



Area 59

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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Archives Subcommittee 2019 Year- End Report

The purpose of your Archives subcommittee is to assist the archivist and assistant archivist in collecting, preserving and maintaining Area 59 archives materials. Our committee is also responsible to provide the fellowship assistance in obtaining information.

Summary of Subcommittee activities this year

The committee held monthly work sessions at our storage facility to continue to sort organize and file our area archives materials. We also scanned materials into our data base and organizing them using a common conventions to assist in future searches. We assisted to the archivist in fulfilling research requests.

Committee members recognized the need to educate our fellowship on the resources available in our archives and the importance of preserving our history. We have provided manned tables with trifold display group history forms and historical handouts to: two Mini- Assemblies, PENNCYPAA, the Preconference Share-A-Day, SEPIA/EPGSA Share-A-Day, and 15 workshops in the area.

Committee members along with the archivist and alternate delegate made a day trip to GSO Archives in New York City and we found the visit to be rewarding and inspirational.

Our Delegate assisted the committee in conducting a survey of all the areas in the U.S. and Canada to get their experience strength and hope regarding the use of out- side vendors to scan documents. No other area made use of commercial scanning companies. Our committee had reviewed this to improve efficiency. We decided not to use these services due to anonymity concerns. We also queried the other areas on the rental of office space for area meetings and archives storage. Responses indicated that those with office space had a shared arrangement with their intergroup. Two of the areas reported damage to their archives, one from fire, and one from water.

We have continued to seek options for shared office and storage space as recommendd by the last panel. If we find an appropriate location to move our archives, we will bring a proposal to the Area Committee who will bring it back to the groups for approval.

Your archives sub-committee needs your help as our area continues to make history. Please complete our update your group histories and send it to us so that eighty years from now, god willing, our future fellowship can benefit of our experience. The sub-committee thanks all of the groups who contributed seventh tradition funds so generously to the area so we can do the work of the fellowship.