

Octoraro Lodge 22



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Upcoming Events:

Lodge Meeting

Sun, Apr 6th, @2:00pm - 3:30PM

April Work Weekend

Fri, Apr 25th, 5:00PM—
Sunday, Apr 27th, 12 noon

Lodge Meeting (at camp)

Sat, Apr 26th, @4:00pm - 05:00PM

June Weekend

Fri, May 30th, 5:00PM
Sun, June 1st, 12 noon

Lodge Meeting (at camp)

Sat, May 31st, @4:00pm - 05:00PM

Chief Sean Bealer Delivers "State of the Lodge" Address to Council

On Friday, February 22nd Chief Sean Bealer attended the Chester County Council's annual meeting and presented the Council Executive Board with the following speech on the state of Octoraro Lodge 22.

"Scouts, Scouters, fellow Brothers, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you tonight about the accomplishments and progress of Octoraro Lodge. Over the last year we have seen our Lodge progress with a lot more potential to grow over the next few years. —

After a one year hiatus, I am proud to announce that the Lodge achieved Quality Lodge for 2007. We had positive growth with 799 members. We have 355 Ordeal members, 311 Brotherhood members and 133 Vigil Honor members. In 2007 we inducted 214 members into our Order, converted 41 into Brotherhood members and 15 members were awarded the Vigil Honor.

For the camp and Council we provided 17,392 man hours of service, \$15,000 to Friends of Scouting, \$6,000 to the Council Endowment and \$1,000 to the James E. West fund. The Lodge gave \$101,743 in capital improvements to the camp.

There have been a lot of much needed changes over the past year. Due to food and fuel prices rising, we have raised our weekend fee by \$5. Due to new programs we are implementing, we have also had to raise our membership dues. The programs we are implementing will make the increased fees well worth it.

The new camp chief that will be down at Horsehoe Scout Reservation will not only help the Lodge while at camp but will also help the entire camping program by promoting our camps.

We are implementing a new Brotherhood process



Scout Executive Eric Magendantz, Chief Sean Bealer, Lodge Advisor Scott Salvatore and Council President Blake Prichard at the Annual meeting

that will make the experience more meaningful for candidates.

There is also the Lodge Building renovation. As the former chair of the committee, this project means a lot to me. As of now, the project is still scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009.

We are also planning for the NE-4A Conclave which Octoraro Lodge will host in June of 2010 at Camp Horseshoe.

Please feel free to speak to me after the meeting if you have any questions or preferably please come to our next Lodge meeting on March 2nd at the Council Service Center at 2 PM. There is also a great opportunity to attend our Annual Lodge Banquet on March 8th at the Kimberton Fire House.

Thanks again for having me and I hope to have your continued support throughout the year."

HORSESHOE TRAIL CREW

Horseshoe Scout Reservation (HSR) Trail Committee Announces Award Program

The HSR Trail Crew Project sponsored by the Lodge has ambitious plans to upgrade and expand the trail system throughout HSR to meet the needs of our campers into the next century.

Individuals, small groups and units are invited to participate. We are offering an attractive Back patch for 15 hours of service on the project with additional Bronze, Silver and Gold segments for each additional 5 hours served. (Total of 35 hours to obtain all segments)

In addition, youth OA members completing the Gold segment are eligible to apply for a \$150 scholarship to the OA Philmont Trail Crew or the Northern Tier OA Experience.

There will also be a "Trail Crew OA Work Day" on Saturday April 19th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with lunch provided. (NOTE: This is also the weekend of the Executive Committee retreat)

We are also in need of a youth OA Trail Crew Chairman to head up this rewarding project which we trust will prove to be a great service to the present and future campers of HSR.



Several Brothers serving on the Lodge Executive Committee received the Eagle Scout rank in 2007 and were honored at the Council Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner on

February 22nd.

Congratulations!

