



## **BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH / SISTERS OF THE SWISH**

### **WHAT ARE THE BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH / SISTERS OF THE SWISH?**

The Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish are members of a special society that will participate in the Lehigh Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Your affiliation with your Chapter will be a life-long brotherhood/sisterhood that you can carry with you and talk about with generations to come.

A Chapter of the Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish can be a group of friends, co-workers, family members, members of an organization, etc.

When founding a Chapter, you are agreeing to participate in as many of the Sesquicentennial Celebration events as possible.

As a Charter, you will compete against other Chapters for the distinction of holding the title of Top Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish Chapter. (Expect to be on TV and in the Newspaper!)

### **WHY ARE WE CALLED THE BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH / SISTERS OF THE SWISH?**

In order to reflect the struggles and sacrifices of our forefathers, it would be appropriate to have the town look as it did 150 years ago.

In 1866, men traditionally wore long beards, hence the "Brush", as at that time shaving required a brush, cup and straight razor, along with sporting Top hats and Colonel Style Neck ties. Women wore long "swishy" dresses, hence the "Swish" along with bonnets. Make-up was scarce and not a small-town wear.

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 1966 BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH / SISTERS OF THE SWISH AND THE 2016 CHAPTERS?**

In 1966, Chapters of the Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish were large groups of solely men or women accordingly who participated in the Lehigh Centennial. These Chapters wore period costume/dress throughout the celebration, going as far as sewing their own dresses.

In 2016, the Sesquicentennial Committee has fashioned this historic bonding experience into a type of group participation event that we feel works for the current man/women/family.



## **BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH / SISTERS OF THE SWISH**

- Teams of 5-6 men and/or women may register under a Chapter Name.
- All registered Chapters will pay a \$5.00 per registrant fee to enter. This fee enters the Chapter Member into all events and contests.
- All registrars will abide by the rules of the 'Brush' and the 'Swish'. \*\*\* See attached form- Rules of the Brush and Swish.
  1. All members of the Chapter will be given a button to wear showing their affiliation with the 'Brush' and 'Swish'.
  2. Men will not shave their facial hair and women will not wear make-up. (Razors and Make-up will be buried at time of registration.)
  3. A \$5.00 fee will be rendered to any member of the Chapter who wishes to purchase an exemption button to allow them to shave or wear make-up.
  4. All Buttons must be worn during all Sesquicentennial Events.
- 'Brush' and 'Swish' Teams will compete in various competitions throughout the Sesquicentennial, as well as participate in several events. Details will be available to all Chapters.
  1. Day 1: 12:00 p.m.....Check-in and Burial of Razors and Make-up  
4:00 p.m.....Corn on the Cob Eating Contest
  2. Day 2: 2:00 p.m.....Volunteer for Coaster Race
  3. Day 3: 5:00 p.m.....Scavenger Hunt (Teams of 2)
  4. Day 4: 5:00 p.m.....Hoop Rolling Contest
  5. Day 5: 5:00 p.m.....Cook-Off / Bake-Off (1 Entry per Charter in each Category)
  6. Day 6: 5:00 p.m.....Hat Decorating Contest
  7. Day 7: 5:00 p.m.....Trivia Contest (Teams of 2)
  8. Day 8: 12:00 p.m.....Float Entry in Parade (1 Entry per Charter)  
4:00 p.m.....Beard Judging, and Unburial of Razors & Make-up  
4:00 p.m.....Announcement of Winners
- Tallies of all event participation and contest standings will be logged and displayed during the Sesquicentennial in front of the Pfc. Clyde R. Houser Building.
- At the Closing Ceremony of the Sesquicentennial, Brothers of the Brush and Sisters of the Swish teams will be awarded with prizes. Trophies for each of the Top 3 Chapters and Medals for each member of the Top 3 Chapters. (Additional prizes to be announced)

\*\*\*Over for Point Tallies/Deductions

## **Points will be tallied/deducted for the following:**

### Earning of Points:

- 1 Point per Chapter Member Entry in Each Event
- 3 Points for a 3rd Place Finish in an Event
- 5 Points for a 2nd Place Finish in an Event
- 10 Points for a 1st Place Finish in an Event
  - (\*\*\*) If the Event is a Team Event, such as the Scavenger Hunt/Trivia Contest, the team will receive the points, not each Individual Member.)
  
- 2 Points per Chapter Member who Volunteers at the Coaster Race
  
- 10 Points per Chapter Member who dress in Historical Costume each day.
  
- 20 Points for Chapter Entry in the Parade. **Participation in the parade is strongly recommended.**
  
- 3 Points for a 3rd Place Finish in Parade for the Chapter as a whole.
- 5 Points for a 2nd Place Finish Parade for the Chapter as a whole.
- 10 Points for a 1st Place Finish Parade for the Chapter as a whole.

### Deduction of Points:

- 5 Points will be deducted per Chapter Member if they are found to without their Brothers of the brush/ Sisters of the Swish button or their shaving/make-up permit. (Each day can serve as a new infraction)
- 5 Points will be deducted per Chapter Member if they are found to have shaven or are wearing make-up and have not purchased an exemption pin. (Each day can serve as a new infraction)
- 20 Points will be deducted per Chapter Member if they are/were intoxicated while participating in an event
- 50 Points will be deducted per Chapter Member if they are found to be cheating in any event or sabotaging another Chapter

## **RULES OF THE BRUSH AND SWISH**

All Chapter members must check-in on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Brothers of the Brush/Sisters of the Swish Table, in front of the PFC. Clyde R. Houser Jr. Building. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. and runs until the end of the day.

### Brothers of the Brush

- All Brothers of the Brush members must have facial hair all week of the celebration to be awarded any points unless an exemption button has been purchased at the time of registration, the exemption button must be worn at all times during events you are participating in.
- Beards and mustaches will be judged in six categories the final day of the celebration.
- The six categories for the beards and mustaches are;
  - Full beard
  - Goatee & mustache
  - Chin strap
  - Fu Manchu
  - Mutton chops
  - Handlebar.
- The amount of points for each style will be given out the date the first day of events when the chapters and members sign in. Prizes will also be awarded for each of these categories.

### Sisters of the Swish

- All Sisters of the Swish members will not be permitted to wear makeup the entire week of the celebration unless an exemption button has been purchased at the time of registration, the exemption button must be worn at all times during events you are participating in.
- Women are encouraged to dress in historical clothing throughout the celebration.

- Final day judging will also include awards for dresses in the following categories;
- Best era dress
- Prettiest
- Funkiest
- Most original of the time period
- The amount of points for each dress type will be given out the first day of events when the chapters and members sign in.



## **BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH / SISTERS OF THE SWISH**

### **Registration**

#### ***Instructions***

*Registration forms should be mailed to:*

*Borough of Lehighton  
Attn: LDI- BOB/SOS  
1 Constitution Ave.  
Lehighton, Pa 18235*

**All members** of each chapter are to fill out a registration form and they are to be given to the captain of their chapter.

**Captains** of the chapter must fill out the registration form for their chapter, gather all their members registration forms and signed waivers, including theirs and mail all together along with the appropriate fees collected.

*Please return all Registration forms by June 15, 2016.*

***\*Do not send cash***

***Please make checks payable to: The Lehighon 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee***



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**Registration**

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name**

**exemption pin**

**Y or N**

*Official  
Use*

**\*Captain Name:**

**Phone**

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Each member of your chapter must be listed above



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**Registration**

Name of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOB or SOS**    circle one

Exemption button purchased:    yes    no    circle one

*\*(if yes, please provide reason)*



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