



The Wulamoc

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THE CHIEF'S BONNET

My Brothers,

This has been one heck of a year! Friends have said that being Chief is the highlight of your Scouting career and it most definitely is. I am more than blessed to have been able to serve as your 2015 Lodge Chief and I truly hope that I have served the Lodge as it deserves to be served. We had many events this past year and all of them were amazing, but in the words of Billy Mays, "but wait, there's more!" Indeed do we have more, the Fellowship Weekend does not end our year and we have a couple more events coming up in the next couple of months. First and foremost we have the...

Day of Service: On October 10th we are having the Day of Service at multiple venues around Chester County. It is our Lodge's duty to serve our community and this is a great way to become more involved in the Lodge. Talk to Booker or Mike Steinberger to learn more about this great opportunity.

Lodge Leadership Development Conference: Hosted November 6th – 7th at Camp Horseshoe by the LLD Committee. Come out to an awesome event and have the experience and opportunity of meeting some of the best trainers that our section and lodge have to offer. There might even be a few special guests from our neighbors to the south! Stay tuned for more information from the LLD Committee as the event is quickly approaching!

Winter Lodge Event: Sometime over the winter we will be having a Lodge Event and guess what?! You all are invited! We are still working on getting a venue and if you have any ideas or suggestions please talk to me (Matt Candy) either at the Fellowship Weekend or by shooting me an email at Chief@Octoraro22.org.

I'm so excited for what the rest of the year has to offer and I hope to see all of you attending them! Even though I'm finishing my year out as Chief, there are many events still happening here in Octoraro Lodge 22. It truly has been a pleasure serving as Chief and as we close out this year, I know that the Lodge is in safe hands with the election of the new Officers and I cannot wait to see them in action. My term may be ending, but that doesn't stop my service in the Lodge and as I spend the remainder of my years as a youth in the Lodge, I will be serving cheerfully and working with my fellow Brothers to serve our council, our camp, and most importantly our home.

In Brotherhood, **Matt Candy, 2015 Lodge Chief**



WELCOME OUR REGION CHIEF

Octoraro Lodge is proud to welcome the 2015 Northeast Region Chief, Matt Bell of Ah'Tic Lodge to our annual fall fellowship weekend. Matt is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the Order, and has served the Northeast Region with distinction throughout his term. Please welcome Matt to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation for a weekend of fun!



NOAC 2015



Recently, Octoraro Lodge sent 107 members to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. This NOAC was the largest NOAC ever, with over 15,000 Arrowmen from all over the country (and some territories!) gathered to celebrate the Order's 100th year anniversary. At NOAC we had some amazing adventures that ranged from competing in Obstacle Courses, where our very own Philip Ruffini became a finalist for, traded in more patches than I can count, and participated in training cells from the best

and the brightest of the Order. Some highlights of the conference included...

The shows of the Order of the Arrow and its history

Native American Dance Teams
Training Cells with a few Trainers from home!

The Michigan State Ice Cream Shoppe And so much more!

The Conference was an incredible experience and if you missed out on it, don't worry! There's another conference in 2018 at Indiana State University! While there are very few opportunities like this past NOAC, the 2018

NOAC will prove to be equally as incredible. It truly is a humbling experience to be surrounded by the best and the brightest that the Order has to offer and I highly recommend that each and everyone of you takes an interest and at least investigates the 2018 NOAC.





FROM THE LODGE ADVISER

Andrew Coe served as Octoraro 22's Lodge Adviser for three years now, and recently decided to step down. He was asked to write of how he felt about his experience in the position. The answer to the question is "honored". The question itself is: "How do you feel about your time as lodge adviser?"

There hasn't been a day since 2013 where I don't think "I work with the best of the best, and it is a great feeling." So as I finish up my term this year as lodge adviser, ironically enough, I also think: "I can't wait for 2016!" No, it's not that rough of a job. I am not literally counting down the days (though when asked, I do some quick math to figure it out). I am excited for 2016 because I know how great the future is for our lodge. We have a great incoming lodge adviser, Gus Sauerzopf, and our lodge committee is high-energy and full of ideas. We have a 90th anniversary to celebrate, and the next 100 years of the Order of the Arrow to shape with our selfless acts of service.

