Mayor McGowan sent the following email to the membership on May 5, 2017, which marked the 80th anniversary of our Gild. Formed at Sky Top Lodge in the mountains of Pennsylvania on May 5, 1937…… here is our historical record:


History …

Through the many years of history of the gas industry, at its conventions, in its offices and plants, and traveling about the country, representatives and officers of businesses furnishing machinery, supplies, raw materials and appliances to the gas companies, or professional men serving the gas companies; men, worked and played together, came to know one another well, developed friendships.

As the service of these men went on through the years, to their friendships were added mutual respect growing out of personal experiences or observation of the trust and confidence accorded them by their clients, and a recognition of their common loyalty and enthusiasm for gas and the gas industry.

That such a group should wish to express their kinship in a society was inevitable and evident from the talks which followed wherever and wherever they gathered.

So was born the Gild of Ancient Suppliers at a convention of the Pennsylvania Gas Association at Sky Top Lodge, May 5th, 1937, when a group of veteran Suppliers met and took definite action toward organizing the Gild, to whose membership they knew they could call many men of similar qualifications throughout the country.

“True happiness … from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions.”

— Joseph Addison.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank every Supplier for their unwavering dedication to the Gild and the Gas Industry to which they serve.

As your new Mayor, it my privilege and honor to carry on the great traditions and leadership of the past and continue to strive for the true fraternal spirit that exists among all Gild members.

When my Father, John B. McGowan, offered me the opportunity to become part of “His Industry” 34 years ago, I had no idea of the camaraderie that existed between the many suppliers to the industry. Though we may compete in the marketplace, the three words that our newly Knighted Sir Ken Parrott said at this last Gild breakfast at the AGA in Orlando ring absolutely true and clear…. Fellowship…… Relationship & Friendship.

As you gather this weekend with family and friends raise a glass high and be thankful for all the many relationships that have been formed through business and social activities of the Gild.

For, we are not just an organization that gets up at 6:29 AM for breakfast….we get up every day to strive for integrity, honesty and above all Fellowship with our industry.

As our Gild founding fathers said, 80 years ago, our objects are: To encourage the use of gas; to promote and preserve goodwill and good fellowship among the members and the gas industry and encourage, maintain and guard the highest ideals of service, integrity and loyalty in its members in their relationships to their customers, clients, associates, employers and principals.

With a humble and thankful Left,
C. Dean McGowan
Mayor
Gild of Ancient Suppliers

Responses from Suppliers to Mayor McGowan’s words honoring the Gild’s 80th Anniversary:
- “A heart warming and encouraging message to receive on this cold and rainy morning in Ontario. I do miss the fellowship and good times at the numerous Gild functions that I attended over the years. May the Gild carry on with it's fine traditions for another 80 years at least.

Best regards to all extended through my "left" hand of service,
Sir Wayne Hennigar”

- “This is a great note from Mayor McGowan. "Fellowship, Relationship and Friendship" are the core of the Gild. I looked up the Sky Top Resort and it is still in existence and it looks spectacular: http://www.skytop.com/?NCK=8662711261

Congratulations to Mayor McGowan on his new role in the Gild.

Left Handedly Yours,
Bruce Hotze”
RECENT EVENTS.........

WGMSC Gild Breakfast
Anaheim, CA
April 13, 2017

District 1 Warden Rick Mooney and Far West Alderman Bill Murtaugh hosted an informal District 1 Gild Breakfast during the WGMSC held at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, CA on April 13, 2017 at the Nfuse Restaurant, inside the Anaheim Marriott

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“Capes on Stage”
AGA Operations Conference & Exhibits
Orlando, FL
May 3, 2017

Newly appointed Mayor Dean McGowan continued the Gild’s tradition leading the Capes on Stage during the AGA Operations Conference Opening Ceremony May 3, 2017.
We had an impressive turnout for the annual Gild Burgher Breakfast held during the AGA Operations Conference & Biennial Exhibits in Orlando, FL.
Assisted by Senior Warden Dean McGowan and District 4 Warden Jeff Dyer, Mayor Young Knights Sir Ken Parrott during the 2017 AGA Gild Burgher Breakfast in Orlando, FL.

