

# THE WULAMOC

*He Who Speaks Truly*

Octoraro Lodge 22: Serving Cheerfully Since 1926

## Upcoming Events

**March 14:** HSR Clean Up  
Day 9am-12pm at HSR.

**April 4:** Day of Service  
9am-1pm at the CYWA

**April 5:** April LEC

**April 24-26:** Lodge  
Service Weekend

**May 29-31:** Lodge Service  
Weekend

**June 5-7:** Section NE-6B  
Conclave at Camp  
Sinoquipe

## Ceremonialists Wanted

Do you have what it takes to be the few, the proud - the ceremonialist? Then the Lodge wants you.

Positions are available on one of the three ceremony teams: Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal and Brotherhood. There is perhaps no better way to serve the Lodge and learn more about the Order's ideals and principles! Email [ceremonies@octoraro22.org](mailto:ceremonies@octoraro22.org) if interested.



## Olympus Adventure at Conclave 2020!

This year's Section NE-6B Conclave is hosted by Guneukitschik Lodge #317 on the weekend of June 5 - 7, 2020 at Camp Sinoquipe in Fort Littleton, PA. Each of the five lodges in Section NE-6B will gather at beautiful Camp Sinoquipe for conclave, an Olympic Adventure. Throughout the weekend, Arrowmen will have the chance to partake in training sessions, witness amazing shows and compete in friendly competition as well as many other exciting events. Two special quests will be attending: National Chief Zachary Schonfeld and Western Region Chief Gavin Cho. Registration is now open on Octoraro 22's website for this weekend of fun and fellowship.





## Brotherhood Blitz Bonanza

On December 14, 2019, Brotherhood Blitz occurred at Camp Horseshoe. The Brotherhood Blitz allows eligible Ordeal members to achieve their Brotherhood between lodge weekends. This year 19 brothers earned their Brotherhood at the Blitz. Afterward, a hearty dinner was served in the Lodge Building! As a reminder, Brotherhood can be earned at any of the three lodge weekends or the Blitz which is usually held in November or December.

## C5

Chester County Council Cub Camporee 2019 became part of the Council's 100th Anniversary Celebration this past year. On the weekend of October 26th-27th, over 3000 scouts, scouters, and family members gathered at Hibernia County Park for a weekend of scouting activities and fellowship.

Octoraro 22 hosted the Cub Scout portion of the event as part of the Lodge's annual C5 undertaking with the biggest turnout yet -- over 1100 attendees for C5 alone! Arrowmen came out to volunteer for the whole weekend, or squeezed in some hours between their troop's activities. Most participants braved the rain and stayed overnight and three of our Lodge's youth emceed the evening arena show including a former Lodge Chief!

Thanks again to all volunteers for your work to retain Cubs and promote scouting in our community. If you have not picked up your patch yet, see Anthony Watson or Mrs. Pendill at any LEC, or email [c5@octoraro22.org](mailto:c5@octoraro22.org).

Everyone should put C5 2020 in their calendars: October 10th-11th. Talk to Anthony Watson or email [c5@octoraro22.org](mailto:c5@octoraro22.org) if you'd like to join the committee and help plan for our 2020 event. Thanks!



## Trustees Wanted

Greetings, Brothers! Are you looking for ways to get involved in the lodge? Are you interested in the lodge building? Would you like to help preserve the building and history for future members? Well, the Trustees do just that! We work to maintain, and improve the lodge building and the grounds around it, and are looking for help with this responsibility. If you are interested in more information, please contact us at [trustees@octoraro22.org](mailto:trustees@octoraro22.org)

## OATHRIVE

On October 19, 2019, members of the Octoraro 22 gathered at the East Goshen Township Building to watch THRIVE, a national OA webinar. This was a national event broadcast to all lodges in the country to aid lodges in sustaining membership. In addition, National Chief Matt Parsons mentioned Camp Horseshoe a few times during the seminar as a place where scouting thrives! More information on THRIVE can be found on the National OA website or in the pamphlet you received at the banquet.

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## National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership. The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format complements the longer, more detailed Junior Leadership Training program (for youth) and Wood Badge program (for adults). During the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills learned on projects in the lodge, council, and community. NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside of the Scouting program. On April 17-19, 2020 the Northeast Region of the OA is hosting a NLS at Camp Ware. If interested please contact Chief John at [chief@octoraro22.org](mailto:chief@octoraro22.org) or Mr. Sauerzopf at [adviser@octoraro22.org](mailto:adviser@octoraro22.org).



## NOAC 2020

Get ready for NOAC 2020 on August 3-8, 2020 at Michigan State University. This year's theme is "Step Up, Step Forward." The National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC, is a weeklong gathering of members of the Order of the Arrow, typically held every other year in early August on a college campus. Over 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states attend NOAC, making it the second-largest event in Scouting and the pinnacle of events in the Order of the Arrow. NOAC consists of both training and fellowship! Sign up now on the Octoraro 22 website!

