

# The Owl's Nest Winter/Spring 2023



#### From Our Lodge Chief

Dear brothers,

I hope everyone had a great Fall!

The Lodge is proud to have held a successful Fall Ordeal in late September at Camp Mack with a total of 170 brothers in attendance. We had 70 new members complete their Ordeal and 18 Brotherhood members seal their membership. We helped Camp Mack with prepping for the winter by performing trail maintenance, cleaning campsites for winter, and organizing the maintenance yard.

During Fall Ordeal we also elected our newest group of officers! Congrats to Simon Bowen, Sam Davis, Landon Ford, and Emily Fasig! Looking forward to what this team will achieve this year!

The Lodge also held a service day at Camp Mack in early November. We split and stacked enough firewood to fill every cabin and cold storage. Another team also built a massive hoop tent for Ranger Gary to store

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## Fall Ordeal Weekend Recap Lodge Family

Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25 at the J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation

For the first time since before COVID restriction were put in place, we held our first full-weekend Ordeal Weekend. It was great to have the extra time to meet our new members, have time for more fellowhip, and provide a few more hours of service to our camp.

Welcome and congratulations to ALL our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members! The service our Lodge provided to Camp Mack during the weekend included brush removal througout campsites, powerwashing campsite latrines, and repairing campsite platforms.

In addition to the service we provided to the camp, our members picked up some great deals at our annual fall auctions, we held our Lodge officer elections and our Lodge members had a great time in fellowship with other members during meals and cracker barrel. As



### DON'T FORGET YOUR 2023 LODGE DUES WERE DUE NOV. 30!

It's that time of year! Everyone's 2022 dues should have been paid by November 30, 2022. If you completed your Ordeal at the past Fall Weekend, you still needed to pay your 2023 dues as well. Your weekend fee covers your dues only through the end of 2022.

It is important that your dues were paid on time. If your dues are not paid, your name will be moved to inactive status and you will not be allowed to attend and participate in OA and Lodge events and this will be your last Lodge newsletter.

Pay your dues on-line at padutchbsa.org/ programs/order-of-the-arrow always, the kitchen crew served up delicious and filling meals.

Thanks to everyone who made this a very successful and productive weekend!







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## 2023 Lodge Executive Committee

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#### Lodge Adviser's Message

Congratulations to our newest Ordeal and Brotherhood members from Fall Ordeal – we look forward to seeing you at our

upcoming events! Congratulations also go out to our newly elected youth officers! These five youth leaders will be working hard to develop quality programs for the Lodge over the next year and look for your support to help them accomplish their goals! Thanks are in order for everyone attending Fall Ordeal; with over 160 people in attendance, we were able to accomplish hundreds of hours of service, raised money for the Scholarship fund through our auctions, and had great weather for a pleasant change!

As we turn the page from our first 50 years as a Lodge, we continue to focus on our next 50 years of dedicated service and leadership the PA Dutch Council. The Lodge thrives when our members are engaged and join us for our events. No amount of effort is too small or too large; showing up to our events is the best way to serve the Lodge! This year will provide many great opportunities to join our youth leaders for great events – Fellowship in April, followed quickly by the Lodge Banquet and Spring Ordeal Weekend in May, and Section Conclave in June, are all right around the corner. Attend Chapter Meetings, help with unit elections, plan to join us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration in September, or even work on Summer Camp Staff at Camp Mack or Camp Bashore! If you're interested in helping out, reach out anyone listed on this page of the newsletter to find out more information!

In service, Eric Shea In service, Eric Shea

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## Lodge Committee Leadership

New and current members of our Lodge are strongly encouraged to participate in lodge activities. If any member, youth and adult is interested in serving on any committee, contact any of the committee chairmen or advisers listed below.

