to form Section 6B. I have included a map of the new section alignments that if space permits will be included in this publication. It will also be posted at the trading post for those that have an interest.

So, what does this mean for Octoraro Lodge? For one thing, the next Section 4A conclave at Camp Bayshore the weekend of June 13-15 will be the last one. Contingent spots are still available, for those who would like to go. The cost is \$27.00 plus the cost of a magenta t-shirt (if you want one). Sign up forms are available in the trading post and with Mrs. John. Section 4A was one of the best Sections in the country and I am sure that the final conclave will be spectacular.

The realignment also means that Octoraro Lodge must host the first Section 6B conclave in June of 2009 (we were planning to host a conclave in 2010 under Section 4A). As a conclave host, we have much work to do and a limited amount of time to do it in. Camp Horseshoe must sparkle and a strong staff of Octoraro brothers must be available to greet and entertain our guests. Because the size of the Section has gotten smaller (not only in number of lodges, but also in the size of the lodges), the size of the conclave will be smaller. Where we could expect 400 at a conclave in Section 4A, we now will only have between 200 and 250 at the Section 6B conclave. This means that we must also keep the size of the staff in proportion to the conclave. In other words, unless they are assigned to cook or be a site host, staff members will be expected to perform many duties during the course of the weekend. ***Do not volunteer to help with the 2009 conclave unless you are willing to work your butt off!*** More information about the 2009 conclave will be available during the weekend from Chief Sean and Conclave Advisor Mark Morris.

One of the facilities that we need for the 2009 conclave is the lodge building. The lodge building renovation committee is moving ahead rapidly with their plans to modernize and expand the lodge building. They want to give you the heads up that for most of the 2008-2009 winter camping season, the lodge building will not be available to troops serving on winter camp staff. We are currently working on several alternatives for the winter camp staffing units and we hope to be able to announce those shortly. The Lodge has also not reached our fundraising goal for the expansion, so if you were planning on making a donation to support the lodge renovation, now is the time to do it. Please feel free to see Mr. Dougherty, Mrs. John, or myself to find out how to make a gift to the lodge and the various gift levels.

Regarding the discount on weekend fees, if you have legitimate conflicts that prevent you from registering for the weekend and qualifying for the discount, please let the treasurer or myself know so that we can extend the discount rate to you. Alternately, if you have paid for a weekend and find that something has come up (unfortunately, tickets to a Phillies or Eagles game does not fall in this category) and you cannot attend, please let us know and the lodge will either refund your weekend fee or credit you for a future weekend. If the weekend fee is a financial hardship for you, please talk to me and we will work something out. ***No Lodge brother will ever be turned away from any Order of the Arrow event because they cannot afford it.*** This is, and always has been, Lodge policy.

In Brotherhood,

Scott Salvatore

CANDIDATES FOR LODGE OFFICES

FOR LODGE CHIEF

CHRIS PALMER

CLAYTON WILSON



My name is Chris Palmer I am a life scout from Troop 16 Coatesville PA.

I currently am a brotherhood member and the Programs Vice Chief for Oct-raro 22.

Prior to that I was the winter camp staff chairman for two years and now I am running for Lodge Chief.

Thank you,

Chris Palmer

Hi, my name is Clayton Wilson. I am 16 and working on finishing my Eagle Project. I live in Coatesville where I participate in the school's AFJROTC. I am looking to use the knowledge in leadership I acquire from both organizations and use it in the other to make both of my experiences benefit. I have been the lodge treasurer for the past year, helping Mrs. John with the book keeping and dues. I am running for lodge chief to continue my service and dedication to the lodge and others. If I do not get elected chief, then I will run for vice chief to still have an opportunity to serve the lodge in all that I can do.

In Brotherhood,

Clayton Wilson

Vice Chief

JAKE SEGAL



My name is Jake Segal and I am running for Lodge Vice Chief because I believe I can help change the Lodge. Let me tell you a little about myself. I am 16 years old and I attend Phoenixville Area High School. I am a Life Scout and the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 158. I have worked at Camp Horseshoe for two years in the HQ/TP Department. I was first elected into the Lodge in 2005 where I quickly became involved. I started out working in the Kitchen on the dishwashing crew. I later became interested in the Committees of the Lodge. I took over the position of Troop Representative Chairman and quickly realized there was a lot of work that needed to be done. I helped rebuild the Troop Rep. program and reincorporate it into the Lodge by holding Troop Representative trainings. Later I moved onto the Communications Committee where I still am today. I believe that under the right leadership the Lodge can thrive to something even better than it is today. I am committed to making that change.

Thank you,

Jake Segal

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CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY
MATT STEINBERGER



Hello,

My name is Matt Steinberger and I am a 16 year old Eagle scout from Troop 14 in West Chester. I was elected in 2007 and am quickly trying to become more involved within the Lodge. I aspire to do more than chair the Program Development committee. Working with my brother Tom, I already have the knowledge and supplies to continue creating the Wulamoc. I am committed to helping the lodge this year.

Thanks,

Matt Steinberger

TREASURER

EVAN STEINBERGER



Hi,

My name is Evan Steinberger and I am from West Chester. I am 16 years old and a Life scout in Troop 14. I am currently a Junior at Bishop Shanahan High School. I have been with the Order since September as the chairperson for the Where To Go Camping committee. I am working on my Eagle scout project and hope to become Eagle with in the next few months. I promise to keep the Lodge money safe as your Treasurer.

Thank you,

Evan Steinberger



Congratulations, to our new 2008 Vigil Member Candidates:

Sean Bealer
Jeremy Johnson
Robert Nicholoides
John Pfeiffer
Tom Steinberger
Chester Borsowski
Bootsie Pannell
Mike Steinberger
Gary Stoltz
Andrew Walker