

THE WULAMOC

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Octoraro Lodge 22: Serving Cheerfully Since 1926

Upcoming Events

The April and June lodge service weekends are cancelled. Conclave is postponed.

August 3-8: NOAC 2020

September 25-27:
Fellowship Weekend

October 10-11: C5

Please continue to check your email and social media pages for updates about lodge events going forward.

Highlights

Check out page #4 for an update from Achgeketurn Fire Circle, pictured below during construction.



Check out page #2 to see Arrowmen who were recognized at the banquet.



Scout On!

With the unprecedented postponement of many Scouting activities due to COVID-19, Octoraro Lodge 22 and Chester County Council conducted the first ever Virtual Camporee on April 18-19, 2020. Throughout the day on Saturday, Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts participated in many online activities via Zoom such as Scout Jeopardy, First Aid, and Knot Tying among many others. The fellowship lunch was a big hit. After the virtual campfire on Saturday evening many scouts and scouters camped out in their backyards. Many Arrowmen helped run the events and plan the camporee. Thank you to all! Special thanks to Melissa Pendill for organizing the camporee!



Follow Octoraro 22 on Instagram!
The page (@octoraro22) posts updates on events and news from the lodge.

Award Winners from the Banquet

On March 7, 2020, Octoraro 22 had a great banquet and recognized the achievements of Arrowmen over the past years. Below are the award winners from the banquet.

Unit of Excellence Award: Troops 1,4,23,44,51,52,56,62,73,95,III,II7,I25,I35,I43,I49,I9I

#1 James E. West

Fellowship Award:

Bevan R. Watson

#2 Chesimus Wulihan

Award: Sarah R.

Diamond

#3 Most Valuable

Arrowman Award:

James R. Bossong

#4 Achgeketum

Award: David V. Seace

#5 Wipunquoak

Lifetime of Service

Award: R. Bruce

Robertson



Below are the recipients of the Founders' Award, Maxwell J. Weiser, Mark D. Lysle and Jeffrey L. Schaefer. They are on stage along with past recipients of the award.



Conclave Postponed

Section NE-6B Conclave was originally scheduled for June 5-7, 2020 but has been pushed back to a later date (TBD).

This year's conclave is hosted by Guneukitschik Lodge #317 at Camp Sinoquipe in Fort Littleton, PA. Each of the five lodges will gather at beautiful Camp Sinoquipe for conclave, an Olympus Adventure, for a weekend of fun and fellowship.



NOAC 2020

NOAC 2020 will be in Michigan State University from August 3-8, 2020. The theme "Step Up, Step Forward" is showcased in the logo, which was released in April.



An Update from our NOAC 2020 Contingent

Hello Brothers,

Exciting news, NOAC is still being planned and I for one am looking forward to being with my fellow brothers from across the United States.

Everyone who is going to NOAC 2020 should have received an email from national. Please follow through with the instructions and make any corrections to your personal information and make choices for your activities. I would do this very soon as the training classes fill up quickly. There will be opportunities for lodge team competitions. Please explore all the great choices National has made available for you.

Several have asked about payments. We know with everything going on budgets are being watched closely right now. This will allow you to make payments that will meet your budgets. We are asking that payment be made in full by 6/1/2020, at <https://cccbsa.doubleknot.com/event/noac-2020-payments/2666842> Please remember that scholarships are available through region, section and your lodge if needed for youth only. Contact me for information on this if you are in need asap or before 5/31/2020.

Other things that will need to address are health forms- I will need a copy of forms A, B & C and copies of your medical cards front and back. Adults (18+) please forward me a copy of your current YPT.

Coming up in the next couple of weeks we will be sending out a list of participants for you to choose your roommates.

If you have any more questions please don't hesitate to contact me. All my contact information was included in the email from national.

WWW,

Sherry Seace
Adult Adviser NOAC



Achgeketum Fire Circle Rehabilitation

While the Horseshoe Scout Reservation (HSR) is largely empty during the coronavirus pandemic, the Achgeketum Fire Circle is getting a major facelift that will make it both aesthetically and functionally improved for all our Scouts and guests. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the 2019 Chester County Council Gala participants and a few organizations within CCC, including Octoraro Lodge 22, there are enough funds to get the initial phases of construction underway in the Winter and Spring of 2020. The gala was held in tribute of Ernie Heegard, longtime Horseshoe Camp Director and Octoraro 22 Lodge Adviser, and the proceeds from the gala were allocated to air circulation efforts at the Camp Horseshoe Dining Hall and rehabilitating the fire circle named after Ernie's Vigil Name: Achgeketum.

The functional improvements of the rehabilitation project include better water drainage management, direct guest access from the Boat Docks Road (rather than the sloped access walking trail at the South end of the circle), and bench lighting that will assist Scouts, Scouters, and guests to leave the circle safely at the end of an evening campfire. Speaking of benches - all benches have been replaced and now include cement slab anchoring across the entirety of each bench; the benches no longer lean forward and the anchoring should keep them completely vertical for a much longer time period. Large rock blocks also line the interior and exterior circles of Achgeketum giving it a very distinctive outline to further enhance its beauty.

Whenever we eventually head back to our beloved HSR, there will be a welcome surprise waiting for us at the North end of camp. In the meantime, keep your inner fire burning for Scouting until we can experience the Great Outdoors again together.

Pictured below is the Fire Circle during construction in the evening.



Picture above as a digital rendering of the finished Achgeketum Fire Circle.

A Note from the Lodge Adviser

Brothers,

I hope this addition of the Wulamoc finds you all well. In these unprecedented times, please keep in mind that you ALL can do your part by doing the right things to stop this pandemic. Social Distancing is very important, hence the cancellations of the April, June weekends as well as the postponement of the NE-6B Conclave. Our hope is to return to HSR in the very near future to assist with the preparation of Summer Camp. To be completely transparent, we are not sure what that will look like – weekend or day service. The Key 3 of the Lodge will work with Council to ensure we get Summer Camp ready for the Campers. In the meantime, please be vigilant on how you can aid others that are greatly affected by the COVID 19 crisis. A cheerful smile to others on a stroll through your neighborhood goes a long way to lift up the spirits. Enjoying the outdoors, while practicing Social Distancing, can be achieved and can be a lot of fun. Family time can take on a whole new meaning in a time like this – work together to get through this and take advantage of the quality time you can share.

I look forward to seeing you all, be safe and remember you CAN make a difference.

Gus Sauerzopf
Lodge Adviser
Octoraro Lodge #22

Vigil Update

The April and June Vigils have been postponed for the time being. We will keep you posted when a decision is made. Congrats to the Vigil Class of 2020:



David Blankmeyer	Mark Lysle	Benjamin Merkle	Matt Shookowsky
Matthew Carden	Steven Gorman	Melissa Pendill	Sean Watson
Curtis Cox	Joseph Meli	Carter Miller	Kelly Watson
Edward Crompton	David Maxwell	John Thelman	Maxwell Weiser
Ryan Darlington	Thomas Mellema	Francis Purcell	Christopher Wills
James German	Steven Miller	Duncan Tudor	