



The Wulamoc

Octoraro Lodge 22
In Cheerful Service Since 1926

Banquet 2019

Lodge Chief's Minute

Brothers,

Let me welcome you to the 2019 Lodge Banquet. After a successful 2018, 2019 is shaping up to be a very successful year for Octoraro Lodge #22. From hosting conclave to a new membership opportunity, 2019 is an important year for our lodge. Here are some of the major happenings this year, and my personal goals for them:

In December, we rechartered 990 members! Through our very successful Troop visitation program, we have grown exponentially in the last 2 years. My goal for the end of 2019 is to recharter 1000 members! This was the original goal when we started the program in 2017, and I believe we are in a great position to reach that goal!

Conclave! This year, our lodge has the privilege of hosting the Section NE-6B section conclave. You won't want to miss the Carnival of Fellowship, taking place June 7-9, at the Horseshoe Scout Reservation. You may sign up for either staff or delegate, both are fantastic ways to attend the event. I hope to see you then!

One of my vital goals for 2019 is Lodge Merchandise. T-shirts, Fleece, hats, stickers, you name it! Lodge car magnets are on sale tonight, with many more items to come throughout the year. If you have any requests for certain things, feel free to approach me tonight or contact me.

Are you looking to get more active in the lodge? Look no further than joining the Lodge executive committee! The LEC is an excellent opportunity to gain leadership or skills experience, make new friends, and bolster your scouting experience. If you are interested, please approach me tonight or email me: chief@octoraro22.org.

2019 is not only an exciting year for Octoraro lodge, but the Order of the Arrow as an entire organization. For the first time in history, we are opening our great program up to all members of the BSA. Scouts, BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts. Our Lodge is ready and enthusiastic about this opportunity for new members.

Day of Service! This year, we are teaming up with the 100th anniversary Committee for the council for our annual Day of Service. This day of service will be Saturday, April 13th, 2019. It will be the most massive Day of Service our lodge or even council has had! There will be around 20-25 Sites throughout Chester County where service opportunities are offered. I'd like to see as many Octoraro 22 Arrowmen at this event. Community outreach is excellent for our council, lodge, and organization as a whole.

Are you ready for C5? The annual Chester County Council Cub Scout camporee will have a new location this year. It will be held in conjunction with the Council's 100th-anniversary camporee, at Hibernia Park in West Caln Township. Staffing C5 is an absolute Blast! It was my first OA event, and it is one of my favorites every year. Mark October 19th and 20th on your calendar.



I hope you are excited for 2019, I sure am! There is no better time to be an Arrowman in Octoraro Lodge #22. By accomplishing these goals, we can make sure that this critical year in the history of our

Lodge goes down as successful, and fun. I hope you share my vision for this year, and I am enthusiastic and honored to guide us into the future. Have a great Banquet!

Yours In Brotherhood,

Bevan Watson

Lodge Chief



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Lodge Adviser's Minute

Brothers, welcome to the Annual Banquet and the official start of Lodge activities this calendar year. I would like to congratulate all in the Lodge for be awarded the Order of the Arrow Journey to Excellence, Gold level, for our seventh year in a row in 2018. Thank you and congratulations to all.

In 2019, the Lodge has many activities planned for the upcoming year that will require our 100% support and our continued commitment to excellence. Octoraro 22 will be playing a large part in our Council's 100th Anniversary Celebration by leading the way at the Day of Service on April 13th and then again at the 4th Annual C5 event – this time joining the Council-wide Camporee at Hibernia Park. We look forward to hosting the NE-6B Conclave at Horseshoe Scout Reservation. This will need to be a total Lodge Commitment as I ask everyone to sign up to staff or be part of the Delegation. In order to get ready for Conclave, we will be preparing Camp during our April and June Service Weekends and then celebrating the culmination of our efforts during our September Fellowship weekend. The Officers and I are continuing our Troop Visitations program started 3 years ago, leading the way to our highest membership levels since 2004. The Program this year, we have extended our efforts to include Venturing Crews and all Scout BSA Troops. The efforts of the Officers is simply outstanding. Our September weekend, we will probably be a first for our Lodge as we induct our first under 18 females to the program. We are excited and prepared. I ask each and every one of you to assist in those efforts and spread the word on not only what we do but what we believe in. We have a strong tradition of helping not only Chester County Council but everyone in our daily lives through our daily actions as Arrowmen. With all the changes in today's society and changes here in our Lodge there has never been a better time to be courageous, innovative, strong and confident. New faces and voices will emerge, rise and deliver new ways of working, thinking and succeeding. The Future of our Lodge will be created by a collective, diverse group of Brothers with the courage to be the evolution and the catalyst of change.

