



Chief Letter from Sean Darlington

Hello brothers, it has been a privilege to serve as your large chief so far this year and I thank you for all the hard work that you guys have put in to make our lodge so successful this past year. There are a lot of things to look forward to coming up in the spring and summer season of 2022. We have our June weekend coming up where we will help set up the camp for our yearly summer camp program. We also have conclave coming up which will be held at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation. This is a very exciting event because there's not been conclave to be had the last two years due to COVID. We are still looking for signups for this event so if you're interested head over to the website to check it out. Also later in the summer in July we will be attending NOAC 2022 which will be held at the University of Tennessee. This is a once in a lifetime experience as you have the privilege of meeting thousands of other brothers from all around the country. If you're interested in signing up for this event head over to our website where we have the link to sign up.

One thing that we would like to focus on moving in these next couple of months is greater youth participation at our monthly LLT meetings. These meetings take place the first Sunday of every month at PARC in Exton. We encourage anyone who is interested to come and see what we do as a Lodge and how everything runs behind the scenes. I would also like to bring to light our lodge social media platforms where you can follow our lodge on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and TikTok. These are locations where we post about upcoming events and links to sign up.

Sincerely,

Lodge Meeting

Sean Darlington, Octoraro 22 Chief

Social Media

Go over and follow our

Instagram to keep up

with the latest

@octoraro22 on

Instagram

Facebook:

@OctoraroLodge22

Calendar of Events

May 7th **PARC Service Day** Section E11 Conclave June 3-5th June 10-12th Lodge Service Weekend July 25-30th 2022 NOAC August 28th Lodge Meeting Lodge Fellowship Weekend September 23-25 November 6th Lodge Meeting December 4th PARC Cleanup

PARC at 9 am Hosted by Lodge 11, HVSR, Loysville, PA HSR; LLT at 9:30 AM on Sunday 6/12 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN PARC at 2:00 pm

HSR; LLT at 9:30 AM on Sunday 9/25 PARC at 2:00 pm

PARC at 2:00 pm PARC at 11:00 am PARC at 2:00 pm



December 4th





Lodge Adviser Letter

As we head into the Spring season, our weather has been mild once again, which has given us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. As daylight lengthens, it enables us the opportunity to accomplish many things this year. It reminds me of a famous Idiom, "Not enough hours in the day". I reflect on that saying from time to time and I realize that this does not apply to our Lodge. With the day-to-day pressures of school, work and a personal life, we the Brothers of Octoraro 22 always manage to get done what needs to be done to serve others cheerfully. As we enter our 96th year, we have many things not only to thankful for but things to look forward to. As the world has started to open back up, we have much work to do once again.

I would like to congratulate and thank those Brothers that have renewed their commitment to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. In 2022, we will have our first NOAC and Conclave in person since 2018. It seems like a lifetime ago. For those Brothers that have not experienced one or both, I would encourage you to bring that renewed commitment and join us for fun and fellowship. I guarantee that they will be events of a lifetime.

In speaking with our Youth Leadership, they too have a renewed focus on Youth involvement and building our Lodge participation events to even greater heights. The Lodge plans are starting to come into focus for 2022. Although, this will not be an easy task, I know we have the Youth Leadership and Adult Commitment to make this happen. In the past, Mother Nature has challenged many communities an opportunity to rebuild their cities and towns. We now must do the same with Scouting and OA Membership. It is never an easy lift but I have all the confidence in like-minded individuals to accomplish anything we set our mind to.

There will be days, when you think you can't do one more thing in the day. I challenge you to do just one more thing – that one more thing, will make the difference. I am confident that with your assistance, that our youth leadership will accomplish the goals set forth by them for our Lodge.

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Gus Sauerzopf, Octoraro 22 Lodge Adviser

Did You Know?

Since geese need open water where they can swim away from land predators, as well as for food, frozen winter water doesn't suit the birds. Geese will travel from 2,000 to 3,000 miles during the winter if they can't find open water, returning to their birthplace in the spring. Canada geese can travel 1,500 miles in a day if the weather permits.





NYLT!

Chips and Dips vs. Meats and Cheeses! This April was Chester County Council's National Youth Leadership Training held at Camp John H. Ware III. We had almost 80 participants in attendance for two very exciting, action-packed weekends. Everyone certainly brought their enthusiasm for singing camp songs, making new friends, and competing in various challenges.

There is no doubt that we saw these motivated Scouts leave our course as more inspired leaders. If you have not had the chance to join us yet, we hope to see you next year in Spring 2023!

Camp Horseshoe Staff!

Help wanted at Horseshoe Scout Reservation! Sign up to be a CIT or a staff member; there are countless opportunities to have fun and give back to HSR. Talk to Dr. Dave or Jake Segal if you are interested! Sign- up for Horseshoe staff!



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/unitelections-sign-up

PARC Service Day

Help PARC get a walking trail! Octoraro 22 is sponsoring a service day on 5/7/2022 at PARC in Exton. This is a great opportunity for anyone to come out and do some service with your unit. For this service day we a building a walking trail at PARC use by all who visit. You don't need to be a member of the OA to participate. We will take the help of all Scouts/Scouters. The event will run from 9am-1 pm on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Lunch will be provided.

If able to help, please sign-up on https://www.octoraro22.org/register

Join the LLT!

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







Elangomats!

Have you ever thought about becoming an Elangomat? In the Lenni Lenape language, Elangomat, means friend. Your Lodge Elangomats serve as friends for the Ordeal Candidates, to help guide and serve and to help create a comfortable and welcoming introductory experience for them in our Lodge.

The Ordeal Committee is looking for a few new committed brothers who want to find out more about this opportunity. With many of our experienced Elangomats headed off to college this fall, the more relaxed April and June weekends present a great opportunity to learn more in a stress-free environment, an opportunity open to both youth and adults! You will be paired with an experienced Elangomat who will take the time to help show you the process.

Reach out to ordeal@octoraro22.org for more information or to learn how to sign-up. The time to learn more is now!



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 Arrowman.

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



OA Troop Representatives Team Needs YOU!

The OA troop representative is a very important member of the Lodge and local unit. As a of the member OA Representative Team, you are the link that provides Lodge information to individual scout units. "Reps" are members of the Lodge Leadership Team and have a part in the decisionmaking process. Troop Reps should attend monthly Lodge meetings to inform leadership what concerns and issues brothers in local units are having. Therefore, the Lodge Representative Team is asking each unit to identify a youth member as Troop Rep along with an adult as ASM for OA by sending contact information to TroopRep@Octoraro22.org.

Your help in updating the list of "Reps" will improve communication. Also, your attendance at monthly Lodge meetings will strengthen the Brotherhood WWW.