



December 11, 2021

Fellow Sweeps,

Rising prices here, there- everywhere! That seems to be the theme since January of this year. Along with these material & fuel costs, product availability issues, employee issues and insane customer requests for our services. Look out, I was just informed by 2 suppliers that there will be an additional 12% rise by the time you read this letter. I don't see it breaking till Spring.

We were able to first meet in May, when large gatherings were finally allowed. Our workshop was a success again after one year off. We met again with the NCSG Expo in Valley Forge with a booth at the trade show and fellowship at the nightly events. We had one other event at Camp 93. We finished the outdoor fireplace hearth extension in June. In late August we hired Rooftop safety to hold a rope access course in Green Lane.

We have decided to postpone the January training event this year, held the day before our meeting and party. Although we have had great instructors in the past, other events in the trade have been held that same week and we usually ended up losing a lot of guild funds due to the lack of attendance. We will revisit this training event timing each year at a fall board meeting.

The board meeting and holiday party **will be** held in Williamsport at the Holiday Inn. 100 Pine Street

Details- Date-January 15<sup>th</sup>, please call the hotel directly -570-327-8231 before the 31st, mention the PA Guild to get the discounted room rate. The holiday party will be held that night at the hotel. Bring a gift to exchange.

The schedule of events for this year will be finalized at the January meeting as well as nominations for elections will also be held.

We expect to continue the Charity Workshop this year- Our main event. Most likely on March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have 2 events at Camp 93 in June and August. One masonry and dryer vent. Other events in PA are the MAHPA trade show May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster and the NCSG Expo August 10<sup>th</sup> in Valley Forge.

Your invoice for 2022 dues is enclosed. Please return at the January meeting or mail before the 15<sup>th</sup>

Yours in Soot,

Bill Thornton