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Chief Letter from Sean Darlington

Hello brothers, welcome to our June weekend and thank you all for coming to help set up for our summer camp program, which will have record attendance this year. I want to provide you with some updates about what has been going on in the lodge since the April weekend. Last weekend we sent 45 brothers to Hidden Valley Scout reservation for our first in person Conclave since we held it in 2019. This weekend, youth and adults participated in fun events like kickball, volleyball and so much more. Ben Merklee finished his term as Section Vice Chief and Elena McFadden was elected as the new Section Vice Chief. The lodge and I are so proud of both of them and all their accomplishments and now at not only the large level but also the section level. Add the weekend a theme was introduced for next year's Conclave which will be at Hawk Mountain Scout reservation June 2^{nd} to the 4^{th} , 2023. I am also very excited for all of us to attend NOAC in less than 50 days. This will be a bonding time for a lots of brotherhood at the University of Tennessee Knoxville where OA members from across the country will come together to meet and have fun through fellowship and brotherhood.

Sean Darlington

Lodge Chief Octoraro 22

Calendar of Events

July 16-17th Vigil Weekend / HSRAA Reunion Camp Horseshoe

July 25-30th 2022 NOAC University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

August 28th Lodge Leadership Team Meeting PARC at 2:00 pm

September 23-25 Lodge Fellowship Weekend HSR; LLT at 9:30 AM on Sunday 9/25

November 6th Lodge Leadership Team Meeting PARC at 2:00 pm

December 4th PARC Cleanup PARC at 11:00 am

December 4th Lodge Leadership Team Meeting PARC at 2:00 pm





As we head into the summer season, as daylight lengthens, it enables us the opportunity to accomplish many things this year. I have a renewed excitement at what the future holds for our Lodge. The future is bright, we have to make the best of every opportunity presented to us. Many years ago, someone used the word "Carpe diem" the origin of the word comes from the Roman poet Horace. The literal meaning is "Pluck the day", however it is usually translated as "Seize the day". I would encourage you all not to only use this philosophy for opportunities presented to you but as a philosophy for how we should live our lives.

This past weekend, we had 40+ Brothers attend our Section E-11 Conclave. We made new friends as well as rekindled some friendships from the past. Our Lodge participated in many fun activities with only some minor setbacks or injuries (Ha-Ha).

In less than 6 weeks, we will send a Contingent of 40+ to Tennessee to improve our Leadership skills and enjoy Fellowship with Lodges across the country. Our renewed commitment to making our Lodge strong coming out of the Pandemic is in full swing. Summer Camp is only a few weeks away and it will take ever Brother to spread that excitement about our future. As in the past, the Lodge will be conducting many Unit Elections with our Camp Chiefs and my annual visitation with the Adult Troop Leadership will continue. I look forward to seeing everyone at Camp. Our weekly OA Snack will continue, similar to what we have done in the past. I would ask that you sign in so that we can measure our Activation Rate – a measurement goal we have set forth for our Thrive initiative. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

I look forward to rekindling some friendships this weekend and would encourage everyone to extend a hand in fellowship.

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Gus Sauerzopf, Octoraro 22 Lodge Adviser

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!





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 manv 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

NOAC

BROTHERS!!!!

ITS ALMOST TIME FOR NOAC 2022!!

It's not too late to still sign up for the event, so get on it quick!
Registration will be open until June 30th, but at this point the full payment of \$750 will have to be made without a down deposit. For brothers who have paid the down deposit and need to pay the rest, that is due by June 15th.

To those who have signed up and paid up, there should be tasks for you to do in NOAERS regarding booking training cells and activities. If you have any questions with that, reach out to us and we can help you out. Any other questions or concerns with this can be addressed at the NOAC meeting on Saturday, after lunch in the dining hall.

The NOAC team sure is excited, and we hope you are too! This is going to be one of the best national events this year, so don't lose the opportunity to sign up and come along before it's too late.

And finally, one last time... SIGN UP FOR NOAC 2022!

OA Troop Representatives Team Needs YOU!

The OA troop representative is a very important member of the Lodge and local unit. As a member the of OA Representative Team, vou 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.

Conclave 2022 PICTURES











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He Who Speaks Truly 1



HONK!!!!! – LISTEN TO ME!!!! BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!



OCTORARO LODGE 22 2022 FALL FELLOWSHIP September 23-25, 2022 HSR

A Weekend Like No Other

All Fellowship and Fun No Projects

(Candidates <u>limited</u> projects)

Save the Date - More Information to Come Don't Miss This!

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

MORE Conclave 2022 PICTURES!

