



# Witauchsoman Lodge #44



## Annual Report 2014

2014 was another successful year for Witauchsoman Lodge #44. Even with the more challenging requirements, we achieved gold level of the Journey to Excellence program. We also received the OA National Service Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time ever. The Lodge had an active participation amongst the National, Sectional, and Council levels. We brought a contingent of members to the Section NE-5B Conclave. The Lodge helped to improve all three council camps through our ordeal weekends, and multiple other service weekends. Some of major projects include: assisting in the construction of the Campmaster building at Camp Minsi, replacing roofs on cabins at Camp Minsi, and moving the Treasure Island OA ceremony circle to The Summit in WV. We held our new Lodge OctoberFest Weekend which included our Lodge Leadership Development, annual planning, fellowship, and the Vigil. It was well attended, fun, and a great success. Lastly, our Weekends' attendance and Lodge membership have all increased. Witauchsoman Lodge celebrated our 46<sup>th</sup> year this year and we look forward to celebrating our 47<sup>th</sup> next year in conjunction with the Minsi Trails Council.

### Membership:

266	New Ordeal members	401	Registered Ordeal members
67	New Brotherhood members	231	Registered Brotherhood members
10	New Vigil members	105	Registered Vigil members
		<b>737</b>	<b>TOTAL 2014 Lodge membership</b>

### Event Attendance:

76	Lodge Banquet (# does not include guests/family)
300	Lodge Spring Weekend
39	Lodge Picnic (# does not include guests/family)
235	Lodge Fall Weekend
101	Lodge OctoberFest Weekend
40	Section NE-5B Conclave

### Major Programs:

- OA service weekends once a month
- Continued to have an active role in the Council's Scoutreach program
- Continued to have an active role on the District levels
- Assisted in Council camp promotions
- Updated and published the *Where To Go Camping Guide* (first time since early 1990's)
- Campership CSP patch fundraiser to raise money for Scouts who can't afford Summer Camp
- First ever Lodge OctoberFest weekend (Lodge Leadership Development, fellowship, Vigil)

### Major Service Projects:

- Collected 447 toys for Toys for Tots
- Continued major involvement at Beaver Day at all three camps
- Assisted in the Campmaster building project at Camp Minsi
- Settlers Camp – installed central air unit in Trading Post building
- Camp Minsi – Replaced roofs on cabins and installed new windows on Ad Pad building
- Moved the Treasure Island OA ceremony circle from Treasure Island to The Summit in WV

### Service Hours and Monetary Support:

- 16,151 documented service hours to community, Council, Districts, Camps, & Scoutreach
- \$117,096 in documented service hour labor by Lodge members
- \$23,800 in donated machinery and equipment use
- \$5,600 in donated materials secured
- \$61 in materials purchased from OA account
- \$146,556** total contributions to the community, Council, Districts, Camps, and Scoutreach