



The Wulamoc

Octoraro Lodge 22
In Cheerful Service Since 1926

April 2019

Lodge Chief's Minute

Brothers of Octoraro 22,

Welcome to the April Weekend! This weekend starts an exciting couple of months with June Weekend, CONCLAVE, summer camp, and even September fellowship in the near future. I hope to see you at all these events, all of which are great opportunities to meet new Arrowmen, commit cheerful service, and most importantly have fun!

I would like to thank everyone who came out for Chester County Councils 2019 Day of Service, as part of the 100th-anniversary celebration. Our lodge played a crucial role, with many brothers serving as sight lead for over 40 projects across the county on April 13. Whether you were restoring a trail, cleaning a park, or collecting supplies for the less fortunate, you made a difference! Such a great event would not have been possible without you!

I am excited to announce we have been awarded the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award for our efforts to expand camping in Chester County council last year. This is our 10th time receiving this prestigious award. Only 2 lodges per region per year are bestowed the camping award. Thanks to all who's dedicated efforts made it possible for us to receive this

Last year, the lodge charted 988 members, a significant increase from the previous year. With your help, it is the goal of the lodge officers and advisors to reach 1000 Brothers! Over the past few months, the officers and I (with the guidance of the advisors) have conducted any unit visitations, a continuation of the effort in the past 2 years. However, we cannot reach the goal of 1000 alone, we need your help! If you know an inactive or non-dues paying member, encourage them to reactivate! Encourage tapped-out Ordeal candidates to come to take their ordeal! The more active members of our lodge, the more service we can dedicate to our camp and community, and most importantly, the more fun! I hope you can join me in this effort.

We are only 42 Days until NE- 6B Conclave 2019: A carnival of fellowship. If you have not signed up as staff or delegate, do so ASAP. This year's Conclave is special because we will be hosting it, here at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation, June 7-9. Our lodge only gets this privilege once every 5 years! Fantastic food, engaging training, great carnival games, and most importantly, the fellowship of the other brothers of NE-6B. This is an event you do not want to miss, so sign up now! I'll see you then.

Do you like acting? Are you involved in school performances? If so, I have quite the opportunity for you! Our lodges ceremonies team is looking for more members! Being a ceremonialist ist a great way to get involved, improve speaking skills, meet new brothers, and have fun! If you are interested, approach me or email ceremonies@octoraro22.org.

In addition to ceremonies, there are other ways to get involved in the lodge, including open committee chair positions. Email me, at chief@octoraro22.org for more information. Not interested in leading a committee? You can still join one! A full list of committees will be on the agenda for Sunday's Lodge executive committee meeting. Many opportunities await!

Finally, Thank you for coming out this weekend to give service to the Horseshoe Scout Reservation! Your cheerful service and dedication is very much appreciated! If you see me this weekend, please say hi! It is always great to meet more dedicated scouts and Arrowmen. I hope to see everyone at the June Weekend, CONCLAVE, and more. See you then!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Bevan Watson, Lodge Chief



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Lodge Adviser's Minute

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 and explain to them what lies ahead. I would like to thank you advance for your dedication to cheerful service in kicking off Chester County Council's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Special thanks to those that participated in the Day of Service, April 13th. Together, with CCC Packs and Troops we had over 600 participants and accomplished over 40 different service projects – GREAT JOB

The start of Lodge year is one-third complete and now are in the busy part of the calendar. Invitation emails had gone out to all Scoutmasters offering a Lodge visitation late last year. I would ask scouts and scouters to ask you to check with your Scoutmaster, find a date and then email Bevan (chief@octoraro22.org) or myself (adviser@octoraro22.org) to schedule a time during your Scout Meetings. We are in the process of sending emails to the Troops on where they stand on the Unit of Excellence Award for 2019. If you would like an update quickly please email me anytime.

Besides the normal Lodge Weekends, we will be hosting a big event called Conclave (6/7 – 6/9). The Lodge has committed to a Contingent of 75 Brothers and 100 Staff Members for Conclave. Currently we are trending short for both and we really need your commitment to sign up EARLY. You can register for either by using the address: <http://octoraro22.org/event-registration>. This is a fun-filled weekend – no arduous labor, just fellowship. NOAC 2020 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 goals for this year. They are: Membership of 1,000 Brothers, increased Youth involvement, membership retention and stronger Lodge Committees. The tactics we plan to initiate or carry over from 2018 are the following: we plan to continue the success of 2018's Visitation Program in 2019, 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 Lodge Building, including the installing a new heater into the Lodge, redoing the Kitchen, new walk-way and assisting in (which should assist with the current erosion issue at Camp Horseshoe. I know that with the service and dedication in every Brothers' heart, this will easily be completed with the highest standards.