Sir Ken was accompanied by his wife, Karen (pictured) and his children who travelled to witness this esteemed event.

Special thanks to Gild Historian, Kris Kimmel, for filming the Knighting of Sir Ken Parrott during the AGA Gild Burgher Breakfast. All who were present to witness the Knighting and hear Sir Ken’s speech were reminded of what an honor it is to be a part of the Gild of Ancient Supplers.

Please enjoy this video of Sir Ken’s speech: https://youtu.be/nJuozkEmOdQ
The video can also be viewed on the Gild website at: http://supplersgild.org/member-login/meetings/photos-from-past-events/

Mayor Young and Senior Warden McGowan presented Warden of the Year awards to District 4 Warden, Jeff Dyer, who is now the Southeast Alderman and to District 2 Warden, Michelle Trapp, now the Midwest Alderwoman.
District 4 Warden Jeff Dyer presented a Gild tile to Guest Speaker AGA Chairman, Pierce Norton, CEO and President of ONE Gas. It was the Gild’s high honor to have Pierce join us at the AGA Gild Burgher Breakfast. Pierce spoke engaging words of reflection and insight at the Breakfast and is certainly a positive and passionate voice for our Industry.

Mr. Norton sent the letter below in appreciation of the invitation to this memorable moment in his AGA Chairman tenure:

Mayo Young -

I wanted to express my appreciation for being extended the invitation to join the Gild of Ancient Suppliers at the AGA conference this week. Joining you will be one of the most memorable moments as AGA Chairman. Congratulations on your 80th anniversary as a Gild and thank you for being a positive voice for natural gas.

Pierce H. Norton II
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Mayor Young becomes Past Mayor XXXV as he hands over the Mayor’s Cape to Gild Mayor XXXVI, C. Dean McGowan.

A charity check will be donated on behalf of the Gild to Pikes Peak Humane Society, the charity of choice of the Chair of the AGA Managing Committee, Cheryl Campbell of Xcel Energy. Cheryl was unable to attend the AGA Operation Conference so the Gild will present this award to Cheryl during the Fall Operations Section Meeting in September.

Founded in 1949, the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region is a private, nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to the care and protection of domesticated animals in our community. HSPPR rescues and cares for animals in distress, reunites lost pets with their owners, finds loving homes for homeless animals and teaches people how to properly care for and respect animals, as well as enforces licensing and other animal ordinances.

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Dan Rosinski, Mike McCarthy, Scott Kranstuber & Mid-Atlantic Alderman, Russ Schrey are all smiles at the NGA Gild Breakfast

District 7 Warden Paul Sully of The Colonial District hosted a Gild Breakfast in conjunction with the Northeast Gas Association Operations School & Exhibits in Smithfield, RI. The Gild Breakfast was held at the Hampton Inn in Smithfield, RI Tuesday June 6, 2017. There were 11 Gild members with 4 Burghers in the mix. This ties our best attendance we have had at this breakfast. Steady as she goes.

Guest speaker, Paul Armstrong, VP of Training & Qualification Services for the Northeast Gas Association spoke about how important training to our industry and how we as vendors can really help. Call to arms! On behalf of the Gild, Warden Sully presented Paul Armstrong with a Gild tile in appreciation of his industry leadership.

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Suppliers gather in fellowship inside Hilton Atlanta for a Gild Gathering in conjunction with the SGA Operating Conference in Atlanta, GA

Past Mayors pose with Mayor McGowan. The Mayors pictured are (Left to Right) - P.M. XXVII - Jim Donnelly, P.M. XXXIV – Larry Brown, Mayor McGowan, P.M. XXX – Bruce Hotze, P.M. XXXV – Ed Young
Gild Treasurer, Bill Murtaugh presented a Gild tile and $500 donation to Lighthouse Christian Camp, APGA Chairman Jim Hodges’ charity of choice, on behalf of the Gild during the APGA Capes on Stage Award Presentation Monday July 24, 2017 in San Francisco, CA.

