

2020 Lodge Officer Candidate Bios

Chief

John Porter: John Porter is an 18 year old eagle from troop 76 in Fraser. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in April of 2015, sealed his membership in April of 2016, and recently kept his vigil in July of 2019. John initially became involved within the lodge by working as an elangomat until he was promoted to co chair of the Ordeal Committee. Officer positions that John has held in the past include 2018 and 2019 Administration vice chief, and he is now running for reelection to be the 2020 lodge chief. John's experience is one of the many reasons that make him the best candidate for chief; he has worked alongside chiefs in the past and eventually became a chief himself, but he believes it is time for him to run for his own full term. One of the many goals that John has for next year is to reach 1000 members. The order of the arrow is one of John's greatest scouting experiences and he just wants every other scout to have the same incredible experience he did.

Owen Cutler: Hello Octoraro 22! If you couldn't tell, my name is Owen Cutler, and I'm an Eagle Scout from Devon 50. I've served the lodge in the past as the Conventions Committee chairman as well as the Troop Representative chair, and, most recently, as your Program Vice Chief. I am a member of the Conestoga High School Marching Band and a producer for the T/E TV production club. I'm running for Lodge Chief because I am well suited for the role and more than willing to help all of you have the best time at OA events throughout the year. As chief, I want to put a focus on fun in the lodge, with fellowship events beyond just the Fellowship Weekend you're at right now, such as bowling nights and other lodge gatherings. With me as chief, you'll be sure to have a fantastic year!

Ben Merkle: I am Ben Merkle the 2019 Octoraro lodge 22 treasurer and member of the Section NE-6B communications team. I have worked on the lodge lec for almost 3 years now. I am also the projects chair and work closely with the other committees and help whenever needed. I am also working on eagle and I am doing my Board of Review in December. Outside of scouting I volunteer at various soup kitchens and I participate in student council and track and field. I hope to get feedback from the committee chairs and other lodge members to further improve the lodge and try to put ideas into effect. I have the leadership capabilities and responsibilities to be octoraro lodge 22's 2020 lodge chief.

Vice-Chief

Dean Wheeler: Dean Wheeler is a Life Scout from Troop 191 in Avondale. He took his Ordeal in June of 2016, and sealed his Brotherhood in April of 2017. In the past he has held the positions of Promotions and Publications Conclave Sub-Chair, Section Communications team member, OA Troop Rep Sub-Chair, and most recently served as the 2019 Lodge Corresponding Secretary. He has also served on Camp Horseshoe Staff for the past 2 years. As Vice Chief I would like to increase communication between committees and promote our lodge events on all social media platforms. I would also like the lodge to host events directed at new Arrowmen to encourage them to get involved.

Corresponding Secretary

Ryan Darlington: My name is Ryan Darlington, I am from Lionville Troop 220 and I am running for Corresponding Secretary! I would be good for this position due to my experience on the lodge executive committee and as an officer. This year I am currently the Recording Secretary and was the Camping Promotions chairman before that. I was honored with the Chesimus Wulihan Award this year. I am a Brotherhood member, OA Representative and was the Senior Patrol Leader of my troop. I am a Life Scout and am currently completing my Eagle Project. I will put together great Wulamocs for the upcoming year that are informative and interesting. Overall, I want to be Corresponding Secretary to continue to be active and serve the lodge!

Recording Secretary

Francis J Purcell IV: I am from Troop 78. I have a cat named JD. I want to be an officer because I have spent a lot of time helping out with the Camp, and I want to give my time back to the camp with these service weekends and making sure they get documented well with the support of many articles. One goal that I have as an officer is to give a better description of LECs that take place, for instance, keep a public listing of which committee chairs showed up to the meetings, to keep the chairs more accountable for their duties! I am the best fit for Recording Secretary because I have written many articles for the Lodge in the past, and I have seen the process to keep track of all of the minutes at each LEC

Treasurer

Jimmy Bossong: Hi, I'm Jimmy Bossong from troop 52 and I am running for treasurer. I am a freshman at Downingtown STEM and am a junior volunteer firefighter. I want to be treasurer because I feel like that is what the lodge needs me to do. I would like to create more merchandise for brothers such as sweatshirts, pajama pants, hats, and flannels. I have been trained as a cashier and have been practicing on my math skills and I feel prepared to be Treasurer. Always remember: can't go wrong with Jimmy Bossong!

NOAC 2020

Brothers!

NOAC 2020 is coming closer and closer, and registration is just around the corner. NOAC is a week long event organized by the National Order of the Arrow staff that they fill with fun events such as lodge competitions, stadium events and shows, training cells, and so much more! It truly is a great time to see a whole nation of brothers come together for such a big event such as this, and WE WANT YOU TO REGISTER! This year the event is being held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Registration for staff and delegates open on October 1st, and as usual there is a \$100 deposit per delegate, and regular cost is not to exceed \$600. We will also have 350 limited edition fundraising patches that will be available during fellowship weekend, so get 'em while they're hot!