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Gus Sauerzopf

Lodge Advisor



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Conclave 2019

"Welcome! Welcome! Step right up, to the greatest show on Earth!"

Hyperbole aside, Octoraro 22 is going to be putting on an amazing show, and we hope you decide to be a part of it!

June 7 - 9th, 2019 is our chance to show off our camp, our facilities, our program, and our enthusiasm for Scouting and the Order of the Arrow as we host the **"Carnival of Fellowship: Living Beyond the Obligation"** at Camp Horseshoe. This is CONCLAVE, the one word we yell at this time of year, because when we're not hosting it, we're having a laid-back, great time at someone else's camp, experiencing their program. But when we're hosting it, like this year, it's a chance to beat our chests with pride!

WHAT IS CONCLAVE? It's 42 hours of fun, food, and fellowship, a chance to expand your understanding of the Order of the Arrow, meet members from other lodges, try new activities, learn best practices, and generally just have fun. It's like a camporee on steroids.

WHAT IS CONCLAVE IN 2019? It's all that above, but since we're hosting it, we'll be taking it to the next level. Activities? Yeah, we've got a ton! Disc Golf, Angry Birds, Cornhole, Frog Flinger, Ring Toss, Dunk Tank, Bingo, Minefield, Axe Throwing, Skee Ball, Milk Bottle Toss, Giant Connect Four, High Striker, and Volleyball, not to mention others that will surely make an appearance. Food? Well yeah, but of the really really good variety, like cheese steaks, sausage sandwiches, pulled chicken barbecue, cotton candy, french toast casserole, funnel cake, fried oreos, grilled shrimp, strawberry shortcake, churros, pulled pork barbecue, and of course, popcorn.

As Octoraro 22 members, you have two different opportunities to experience conclave - as a staff member or as a delegate. We need both! For staff members, we will need people to work on one of the following 7 committees: activities, culinary specialists, publications and promotions, ceremonies, service corps, hospitality, and administration. For delegates, we just need you to register and have fun! Regardless of which path you choose, registration begins here:
www.octoraro22.org/register.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! We're hoping to bring about 150 people as staff and delegates to conclave, and you definitely want to make sure your name is on the list!

LODGE CALENDAR

May 2019

31 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp

June 2019

1-2 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp
(Lodge Meeting, June 2nd, 9:30 AM)

7-9 Section NE-6B Annual Conclave at Horseshoe

July 2019

13-14 Vigil Weekend at Camp Horseshoe

September 2019

27-29 Lodge Service Weekend at Camp
(Lodge Meeting, September 29th, 9:30 AM)

30 Last Day to Pay 2020 Dues at a Discounted Rate

October 2019

18-20 Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend, Tidewater, VA

18-20 Council Centennial Camporee, and C5

November 2019

3 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
Vigil Pre-Selection Meeting

8-9 Lodge Leadership Development Conference
9 Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe

December 2019

1 Lodge Meeting, Council Service Center, 2:00 PM
(Service Center Cleanup starting time TBA)





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For 2019 the Brotherhood Committee asks...

Ordeal Members

Please choose to complete Brotherhood during 2019. Information about available opportunities to participate in the *Brotherhood Experience* was e-mailed to all Ordeal members on Presidents' Day. If you did not receive this e-mail, please update your e-mail address with Lodge Records. This information is available upon request from the Brotherhood Committee (brotherhood@octoraro22.org).

Brotherhood & Vigil Members

Please encourage Ordeal members that you know, particularly in your home Scouting unit, to choose to complete Brotherhood this year. Assist them to prepare for the *Brotherhood Experience* and ceremony. Ensure them that Brotherhood is about learning more customs and traditions of our Order while rededicating one's self to our Order's higher vision.

Join the Brotherhood Team

The Brotherhood Committee is looking for Brotherhood and Vigil members to help us guide Ordeal members thru the *Brotherhood Experience* during the spring service weekends, the fall fellowship weekend, and the *Brotherhood Blitz* event. Please join us as we support our brothers in sealing their bonds.

Letter from Brother Norman R Goodman

On Sunday, March 24th 2019 at the Lodge banquet, I was honored by being recognized for the Wipunquoak Award. An Award is judged by those prior recipients of the Award. Those who received this award are the most illustrious members of our Lodge. I am very humbled to be included in this group. I have received many beautiful notes and Facebook comments; I never thought that I had touched so many people.

When I sealed my Vigil Honor, Brother Ernest G. Heegard said to me "you got it, Now you earn it". I have tried to live my life by "Cheerful Service".

I am Honored and Humbled to have received the Wipunquoak Award.

Fraternally,
Brother, Dr. Norman R. Goodman