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## Lodge Event Calendar for 2023/2024

Below are the dates for Lodge events and activities for the coming months. ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. As we get closer to the date for these events, we will be including more information in upcoming issues of this newsletter on the Lodge website regarding times, registration and costs (when applicable).

| January 2023                                |                               |                  |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|
| LEC Meeting                                 | To be determined              | To be determined |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| February 2023                               |                               |                  |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| March 2023                                  |                               |                  |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| April 2023                                  |                               |                  |
| Lodge Fellowship Weekend                    | April 28 – 30                 | Camp Mack        |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| May 2023                                    |                               |                  |
| Lodge Banquet                               | May 7                         | Camp Mack        |
| Spring Ordeal                               | May 19– 21                    | Camp Bashore     |
| June 2023                                   |                               |                  |
| Section E11 Conclave                        | June 2 – 4                    | Hawk Mountain SR |
| September 2023                              |                               |                  |
| Fall Ordeal<br>& 50th Anniversary Celebrati | Sept. 22 – 24<br>ion          | Camp Mack        |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| October 2023                                |                               |                  |
| Council of Chiefs (Section)                 | To be determined              |                  |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| November 2023                               |                               |                  |
| Fall Service Day                            | Nov. 4                        | Camp Mack        |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right | -                |
| December 2023                               | . 0                           |                  |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| January 2024                                |                               |                  |
| LEC Meeting                                 | To be determined              | To be determined |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
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| March 2024                                  | . 0                           |                  |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| April 2024                                  | , ,                           |                  |
| Lodge Fellowship Weekend                    | April 26 – 28                 | Camp Mack        |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
| May 2024                                    |                               |                  |
| Lodge Banquet                               | To Be Determined              |                  |
| Spring Ordeal                               | May 17– 19                    | Camp Bashore     |
| June 2024                                   |                               |                  |
| Section E11 Conclave                        | June 7 –9                     | Camp Mack        |
| July 2024                                   |                               |                  |
| NOAC  | To Be Announced               | To Be Announced  |
| September 2024                              |                               |                  |
| Fall Ordeal                                 | Sept. 27 – 29                 | Camp Mack        |
| October 2024                                |                               |                  |
| Chapter Meeting                             | See Chapter News on the right |                  |
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## **Chapter News**

Attention Scoutmasters, OA Troop Representatives and all Arrowmen

This past spring, our Council voted to realign our Districts from three down to two. Since our Chapters follow the same boundaries as our Districts, starting this fall, we will have two Chapters. See the map below to determine which Chapter you now belong.

Chapters do not meet the months of May, June, July and August. Beginning in September, Chapter Meetings are held on the same night and in the same building as your District Roundtable Meetings. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend – it's especially important for your Troop's OA Representative to make it to all Chapter Meetings. Chapter programs vary and meetings are fun and provide valuable tools and info that you can take back to your unit.



#### Iron Forge District Chapter

The Iron Forge Chapter will have Chapter Meetings in January, April and October this year. The January meeting will be on Thursday, January 5 at the Training Center at Camp Mack from 7 PM to 8:15 PM. We are having a holiday party and election training. For the Jnuary holiday party please bring a gift, under \$10, but only if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Also bring \$3 to help off set refreshment costs. Info about future meetings and a summer event will be shared at a later date. So if you want to get more involved with the OA, come on out to our chapter meetings an take part in some good fellowship and food. If you would like to receive additional Chapter information, please contact any of the Chapter officers listed on the facing page.

#### Susquehanna District Chapter

The Suaquehanna Chapter meetings are held at the Highland Presbyterian, 500 East Roseville Rd, Lancaster at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. The chapter meetings are open to all youth and adult members of the OA. We have an OA/camping promotion theme to every meeting. Pizza and drinks are provided. A \$2-3 donation is encouraged to offset the price of the pizza. For more information regarding chapter, please contact any of the Chapter officers listed on page 2.



#### Join Our Council's 2023 Summer Camp Staff

Serving as a member of the Summer Camp Staff at either **Bashore Scout** Reservation or Camp Mack is one of the most rewarding experiences a Scout or Scouter can have. Camp Staff members impact hundreds of lives each summer and serve as living examples of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

We are looking for people to be on our 2023 camp staffs. Anyone 14 or older can become part of our Bashore Scout Reservation or Camp Mack Staff. For more information or to apply http:// padutchbsa. org/camping/ summer-camp-staff/



Fall Ordeal Weekend

## Lodge Family Banquet Location Booked and Plans Are Being Finalized



## New Date: Sunday, May 7, 2023

Our Annual Lodge Family Banquet is booked. Be sure to get this date on your calendar! The banquet will be held at Camp Mack.

