

The Wulamoc

He Who Speaks Truly



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Letter from the Lodge Chief, Collin Wheeler

Brothers,

Welcome back to Camp Horseshoe, and welcome to the final event of our 100th Anniversary! This weekend has been a hundred years in the making, so we're excited to finally celebrate!

As you've likely heard, we're finally returning to the OA Fire Circle after 5 years of abandonment. We held a Fire Circle service day last weekend, which was the first time that I've returned to the OA Circle since 2021. Standing in the circle, you can truly feel all the history and importance of Octoraro 22, and I'm excited for all of you to experience the same on Saturday night. A huge thanks to the Fire Circle Crew for their devotion and hard work to restore the circle and coordinate transportation!

Additionally, we are holding our Lodge Officer Elections for 2027 throughout this weekend. I urge the youth to truly think and choose the right arrowmen to lead our lodge through the beginning of our Journey for the next 100 years. While this will be my last service weekend as Lodge Chief, I am confident in the leaders in our lodge, and I can't wait to see the lodge continue to thrive under its next Chief.

I will leave you with one last thought from the charge that began our 100th Anniversary.

"You will write a great record of Cheerful Service" -Dr. E. Urner Goodman

I look forward to a historic and fellowship-filled weekend with you all!

Collin J. Wheeler

Octoraro 22 Lodge Chief

WANT TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND?

JOIN THE SERVICE CORPS

**SIGN UP FOR THE
TEAM**



**Help clean up camp after
the weekend**

**RSVP TO HELP
THIS WEEKEND**



Letter from the Lodge Adviser, Tom Savoy

It's that time of year again, nights are getting cooler and are now longer than the day, leaves are starting to change colors, fall is in the air, and that means it's time for our Fall Fellowship! Our Fellowship weekend also represents our last big opportunity to celebrate our 100th anniversary! For those Brothers wrapping up the requirements for our Centurion Award, please stop up at Headquarters to turn your forms in Saturday between 1:15 to 2:00pm.

I would like to welcome all our Brothers back after a great summer and especially the new Ordeal Brothers from our April and June weekend and those that have decided it was time to get back involved. I would encourage you to seal your membership if you're eligible. Just find the Brotherhood team – they will be excited to see you!

I would also like to extend a cheerful welcome to the Brothers visiting from Blue Heron Lodge #349, our daughter lodge, for our fall fellowship; please make sure you reach out and meet our fellow Brothers from Blue Heron. I would also encourage you to ask anyone from Lodge 349 about their fall fellowship celebrating their 80th year of service on the weekend of October 16th to the 18th. Our lodge will have a contingent heading down to participate at the Pipsico Scout Reservation on the south shores of the James River in Virginia. Check out the details on our website!

There is much to do for the shortened service day Saturday morning, so let's work together and get it done, so we can then have some fun! Once our service projects are done, I would encourage youth and adults to enjoy themselves and participate in some of the fun challenging activities our Fellowship Committee has planned. Please check out the activity schedule for times, locations, and activities.

We have a busy weekend with our lodge elections – please take the time to get to know the officer candidates prior to the elections; their bios are available within the Wulamoc. The time for elections has changed, so please review the schedule carefully as they will take place at 4PM at Goodman Pavilion, not during mealtimes as has been done in the past.

Lastly, we are all excited to be heading back to Ceremonial Circle on the other side of the river, the first time in 5 years! Please check the schedule for bus timing and pick-up locations to make sure you don't miss this opportunity!

W.W.W.
Tom Savoy
Lodge Adviser

The Centurion Service Award

The Centurion Service Award is for those looking to participate in lodge activities and program and to rededicate themselves to the Order of the Arrow in this, the 100th anniversary of Octoraro Lodge 22. Members who complete the requirements are eligible to receive this patch. The Centurion Service Award Requirements sheet can be found within the QR code or the link posted above.



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Blue Heron Fellowship Weekend

Just as we are celebrating our 100th anniversary in Octoraro 22, our daughter lodge - Blue Heron #349 - is celebrating their 80th anniversary. One of the great traditions amongst our storied lodges is to send Arrowmen to each other's fall fellowship weekend. Blue Heron is very well represented this weekend, with about 20 brothers from Southern Virginia coming up to celebrate our milestone. This is our opportunity to do the same for them!

