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ARTISANS PARTICIPATE IN WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

On September 16th, our M.E. Master Artisan, Frank Thoma, received the following telegram: "I would be pleased if you could visit me at the White House at 4:30 p.m. on September 21st. An exchange of views with you and other outstanding leaders of fraternal organizations in our country is, I believe, important and desirable. I would be grateful if you could wire me that you can be present. (signed) Lyndon B. Johnson." A similar invitation was received by our M.E. Recorder, Ralph C. Dare.

The invitations were accepted, and Brothers Thoma and Dare joined 260 other representatives of nationality groups and fraternal organizations in this very interesting and fruitful conference.

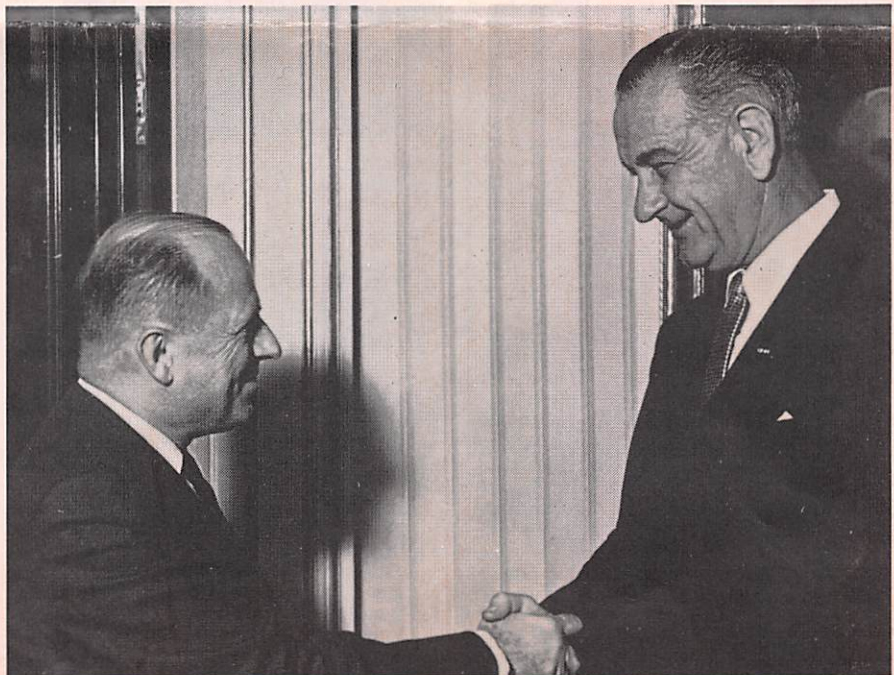
The President praised the fraternal groups for their loyalty and dedicated services to their country and in the course of his address said, "This House is your House—the House of all the people. This Office I hold is your Office—the Office of all the people. In this spirit, I am proud to welcome you here. I do not know your politics. I do not care about your partisanship. I do know—and I do care—about your leadership . . . your organizations have grown in strength. Since the first of your organizations were begun a century ago you have grown to more than two hundred. Today you insure the lives of more than 10 million people for almost 12 billion dollars. You invest assets of more than 3 billion dollars in the economy of this country.

"You make America stronger because you care about the lot and the life of your fellow man.

"That is the real spirit of our land—and we must never lose it . . .

"This is my hope today as I call upon you to answer your nation's challenge. To answer it by being leaders for a united America—one and indivisible under God."

The meeting was held in the East Room of the White House and was followed by a reception, with every guest receiving a personal introduction to the President and a very friendly greeting. Members of the President's Cabinet and other prominent officials



President Lyndon B. Johnson greets M.E. Master Artisan Frank Thoma, at reception in White House, following conference of national fraternal leaders in Washington, D.C.

participated in the conference and reception.

Both our M.E. Master Artisan and our M.E. Recorder were deeply impressed with the large representation of fraternal societies at this conference and the President's appreciation of the value of fraternalism in the American way of life. They were doubly proud that the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection had a part in it.

NOVEMBER MEETING IMPORTANT TO YOU

The month of November is always a key month in every subordinate assembly and the one night when every active member should be present at their assembly's meeting.

This is the meeting night you select and nominate candidates to direct the destinies of your assembly for the ensuing year and it is mighty important that you have a hand in the proceedings. The participation of the rank and file members in assembly activities is al-

ways a healthy sign and makes for a live organization. Make your presence felt!

