

Pennsylvania Guild of Professional Chimney Sweeps

December 2016

Dear Guild Members,

The year 2016 was a very important milestone for our Guild. In early May, we dedicated our permanent training center in Somerset county (Camp 93) in honor of Flight 93 site just down the road. This is an event that your board and I are very proud of. It took several years and most of our treasury funds for it to get to where it is today. Many volunteers have helped these past 2 years also. I want to thank all who helped along with the Sabo family.

Most all of our training events were held there last year. Although we did not hold our charity workshop in 2016, we felt it was best for us to showcase the camp with a large training event in May. We had sweeps and suppliers from all over the country attend. With all of the board in attendance, we cut the ribbon and officially dedicated the camp.

We will return to Region 3 (Poconos) in early May (4,5,6) to continue our charity workshop mission. It is a scout camp than needs a lot of work. More details to follow at our January meeting.

Another benefit of our Guild is the website and your listing on it. Our new website went live earlier this fall. It is a greatly improved site. Thanks to Nate Antrim who helped with this project. If you would like to add any changes to your listing, please let me know. You can now download current membership and event registration forms from this site.

This takes us to the events scheduled this upcoming year and news for 2017.

We are planning our first training event January 27th 2017.

It will be a guide to social media. With mostly all communications between you and your customer-taking place on the Internet, we felt this would be a great class to offer. It's only \$89 for the one-day class.

Details and registration are enclosed.

This class and its instructor will help you thru the social media madness.

Our January 28th meeting will be at held in Altoona/Duncansville
We will meet at 12:30 to 4 at Marzoni's 165 Patch Way Road, Duncansville,
PA 16635

We have made hotel arrangements at the Holiday Inn Express, 115
Convention Center Drive, Duncansville, PA 814-693-1004. \$96 per night.
Please book your room by December 23rd.

Our Holiday Party will be held January 28th at 6:30 at Marzoni's. Please
bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange. We will need a head count by
January 20th

Nominations for elections will be held at the January meeting. Ballots will be
mailed shortly after the meeting and opened and counted at the May
Workshop.

All other training events this year will be held at Camp 93.

Fundraisers this year will be buy a brick and a sweep chocolate. Samples will
be at the January meeting.

Your 2017 membership application is enclosed. Please return it before the
January meeting. The Membership fee has increased this year to \$150 per
company. Your board voted on this at the May meeting. I think we should also
add an At Large Director position. We can vote on this in January.

Mail your application and check to Ray payable to the PA Guild of Professional
Chimney Sweeps.

I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2017.

Yours in Sweeping

Bill Thornton

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President