



Octoraro Lodge 22

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Brothers,

Thank you for coming to the 2018 April service weekend! It is great to see everyone and see all these new faces. I hope this weekend is as amazing for you as it is for me. To the new brothers in the lodge, I welcome you. I am so happy that you have decided to take your ordeal this weekend and I hope you decide to get active in the lodge because it is the best experience in the Boy Scouts. The strong bond that you will develop will last for a long time and that is a promise. Some of my best friends are people I met in the Order of the Arrow.

If you have not heard already our lodge was awarded the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award and the Innovation Award for the 2017 calendar year. This is absolutely incredible and I could not be prouder of all the hard work all of you have done. Together, let's accomplish even more for the 2018 calendar year and beyond.

Remember no matter if you have been in the lodge for five years or you are a brand new brother there is always a way for you to get more active. If you have any interest getting active as a committee chairman or something else please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you have not already please go sign up for NOAC and Conclave!!

Thank you & WWW,

Steven Winn
Octoraro 22 Lodge Chief





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The April Weekend is here and it is time once again to welcome new Brothers into the Lodge. Please take five minutes out of your weekend to welcome them.. I would like to thank you advance for your dedication to cheerful service in making Chester County Council's Horseshoe Scout Reservation the best it could be.

The start of Lodge year is one-third complete and now is in the busy part of the calendar. Invitation emails have gone out to all Scoutmasters offering a Lodge visitation. I would ask scouts and scouters to ask you to check with your Scoutmaster, find a date and then email Steven or myself to schedule a time during your Scout Meetings. If you would like an update on where your Troop stands for Unit of Excellence in 2018 – please email me anytime.

The Lodge has a number of important events coming up – namely Conclave (6/1 – 6/3) and NOAC (7/28 – 8/04). The Lodge has committed to 70 Brothers to Conclave and we currently stand at 31 (19 adult/12 youth). The past few years, we have brought 90 – 100 Brothers. I am urging all Brothers to sign up, especially the youth of our Lodge. You will have a say in the Section Leadership but we need Youth to ensure we get our Contingent votes. This is a fun filled weekend – no arduous labor, just fellowship. NOAC is at Indiana State University and the opportunity awaits for fantastic training and FUN. Please check this weekend's agenda for the NOAC meeting if you are interested – we still might be able to get some additional slots.

The Youth Leadership of Octoraro Lodge 22 has called out several goal for this year. They are increased Youth involvement, membership retention and stronger Lodge Committee's. The tactic's we plan to initiate or carry over from 2017 are the following. We plan to continue the success of 2017's Visitation Program in 2018, ensure every Troop that wants a Unit Election gets one and instill stronger Youth Leadership at the Committee level by ensuring they are well trained and are eager to serve with a vibrant team.

Our major projects for the year include redoing the Chapel fencing, install a new heater into the Lodge and assist in curbing the current erosion issue at Camp Horseshoe.

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Gus Sauerzopf, Lodge Advisor



Attention Ordeal Members

Did you take your Ordeal in June 2017 *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: Please **set an example** for 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 1:30 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.

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 **2018 lodge dues are paid**; if you took your Ordeal in 2017, then your dues are already paid.



ArrowCorps Puerto Rico

In an effort to help rebuild and enhance Puerto Rico's outdoor Scouting program following the tragic destruction caused by Hurricane Maria, about 100 Arrowmen from the mainland U.S. spent the week from March 11 to March 17, 2018 offering service to Puerto Rico in conjunction with about 35 members of the Puerto Rico Council and about 15 local firefighters. This combined effort of those 150 volunteers was known as Arrow Corps Puerto Rico.

The focus of the service was to restore the BSA's Campamento Guajataka (in the San Sebastián municipality of Puerto Rico) to proper and safe functionality. The BSA recognized that the youth of Puerto Rico who have experienced extreme hardship following Hurricane Maria deserve a safe place where they can have fun and relaxation, particularly during the summertime, and the team of volunteers knew that this would be especially important for youth who even in the summer of 2018, about one year after Maria struck Puerto Rico, still will not have sufficiently safe homes.