During the summer of 1945, two Scouters from Virginia, Norman Jones and Gordon Lindsay, were visiting in Pennsylvania. They became interested in the Order of the Arrow program in the area. Seeking information on the Order, they were referred to Louis Lester, who, as well as being Chester County Scout Executive, was serving as advisor to the area Order of the Arrow organization. Through "Chief" Lester, the charter for Lodge #349 of the Tidewater Council in Norfolk, Virginia was approved. On September 7, 1946, a delegation of Octoraro Lodge members journeyed south to induct 36 charter members of the Blue Heron Lodge. And thus the steadfast bond between our lodges began.

Blue Heron's Fall Fellowship Weekend is being held October 16 - 18 at Pipsico Scout Reservation, and this is your chance to check out another Scout camp and see how another lodge operates. Oh, did we mention that there will be great food, wonderful hospitality, fun activities, AND youth are free to attend? And 2026 National Vice Chief Emma Wright will be there too! Continue the tradition by signing up for this excellent event! Registration is now open!

www.octoraro22.org/register

THRIVE Recap and Summary

The Lodge in the past month completed its Thrive Engagement with the National Committee. We worked with a team of both youth and adults from across the country who helped us set goals for our 100th anniversary year and beyond as well as assisted in assembling teams in our own lodge who worked to meet these goals.

Back in December we decided on our Promise and Possibility Statement, that set of goals mentioned before, which has been printed in our minutes every month since. It states:

As Octoraro Lodge 22 looks to the next century of service, we will continue to build on our continued commitment towards service, fellowship, and fun, we pledge to:

- Build and support our teams
- Build a culture of collaboration and belonging
- Discover new opportunities to support Council
- Build relationships with our troops

By September 2026, Octoraro will:

- Establish a clear organizational structure within the Lodge Leadership Team (LLT)
- Effectively integrate fellowship
- Use digital tools to improve communication,
- Fill our Lodge Leadership Team by identifying a lead / co-lead and adviser / co-adviser for each team
- Host an effective 100th Anniversary celebration

The Lodge has been working towards these goals through 3 sub groups in our larger Thrive team:

- The Communications team - Worked on the Lodge Slack
- The Fellowship team - Worked on planning for the banquet and other 100th anniversary events
- The LLT & Organization team - Worked on team recruitment and filling all lodge team lead positions

And while our formal engagement has ended, we still are working to complete some of our goals and we will continue to work to improve our lodge. Some things to look forward to are a more regular LLT fellowship, the addition of vice chairs and co-advisers to establish a line of succession in our teams, and a continued spectacular 100th anniversary celebration.

If you have any question or feedback about what we did, what we can do, or wish to help, please talk to any Lodge Officer (Collin, Will, Greg, Sid, or TJ) or a Lodge Adviser (Tom Savoy, Andrew Coe, Mrs. Myers).

HSRAA Virtual Museum Now Features OA Tour

In recognition of Octoraro Lodge's 100th Anniversary in 2026, the HSRAA Virtual Museum now has a tour that is specific for the Order of the Arrow, with Octoraro Lodge 22's outsized role in the history of the Horseshoe Scout Reservation being featured throughout the approximate 90 minute time to explore during this tour.

Included in the tour are stops at the Ordeal and Service Weekend, Conclaves and Conferences, and Pageants exhibits, and many more to a total of 20 stops on the tour.

Scan the QR Code to Take the Virtual Museum Tour!



2026 Cub Scout Spook-O-Ree Staff Needed!

Registration is open for Cub Spook-O-Ree staff! We need plenty of Arrowmen to come out and put on an amazing show for Cub Scouts as staff! In years past, Octoraro 22 hosted the C5 Cub Camporee, and in 2026 we are switching ownership to the Cub Spook-O-Ree, being held October 23-25, 2026 at Camp Horseshoe!

Register at www.octoraro22.org/register!

General Lodge Information

2026 Calendar

**September 30: Last Day to pay
2027 Discounted Dues**

www.octoraro22.org/register

**November 1: Lodge Meeting/Vigil
Pre-Selection**

PARC

November 21: LLD

PARC

December 6: Lodge Meeting

PARC

December 12: Brotherhood Blitz

Camp Horseshoe

Octoraro 22 Officer Candidates!

Chief Candidates

William Grosick: Hello, my name is William Grosick, and I am running to be your 2027 Octoraro 22 Lodge Chief. I completed my ordeal back in April of 2023 and sealed my membership later that year in December. This past June, I kept my Vigil. Since then, I have gone to events like Conclave, NOAC, LLT meetings, and service weekends. This past summer, I worked at Camp Horseshoe as a Trailblazers Instructor, where I taught the first year program, teaching Scouts basic Scout skills. If I were to be elected Lodge Chief, I want to serve the Arrowmen of Octoraro Lodge 22 to the best of my ability. I want to hear your ideas for the lodge. I want to hear your voices. One of my goals for the lodge is to meet together for fellowship events more often than just LLT meetings and service weekends.

