

Octoraro Lodge 22 In Cheerful Service Since 1926

September 2018

Brothers,

Welcome to our Fall fellowship weekend! I promise you that no matter how long you have been in the lodge, you will have the time of your life and remember this forever. This weekend has tons of meaning to the lodge because we have a million of fun activities, games, events, and brotherhood in just one weekend.

This fellowship weekend, make sure you have a fun time and make the most of it. One year ago, was the super successful campaign "Buzz the Beard" that raised over \$20,000 to plant much needed trees in our beloved reservation. As brothers, we need to keep doing these fantastic events for the good of the order. To my new brothers that are taking their ordeal, thank you for deciding to be a part of something greater than yourself. Please get active in the lodge because I promise you that you will have the time of your life and time travels way too fast to not get active. We have tons of fun events coming up that we need everyone's help in! C5 is coming up very soon on October 13-14th and we need help staffing it. Another fun event is our Lodge Leadership Development on November 9-10th and also our Brotherhood Blitz. This is a great time to learn more about our lodge and also it gives everyone an opportunity to learn new leadership skills.

This year is not even close to being over so make sure you have fun and make memories. The lodge events are a great way to meet new people and start new friendships. Keep on working hard and proving that 22 is a very proud lodge. If you want to get more active, please contact me. Thank you for all you do.

Thank you & WWW,

Steven Winn Octoraro 22 Lodge Chief



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I would like to welcome back the new Brothers that took their Ordeal during the April and June weekend and those that have decided it was time to get back involved. If you are interested in sealing your membership and are eligible, please find the Brotherhood Committee – they will be excited to see you.

This weekend, the youth will be deciding the future of the Lodge by using their vote, electing the 2018 Lodge Officers.. Thank you in advance for your participation and well thought out decision in this important election which is entirely youth lead.

As the fall season approaches, please let me remind you that although that this is the last of the three weekends for this year, we still have plenty of work/service do to close out 2018. In October, we can definitely use everyone's assistance in making C5 a great again this year. The Chester County Council Cub Camporee (C5) event will be packed with Cubs and their parents, as early registrations continue to pour in. Remember – you are the face not only of the Lodge but the Chester County Council BSA. We need your help in staffing the event. We will have our computers ready after every meal taking your Staff registration. In November, our Lodge will be having our annual Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) training. It is highly recommended that all Youth Chairman and Adult Advisors attend. I would also like to invite any future youth that are interested in any positions within the Lodge attend as well. Conclave 2019 will be held at HSR – we will once again setting the bar to a new standard for the Section – we can use your assistance. Please do not hesitate to come to any Officers, Committee Chairman or Adults Advisors or to ask questions and see where you can be of service.

I would like to thank all involved in making this full of Fellowship and I look forward to meeting and talking with you all this weekend.

W.W.W Gus Sauer

Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Advisor



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Vigil Announcement

The Vigil Honor is a recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: Octoraro Lodge 22, Order of the Arrow, Horseshoe Scout Reservation, Boy Scouts of America Eligibility Requirements: The Vigil Honor selection committee convenes in early January to select Octoraro Lodge 22's recipients for the Vigil Honor. At that time, the nominee must:

- Be a member of Chester County Council, with all registration requirements fulfilled;
- Be a member of Octoraro Lodge 22, with his lodge dues paid; and
- Have completed his Brotherhood at least two (2) full years prior to the date of selection.

The selection committee will not consider nominations that fail to satisfy the above National criteria. Those who nominate fellow brothers are responsible to ensure that the nominee meets these criteria

— please check with lodge records (Mrs. Leslie John: <u>LDJ113@aol.com</u>) if you are unsure.

Who Can Nominate: Any person may nominate an eligible Arrowman for selection to the Vigil Honor. The nominator does not have to be a Vigil Honor member, an Arrowman, or even registered with the Boy Scouts of America. However, self-nominations will never be considered and will most likely jeopardize any future nominations submitted on that Arrowman's behalf. Instructions: Please complete the nomination form to enable the selection committee to make a fair assessment of your nominee's worthiness for the

Vigil Honor. Provide as much information as you can about the nominee; be specific, providing dates wherever possible. Missing information could negatively impact the selection committee's assessment of your nominee. The deadline for submission is December 1st. Nominations will not be accepted at the selection meeting — no exceptions will be granted.