2020 Dues

2020 Octoraro 22 Membership Dues are being accepted on Doubleknot and you can access the registration of dues at www.octoraro22.org/register.

Early dues payments (now until **September 30th, 2019**) cost \$24. After then, the cost is \$36.

In addition to paying the lodge's annual national recharter fee, dues also help pay for supplies at camp, cover the cost of some projects, youth training, and provide helpful funds for Chester County Boys Scouts.

If you are not sure of your membership status, please email Leslie John at oawweekend@cccbsa.org.

Brotherhood

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.



Vigil

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. The nominator is responsible to ensure that the nominee meets these criteria — please check with lodge records (Mrs. Leslie John:LDJ113@aol.com) if you are unsure of your nominee's status.

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 (found in the "Forms and Documents" section of the Lodge website) 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 for any reason.

The nomination form may be submitted in one of two ways:

1. Save the completed form to your computer and send it as an e-mail attachment to:

vigil@octoraro22.org

2. Complete this form, print it, and mail it to:

Mr. Jake Segal, OA Staff Adviser Chester County Council, B.S.A. 226 Exton Square Mall, Exton, PA 19341

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.

C5

C5 Joins Forces With the 100th Anniversary Camporee in October - we need your help!

October 26th and 27th, 2019

Chester County Council Cub Camporee 2019

Volunteer to help Octoraro 22 at the annual Chester County Council Cub Camporee (C5) which this year will be held at a new location in conjunction with Chester County Council's 100th Anniversary Camporee.

The Camporee will be October 26th - 27th at Hibernia Park. We will need volunteers throughout the duration of the event, but as it coincides with the Scouts BSA Camporee, we recognize that scouts and scouters may not be able to be available the entire time. So this year, we are hoping to get more volunteers by offering shorter shifts.

Follow the link below to sign up, making sure to indicate your preferred activity area and time slot(s). Anyone interested in joining the C5 Committee to help with planning and preparation, please select "Sign me up!" on the last question.

This is an important event for the Lodge and the Council. It promotes scouting for youth in our area and shows the Cubs how much fun scouting can be which aids in scout retention, as well as recruitment. Please help make it successful again this year by donating as much of your time as you can. The service hours benefit you and our community.

Also, remember that the Cub Scouts look up to the older scouts. Be a good role model by wearing your Class A uniform and OA sash with pride. Additional info will be sent out after you sign up and before C5.

Thanks for all of your effort!

Please visit <https://c5cubday.wordpress.com> for more information about C5.



2019 Calendar

- October 18-20, 2019 – Blue Heron Fellowship, PSR
- October 26-27, 2019 – C5, Hibernia Park
- November 3, 2019 – LEC, Covenant Community Life Center
- December 1, 2019 – LEC, Covenant Community Life Center
- December 13-14, 2019 – LLD, Camp Horseshoe

Section NE-6B

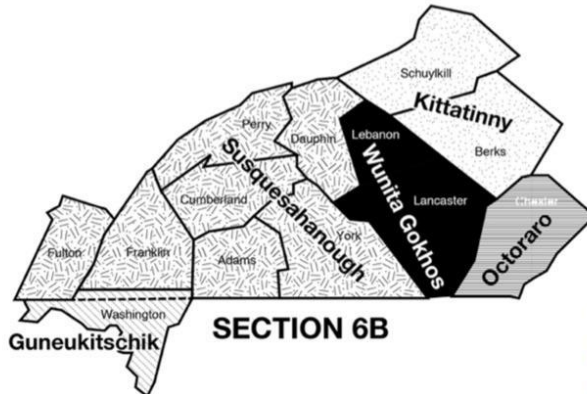


Section NE-6B



Learn more about your section!

Octoraro 22 is one of 5 lodges in Section NE-6B. The Section exists to support lodges and run an annual conclave. Here's some more information about NE-6B:



Map of Section NE-6B

NE-6B Lodges

Kittatinny 5
Susquesahanough 11
Octoraro 22
Wunita Gokhos 39
Guneukitschik 317

By the numbers

- 3,448 Arrowmen in NE-6B
- 5 Lodges
- 1 of 10 in the Northeast Region
- 1 of 46 in the Order of the Arrow



Officers (from left): Secretary Ricky Leese, Vice Chief Ean Dudley, Chief Bevan Watson

Quick Facts

- NE-6B serves south central PA, and parts of Northern Maryland
- The 2020 NE-6B conclave will be June 5-7, at Sinoquipe Scout Reservation, hosted by Guneukitschik Lodge. The theme will be *Olympic Adventure*
- Area NE-6 is home to another section, NE-6A. NE-6A and NE-6B have held a couple of joint training sessions in the past few years.