For more than 30 years, Lighthouse Christian Camp has provided weeks of summer camp to disadvantaged and needy children. Through the camp, thousands of children, who never otherwise would have the opportunity, have come - free of charge – to experience the beauty of God’s creation in a new and meaningful way.
This year’s AGMSC Gild Breakfast was hosted by District 6 Warden Tushar Shah. Guest speaker, Kristopher Kelley of Washington Gas spoke during the Breakfast and was presented with a Gild tile in appreciation of his industry leadership.
Chair of the MEA Gas Operations Committee, Mike Savage of Madison Gas and Electric, spoke at the MEA Gild Breakfast hosted by District 2 Warden Patrick Van Beek & Midwest Alderwoman Michelle Trapp
ASGMT Gild Gathering
Marriott Houston Westchase
September 20, 2017

From Left to Right: Alderman Julie Boyd, Historian Kris Kimmel, Kevin Warner, Dean Lightfoot, Nick Meole & Rick Schneider

The Society of Gas Operators Golf Outing @ Navesink Country Club in Middletown, NJ
Oct. 2, 2017

Pictured: Mayor Dean McGowan, District 7 Warden, Paul Sully, Brian McDonald & Northeast Alderman, Scott Vigil
NEW SUPPLERS.....
Please join me in welcoming the following new Supplers of the Gild:

- Sam Schneider, President & CEO of C.R. Wall & Co., Inc. Sam has been involved in the Canadian Gas Industry for over 22 years.
- Annette Gardiner, Vice President, Gas Strategic Development at Itron, Inc. Prior to working for Itron, Inc., Annette had been with MichCon, SEMCO Energy, New Mexico Gas Co. and CMS Energy.
- Rick Schneider, Technical Sales at Equipment Controls Company. Rick has been involved in the gas industry since 1982. He worked as Vice President of ACT Associates, a Rockwell, now Sensus distributor in upstate New York and PA, working with industrial, commercial, utility and transmission customers.
- Paul Honchar, Sr. Product Manager with Sensus. Paul has been in the gas industry for 38 years starting with Rockwell International, BTR Measurement and Flow Control, Equimeter, Invensys, Sensus and now Sensus, a Xylem Brand. I have been in engineering, QA, International Technical Sales, Technical Services and Training and Product Manager in Marketing.
- Jim Prunty, Account Manager with Dresser, Inc. Jim has worked for Dresser since January 2010, calling directly on natural gas utilities. Prior to working for the manufacturer, he was a sales representative for Measurement Control Systems in Santa Ana, CA. He began working for this distributor in June of 2006 selling natural gas equipment to utilities and end users.
- Wally Armstrong, Partner/Owner of Liberty Sales & Distributions, LLC. Wally has spent the past 35+ years involved in the gas industry, to include 15 years at Colonial Gas (National Grid), 7 years at UPSCO as Regional Sales Manager and currently 14 years as Partner/Owner and founder of Liberty Sales and Distribution with responsibility for Sales and Technical Support services offered by the company.
- Randall Rogers, Western Sales Manager at Kerotest Mfg. Randall has worked for Kerotest Mfg. for the past 9 years. Prior to that he worked for Uponor for 11 years, T.D. Williamson for 2 years and Wayne Mfg. for 3 years.

RETIRRED SUPPLERS.....

- Steve Heckman has retired from Romet Limited in November 2016 and is now a Master Sage.
- Dave Dutton has retired from McElroy Manufacturing, Inc. at the end of December 2016 and is now a Master Sage.

HIGHER GILD.....