Sean Bealer
James Bratcher
Mike DiDomenico
Carl LaPorte
Daniel Luczka
Nicholas Massaro
Matt Steinberger
James Thompson



NOMINATIONS

Attention Brothers! The nominations committee is looking for candidates to run for office at the April work weekend! We need candidates to run for the following positions:

- Chief – Top youth leader, conducts and presides over all regular meetings and activities of the lodge. Candidates MUST have spent 1 year in any other position to run for chief.
- Vice Chiefs (3) – Each Vice Chief is in charge of certain committees in the lodge.
 - o Inductions V.C. – Ordeal, Brotherhood, Vigil Honor
 - o Program V.C. – Native American Affairs, Troop Representative, Fellowship, Ceremonies
 - o Administrative V.C. – Unit Elections, Projects, Communications
 - o Treasurer – Responsible for the creation and upkeep of the lodge budget.
 - o Corresponding Secretary – Produces at least four issues of *The Wulamoc* and keeps record of all lodge correspondence.
 - o Recording Secretary – Keeps precise minutes of all lodge executive committee meetings.
- Trustees (3) – Manage the lodge building. An adult trustee is needed along with the 3 youth trustees.

We would like as many candidates as we can get, so if you are at all interested in running for any position please let me know! If you are interested in running or want more information on a specific job, e-mail me at blacktoothbob@the4thompsons.org. Kevin Thompson

Nominations Committee Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

For member in good standing -	\$ 36.00
If paid before 9/30/2008 -	\$ 24.00
Spring Banquet -	\$ 25.00
April, June or September weekends-	\$ 40.00
If paid by 4/11/2008 -	\$ 25.00
If paid by 5/16/2008 -	\$ 25.00
If paid by 9/12/2008 -	\$ 25.00
Transfer or reactivation of membership -	\$ 36.00
Ordeal Candidates -	\$ 95.00
If paid prior to 10 days before weekend-	\$ 85.00



Advisor's Alley

Reflections

As I write the Advisor's column this month, it is nearly time for us to reflect on another year. After the banquet this evening, only a few events remain before we begin a new program year in June. Often, our program year starts off strong with the June weekend immediately followed by the Conclave. Then we all usually go our separate ways for the summer and our program slows down or even stops. This year, however, we started strong and have continued to the present. Along the way, we have sent a contingent to NCLS, signed up 13 participants and staff for ArrowCorps5, and achieved Quality Lodge status. Our members have been instrumental in delivering a strong Scout and Cub Scout Camping program, have given strong support for both Cub Scouts and the Scout Reach programs and have helped initiate the Big V day in November and the first Venturing long-term camping experience that will take place at Camp Ware this summer.

We have also said goodbye to some of our beloved brothers this year. I would like to use the remainder of my column to talk about three of them. Brother Claude Boddy was involved in Boy Scouts since he was a youth in the 1930s. A quiet, soft spoken man, I never heard Claude say a bad word about anybody and I never saw him angry in the more than 25 years that I knew him. He had a wonderful smile and loved to laugh and I think these qualities endeared him to many of the scouts he led.

Brother Frank Rodgers loved the OA and he loved to fly. He was an Eagle Scout who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He flew P-39 Air Cobras in the South Pacific during World War II

and he was wounded and shot down over the Pacific during one of his missions. He was rescued after being spotted by an Australian pilot as he floated in the ocean. Frank volunteered to be a scoutmaster for many of the provisional troops that used the camps over the years and his smile and sense of humor led many of his provisional scouts to come back to camp as part of his troop time and again.

Recently word has come to us that brother Nathan Raudenbush was killed when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Iraq. Nathan was a first lieutenant in the Third Infantry Division who had just celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday in November. By all accounts, Nathan was an excellent leader and he was promoted posthumously to Captain by the Army. Nathan was from Spring City and was inducted into our Order in September of 1997. I was fortunate to meet Nathan because he was a member of Troop 49 and they often shared a campsite with my troop during work weekends. He was a bright, fun-loving youth who had a level head on his shoulders. Nathan leaves behind a wife and a young child, and the proceeds of the blanket dance tonight will be going to a fund for their support.

Please take a minute tonight and remember these brothers and the others we have lost this year in your prayers.

In Brotherhood,

Scott



Frank J Rodgers

1923—2008



Frank passed away quietly and peacefully on Sunday evening, February 24th, 2008, at 09:15 PM, at the Veteran's Hospital in Lebanon, Pa. Frank is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Rodgers. Born Oct. 10, 1923, in Wilkes-Barre, he was a son of the late Francis and Alma Mae Rodgers. Frank retired as manager of quality assurance for General Electric Co. after 39 years of service.

Frank was a captain in the Army Air Force during World War II, serving in the 72nd Fighter Squadron, 318th and 21st Fighter Groups and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was wounded on Iwo Jima earning his Purple Heart. His plane was shot down in the Pacific while he was returning from a mission.