Not only will you nominate your officers for 1965 but likewise select delegates to represent you at the annual Session of the Most Excellent Assembly—which will be held on Saturday, February 6, 1965 in the ballroom of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets, in Philadelphia.

So come out to your assembly meeting in November, endeavor to select those who will best represent you—and follow it up at the December meeting, when your vote will be necessary to complete the job. This is your privilege and responsibility. Grasp it like a true Artisan and see how good it feels to be a real participant in the workings of our Organization.



LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT OF 4TH QUARTER DUES—NOVEMBER 30, 1964!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR M.E. MASTER ARTISAN

Dear Brethren:

Since our last message to you, a great honor has come to our Order. On Thursday, September 17th, two telegrams arrived at our office inviting our M.E. Recorder and myself to come to Washington, D.C. to meet with the President of the United States, at the White House on Monday, September 21. It was an honor for both of us to go and certainly a great tribute to our Order for the recognition as an honorable and respectable Fraternity.

There were a total of 200 Fraternal Organizations present; the President had practically his whole cabinet present and, of course, introduced them to us.

The President gave us an enlightening talk and pointed out the important work that Fraternal Organizations do in helping others. Fraternalists have ministered to the needs of the needy; have provided scholarships and educational opportunity for those hungering to learn; Fraternalists have brought pleasure and happiness to many Americans who have not always had access to the fullest measure of the blessings of men on these principles. Fraternal Organizations have grown in strength, and he also said that Fraternalists help to make America strong because we care about the lot and life of our fellow man.

He also pointed out that the 200 Fraternal Organizations present have a combined membership of about 10 million people, which means that 1 out of every 19 belong to a Fraternal Organization. Our own membership shows us that we have quite a job to do to get our share; if others can do it, so can we. So, my Brethren, we have a job ahead of us. By asking friends, neighbors, relatives, and fellow workers to join our great Order, so that he may come into your Assembly Room and enjoy the pleasures of Fraternalism, plus the security we offer; at the same time, you can earn enough credits to participate in the extra activities our Order offers you. The possibilities are there—all you have to do is ask.

At the moment, our production is very good; enthusiasm is high in our Order, and we feel that with all of us doing our part, we shall go ahead and maintain our strength and recognition as one of the top and the finest Fraternal Organizations in America today.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
FRANK THOMA

JUNIOR BASEBALL TEAMS COMPLETE SEASON

The Northeast Junior Artisan Baseball Group completed another interesting season in August, that provided lively competition for a large segment of our baseball-minded youngsters. While no championships were won, the boys compiled a very creditable record, and Brother Frank Murray and his assistants deserve special commendation for the continued supervision of this fine project. Brother Tony Dorso, secretary, gives this final tabulation of the accomplishments of the five groups:

AGE	WON	LOST	TIED
14-16	10	11	0
12-14 (A)	11	13	0
12-14 (B)	10	10	2
10-12 (A)	8	11	3
10-12 (B)	4	16	0



P.M.E.M.A. Edward T. Salmon presenting Royal Typewriter demonstration before panel of judges in New York City, in finals of National Contest.

P.M.E.M.A. EDWARD T. SALMON SCORES IN NATIONAL TYPEWRITER COMPETITION

Success stories, involving members of our fraternity, are always pleasant to record, and we believe we have a remarkable achievement recently attained by P.M.E.M.A. Edward T. Salmon that will prove very interesting to his host of friends.

Brother Salmon joined the sales force of the Royal Typewriter Corporation a scant six months ago, made rapid progress, and was selected to enter the nation-wide contest to name the best Sales Demonstrator in the United States.

In succession, he won the Philadelphia,

Metropolitan, and Eastern United States honors, and on September 29th, in New York City, competed with three other finalists representing the Northern, Southern and Western areas of the Nation. He missed top honors by a very narrow margin and became runner-up to the Chicago representative, who was a veteran of many years service.

This was a phenomenal record for this young man, so new in the field, and he was honored in New York at the conclusion of the contest with many gifts, including a beautiful colored television set.

We are mighty proud of Brother Ed, and extend to him our heartiest congratulations for this outstanding achievement. It augurs well for a long and successful career in his new field of endeavor. Cheers!

Let's have "More in '64"

45th Annual

ARTISANS CHARITY BALL

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All the Usual Features—More Added TICKETS \$2.00 tax incl.

