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Chief Letter from Sean Darlington

Our lodge is moving into an excellent place in the year 2022. We have many fun events planned for this year and many opportunities for service around our council and Camp Horseshoe. I'd like to start by thanking all who are involved in planning our excellent Banquet which is a special challenge this year due to not being able to use the technical college high school in Downingtown.

I'd like to thank all of our team leads for leading us into such a successful year and all of our new team leads for stepping up to the challenge and willing to show their leadership in order to help our lodge become one of the most successful in the region. We currently have over 700 registered members in our lodge but are working to help get through that number backup to over 1000 in the coming years. This will prove to be a struggle coming out of Covid which is something that we have done before and I am positive we can do again just as well.

This spring will be one of the most eventful for the lodge in a long time. In April we will be holding a weekend to help work on the lodge and hang more pictures as well as finish off the renovations in order to have it ready for the April and June weekends. This has been something we have been hoping to do for a while but will hopefully be complete before the April weekend so that we can fully enjoy and use it to its max possibility.

I'd like to thank all the adults we take time out of their busy work lives to help our lodge progress and take on some of the challenges the youth are not able to. I am especially excited about the upcoming June weekend and preparing the camp for what should be yet another successful summer camp season. To complete projects around camps that are necessary for it to begin in June and help summer camp staff prepare for yet another great season.

One final event that I beg to bring to all your attention is NOAC 2022 at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. We are still currently looking for more people to sign up for this event. This is an opportunity of a lifetime as a NOAC might not happen at a college campus again. Finally, I'd like to thank all of you the scouts and scouters who relentlessly come to our weekends and help serve our camp and our council. You all are the backbone of what we try to do here in the order of the arrow and in Octoraro Lodge 22. I encourage you all to stay active and to continue your scouting journey and strive for greatness.

Sincerely,

Sean Darlington Octoraro Lodge 22 Chief

2022 Calendar of Events > >

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Lodge Website: www.octoraro22.org

^^^ Important Information ^^^

March 26	PARC Service Day	PARC, 9 AM – 3 PM Horseshoe Scout Reservation Sasquesahanough Lodge #11, Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, Loysville, PA.			
April 29 - May 1	Lodge Service weekend (LLT at 9:30, 5/1)				
June 3 - 5	NE Section E11 Conclave				
June 10 - 12	Lodge Service Weekend (LLT at 9:30, 6/12)	Horseshoe Scout Reservation			
July 25 - 30	NOAC – University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN			
August 28	Lodge Meeting	1:00 PM. PARC			
September 23 - 25	Lodge Fellowship Weekend (LLT at 9:30)	Horseshoe Scout Reservation			
November 6	LLT Meeting	1:00 PM, PARC			
December 4	PARC Clean up	11:00 AM, PARC			
December 4	LLT Meeting	2:00 PM, PARC			



Lodge Adviser Letter

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 the University of Tennessee. Many things have happened in the BSA and OA Organizations since our last Banquet that will require our support and our continued commitment to excellence. Since the beginning of Thrive and our Thrive Connect engagement, we now have a better understanding on how we can utilize the metrics on a Lodge's performance to assist us in strengthening and making Octoraro 22 better than it was previously. Our resolve in that commitment will make us strive for even higher and loftier goals going forward in membership. From the engagement of those members, the lodge 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.

The last two years with the pandemic have been tough on membership and active participation – hitting 10-year lows. We look forward to a rebuilding by seeing everyone in 2022 with the continued efforts around our Troop Visitations program. I would encourage all Brothers to take back the message – we are here to serve you and to make your troops and crews stronger than ever. It will take more than the leadership of the lodge; it will need to be a message carried by all. 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. Our Lodge Leadership Teams may have new faces, but we need strong voices to 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 Henry Ford on Teamwork and Leadership, "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success".

-Lodge Adviser, Gus Sauerzopf

Sign Up for Unit Elections!

Our lodge continues to thrive because we bring new honor Scouts into our ranks each year, but we can't do that without elections! Does your unit still need a unit election for 2022? Your unit can sign up on our website to get a unit election scheduled for one of your meetings.

Sign up here: http://octoraro22.org/unit-elections-sign-up



PARC Service Day

Help PARC get a walking trail! Octoraro 22 is sponsoring a PARC service day on 3/26/2022 at the PARC Service Center in Exton. This is a great opportunity for any Scouts and Scouters to come out and do some service with your unit as there is A LOT of work to do. For this service day, we are focusing on building a walking trail at PARC for use by all who visit.

Note: You do not need to be a member of the Order of the Arrow to participate. We will take the help of all Scouts and Scouters!

The event will run from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday March 26, 2022. Lunch will be provided.

If able to help, please register on our lodge website at https://www.octoraro22.org/register.



Join the LLT!

The LLT, or Lodge Leadership Team, is comprised of the lodge officers and team leaders (formerly committee chairmen) and advisers who provide the leadership to effectively help run Octoraro 22.

The LLT administer the work of many different teams, including Brotherhood, Ordeal, Vigil, Unit Elections, Food Service, Day of Service, Trail Crew, and many more. We are always looking for help to run or participate on the various teams of the LLT, so if you've ever had an interest in getting more involved, please contact our chief or adviser

Youth interested in getting involved on the LLT: contact Lodge Chief Sean Darlington at chief@octoraro22.org

Adults interested in getting involved on the LLT: contact Lodge Adviser Gus Sauerzopf at adviser@octoraro22.org

CONCLAVE!

Conclave is back, and is being held at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation from June 3 - 5, 2022, hosted by Sasquesahanough Lodge 11.

What is conclave? Conclave is a gathering of the five lodges in our section, Section E11, and is a weekend event of fun, food, and fellowship, with a little bit of training sprinkled in to make you a stronger, more knowledgeable Arrow man. Over the course of the weekend, you'll get a chance to chat with members from other lodges and get to know how the Order of the Arrow program works outside of Octoraro 22. There're also fun activities, shows, great food, and a chance to select the next leaders of our section for the 2022-2023 year. Hidden Valley Scout Reservation is in Loysville, PA which is northwest of Harrisburg. To register, head on over to our website to sign up! The specific link with all our lodge events is https://www.octoraro22.org/register.





2021 Lodge Leadership Development

On December 10th and 11th, 25 members of Octoraro 22 came down to Camp Horseshoe to discuss some of the leadership aspects of the Order of the Arrow that would be most useful for arrowmen in our lodge. Members also described such topics as Member Retention and Making Great Presentations, as officers and team leads need to be proficient at presenting their ideas. On Friday evening, after some struggling with audio / visual issues, the LLD participants enjoyed a showing of the "classic" film Good Burger. Saturday, after the presentations ended, several members sealed their Brotherhood during the Brotherhood Blitz event. Thanks to all who came down!



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NOAC 2022!

If it was missed in translation, NOAC 2022 IS HAPPENING AND ON IT'S WAY!

So GET READY!

Order forms to purchase fundraiser patches are available at the banquet, so be sure to pick one up so you can secure this limited offer patch set! Patches will be sold for \$10, so get 'em while they're hot!

NOAC will be hosted at the **University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN**. To learn more on the location and events being conducted, visit the <u>Order of the Arrow website www.oa-bsa.org</u>. New challenges for the week we have ahead of us are posted and other information regarding the overall of the experience are highlighted there!

This is one national event you are definitely not going to want to miss! So take the chance to sign up on our website www.octoraro22.org/register and experience something new and epic this summer!

Hope to see you there!

WWW, The NOAC Team