The answer to the second question is "quality". The second question is "What makes a lodge great?"

The OA has been dubbed The National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. We induct great people who are focused on quality. Quality program. Quality facilities. Quality everything. And Octoraro 22 does it better than a lot of lodges. We do a lot for our camps, for our units and our council. And we are proud to do so. Pride is a great motivator, and it is a momentum builder as well. When we see quality in our recent past, we want to see quality in our near future because the pride that comes with that is a great feeling. We have had a fantastic 2015 thus far - hosting ArrowTour, taking 90+ brothers to Conclave, taking 107 brothers to NOAC, and putting on an incredible 100th anniversary banquet. We still have "Race to Scouting, Run with the Pack" and the Day of Service coming up in October. I have had the honor of working with 3 great chiefs - Phil Ruffini, Richard Gardner and Matt Candy - all of whom experienced great growth in their leadership abilities during their terms.

I attribute that to our robust program - we have LOTS going on at the program and Administrative levels, and it is challenging for anyone to stay on top of it all. But through their work with the lodge committee to deliver that quality program, they - and you - have made so much happen.

The answer to the final question is "Onward and Upward". The final question is "Where is the lodge headed?"

It's strange to put the answers before the questions, isn't it? Just like goals and objectives must precede a course of action so too must the questions precede the answers, right? More or less, that's true. But in any organization, there are values that we hold on to, things that are always on the tip of our tongue. Here are some you've probably seen here in the OA or elsewhere: Integrity. Brotherhood. Commitment. Cheerfulness. Ethical. Service. These words aren't just there to adorn a Coat of Arms; they, as values, are integral parts of an organization. They define who we are. And there it is, the question. "Who are we?"

We know it so well the answer is always with us even though we rarely ask the question. We are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. And as part of that brotherhood, I have been "honored" to advise such a "quality" lodge that is going only "Onward and Upward".



FROM THE INCOMING LODGE ADVISER

Gus Sauerzopf is our recently Incoming Lodge Adviser. He was asked to say a few words about himself as an introduction to the year ahead.

I have been married to my wife, Mary, for the past 29 years. We have three sons ranging in age from 17 to 25 – soon to be empty-nesters. My current position is an Account Manager for Nestle Purina Pet Care Company calling on AHOLD USA. I have been employed there for 29 years and served in many different roles, ranging from Sales Director to Pet Specialty Marketing. I sell pet food for a living. I have been involved in the Scouting movement for over 35 years, as a youth and most of

my adult life. My position for most of those years was Scoutmaster, serving two troops for 25 years. The last 15 years, with Troop 52 out of Marshalton, PA, Horseshoe Trail District. I have been a member of Octoraro Lodge for over 15 years and served as the Adult Adviser for the event, "Race to Scouting, Run with the Pack," for the last three years. On most OA Weekends during that time, you would have found me as an Adult Elangomat. A role I thoroughly enjoyed.

My primary purpose or goal with my new role is to provide guidance and enable the Chief in the running of the Lodge, hence the term Adviser. Part of the mission of the Order of the

Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership. As an Adult, I am a recruiter of other like-minded adult individuals to fulfill that purpose. My personal goal is to bring a further understanding of what the Order of the Arrow stands for and enlighten other Troop Adult Leaders. I believe that the more participation within troops the better the Organization. This aligns directly into the Order's mission statement.



#DARETODO

"What if social media was about helping someone else, instead of myself?"

At NOAC 2015, National Chief Alex Call asked Brothers this question. They wondered how the world would look if each day they not only did something to help other people, but shared it on social media to encourage their friends to join them. That idea became #DareToDo, their invitation to the entire country to make time each day to do one thing to help other people.

Participating in #DareToDo is easy. Just get up each day and [look for one thing](#) you can do to help others. Help someone with their homework. Help a neighbor with a project at home. Buy a cup of coffee for someone who can't afford one. It does not need to be major, it's just a gift of yourself to the world. Then share it on social media with the hashtag #DareToDo, to encourage others to join along. The more people who accept our dare, the more lives we improve and the better we make our community.

The ideals of #DareToDo are rooted in those of Scouting (to do a good turn daily), and its honor society, the Order of the Arrow (to love one another). The idea may have began there, but #DareToDo is a project for every person. And the more people who participate, the more lives we help, and the better we make America.