Purchaser of ticket participates
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Sponsored by the ARTISAN'S DINING CLUB, Inc.

A BIG NIGHT IN ARTISANSHIP

Monday, November 30th, 1964—8:15 P.M.
Cannstatter Hall, 9100 Frankford Ave., Phila.

Delightful 2 Hour Extravaganza

"SOUTHLAND CAPERS"

Presented by

The Quaker City Minstrels

All Artisans, their Families and Friends are cordially invited to enjoy this outstanding and unusual entertainment.

Obligation of new Male and Female members promptly at 7:45 P.M. prior to the show. Bring your new Candidates and become eligible for the big Producer's Dinner on January 16, 1965.

This gala evening sponsored by the Artisans Extension Committee and the Most Excellent Officers.

No Admission Charge

Plenty of Free Parking

Everyone Welcome

PHILA. ASSEMBLIES INITIATE LANCASTER LASSIES

Another milestone in the development of Female Artisanhip was passed on Saturday evening, September 19th, when a combined visitation of members of Philadelphia Assembly No. 1 and Northeast Assembly No. 11 met in the Arcadia Restaurant, in Lancaster, Pa. to greet sister Artisans living in that area and formally initiate them into the mysteries of our Order through a beautiful exemplification of our ritual by an all-star degree team composed of members of the two visiting Assemblies.

Welcomed into sisterhood through this magnificent ceremony were Elva Cunningham of Conestoga and Thelma Kahn, of Lancaster, both members of Philadelphia No. 1, and Mayellen Hollis, of Columbia, Cheryl Reynolds, Anne Fulmer, Dorothy Paules, Janice Lefever, Janet Beveley, and Virginia Bradfield, all of Lancaster and members of Northeast No. 11.

The members of the degree team that gave this impressive performance of the ritual consisted of Bertha Muziani, of No. 1, Master Artisan; Doris Maust, of No. 11, Superintendent; Frances Urwiler, of No. 1, Inspector; Diane Keith, of No. 11, Conductor, assisted by Doris Tozar, No. 1 and Irva Delp, No. 11; Hazel Heil, of No. 11, Chaplain; Anna Hubert, No. 1, Junior Master Ceremonies; Rosemary Featherstone, No. 11, Senior Master Ceremonies, and Deputies M.E.M.A. Samuel J. Clevenger, Jr. and Robert W. Godfrey.

Brother Clevenger, Deputy to Philadelphia No. 1, gave a fine rendition of the Deputy's charge, and Brother Godfrey, Deputy to Northeast No. 11, gave his eloquent and inspiring salute to the flag.

The business meeting was conducted by the aforementioned sisters augmented by Helen Chambers, Master Artisan of No. 11; Betty Hammel, Warder of No. 11; Edna Detwiler, Cashier of No. 11; Agnes M. Sheehan, Recorder of No. 1 and Beverly Traves, Recorder of No. 11.

After the initiatory ceremony, Master Artisan Bertha Muziani introduced our M.E. Master Artisan, Frank Thoma, who con-

gratulated both visiting assemblies for their outstanding ritual work, lauded them for planning and arranging all the details of this unusual visitation and expressed a hope that the girls from the Lancaster area might some day institute an assembly of their own.

P.M.E.M.A. Oscar Dahl spoke in the same vein and said that this dream could come true with a concerted effort by the male members of our Order living in this area. Brother Dahl presented each member of the initiatory class with an American flag.

A gala evening of entertainment followed for all the gals and their escorts, and it proved that we have plenty of outstanding talent right in our own ranks. A rousing opener was a lusty Sing-A-Long directed by Mistress of Ceremonies, Edna Keith, which created a warm, fraternal atmosphere. Then an enthusiastic salute was extended to M.E. Master Artisan Frank Thoma and his charming wife Anne, who were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. There were beautiful duets by Beverly and Walter Traves, a vocal solo by our M.E. Inspector Gordon

Delp; some exciting tap and novelty jazz dancing, by lovely Diane Keith—Miss Artisan of 1964—the lilting soprano voice of Donna Ferguson; a fine solo by Bertha Muziani, and by special request, the booming voice of P.M.E.M.A. George Urwiler in "Wagon Wheels."

Our nine candidates entertained with their own version of a sing-a-long, and as a grand finale, Ed Chambers, the very capable accompanist, gave a vocal rendition of "Birth of the Blues."