Hurricane Maria at its peak intensity was a Category 5 Hurricane that is widely regarded as the most destructive and costly hurricane to have affected Puerto Rico in recorded history. According to an electrical lineman who was also one of the local BSA volunteers and member of the Yokahú Lodge (Logia Yokahú) of the OA, about 35 percent of homes in Puerto Rico still did not have electrical power, six months after Hurricane Maria made landfall on Puerto Rico. Campamento Guajataka itself only regained power about 3 weeks before the Arrow Corps volunteers arrived.

Octoraro Lodge #22 was well represented by Tom Murphy and Andrew Coe. Tom assisted primarily with rescreening the damaged cabins while Andrew assisted with the wood removal crew which coordinated the disposal of several hundred fallen trees over the course of a week. The cabins were all repainted and rescreened, but despite all the efforts at wood disposal, about a dozen leaning trees still threaten several structures at the camp and will require professionals to use bucket trucks or cranes to remove the trees.





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Throughout the week, the Arrow Corps team collectively performed numerous other service projects for Camp Guajataka including:

- Repairing aspects of the camp's electrical and plumbing systems;
- Rebuilding part of a key bridge in the camp that had been damaged by the hurricane, with the bridge now known as the Friendship Bridge (Puente de la Amistad);
- Remaking large ceremonial stone carvings in the camp's primary campfire arena; and
- Recreating trenches to allow for proper water drainage.

The estimated cost of the labor would have been \$200,000 for 1 week, but the camp was able to get that much-needed assistance for the price of some food for the volunteers.



Speaking of food – the Puerto Rican hosts wouldn't stop feeding the volunteers. The first night was a feast of paella – rice with an assortment of spiced meats, and from there on out the food was also outstanding and plentiful. In the fellowship department, the hosts bent over backwards to make sure the volunteers felt welcome. The camp was able to open up the pool for a water polo tournament, the host lodge held had a patch auction (Note: Steve Scheidt will receive a special item at Saturday dinner at the April Weekend from that patch auction), and the volunteers concluded the week with a solemn

rededication to the high ideals of Scouting and the OA using a newly renovated campfire circle and ceremony written specifically for the event. The ArrowCorps volunteers even received several gifts from the host lodge, including several t-shirts.

The entire experience was a stark reminder of exactly why the Order of the Arrow exists. Most of the Scouting leadership at various levels feared that Scouting on the island of Puerto Rico would have to cease after the devastation of Hurricane Maria. With the camp decimated and many Scouts and



Scouters displaced from the hurricane or in a dire financial position due to housing damage, it did not look like the Puerto Rico Council could continue. But from the generous donations of many in the OA (patch fundraiser and otherwise) and the labor of ArrowCorps, the leadership is now very confident Camp Guajataka will be able to open for the summer of 2018 and will enable thousands of youth to have opportunities for better lives. Arrowmen literally saved Scouting for a lot of families in Puerto Rico. To those families, the Arrowmen didn't receive t-shirts, they received capes.



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Lodge Calendar

June 2018

- 1-3 NE Section 6B Conclave hosted by Wunita Gokhos 39, Camp Bashore
- 8-10 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp
(Lodge Meeting, June 3, 9:30 AM)

July 2018

- 7 HSRAA – Annual Reunion, HSR
- 7-8 Vigil Weekend at Camp
- 30-31 NOAC, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN

August 2018

- 1-4 NOAC, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN

September 2018

- 9 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
- 28-30 Lodge Fellowship Weekend at Camp
(Lodge Meeting, September 30, 9:30 AM)
- 30 Last Day to Pay 2019 Dues at a Discounted Rate
(New Ordeal Members in 2018 are already paid for 2019)**

October 2018

- 6 C5 Event hosted by Octoraro Lodge (Tentative)
- 19-21 Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend, Tidewater, VA (Tentative)

November 2018

- 4 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
Vigil Pre-Selection Meeting
- 9-10 Lodge Leadership Development Conference at Camp TBA
- 10 Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe, TBA

December 2018

- 2 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
(Service Center Cleanup starting time 12:00 PM)