

NEW FINANCE PROCEDURES

In order to ensure the accurate recording of all expenses and to improve the ability of the lodge to track budgets, the lodge has adopted new finance procedures. Now, before a check can be sent from council, you must fill out one of the new "expense allocation forms" (available at council). These forms are meant to help track what parts of their budgets committees have spent. Each form has three parts, a white, a yellow, and a pink copy. In addition, expenses may only be approved by the current lodge treasurer, lodge advisor, or council staff OA advisor.

A new form is also in use for all incoming money. Whenever you pay money to the lodge (with the exceptions of the trading post and early weekend registration), you will need to fill out a "cash receipt form", also available at council. Only the current lodge treasurer, lodge advisor, or council staff OA advisor may accept money, and they must sign the form upon receipt.

On another issue, due to an excessive number of brothers registering for work weekends upon arrival, the late fee has been increased. The previous \$3.00 fee has been increased to \$10.00 to help with administration. ~~The fee for weekend registration covers the cost of food only if the food is preordered. If more brothers attend a weekend than are expected, then we are forced to run out to grocery stores, which charge several times more than we would normally pay. Again, all these changes have been made to help the lodge gain control of its finances.~~

Thank you,

Jonathan Rogers
Lodge Treasurer



NOAC AND CONCLAVE 2002

This years conclave is a weekend of fun, fellowship, and food. This year's section conclave is sponsored by Unami Lodge 1, and is going to be located at Treasure Island, the birthplace of the Order of the Arrow. The weekend is scheduled for the 7th, 8th, and 9th of June 2002. We have only signed up for 125 spots, so sign up soon so we can fill them all before we loose them to other lodges. In addition, this year there will be a NOAC located at Bloomington Indiana. Make sure to sign up for either or both of these splendid events way in advance, so we can obtain spots for all Lodge members that are interested. For more information, contact Tyler Anderson, Conventions Chairman.



THE CHIEF'S BONNET

Brothers:

Brotherhood, a term that usually means "kinship" and implies a family like connection to another. There could be no other word in the English language like it. Dr. Goodman chose well when selecting this as a basic and underlying principle of the Order of the Arrow. Brotherhood, is the bond like connection we feel towards each and every member of the OA.

Cheerfulness, meaning "liveliness" or "vitality" and the second principle of our order. The purpose behind this ideal is mind over matter. The most troublesome and weighty task can be accomplished by thinking happy thoughts and wearing a smile.

Service, meaning a performed act or duty. Service is a huge part of the Order of the Arrow and it is a basis that we build most leadership abilities on. Service is a small yet important part of your trail in becoming a better person.

When Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service are combined, they make up the basic principles our order was based on. Today in Octoraro Lodge 22, these principles are alive and being put to great use by our youth. We as a lodge must strive to recognize those youth who are serving cheerfully, and let them know the work they are doing is a model to our organization. It is in this respect that I would like to thank some people for their countless hours of dedication to the lodge, to the Order and to each other. Matt Lewis, our Where To Go Camping chairman, without his help this year the CD-ROM would never have met its full potential. Karen Morris the Regalia advisor, always making sure her chairman has a report in on time and taking care of the lodge regalia for many years. Ed Dougherty Sr. the conventions advisor, for his continued organizational skills in getting Conclave and NOAC up and running. Tim Zirkel for getting unit Elections on the ball and rolling. Ben Zieser, for turning Ceremonies into a well oiled machine, and having a thorough report all the time. Joe Mahan for taking a monumental job of getting records straight and running with it. Tom Pantazes for being the best recording Secretary we've had in a long while. Andy Arthur for bringing new ideas to winter camping committee. John Sauser for being the best program vice chief in a long time. To all my youth Officers: Mike Palmer for taking on a new position and making it work. Matt Koepke for always doing an outstanding job with projects. Dan Aument, for pushing really hard for brotherhood conversions. Bill Sedar, for helping to relate to the "older" crowd and get brotherhood conversions. Brett D'Antonio for providing a wealth of information in his program Development packets. Richard Bowley, for being Bowley. Harold Webber for all the time he puts into improvements in the lodge building. Karen Griffin, for being "the keeper of the spirit" and really making our lodge a warm place. Matthew Griffin for challenging our beliefs in an effort to help the lodge. Dave Sherwood, for helping out with the banquet and stepping up for anything we need him for. Steve Brun, the kid that grew old but never grew up, he always shows us that the responsible side doesn't always have to be the boring side. Last but not least, Jim Montich for his support and help to the Chief. This has been a great year, and I have had a fun and challenging time as your Chief. I have devoted most of my time to Scouts and the OA, and I hope that my time as Chief has been very productive for the lodge. Best wishes to the new officers and the officers after them.

Yours in brotherhood,

Dale K. Mast
Netami Sekima
Lodge Chief Octoraro 22



OA Tidbits

"There's a car in those Wawa crates!"----JM

"Whooooooooo"----DM

"Bite the crab!!"----JS

"This'll make us one rich non-profit machine"----DM

"Guys, we're in a their land, and the people down here are different, they still think the wars going on."----RB

"Number five"----AA



Visit Octoraro Lodge 22 online @ www.octoraro.org.
You can also get information about Chester County
Council BSA @ www.CCCBSA.org and Horseshoe
Scout Reservation Alumni Association @ www.hsraa.org

Reminders

-If you would like a Unit Election, call Tim Zirkel at 610-273-2258 or send him e-mail at Zirkel@chesco.com and he can arrange one for you. Also, any youth Order of the Arrow members interested in becoming part of a Unit Elections team, please e-mail Tim Zirkel at zirkel@chesco.com. Please include your name, age, troop number, location, and district. Thank you.