Will you accept our dare?



FROM THE BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE

Ordeal Members: Don't "Sash and Dash"... Complete Brotherhood in 2015!

Remember how cheerful **you** felt on being called-out as a candidate for the Order of the Arrow? Remember how **you** were referred to as a "friend" at the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, but were called a "brother" at the conclusion of the Ordeal ceremony? Even if you did not discern your first steps, **you** started a journey when you took the Ordeal — the journey to discover the true *Spirit of the Arrow*. However, your journey is **not** finished until you have sealed your membership by participating in the Brotherhood ceremony.

Why should **you** complete Brotherhood? The *Brotherhood Experience* will clarify your understanding of the true purpose of the Order of the Arrow. The bars on your new Brotherhood sash will signify your commitment to those traditions. In the Brotherhood ceremony, you will learn more about Uncas. Your understanding of leadership in service to others will grow while the links of friendship with your brothers in the lodge will be welded stronger. Lastly, by completing Brotherhood you express your gratitude to those who saw your potential and elected you to the Order.

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 100th anniversary may be worn on your Brotherhood sash — only the third time a

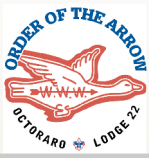
patch has been authorized for wear on the Order of the Arrow sash.

You should be asking yourself: am I eligible to complete my Brotherhood? Ordeal members who took their Ordeals at, *or before*, the September 2014 service weekend are eligible to complete Brotherhood this weekend. The only other requirement is that your **2015 lodge dues are paid**; if you took your Ordeal in 2014, then your dues are already paid. There is no additional cost to complete Brotherhood— you paid for Brotherhood when you paid for the Ordeal.

How can I sign-up to complete my Brotherhood? Sign-ups are accepted up-to the start of the *Brotherhood Experience* at 1:30 p.m. 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.

Octoraro Lodge 22 needs YOU !!!





DAY OF SERVICE, OCTOBER 10, 2015

Octoraro Lodge 22 Day of Service - October 10, 2015
As part of our ongoing tradition of service to others, Octoraro Lodge, under the leadership of Chairman Richard Gardner, and Adviser Mike Steinberger will be hosting its first annual Day of Service.

Originally part of the Centennial Experience to commemorate the Order's 100th Anniversary; this program was cancelled on a National Level. We in Octoraro Lodge feel strongly about serving the

communities in which we live and work, and as a result are hosting our own Day of Service.

We will be planting trees for the Brandywine Valley Association and the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association. Volunteers for this outstanding project are still needed.

Contact Richard "Booker" Gardner or Mike Steinberger for more information.

FROM THE STAFF ADVISER

Jake Segal, was recently appointed to be our lodge's Lodge Staff Adviser. We asked him for some thoughts. Brothers,

It is with great pride that I am serving as your Order of the Arrow Staff Adviser. In this role I will have the opportunity to guide and mentor the Lodge Advisor and Lodge Chief. I am also looking forward to helping Lodge Advisor Andrew Coe finish out his term while transitioning leadership to Gus Sauerzopf, the next Lodge Advisor and the incoming Lodge Chief. Together, we work to ensure a strong Order of the Arrow Program in Chester County.

I would be remiss if we did not thank Ray Hayden for his service over the past decade as the Lodge Staff Adviser. His leadership and knowledge of the program were a great benefit to all. It is important to note that Ray is not leaving, and will continue to be an integral part of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. When you see Ray, make sure you thank him for his service.

For those of you that do not know me, I will briefly tell you about my Scouting background. I am an Eagle Scout from Kimberton, PA and a member of the 2009 Vigil Honor Class. I served as the 2009-2010 Lodge Chief and the 2011 Section NE-6B Section Chief. I have worked for the Chester County Council, BSA in a variety of roles beginning in 2010. I know firsthand the positive impact that the Order of the Arrow can have on a young man.

As we transition lodge leadership and move toward our 90th anniversary celebration, I know what lies ahead of us will be nothing less than great. I am looking forward to working with you all and if I haven't met you, please feel free to stop me and say hi. Thank you all for your service and dedication to Octoraro Lodge, Chester County Council, and Scouting!

In Service,

Jake Segal