The Banquet will cost \$25 per person. The Banquet will begin with registration and member social from 3:00 to 3:45 PM, with program and dinner to follow. As in previous years, we will hold our silent auction during the banquet, and play our now traditional competitive game of Banquet Bingo! In addition to these activities and an evening of fun and fellowship with other lodge members and your family, lodge awards will be presented, including the Founders' Award, Adult and Youth Arrowmen of the Year, and the introduction of the 2023 Vigil Class.

Register on-line at: wg39.org or padutchbsa.org/ programs/order-of-the-arrow

The registration deadline is April 28, 2023.

#### Silent Auction at the Lodge Banquet – Donations Needed

As is now our tradition, the Lodge will hold a silent auction prior to the start of the banquet. The Lodge is currently looking for items to be included in the auction. Items in addition to Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts will certainly be considered. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Eric Shea.

Proceeds from this silent auction will go towards the Lodge Scholarship Fund.



#### You Are Invited to Our Annual Leadership Development Course Saturday, April 29, 2023

What is LLD? Do you want to learn more about our Order of the Arrow, improve your leadership

skills, or serve or lead on a Lodge committee? Are you a lodge officer or would you like to be one someday? Then you need to plan to attend our next LLD. The Lodge will be hosting our next Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD) on Saturday afternoon, April 29 at Camp Mack. Our LLD will begin after lunch during our Lodge Fellowship Weekend.

Whether you were just inducted or have been in the lodge for years, you can learn something new from this excellent training program. If you have any questions, please contact Lodge Chief, Maguire Younes (contact info on Pg 2). Please plan on attending! You can register on-line at padutchbsa. org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. Deadline for registration is April 14, 2023.

## Lodge Fellowship Weekend

#### Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30

At the end of April, the Lodge will hold it's annual Lodge Fellowship Weekend at Camp Mack. On Saturday morning we will provide service to the camp. Then on Saturday afternoon, we will hold our Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLD). Those who stay Saturday night are treated to more fun, movies and popcorn and of course, fellowship with other Arrowmen.

This is a great time to get outdoors after being cooped-up all winter. By mid-April the weather is warming and we'll all be ready to start some early spring camp cleanup.

This is also the weekend when our Vigil candidates keep their Vigil (on Friday night). The Vigil ceremony is held early Saturday morning. Note that the Friday night Vigil activities and Saturday morning Vigil ceremony are open to current Vigil Honor members only.

We hope to get a good showing for this fun weekend. You can register on-line at padutchbsa. org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. Deadline for registration is April 14, 2023.

## Vigil Members – call to service!

In 2020, we started a new tradition of handing out door prizes at our Family Banquet. Over the last three years, we have handed out almost \$3,200 worth of donated door prizes at our annual banquets. All of this money came from our very generous group of Vigil Members. We would like to again feature door prizes at our next banquet, scheduled for Sunday May 7, 2023 at Camp Mack. Many of these door prizes will be available to everyone in attendance, but we will also have a few door prizes that can only go to the Youth Arrowmen at the Banquet.

To support this endeavor, we are asking our Vigil Members (if you can and are able) for a cash donation of \$25.00 (or more if you want) to help us purchase some really cool door prizes. We are asking for a donation in order to ensure we do not use any Lodge budget funds to continue this fun element of the Banquet! If you would like to participate - please contact Lodge Adviser Eric Shea. Eric's contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter. If you have already donated to the cause - thank you!!!!



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### Spring Ordeal & Service Weekend at Camp Bashore Friday, May 19 through Sunday Morning, May 21

The Spring Ordeal Weekend is the first of our major service weekends. The Lodge typically has a very good turn-out which means we have the opportunity to connect with fellow Brothers we might only get a chance to see at OA events. And equally important, it's also a time for us to provide service to Camp Bashore. Remember, ALL Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members are invited to attend this weekend. We hope to see you there!

During the weekend, we will be inducting new Ordeal members into the lodge; and for those of you that have been an Ordeal member for at least 6 months, we will be conducting a Brotherhood workshop and ceremony. Please plan to attend. Registration deadline is May 5, 2023. Register on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/ order-of-the-arrow.

## Have you been an Ordeal Member for longer than **6** months?

#### Then you can seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member at the Spring Ordeal Weekend

Sealing your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member is more than getting a new sash. Brotherhood members have a better understanding of the Order, our Purpose and Mission. We are true servant leaders and we understand how membership in the Order compliments our membership in our Troop. You set an example of what an OA member is and does.