-Scouts and Scoutmasters: does your troop have an OA Troop Representative? Does the OA know who your OA Troop Representative is? Please contact Billy Freeman at bubba_gumpy@hotmail.com or by phone at 610-273-3257 with the name and phone number of your Troops OA Representative.
Thank you – Billy Freeman, Troop Representative Chairman

-The Horseshoe Scout Reservation Board Game is now available. You may contact Clee Brun to Purchase one for only \$22. Please note there is only a limited supply of these exciting games.

-If any youth Order of the Arrow member is interested in becoming a part of the Lodge Committee by helping on a committee, or becoming a committee chair, please contact John Reilly. Also, if any youth would like to run for a Lodge officer position, please contact John Reilly before April 7th.

-Don't forget to stop by the trading post table and purchase the special Banquet patch for this year.

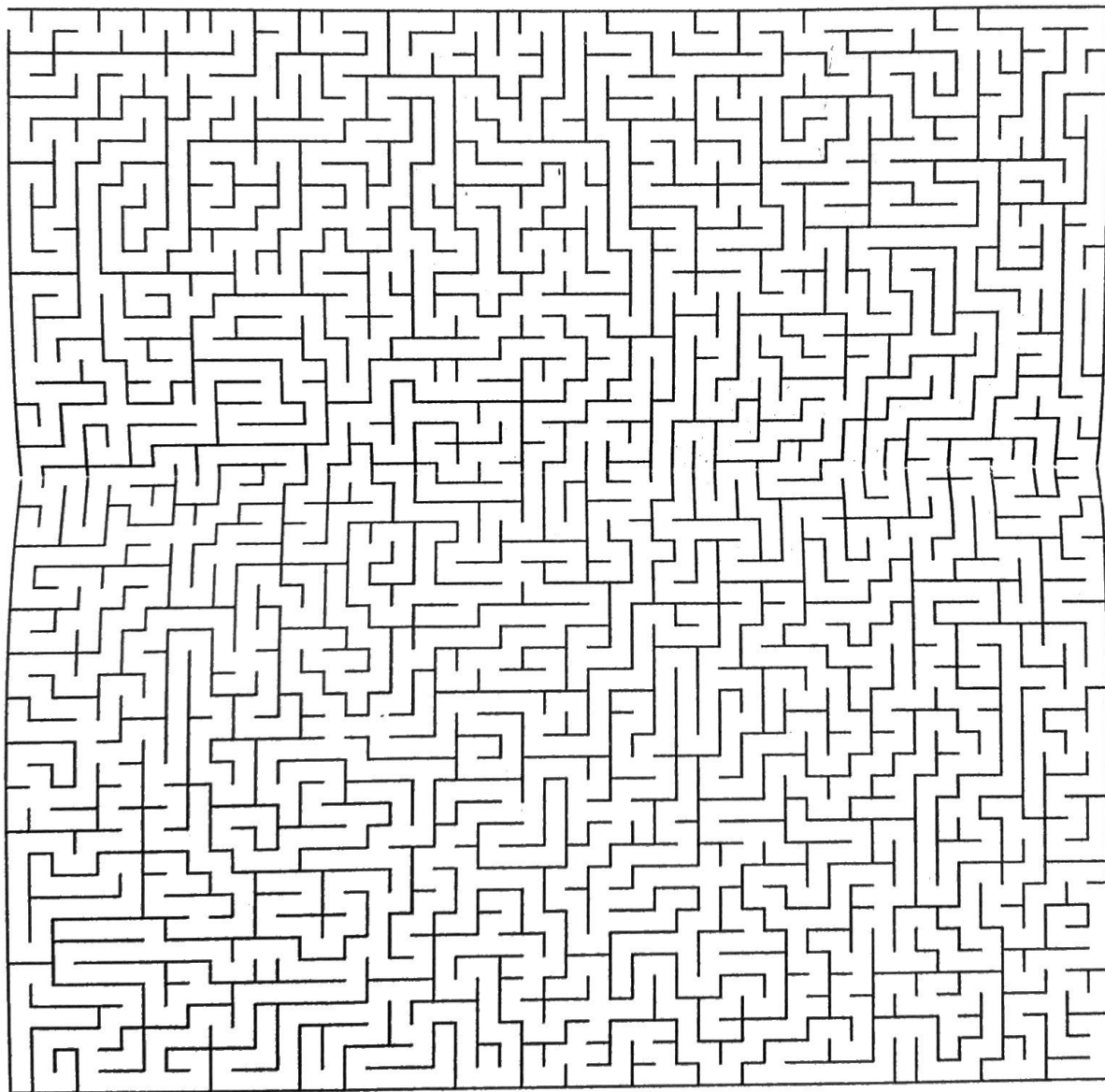
-Brothers, thank you all for pre-registering for this event, and please remember to pre-register for all lodge functions, this year and every year. The honor of being in the Order of the Arrow is given with weighty responsibility. So let us all work together to make our lodge a greater, more successful lodge for the future.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 7	Lodge 22 Committee meeting at Council, 2:00pm
Apr. 26-28	April Weekend at HSR
Apr. 27	Lodge 22 Committee meeting at HSR, 4:30pm

OA FUN PAGE

Try to make your way through this maze.



- If you have any articles, comments, suggestions, or ideas for the upcoming spring Wulamoc, please contact Toby McCabe at mad47dog14@aol.com or pdqballs@stories.com. Articles are due on April 7th for anyone who would like to submit an article, including youth running for an executive office. Your thoughts and ideas would be significantly esteemed. –