I look forward to working with you all in the upcoming year to making a difference one person at a time. As I look forward at the upcoming year, I will leave you to ponder this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Yours in Brotherhood,
Gus Sauerzopf
Lodge Advisor

NOAC 2020

Brothers! NOAC 2018 was a blast, but NOAC 2020 information has just been released! The five day event will be held at **Michigan State University** in East Lansing, MI. MSU has held three past conferences, including 2006, 2012, and the famous centennial conference in 2015. NOAC 2020 will be held from **August 3-8, 2020**. See you there!

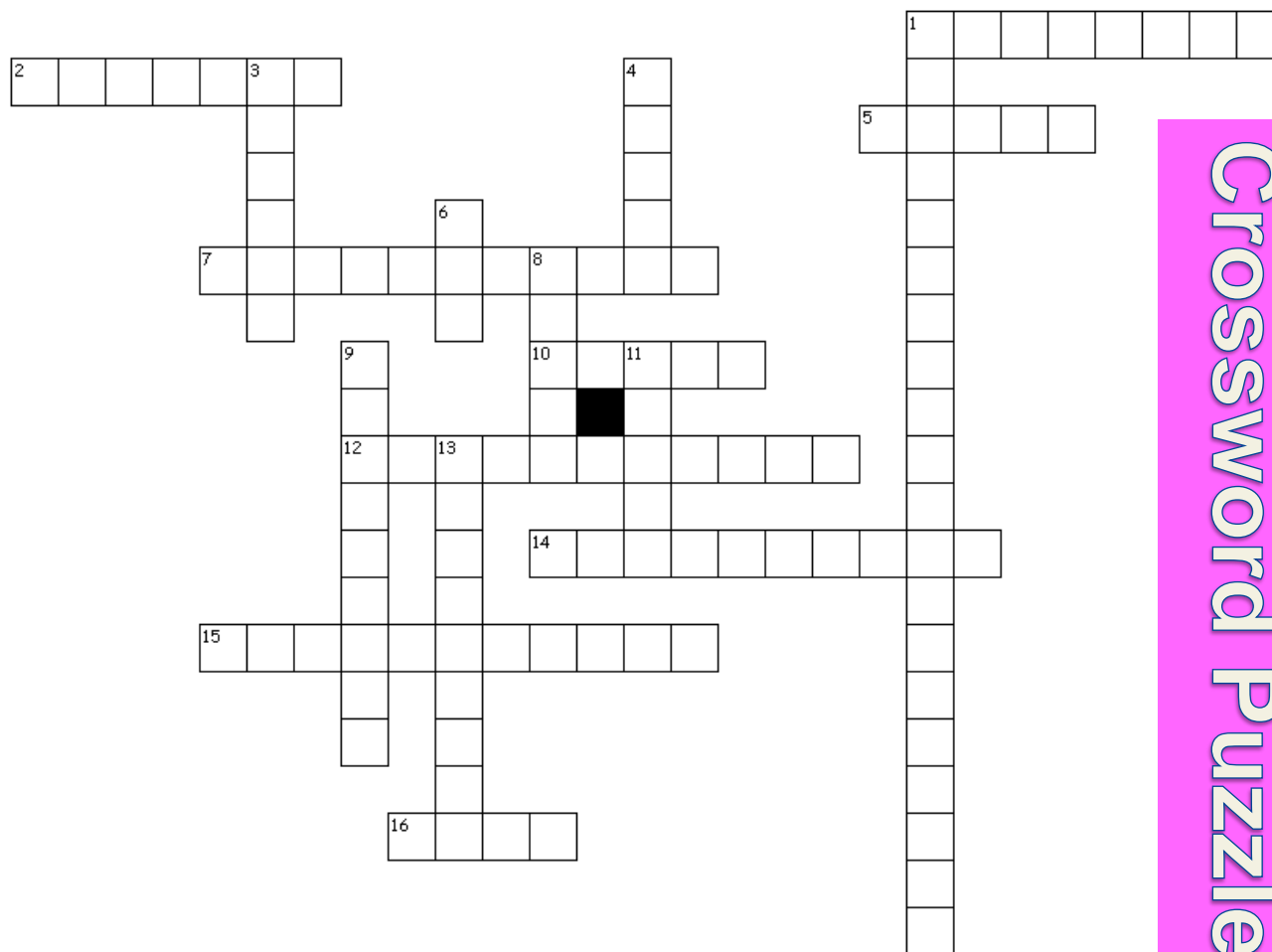




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Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. What is being hosted at camp?
2. Name of this newsletter
5. Image is depicted on a sash
7. Who is the 2019 National Chief?
10. Third rank of the Order
12. Who is the 2019 North East region Chief?
14. How many years has CCC been a council?
15. Second rank of the Order
16. What is the name of our section?

Down

1. Theme of this year's conclave
3. First rank of the Order
4. First name of the 2019 Lodge Chief
6. What are the new magnets for?
8. How many program weeks happen during the summer at horseshoe?
9. Our Lodge's number
11. What is our Lodge's totem?
13. What is our boy scout summer camp called?



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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!



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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.

Did You Know?

2019 will be the 8th time Octoraro 22 has hosted a conclave? We also hosted in 1974, 1983, 1991, 1997, 2003, 2009, and 2014.

Before the era of conclaves, pow-wows and conferences were the typical area or regional meetings, and Octoraro also hosted those in 1929, 1948, 1954, 1961 and 1969.



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Day of Service

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, Chester County Council is organizing a countywide Day of Service as part of the Council's 100th Anniversary events. In years past the Lodge has held its own Day of Service. This year the Lodge is partnering with Chester County Council.