Earning your Brotherhood membership is not difficult. During the Spring Ordeal, you will participate in a workshop with your fellow Brotherhood candidates to go through some training and group lessons about the OA and our Lodge. Later on in the session, you will review what you learned with the trainers. In the early afternoon, you'll participate in the Brotherhood Ceremony when you will seal your membership in our Order.

Registration deadline is May 5, 2023. Register on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/ order-of-the-arrow.

### **OA Event Cost Increases**

Inflation and price increases have affected everyone in the country and unfortunately, the Lodge is not immune from these issues. Over the past two years, operating costs (food, insurance, materials, etc) have increased dramatically and most of our events in that timeframe have lost money. The Lodge has made the difficult decision to raise some of our event prices to get back to break even. Please contact our Lodge Adviser Eric Shea with any questions. Eric's contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

## 2023 Section E11 Conclave

Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation – Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4.

Conclave is the annual gathering of the five lodges that make up our section in the Eastern Region. Each spring we gather together for a weekend full of Fellowship, Fun and Feasting. Include some training, inter-lodge competitions, games and evening shows and you've got Conclave!

This year, Kittatinny Lodge 5 will host our Section Conclave at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, 402 Blue Mountain Rd, Schuylkill Haven, PA from Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4. The 2023 Conclave theme is "Inner Planetary Ordeal".

Our Lodge will be taking a contingent of 40 members. The price is \$60 and includes your Conclave fee, meals, contingent t-shirt and participant patch. Registration will open on-line at wg39.org right after the first of the year. So make sure to get registered online by the deadline -Friday April 28, 2023!

Lodge members whose registrations arrive after we have filled our allowed slots will be put on a waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, you will be notified and we'll work to increase the number our contingent. If we can't take you this year, your money will be fully refunded.





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#### BSA Medical Forms Required on ALL Lodge and Section Weekends!

This is a reminder that official BSA Medical Forms are required for all OA weekends for all participants.

Although activities on OA weekends are not comparable to high adventure trips, sometimes people get sick or injured -- a nastv cut finger, a fall causing a swollen foot. We want to take the necessary precautions and be ready for that quick trip to the hospital for an x-ray or a few stitches. Should something happen, the Lodge health officer will need your medical form so your parents or guardian can be contacted and the health care providers have your current medical information.

If you have a current medical form, there is no need to get another physical, simply make a copy of your form and bring the COPY to the weekend. You can get the copy of your medical form back at the end of the weekend. Medical forms not picked up at the end of the weekend will be shredded. Since medical information can change, the Lodge does NOT keep medical forms from event to event. We want to ensure we have current information.



### Troop OA Rep Position

The Order of the Arrow **Troop Representative** is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the troop's lodge or chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. These efforts are meant to assist the unit and its members in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, and at the same time fulfilling the lodge's role in the Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow of being an integral part of the council. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

If you are interested in becoming your Troop's OA Rep, you can find the OA Troop Rep registration form by going to this link on the Lodge website: http:// www.wg39.org/images/ stories/oa\_troop\_ representative.pdf

You can find even more information about the Troop OA Rep position by going to this link on the National OA website: http://www.oabsa.org/pages/content/ troop-representative



#### New Lodge Officers Elected

At our Fall Ordeal Weekend, our Lodge youth elected our 2022/23 officers. We are looking forward to working with our new officers as they begin plan our Lodges goals and objectives for the coming year.

#### Our new officers:

Lodge Chief – Maguire Younes 1st Vice Chief – Simon Bowen 2nd Vice Chief – Sam Davis Secretary – Landon Ford Treasurer – Emily Fasig Congratulations to our new Lodge Officers!



#### Save the Date for our 50th Anniversary Celebration To be held at Fall Ordeal – Saturday September 23, 2023

Start planning now to join us for Wunita Gokhos' 50th Anniversary Celebration! Join us at Fall Ordeal for a day filled with fellowship, fun, and catching up on fifty awesome years of service to the PA Dutch Council! The planning committee, led by Youth Chairman Ross Gerberich and Adult Adviser Bob Chaballa, are working now to iron out details for the event. Join us for the celebration or stay all weekend long to participate in both Ordeal Weekend and the Anniversary Celebration! A few of the events we are planning: WG39 History display, Huge Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Special 50th Anniversary 2- piece flap set for attending, History themed Banquet, 50th dinner program with speaker, and more! More details to follow, this is an event you don't want to miss, so stay tuned!