The nomination form may be submitted in one of two ways

- 1. Send it as an e-mail attachment to: vigil@octoraro22.org
- 2. Complete the form, print it, and mail it to:

Mr. Jake Segal, OA Staff Adviser Chester County Council, B. S. A.

504 South Concord Road West Chester, PA 19382

All nominations submitted before the deadline will be considered by the selection committee. Honorees will be announced during the Vigil Honor call-out at the annual lodge banquet in March.



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Attention Ordeal Members

Did you take your Ordeal in September 2017 *or before*? Yes: then **you** are eligible to **complete Brotherhood** <u>this</u> 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' encounter 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 Kindness Center. 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 <u>no additional cost</u> 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.



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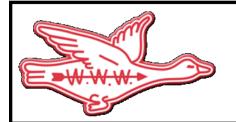


An Account of the 2017 April Weekend

Written by Francis J. Purcell IV (Trustees Co Chair)

On that Friday, I went down to Camp Horseshoe with Wesley Elliott in Mom's car. Wesley was a candidate this weekend, and I was supposed to work at the lodge building, but I talked to Steven and he said they were running low on Elangomats, so I was a head Elangomat this weekend. I was always an assistant Elangomat in the past weekends, but tonight was my big promotion:). So I was assigned to lead Bobcat clan, and I had 10 candidates in my group with two assistant Elangomats. As head Elangomat, I had to make sure all of the candidates had their proper gear for their horseshoe roll. Luckily, all 10 of my candidates had their proper gear all ready to go. So, after that, we began the preordeal ceremonies. What we do is: we take them to Achgeketum fire circle. The ceremony took about an hour and fifteen minutes and it helps the candidates understand the morals of the OA. After that, we take them to 4 different locations around camp, so they can hear the voices, so they can hear the history of the OA. Finally, we went to bed after we did the voices. Well, I couldn't sleep much because I had to go to Octoraro (Campsite) to wake up the candidates so we could help them with their breakfasts. After their breakfasts, we went to do service around camp.

My group was assigned to go over to Camp Ware and help out by moving campcraft wooden poles to their maintenance shed. The first pole was very heavy, so it took our whole clan to carry it. So that was our morning project. Finally we had lunch, thanks to the great communication of John McCabe. After lunch, we helped him (John). As for the rest of the weekend, we did our secret ceremonies and stuff.



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A look at Lodge Chief candidate, Bevan Watson

Bevan is a Life Scout and Brotherhood member from Troop 52 in Marshallton. He completed his ordeal in September 2015 and sealed his membership one year later. In the lodge, Bevan currently serves as the Vice Chief of Program. In the past, he has served the lodge as Trail Crew chairman and Recording Secretary. In the Section, he contributes as Communication committee chair, and in the past served as Section Secretary. Additionally, Bevan is on the Northeast Region communications team, as Facebook Team Lead. This past summer, he worked on camp staff in the positions of Headquarters Clerk and OA camp chief. Outside of Scouts, Bevan attends Downingtown West High School, where he competes in Track & Field, Academic team, Mock Trial, and is a member of Spanish Club. Bevan wants to be chief



because his experience in the many aspects of the lodge, section, and region will help optimize lodge operations moving forward. If the elected chief, it is Bevan's goal to make 2019 Conclave, the lodge banquet, and the September Fellowship weekend the best yet!

Upcoming Events

C5	October 13 th @ 11:00 AM - October 14 th @ 10:30 AM
Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend October 19 th @ 6:00 PM - October 21 st @ 10:00 AM	
Lodge Meeting	
LLD at Horseshoe	
LLD & Brotherhood Blitz.	
Council Service Center Clean-Up & Lodge Meeting December 2 nd @ 12:00 PM	
Lodge Meeting & Vigil Sel	ection