

## **THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE WOLVES**

The National Association of the Wolves was founded on September 19, 1951 it consisted of local Wolves Clubs (know as dens) located in many communities in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The Association has been patterned similar to such Nationally know organizations as the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions. Which are dedicated to do good for their community and its citizens.

In order to manage members clubs efficiently and able to render them service most effectively, the Association is divided into Districts with each District having a District President and Secretary.

Members have the opportunity to participate in District Meetings and National Conventions.

### **HISTORY**

On September 26, 1929 a small group of business and professional men of Italian extraction gathered together at the home of David D. Valiensi, 215 East Lincoln Avenue, New Castle Pennsylvania and organized a Civic Club. The membership was limited to men who were owners or managers of businesses or who were active in the professions.

This meeting had been preceded by many others, held over a period of several years, at which time this idea was carefully and thoroughly studied before its adoption. The symbolic name of the organization was adopted some months after the date of its founding.

It was the intention of the founders to assist worthy and needy male students to finish college if they experienced financial difficulties in their final year. The assistance was given secretly, and in the form of a non-binding loan.

The Wolves Club of New Castle was in sole existence until June 2, 1948 when the Wolves Club of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania was created and know as Den II. The Wolves Club of Ambridge, Pennsylvania was created on April 17, 1951 and was know as Den III. On April 2, 1951 a resolution to form the National Association of the Wolves was approved and the Association came into official existence on September 19, 1951 when delegates assembled at the First Convention of the Association, held in New Castle, Pennsylvania the delegates unanimously adopted the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Association of the Wolves.

The Association has grown since its creation in 1951 and has expanded into the State of Ohio.

## **OUR NAME**

The name Wolves is truly a symbol of service. This fact symbolizes by the Old Roman Legend about the twins Romulus and Remus who were placed in a trough and cast into the River Tiber by their Grand Uncle Annulus. The trough was grounded in the marshes where Rome afterwards stood. The twins were suckled by the She-Wolf until a shepherd later found them and reared them into manhood.

The twins have been credited, according to the Legend, to have built the City of Rome and Romulus is regarded as the founder of the military and political Institution of Rome.

This act of charity by the She-Wolf is most noteworthy and for this reason appealed to our founders as a most appropriate name for our organization. The act of giving and offering help to those in need is characteristic of the main objects of our association.

## **OUR MOTTO**

Our Motto "Pro Bono Publico" a Latin phrase meaning "For the Good of the Public" reflects the purpose and goals of all our members. When community service is rendered by the Wolves Den, there is no distinction made of race, color or creed.

## **THE WOLVES CREED**

W – willingness to promote brotherhood

O – opportunities afforded to others

L – loyalty to country, community and home

V – veracity in relationships amongst men

E – efforts employed for community betterment

S – service founded on the Golden Rule