This day of service will be the largest Day of Service the Council has ever planned. About 20-25 Sites throughout Chester County are in the planning stages where a multitude of service opportunities will be offered. All parts of Scouting will be attending – Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Boy Scouts and Venturers.

Our Lodge will need volunteers to participate and about 20-25 "Site Captains." The Site Captain will work with the project beneficiary representative at the site to coordinate any administrative issues that may arise during the day and to take attendance. Also the Site Captain will need to take pictures and send them back to Council for use in other communications and newspapers.

The projects will include both conservation projects and social service projects. Conservation projects will count toward the requirements for Life rank.

A special patch will be provided to all participants.

More information to come from the Lodge and the Council. Be sure to look for additional information in Trailblazer and on the Council Website.

2019 Lodge Calendar

March 16	Lodge Trail Crew Day, Camp Horseshoe
April 7	OA Troop Rep Summit, Council Service Center – 12:30 pm Lodge Committee Meeting, Council Service Center – 2pm
April 13	Day of Service, Various Locations in Chester County
April 26 – 28	April Service Weekend, HSR
April 28	Lodge Committee Meeting, Camp Horseshoe – 9:30 am
May 31 – June 2	June Service Weekend, HSR
June 2	Lodge Committee Meeting, Camp Horseshoe – 9:30 am
June 7 – 9	Section NE-6B Conclave – Camp Horseshoe
July 13 – 14	July Vigil Weekend, Camp Horseshoe
September 8	Lodge Committee Meeting, Council Service Center – 2pm
September 27 – 29	September Fellowship Weekend, HSR
September 29	Lodge Committee Meeting, Camp Horseshoe – 9:30 am
October 12	C5 Camporee, Hibernia Park
October 18 – 20	Blue Heron Fellowship, Pipsico Scout Reservation
November 3	Lodge Committee Meeting, Council Service Center – 2pm
November 8-9	Lodge Leadership Development, Camp Horseshoe
November 9	Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe
December 1	Council Service Center Cleanup – 12 pm Lodge Committee Meeting, Council Service Center – 2pm