## **The Most Splendiferous LLD and Brotherhood Blitz**

On Friday, December 13, I went down to Camp Horseshoe to experience the lodge leadership and development weekend. This was my second year going, and we were put in McIlvaine Lodge. Thanks to the Trustees, we were able to use the lodge building for presentations and meals. It was the first time that we had girls for this event, and it was mostly Troop 19 from Downingtown. Most Committee Chairs were present with the exception of a few. Also, the OA kitchen staff provided us with a wonderful snack on Friday night. Later that night, we watched Monsters University which had a central theme of teamwork. Then, we went to bed in McIlvaine.

When we woke up, we were all pretty tired, considering that I had a very bad cold, and it was raining once again. We walked to the OA lodge, and we had a great breakfast, which was bacon and pancakes. After breakfast, we had an assortment of helpful training sessions led by Owen, Zach R, Matt P, and insightful input by the adults. The troop OA Rep. position was discussed as Mr. Sauerzopf encouraged for the troop reps to come to the monthly lodge meetings. Another point of discussion was NOAC 2020, and how there is still space for brothers to attend.

The presentations that were given are not only for the purpose of the OA, but many themes of them can be applied to our lives in general. When we are in school or at our job, there will be times where we are leaders, and it is important to know the skills to lead others effectively. Matt Paoella had an effective conclusion speech and he summed up how applications of these presentations are effective for the OA and beyond.

After the presentations, there was time to explore the trading post, and watch more movies in the OA Lodge. Also, the Brotherhood Blitz happened at 6, and I was the guard for the ceremony. We had many new scouts attain the degree of brotherhood, which is a great to see for our lodge. The ceremony was great, and the ceremonies team did an awesome job. At the conclusion of the ceremony, there was an Italian dinner hosted in the OA Lodge by Mr. Goodman, and the rest of the kitchen staff. I hope to see many more committee chairs at the next LLD, and it seemed that everyone enjoyed the weekend. Thank you to Mr. Seace for helping with the building throughout the weekend!

-Francis Purcell



## **A Note from the Lodge Adviser**

Brothers, welcome to the Annual Banquet and the official start of Lodge activities this calendar year. The Lodge has many activities planned for the upcoming year, including our National Conference at Michigan State University that will require our 100% support and our continued commitment to excellence. Although some metrics have been changed by National regarding a Lodge's performance, we will continue to do what is in the best interest of our Octoraro 22 membership. The Leadership will be incorporating changes using their recommendations and best practices, such as Fellowship Events, stream-lined communication to our new members and a few more.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2020 by continuing our Troop Visitations program of past few years. In 2020 our total Lodge membership increased to over 1,000, the 2019 efforts accounted for a 26 member increase. I would encourage Brothers to take back the message – we are here to serve you and to make your Troops and Crews stronger than ever. Last year, the joint effort by all was simply outstanding. 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 Vince Lombardi, "Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Gus Sauerzopf

Octoraro 22 Lodge Adviser

## **Distinguished Citizen Award**

Congratulations to Brother Ernie Heegard for receiving Chester County Council's Distinguished Citizen Award on November 22, 2019 at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern. Ernie was Camp Director at Camp Horseshoe for many decades and served as Octoraro Lodge's Adviser for almost as long. He was a Lodge Chief and is a Vigil Honor member. Funds raised from the dinner will be used for dining hall ventilation upgrades and a remodeling of the camp fire circle. Thank you for everything Ernie!

## Day of Service

On Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 9:00 am is the Lodge's Day of Service. This year we will be working at the CYWA, a homeless shelter in Coatesville for women recovering from addiction. We will be performing general repairs and maintenance as well as clean up. Sign-ups and more information is on the Lodge website.

## Does Your Troop Have an OA Troop Representative?

Did you know that one of the official BSA leadership positions is OA Troop Representative? Does your troop have one? If not, get one! This is an important link between the Lodge and the Troop. The Troop Rep meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not members of the OA and adult leaders. Contact [trooprepresentative@octoraro22.org](mailto:trooprepresentative@octoraro22.org) for more information.

## A Note from the Lodge Chief

Brothers!

Now is a very exciting time in the lodge with so many events and changes on the horizon. Coming up is the day of service as well as the April work weekend. I hope to see you all there, but I'm most excited for conclave which will be during the weekend of June 5th, at Sinoquipe Scout Reservation. If you've never been to a conclave, I seriously encourage you to go and to bring a friend from your troop. Lodge 317 has so much fun stuff planned for this event. This year is also a NOAC year, another exciting event just like conclave except it's a week long. This year it's at Michigan State University; I had such a blast two years ago and I'm seriously looking forward to attending this year's conference.

The Lodge officers and advisers have been working hard to meet the new lodge standards of THRIVE. I am very proud of what Octoraro has accomplished; as a lodge we have both outstanding unit election and Induction rates, all thanks to the equally outstanding brothers. We're still looking to improve however by increasing our activation rate. In the future, you can expect more and exciting fellowship events to activate the new arrowmen. The officers and I have some other great ideas planned to make our lodge thrive.

We have many big things coming up, and I hope to see you all at futures events.

Yours In Brotherhood,  
John Porter, Lodge Chief



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