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Lodge Chief's Minute

Goooooooood Evening Octoraro,

It has been a great year so far and this weekend is the closest we have been to our pre-Covid weekend. I am so happy to see all the returning faces that I haven't seen in over a year. I am also so excited to see all the new officer candidates ready to take the lodge to the next level. This weekend has so many fellowship events and I urge you to make new friends this weekend because the lodge is a great way to make new friendships and get to know people outside of your troop. I have had the privilege of making so many friends over my 5 years in the lodge and I am always looking for more and want to help you become more active in our lodge so please talk to me at any point this weekend, even if just for a chat.

Stay woke Octoraro,

Ben Merkle

Lodge Adviser's Minute

Welcome back Brothers! I am thrilled to be getting back to a normal September weekend and Fellowship schedule. I look forward to seeing everyone in the afternoon enjoying each other's company and back to eating in the dining hall. We had a great summer and are ready for the fall season to start. This weekend we are very close to our pre-COVID September weekend numbers.

We have a busy weekend with our Lodge Elections – please take the time to get to know the officer candidates. This weekend we have much service to provide in a short span of time. The recent weather has caused us much to do around camp. Please let's use our time wisely. It's been quite some time since we worked on the trails – it will be nice to get them looking as good as they were prior to our temporary shutdown. I am sad to report that the OA Bridge was knocked out completely as the Octoraro Creek rose 16 to 18 feet. The Lodge Leadership Team will be investigating options, as this was the second time it has gone down in the last 5 years.

I would like to thank the Brothers that came out to the PARC Bird and Bat house installation and the open house event. It's great to know we now have a permanent home for our Lodge Leadership Team meetings, which occur on the first Sunday of the month. I hope to see our attendance rise consistently with our new home.

Enjoy the weekend!

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Gus Sauerzopf

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What's New in the Lodge?

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Social Media

- Tiktok- @Octoraro22
- Snapchat- @Octoraro_22
- Instagram- @Octoraro22
- Twitter- @Octorarolodge22
- Facebook-@Octoraro22

Open Committees

Brotherhood- The Brotherhood committee is the one for you if you like raising excitement, testing other's knowledge, or just want to see others achieve more. The Brotherhood committee is responsible for making sure brothers can learn about our order and want to keep coming back.

Troop Representative- The Troop Representative is the bridge between the Troop and the OA. Our Troop Representative chair is the one who helps the Troop Reps relay information and helps build excitement for our lodge. The Troop Representative is responsible for sending out correspondence and brief recap of the upcoming events as well as information from the Lodge Executive Committee meetings. The Youth Chair should build a Team of Scouts (minimum 1/District) willing to assist with Visitations.

Unit Elections- Unit Elections is the committee that organizes troop elections to help our lodge gain new members and promote the Order of the Arrow and all the activities we do. Ideally the Youth Chair will build a Committee of Brothers (1/District) to assist and cover Elections for one another if the designate cannot attend.

Costumes- The costume committee is in charge of keeping our Regalia clean and organized for our Ceremonies team.

Conclave- If you have ever been to one of our section conclaves and wanted to help out and give your input and ideas on how to make it even better, conclave might be a great team to join!

Camping Promotions- If you love HSR and want to help even more people come to our camp, Camping Promotions is perfect for you. We want people with a love for camp to help us promote it even more. Responsibilities include ensuring all Camping opportunities are communicated to the Troop Representative Youth Chair – so that they can spread the word.

Winter Staff- Winter Camp Staff is a great committee if you want more of a reason to stay at Camp Horseshoe. Winter Staff get to do activities with the troops in camp and make winter camping even more exciting for the troops in camp.

Projects- Is leading others in doing service projects something you are interested in? Maybe just being a leader? With the projects committee, you get to do just that. At our service weekends, the Projects chair gets to lead everyone in service and help clean up the camp. You may even get to tell the Lodge Chief what to do.

Trustee (2)- The Trustee committee is in charge of the upkeep of our lodge. Our lodge is where we display our whole lodge history. If you like building, fixing, or plumbing the trustees are the perfect place for you.

Vigil - Selecting candidates and chairing the Vigil election. Overseeing the preparation of the annual tap-out and ceremonies.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know, at Communications@octoraro22.org

Lodge Member Portal

In an effort to give you, the members of Octoraro 22, better access to your information in our database, we implemented Member Portal access shortly after the June 2021 service weekend.

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- View your member information and update your contact information, and for other information, contact the lodge to update for you.
- View an events calendar. Events that have registration links will also be put in this calendar.
- Print your own membership cards.
- View any important messages that the lodge leadership places in the member portal.

Hopefully you will find the Member Portal useful and another small step to keeping up to date with not only the lodge but your own information. If your Member Portal access invitation access has expired, please contact Andrew Coe at andrewcoe@gmail.com to have another invitation sent. New Ordeal members will also have invitations sent after the September weekend.