- George A. Yeaman, retired President of Robertshaw Control and Master Greybeard passed away on November 23, 2016.
- James R. Hutton, Vice President of Sales of Compressor Engineering Corp. passed away April 8, 2017.
- Milton W. Heath, Jr., PM XX of the Gild and former Chairman of Heath Consultants Incorporated passed away May 20, 2017 in Scottsdale, Arizona with
his Family at his side following a long battle with Alzheimer’s. He was a father, grandfather, employer, mentor, gentleman and industry “icon” and will be sorely missed by everyone. The Gild has made a $250 contribution in Milton’s honor to the Alzheimer’s Association. Milton W. Heath, Jr. is also featured in the October 2017 edition of the American Gas Association magazine, with special mention of his participation with the Gild of Ancient Supplers, which can be viewed here:

  - “Sir Wayne Burrell was a prince of a man. He truly was a great Suppler in all virtues. May God Bless his soul.” Bruce Hotze Sr. PM XXX
  - “I met Wayne in the early '80s when my old company, Becker Technical Sales, represented Mercury Instruments. Wayne was (maybe remained) the Mercury regional manager in TX. He was a kind & gentle man and I was immediately impressed by his interest & sincerity in you as a person. I'm sure all those close to him will miss him dearly.” With sadness, Scott Dineen
  - “Truly one of the great men in our industry. And a great member of the Gild. A class gentleman.” David Fish
  - “Sorry to hear Sir Wayne has passed on to the Higher Gild. Sir Wayne was a wonderful man and was well liked by everyone.” Sir Gus Buchhalter

**AMENDMENTS TO THE GILD CONSTITUTIONS & BY-LAWS……..

A Great Council meeting was held prior to the SGA Gild Gathering July 18, 2017. In the words of Senior Warden Scott Kleppe, “I have to tell you this was one of the best ever attended. The buzz among the members was amazing. The Gild is ALIVE!”

The following amendments to the Gild Constitution and By-Laws have been approved by the Great Council during the SGA Great Council Meeting:

ARTICLE 3 of Gild By-Laws – Current version
Resignations and Expulsions.

B - Any member who has previously resigned from the Gild may apply in writing for reinstatement by paying $150 plus current years dues all then delinquent dues. Upon full payment and approval by the Great Council, the member will return to full, active status.

C - Any member who has been inactive for four five years or more may apply in writing to the Great Council for reinstatement. If the member to be reinstated is delinquent and still in the industry at the time of reinstatement, the Member shall pay the re-initiation fee of $150 plus $130 annual dues the initiation fee, and fifty percent (50%) of the amount owed for delinquent dues. Any member who has been inactive for less than five years may apply in writing to the Great Council for reinstatement and must pay current years’ annual dues. Upon full payment and approval by the Great Council, the member will return to full, active status.

D - Any member who is no longer active in the gas industry must notify the Great Council.

ARTICLE 5, SECTION 3 of Gild Constitution – Current version:
Terms. The terms of Officers shall be one two years or until election of their successors. One year Two years shall mean that period from their election to the Session at which the next election shall take place in the Section 2 Knight of the Gild is a lifetime appointment.

The Mayor, Senior Warden, Aldermen and Wardens may not serve more than two consecutive terms of two years one year each which shall occur most nearly to the expiration of one two years from the latest previous election of officers.
GILD PROJECTS……..

Acting on an idea set forth by Clerk Carol Nolte, the Gild Officers have been discussing ways to continue to create awareness of the Gild and to promote and serve the Natural Gas Industry. In combination of the continuing growth of our Industry and the need for more personnel, it is believed that reaching out to high school and college students to the opportunities in our Industry is a positive for both the Burghers (Utilities) and potential Associates (Vendors), and possibly future Gild members. Treasurer Nolte and Clerk Kleppe presented offering a mentoring program to students on the values and opportunities in our Industry would be send by the Burghers as an appreciated effort by the Gild.

We are asking for volunteers to participate in a committee geared towards mentoring students on the Natural Gas Industry. The committee could select a couple of schools, maybe a high school, a vocational school and a college. Students who are interested in these types of opportunities would be asked to fill out the form at a link we would put on the Gild’s website. A member of the Gild will then contact that student to discuss their objectives and share some knowledge about the Natural Gas Industry. Our idea is to provide a somewhat informal mentoring program that is free.