Michael Corbo: Hello everyone! My name is Michael Corbo, and this September I hope you consider me for your next Lodge Chief. Having completed my Ordeal in April 2023, and my Brotherhood in December 2023, I have had the privilege of being an active member and leader within the lodge. I started out as an Elangomat for several years, as well as Chair for committees such as Troop Rep, Elangomat, and YPT until I was elected Vice Chief in 2024. Additionally, some of you may know me from NYLT, where I've served on staff since 2024 and as SPL both this year and again next year. Additionally, this summer I completed my 3rd season on camp staff as well as my term as E11 Section Chief. Throughout the years, I've grown a deep passion for this Lodge, and I aim to share that with all of you as your next Chief!

Garrett Hoopes: My name is Garrett Hoopes I am A Eagle Scout from Troop 220 and Brotherhood member of our lodge. I am running for the position of Lodge Chief because I want the lodge to have more opportunities for new members to come back since quite a few after they get tapped out or even brothers who earn their ordeal membership, do not come back. This issue could be resolved by working with council more closely to have more events for brothers. And since we already have OA reps for each of our districts we could run events for each one of the districts. This could be events like rock climbing, bowling, or just getting together like having a picnic or some sort of gathering opportunity. This could help with retention rate for the lodge and help get more active members.

Vice Chief Candidates

TJ Belzer: I'm TJ, your Recording Secretary and a candidate for your 2027 Vice Chief. From attending lodge events to working at camp, I've gotten to know many of you and we've talked about your troop's and your life outside of the OA and Scouting. What I hear most is how involved you are in your schools, JROTCs, clubs, sports, and more and how hard it can be to add 1 more thing to your schedule. I want to make it possible for you to make time for our lodge (coming to weekends, serving on a committee, etc.) and it be the best thing you do. More fellowship and service make up the backbone of why I serve but now more than ever it's for your troops. The other thing I hear is how troops are shrinking and I believe the OA has a role helping troops recruit and grow.

Vice Chief Candidates (continued)

Xiaoran Yan: Hello, my name is Xiaoran Yan, a Life Scout from Troop 50 in Devon, PA, and I am running to serve as your Vice Chief. I completed my Ordeal in May 2025 and sealed my Brotherhood in December 2025. I currently serve as your New Inductions Committee Chair as well as a member of the Ceremonies team. Within my unit, I am currently serving my second term as SPL. I have attended Section Conclaves, LLT meetings, service weekends, and served on Horseshoe Staff this year. I am the best candidate for this role and will fulfill the responsibilities of the Vice Chief because of the strong skills I have accumulated from my leadership experience, including communication and organization. I hope to earn your vote as your 2027 Vice Chief.

Corresponding Secretary Candidates

Liam McGonigal: My name is Liam McGonigal. I am an Eagle Scout and SPL from Troop 23. I completed my Ordeal and became a member of the Lodge in 2024, then in June of 2025 I became a Brotherhood member. Since then I have been an active Elangomat at Ordeal weekends and the Team Lead of Camping Promotions, working to expand my Team's outreach by making a Team Instagram account (@octoraro22.camping). Outside of the Lodge I have served from 2025 to the present on NYLT staff where I have learned how to teach and guide scouts. If elected to be your 2027 Corresponding Secretary, I will dedicate myself to giving back to the Lodge by improving communication, and strengthening connections between its members.

Nathan Greway: My name is Nathan Greway, and I am running for the position of Corresponding Secretary. I am a Life Scout in Troop 73, where I have served as Senior Patrol Leader. I completed my Ordeal in April 2024, sealing my membership in December of that year. You may have seen me around camp this past summer as a staff member in the Nature department. If elected Corresponding Secretary, I will make sure that all members are kept engaged and informed of lodge activities and events. I hope I can count on your vote for Corresponding Secretary for the 2027 term!

Recording Secretary Candidates

Theodore Turner: My name is Theodore Turner and I am running for Recording Secretary. I completed my ordeal in June of 2023 and I am currently a Brotherhood member. In my time in the OA, I have served as conclave chair for the 2026 conclave which gave me experience in lodge leadership. Through my experience as a staff member at Camp Horseshoe for the past three years, I have developed leadership skills that will help me in the OA. As Recording Secretary, I hope to make sure that the meeting minutes are organized and accurate. I would like to use my experience in communication and leadership to continue strengthening the lodge and making it the best it can be.

