

Octoraro Lodge 22, W. W. W.

## Brotherhood Blitz 2015



**Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2015  
**Time:** 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.    **Dinner:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Dining Hall, Camp Horseshoe  
**Cost:** **FREE!!!**

Last Brotherhood  
Opportunity for  
Arrowman Service Award

### What exactly is the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

The *Brotherhood Blitz* is a one-day event that allows qualified Ordeal members to complete their Brotherhood outside of a service weekend. Many brothers are unable to attend our lodge's service weekends due to other commitments or are vital workers on important projects during the service weekends. The *Brotherhood Blitz* provides these brothers another opportunity to participate in the *Brotherhood Experience*.

### Why should I complete *my* Brotherhood?

The Brotherhood ceremony concludes the induction process that you started when you were called-out as a candidate for the Ordeal. When you took your Ordeal, you started upon a quest to discover the true meaning of the Arrow. Now, you will **learn** the symbolism behind the two bars on the Brotherhood sash, while gaining further awareness of the Order's purpose. Your **understanding** of leadership in cheerful service to others will grow as the links of friendship with your brothers in the lodge are welded stronger. Lastly, by completing *your* Brotherhood, you express your gratitude to those who saw your potential and elected you.

Also, the **FIRST** requirement for the centennial *Arrowman Service Award* is to "be or **ATTAIN** Brotherhood membership." This special award commemorating the Order of the Arrow's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary may be worn on *your* Brotherhood sash — only the third time a patch has been authorized for wear on the Order of the Arrow sash.

Plus, you do a *good turn* for Octoraro Lodge 22. By concluding *your* Brotherhood Quest, you help *your* lodge achieve the *Journey to Excellence* award. **WHY** is that important? The *Journey to Excellence* award signifies to the wider Scouting community what our lodge brothers already know: that Octoraro Lodge 22 provides a superlative program plus tremendous service to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. Achievement of this award allows us to apply to the national organization for matching funds for vital improvement projects in camp. In 2010, the lodge received a \$4,400 national service grant to repair hiking trails in the Horseshoe Scout Reservation and the Goat Hill Serpentine Barrens Public Wild Plant Sanctuary, part of the William Penn State Forest; our grant was the largest given to any lodge in the nation!



### Am I eligible to complete *my* Brotherhood at the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

If you took your Ordeal during 2014 or before, then you are **NOW** eligible to seal your membership with the Brotherhood ceremony. *The only other requirement is that your lodge dues for 2015 are paid.*

**ADULTS:** The *Journey to Excellence* program does **NOT** distinguish between youth and adult members. Please support the youth by completing *your* Brotherhood.

### How do I prepare for the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

See the reverse of this flyer for details.

**Octoraro Lodge 22 needs YOU!!!**

**Don't "Sash and Dash" ✧ Seal *your* Membership ✧ Complete Brotherhood!**

## How do I prepare for the *Brotherhood Blitz*?

1. Ensure that your lodge dues are **CURRENT**.

Lodge dues **MUST** be up-to-date (*i.e.*, paid for 2015) to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony. Note: in order for your Brotherhood conversion to benefit the lodge's *Journey to Excellence* score, PLEASE renew your membership by paying your dues for 2016! You can check your dues status online at: <http://www.octoraro22.org/portal>.

2. Memorize the Obligation and the Song of the Order of the Arrow found on pages 10–13 of the current edition of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*. You do **not** need to actually sing the song, but you must be able to recite the words. Know the Admonition and the English translation of the Lenâpé name of the Order (*i.e.*, know the translation of W.W.W.).

3. Review the traditions of the Order of the Arrow found on pages 52–54 of the current edition of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*. You do **not** need to memorize the information but you should be familiar with it.

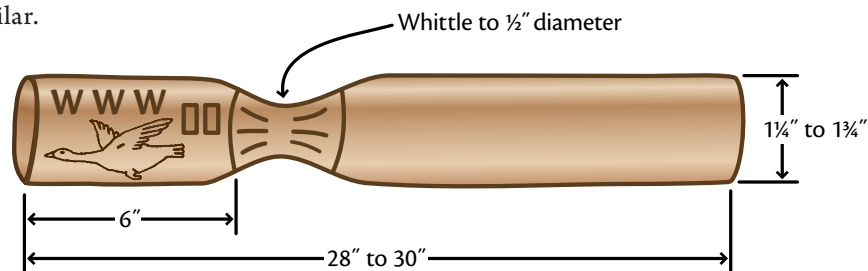
The *Brotherhood Questions & Answers* sheet — available from the Brotherhood Committee — can assist you in achieving steps 2 & 3 above. The password for the electronic version is the fifth word of the title on page 10 of the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*: use all lowercase letters with no spaces, no quotes, and no punctuation. You can download a copy from the lodge web site ( <http://www.octoraro22.org> ).

4. Write your *Brotherhood letter* to Octoraro Lodge 22, W.W.W. For guidelines *plus* writing advice, see the reverse of the *Brotherhood letter* form. This form is also available on the lodge web site.

5. Prepare a *Brotherhood totem* as shown below. The totem must include:

- The letters “W.W.W.”;
- The lodge totem (a flying Canada goose); and
- The two (2) Brotherhood bars.

Preferably, the above items should be carved into the totem; although, that is not strictly necessary. The totem does **not** need to be very artistic nor look exactly like the picture below. However, the dimensions of your totem **MUST** be similar.



6. Attend the *Brotherhood Blitz* on November 7 in your full, “class-A” uniform with your Ordeal sash. Bring your *Brotherhood letter* and your *Brotherhood totem*. **We will begin PROMPTLY at 2:15 P.M.**

Although you do not need to pre-register for the *Brotherhood Blitz*, an e-mail alerting the Brotherhood Adviser, Brian White, that you will be attending would be appreciated so we can properly prepare *your Brotherhood Experience*. E-mail: [Brotherhood22@comcast.net](mailto:Brotherhood22@comcast.net).

Pre-registration is **REQUIRED** in order to be provided dinner after the *Brotherhood Blitz*.  
Deadline: 8:00 P.M., Tuesday evening, November 3, 2015 — **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Thank you for helping Octoraro Lodge 22 earn the *Journey to Excellence* award.**