PARC Service Day – Part III



In preparation for the PARC Open House, a dozen volunteers came out to PARC on September 11th to paint and install bird houses and bat boxes, assemble Eagle congratulations signs, and pickup trash around the property. Upon completion, 18 bird houses and 4 bat boxes were mounted, most of which were contributed by Scouts in Chester County Council either as individuals or as part of the Camp Horseshoe Woodworking MB class. These habitats will help kick-start PARC's conservation program to provide birds and bats shelter, and a map of these bird houses / bat boxes was even compiled to show where these habitats are located on the PARC property. Thanks all around for helping to make the PARC Open House a success!

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Officer Candidate Biographies

Lodge Chief

Elena McFadden

-My name is Elena McFadden from Troop 111 and Crew 117 and I am running for chief. I would also be interested in running down for any other officer positions. I believe I am the best candidate for chief because I have developed as an innovative leader and am ready to fully put these skills into action. Over the past year I have learned how to properly fulfill duties as chief. And while working as an officer I was able to observe what other officers must do to fulfill their duties. This gave me a better understanding of how I would conduct a team of officers and LLT together. As chief I would love to grow the lodge to one thousand brothers again. I would hope to promote this by making events exciting and engaging. Quarterly fellowship events, incentives, and friendly competitions could guide refocusing on service and fellowship post pandemic.

Sean Darlington

-My name is Sean Darlington and I am running for the position of Lodge Chief. I am currently a Life Scout in Lionville Troop 220 and I am currently working on my Eagle Project. I am currently Recording Secretary for the Lodge. Prior to that I was OA Troop Representative. Last year I was OA Troop Representative in my Troop and the prior year I was Senior Patrol Leader and earned the Silver Buckle. I have also been Patrol Leader and Scribe. I served on Horseshoe Camp Staff as a CIT in 2019 and was a Trailblazer Counselor in 2021. This past summer I was co-Camp Chief for the Lodge at summer camp. I took my Ordeal in September 2018 and became Brotherhood in September 2019. I was also an Elangomat during Lodge Weekends at every Ordeal before I became Recording Secretary. In 2019 I attended the World Scout Jamboree. This past year I went to Sea Base. I believe I would be the best candidate for this position because of my leadership experience in Scouting, including being Recording Secretary and OA Troop Representative for the Lodge as well as working on camp staff, being Senior Patrol Leader, and being Camp Chief for the Lodge. As Chief I want to focus on strengthening and increasing our Lodge membership and fellowship activities following Covid. I want to get troops more involved in the Lodge and increase communications to the troops and packs in the Council about the positive things the Lodge does for Scouting. I also would like to establish a mentor program for new members.

Vice Chief

Dean Wheeler

-Hi my name is Dean Wheeler and I am running for the position of Vice-Chief. I took my ordeal in June of 2016 sealed my brotherhood in April of 2017 and kept my vigil this past June. I have served in numerous roles in our lodge including Communications Lead, Corresponding Secretary, as well as Program Vice-Chief. I also have served on Camp Horseshoe

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Staff since 2018 most recently as Health & Fitness Director. Outside of scouting I am currently attending West Chester University working on my degree in marketing.

Recording Secretary

Tristen Eversmeyer

-My name is Tristan Eversmeyer, I am from Troop 56 Honey Brook and a recent Eagle Scout. I am currently running for Recording Secretary for our lodge for this year. The reason I believe I am fit for this job is because of my dedication to being organized. While I was the scribe of my troop I created a filing system to log all attendance, paperwork, and inventory. Similar to an inventory system I would employ while I worked on camp staff to log all equipment, while working under the shooting sports department. On top of that I took notes during PLC meetings while I was part of a group of scouts that attended the 2019 World Jamboree in order to ensure emails with information was accurate to what event was discussed. Outside of scouting I have taken notes for various clubs particularly when assisting with the planning of a few school concerts. Followed by being in charge of sending out information and reminders for said concerts. My goal if I am voted to be our lodge secretary is to pass along information as quickly and effectively as possible that is accurate from meeting discussions while improving any communication where and if needed.

Thank you for considering me,

Tristan Eversmeyer

Treasurer

Anthony Watson

-My name is Anthony Watson, I'm a life scout from Troop 52. I am a brotherhood member in the OA. I have been in the lodge for 2 years. Some facts about me is that I'm a multi-sport athlete in highschool and I worked on staff at horseshoe. I am interested in running for treasurer. I think I'm the best candidate for this position because I'm great with numbers and I think I can present new ideas to better the lodge. I think it would be a great opportunity for me to lead and help the lodge by helping move ideas along and present new ones. I also think listening to the scouts about new improvements is a great way to do that.

Thank you,

Anthony Watson

Calendar

-October 15 - 17 Blue Heron Weekend

-November 7 Lodge Meeting, PARC, 2:00 PM Vigil Pre-Selection Meeting

-December 5 Lodge Meeting, PARC, 2:00 PM (PARC Cleanup starting time 11:00 AM)

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-December 10-11 Lodge Leadership Development Conference at Camp TBA Brotherhood Blitz, Camp Horseshoe, TBA