Recording Secretary Candidates (Continued)

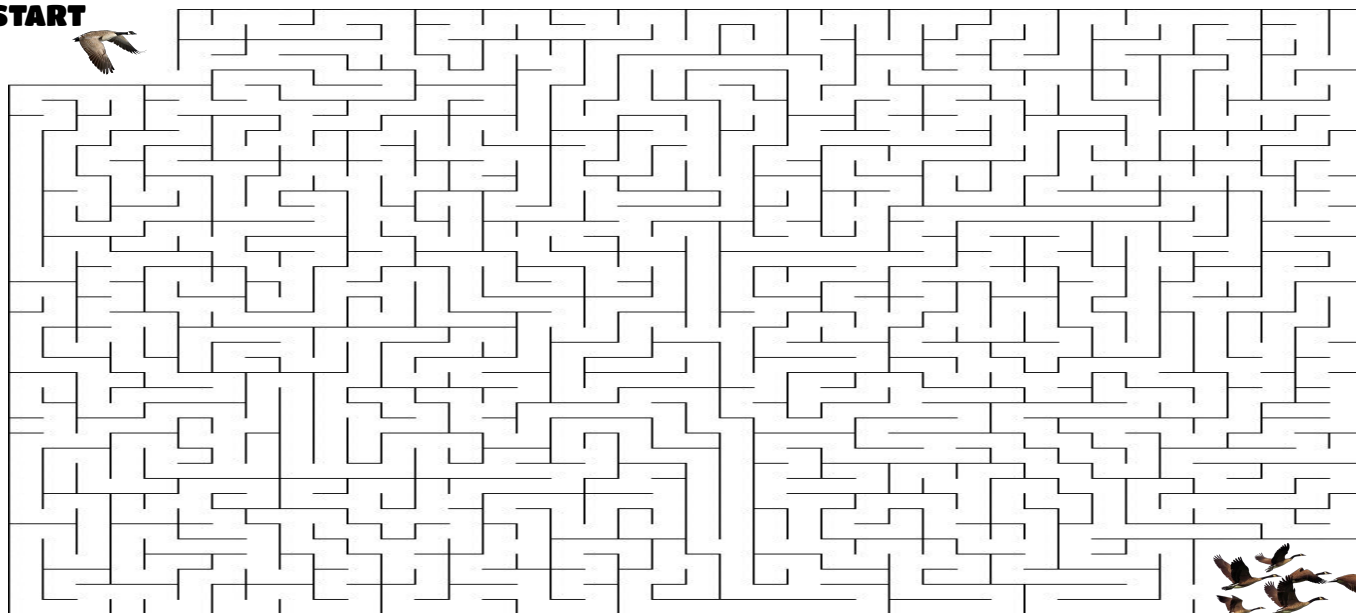
Logan Wyher: I am Logan Wyher, candidate for Recording Secretary of Octoraro 22. I am from Troop 78 and Crew 539, where I serve as president of the crew. You may know me from being on the Trailblazers staff at Horseshoe or by being your Elangomat. I completed my Ordeal back in April of 2024 and sealed my membership a year later. Since joining, I have attended LLT meetings, lodge weekends and banquets, served as a troop OA representative, and as Bridge Committee Chairman. I plan on attending the NLS in Alpine, NJ this upcoming November, and I also plan on serving as staff on the NYLT course this spring. My goals for the position of Recording secretary are to provide top notch meeting notes for every committee in Octoraro 22. Thank you for your time, and I hope I can count on your vote.

Treasurer Candidates

Lilah Williams: Hello, my name is Lilah W., and I started my Scouting journey in the spring of 2022. I am currently a Life scout and scribe for Troop 19 of Marshalton, Pennsylvania. I have been on Horseshoe Camp Staff for the past three years, two of which working at the Trading Post. I did my ordeal September 2024 and had sealed my Brotherhood in April 2025. Presently, I have been the youth trustee chair since the Spring of 2025. I have adored working in the Lodge, and I hope you regard me as an ideal candidate for your treasurer for Octoraro Lodge 22 during 2027. See you around.

Can you help the Goose get back with his flock?

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Signing Off,

Siddhant (Sid) Prabhudesai

Your 2026 Corresponding Secretary