The members of the Gild who will contact the students will do so without any intent to influence or recruit the student. This project is simply to make students more aware of career opportunities in the Natural Gas Industry and our attempt to give back to an industry that we are proud to serve. Once the student fills out the form and we see the areas of interest, the committee could choose members of the Gild who are willing to contact the student and are most knowledgeable in the areas that the student has expressed interest. It may end up being a conversation, pointing the student to various web sites, introductions to others and even invitations to various gas schools like the AGMSC. If you are interested in participating on such a committee, please email Anne Blong at anne@suppliersgild.org.

GILD APPAREL……..

Interested in ordering apparel embroidered with the Gild Logo? We have partnered with Lands’ End to offer custom clothing embroidered with the Gild of Ancient Suplers Logo. Visit the Gild’s Lands’ End storefront here: https://business.landsend.com/store/gild to place an order. This link has also been added to the Gild website under the “Apparel” tab.

The embroidered Gild logo size is 2” x 2.84”. There is a Logo Application Fee of $8.50 per item. You can visit the main Lands’ End webpage at www.landsend.com to check for current promotions and sign up for emails to receive discount offers including free shipping, % off, etc. They are always running promotions so be sure to check out the main to obtain the promo code before placing an order. The current promotion ends 10/27: 20% off Company Apparel & More; use Code: EMSAVE20

Below is an example of the embroidered Gild logo on a shirt swatch and a picture of Mayor McGowan in his new Gild attire:
A DAY IN GILD HISTORY……..

Circa 1959-1961

UPCOMING EVENTS……..

- December 19, 2017 1:15pm - Colonial District “Bacon” Christmas Party hosted by District 7 Warden Paul Sully. Benjamin’s Steak House 52 East 41 Street NYC, NY

Please check the Gild Gas Industry Events Calendar on the Gild website as the calendar will be updated with details on upcoming events. [http://supplersgild.org/member-login/meetings/](http://supplersgild.org/member-login/meetings/)

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR……..

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience was different each week so he did same tricks over and over. The problem was, the captain's parrot saw all the shows and began to understand how the magician did every trick.

He started shouting in the middle of the show: "Look, it's not the same hat. Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table. Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?"

The magician was furious but, as it was the captain's parrot, he could do nothing.

Then one day the ship sank and the magician found himself floating on a piece of wood with the parrot.

They glared at each other but said nothing.

Finally, after a week, the parrot said: 'OK, I give up. Where's the boat?'

MAYOR’S MEMO……..

Again, and always, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Anne Blong for her outstanding assistance to me and her unwavering dedication to our Gild. The Sidebars are a wonderful way to keep everyone informed and Anne has been instrumental in preparing and delivering great issues. Thanks Anne!

As you have seen in the past couple of years, the Gild grows stronger – increased Gatherings, more Breakfasts, communications continuity and a growing membership with a great sense of Tradition and Camaraderie. Going forward many new things are in the works…head to our website at: www.supplersgild.org and keep up to date on what is happening.

Happy Fall to all and I look forward to seeing you soon at a Gild event!

Thank you With a Humble and Respectful Left Hand,

Mayor C. Dean McGowan
2017-2019 GILD OFFICERS……

Mayor……………………………………………………..... Dean McGowan
Senior Warden………………………………………….... Scott Kleppe
Clerk……………………………………………………….. Carol Nolte
Keeper of the Treasurer………………………………….. Bill Murtaugh
Assist Clerk/Treasurer…………………………………….. Anne Blong
Historian…………………………………………………… Kris Kimmel
Master of Revels………………………………………….. Brad Frantzen
Sergeant-At-Arms………………………………………… Tony Spivey
Town Crier………………………………………………….. Oliver Klinger

Alderman “Their Middling Excellencies”:
Rick Mooney – Far West
Russ Schrey – Mid-Atlantic
Scott Vigil – Northeast
Jeff Dyer – Southeast
Michelle Trapp – Midwest
Mike Menger – Canada
Julie Boyd – Southwest

Wardens “Their Reflected Excellencies”:
#1 Vincent O’Connor
#2 Patrick VanBeek
#3 Gerald Sims
#4 Jon Beam
#5 Rich Stocker
#6 Tushar Shah
#7 Paul Sully
#8 Dave McQuaig