Frank got sick back in 2005. He "always" attended service weekends at camp, all three weekends each and every year. I worked with Frank on the OA weekends. Our standard job all the time was working on Vigil Sites at camp. Bill Waxbom included too among others.

On the June 2005 weekend, Frank arrived in camp on Friday evening, as usual. Always stayed in Browning Lodge. On Saturday morning, he, Bill, and I were working on Vigil Sites together. Frank said at breakfast that he just wasn't feeling too well and was going to take it a little easy that day. We wanted him to relax in his bunk and not come up on Chapel Hill that day and work on Sites. Frank came along anyway, just to be with us and enjoy himself, and he worked like a beaver, as usual. Around 10:00 AM he said that he had enough and was going to go back to the lodge as he was starting again to feel poorly, then pack up, and drive home, back to Reading. He left camp about 10:30 AM. That was his "last" OA weekend. Frank made the drive home okay, no problems. But, he told us later on that he really didn't "remember" driving home that day. He really didn't know "how" he made it, but he did.

He was diagnosed with both brain cancer and lung cancer. He took appropriate chemotherapy treatments every month accordingly. He was "always upbeat" about his condition, that he was going to beat it. He was never, ever, down about it. Frank always was thinking positive.

I brought him to the March 2006 OA banquet. That was his last banquet. He was too sick to come to last year's March 2007 banquet. His last appearance at Horseshoe was in April 2006, working on the Horseshoe Trail District Webelos Weekend Staff. Frank was a perennial Webelos Weekend staffer serving every year with Earl Dering and Wes Vincent for probably 15 years, perhaps longer. Frank handled the registrations at HQ's. As I said, his last appearance at camp was April 2006. He was there just for the day on Saturday. I drove him down and then returned him home later in the day. His wife Mary Ellen was on "pins and needles" the entire day until we got back home safely. Frank enjoyed working that day, as well as simply walking around camp enjoying the camp atmosphere, and also before we left camp in the afternoon, he spent about 45 minutes talking to several scouts on the HQ's porch about his military experience flying planes, etc. Those boys were in awe and really enjoyed that afternoon with Frank's war stories. Frank was a real role model for young people.

Frank received his Vigil Honor in 1974 with Octoraro Lodge. He also received the Council's Silver Beaver Award in 1996 and The James H. Gawthrop, Jr., Alloucheit Allogagan Award (The Mighty Servant Award), in 1997. Frank took pictures of brotherhood members who were eligible for the Vigil Honor. In fact, I took over this job from Frank. I've been doing the pictures for about the last ten years; and Frank did it before me and he did it extremely well for probably at least twenty plus years. During my tenure, Frank has been helping me at times by being the "scribe" and writing the names of the members down using a clipboard as they wait in line for me to snap their picture in front of our "Vigil Tree" off the porch of the dining hall. Then I could match up the numbered picture with the numbered name on the clipboard list. We took slides. When Frank passed the job over to me years ago, he had been keeping his slides in a shoe box. I still use his same shoe box to maintain our supply of slides of eligible brotherhood members. Starting this year, we will be switching to using the new digital picture concept, the newer generation modern technology. So, the old shoe box storage container will now be retired, in favor of the newer technology. But, we will still be taking pictures of eligible brotherhood members, a process that Frank helped to pioneer years ago.

Frank also served the Lodge and the Vigil Honor in years past by being our Vigil Honor Treasurer & Recording Secretary, serving in this capacity for around a dozen years or so. Frank also served the council for many years as a Unit Commissioner in Horseshoe Trail District, a position he had for 12 or 15 years or so. In recent years, in retirement, he has been a commissioner-at-large.

Over the last roughly 6 or 8 months or so, there have been many cards with well wishes that have been sent to Frank and signed by all the Vigil Honor members. Frank's wife, Mary Ann, has mentioned that Frank was very much touched at receiving these many cards signed by so many of his scouting friends. It really pleased him and helped him cope with his illness problems each day. So, a message from Mary Ann to the many persons who signed these many cards, a big "Thank you" for brightening Frank's days.

To us, Frank is what the Order of the Arrow is all about. Cheerful Service. He was a good friend to all. He will be missed.

John O. McGovern, Jr. and William Waxbom