### It's Now Time to Plan Your OA Unit Election

Beginning in February, Lodge Election Teams will be available to schedule Order of the Arrow Unit Elections throughout our Council. Units will be able to schedule their unit elections through May 15.

As in past years, our Lodge Election Teams will have been trained so that they are familiar with unit election requirements and procedures. Our Lodge Election Teams consist of one or more trained youth members and at least one trained adult member. The youth members actually conduct the election. The adult is there to supervise and ensure procedures are followed according to National Order of the Arrow guidelines.

Members, both youth and adult, will be trained at either their January or February Chapter Meetings. Contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser to confirm. Only those Arrowmen who have been trained will be authorized to conduct unit elections.

The Lodge requires all units to have our trained Election Teams conduct their elections. Having our Teams participate in unit elections will ensure an efficient election process and accurate results.

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We will be conducting traditional in-person elections this year.

#### **Unit Elections Adviser**

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#### Lodge Work Day Recap Sat., Nov. 6 at Camp Mack

With over 45 people, including Lodge members, volunteers from the Hammer Creek Hunt Club, and NLYT staff members, the Lodge completed a ton of work at Camp Mack on a unusually warm day in November! We worked at getting camp prepared for winter by splitting and stacking firewood in multiple locations around camp and were able to fill the cabin boxes along with the majority of the storage building. A separate crew worked all day and into the evening to assemble the camp's new maintenance storage shelter, which will be used to keep equipment out of the elements year-round. Everyone enjoyed lunch prepared by the Cook Staff and had a great day working outside at Camp Mack. Thanks to everyone who came out to help for the day!



### **Opportunities for New Members**

Welcome new members! Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow or "OA," the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order's first purpose is to recognize those, like you, who have been chosen by your peers as one who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

Exciting opportunities for service and leadership are available to you in whatever manner you choose. You now have the opportunity to take part in ALL Order of the Arrow activities including Order of the Arrow High Adventure, local leadership roles, and opportunities for Lodge and community service.

The easiest way a new member can become active in the Lodge is by coming to events. If you come to events you will be asked to help in some way; as an elangomat or to help on service projects. Coming to events is typically the best way to help you find what you want to do in the Lodge. If you would like to take a more proactive approach, contact a chairman of one of the committees that interest you – their contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter. Each of the committee chairmen will be reaching out to those of you who signed up at Fall Ordeal to get you involved!

Remember, once you have been an Ordeal member for 6 months, you are eligible to seal your membership in our Order by becoming a Brotherhood member.



## Lodge Lends a Helping Hand with 2022 Crop Walk

Thank you to our youth members Maguire, Adam, and Donovan, and our adult members Monica, David, and Beth who represented our Lodge at this year's Crop Walk. Our members helped direct participants as they made their way through the Crop Walk Course. They truly demonstrated the OA's commitment of service to our community.

The CROP Hunger Walk is a community-wide event sponsored by Lancaster County Food Hub (formerly Church World Service) and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Thanks to all our Arrowmen who volunteered.

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items in before the winter! Thank you to the NYLT Crew and to all those who came out and helped!

The Lodge is in need of youth chairmen. Some open positions are but are not limited to, Kitchen, Camping Promotions, Unit Elections, etc. You can check out all the open positions on page 2. If you're interested in the position, contact the adult advisor and me.

We have a busy year coming up and our lodge's 50th anniversary is this year! See page 3 for our calendar of events. You will find details for our planned events and activities in this issue of the Owls Nest. I hope to see you all

at our Lodge Fellowship

Lodge Refund Policy

As a reminder, the Lodge has an official refund policy that applies to all events the Lodge hosts. If you register for an event, but cannot attend and cancel before the registration deadline, you will receive a full refund. If you notify us thatbyou cannot attend after the deadline, but before the day of the event, you will receive a refund of your registration fee less the identified food cost for the weekend. If you notify us the day of the event that you cannot attend or just do not show up to the event, no refund will be issued.

Weekend and the Lodge Banquet!

Yours in Scouting, Maguire Younes Lodge Chief



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