This was a great night for Artisanhip and the 80 or more, men and women, who made the pilgrimage to Lancaster deserve our acclaim for a grand demonstration of real fraternalism.

**4TH QUARTER DUES
ARE DUE—
NOW!**



Officers of Philadelphia's female Assemblies, standing in rear, initiate nine young ladies from the Lancaster, Pa. area. The candidates sitting, from left to right are Virginia Bradfield, Mayellen Hollis, Janice Lefever, Janet Bewley, Dorothy Paules, Mary Kuhn, Elva Cunningham, Cheryl Reynolds and Anne Louise Fulmer.

A CANDIDATE FOR M.E. INSPECTOR



P.M. Calvin Botterill

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The officers and members of Woodbury Assembly No. 77, take pleasure in presenting the name of our Past Master Artisan Calvin Botterill for the position of Most Excellent Inspector for the year 1965 and are earnestly soliciting your efforts and support for his election.

We feel that Bro. Botterill has made remarkable progress in Artisanhip. His service in the Order, the assembly and many committees, as well as his long experience in the business world, are natural attributes for one who aspires to this high office. His leadership is unquestionably outstanding as illustrated by his efforts throughout the Order. He has served with distinction as a member of the Dining Club augmented committee, as a member of the Extension committee, as Deputy M.E.M.A. to Camden Assembly, as New Jersey Artisans Booster Association President and at present as M.E. Senior Master of Ceremonies. He has proven that he is energetic, capable, resourceful and ambitious.

Woodbury Assembly No. 77 is happy and proud to have a man of this caliber to present to the Most Excellent Assembly on February 6, 1965 for the office of Most Excellent Inspector.

We most earnestly and enthusiastically endorse Calvin Botterill as the man who would serve you best in the Most Excellent Chairs.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Albert E. Renner
Recorder.

M.E. ASSEMBLY DINNER DANCE

The Most Excellent Assembly Dinner Dance will be held in the ballroom of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel the evening of the Session of the Most Excellent Assembly, February 6, 1965. As usual, it will be conducted by the Artisans Extension Committee.

Representatives and alternates serving as representatives will be the guests of the Most Excellent Assembly for lunch and dinner in the evening. The Dinner Dance will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the ladies and friends of the members of the Order are invited to attend. The Banquet charge is \$6.50, which includes gratuities. Send your reservations to Ralph C. Dare, M.E. Recorder.

If your assembly is interested in having a room in the Hotel during the M.E. Session or Dinner Dance, please use a special reservation card that will be sent to all Recorders in the near future.

U.G.H. OUTING SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD

We announced our outing at the U.G.H. Club, as a "Great Summer Spectacular" and the great outpouring of brethren that descended on Neshaminy Falls on August 27th, substantiated all our claims for this ever-growing popular affair.

Well over 400 male Artisans were present to enjoy the perfect weather, as they renewed old acquaintances, played cards, participated in quoit tournaments and held numerous "bull" sessions on the tree shaded lawns of the club.

Soda and other liquids, with chips and pretzels were served freely and continuously from 4:00 p.m. until closing and a fine sandwich platter with all the trimmings was served to the overflow crowd at 7:00 p.m. Artisans from nearly every Assembly in the Order were recognized as they rolled in by car and bus—New Jersey being well represented and a bus load of happy brethren arriving from Lancaster, Columbia and Conestoga Assemblies.

During our evening eating period, we were entertained by the boys from Progressive Assembly's String Band and they pepped things up with a lively concert of popular tunes of the day.

Later in the evening another Artisan "first" was recorded, when 25 new candidates were initiated, for the first time—outdoors under the floodlights of the Club's fine soccer field.

The initiatory work was splendidly performed by an all-star degree team consisting of Robert W. Godfrey, of Jenkintown Assembly, Master Artisan; Oscar Dahl, of Fox Chase Assembly, Superintendent; Samuel J. Clevenger, Jr. of Jenkintown, Inspector; Eugene Mast, of Glenside, Conductor; William Davidson, of Fidelity, Chaplain; Henry Elsser, of Fox Chase, Senior M.C.; Fred Schworer, of Glenside, Junior M.C.; and F. Russell Smith, of Germantown, Deputy M.E.M.A.

All of our Most Excellent Officers and many members of our Board of Directors were present to greet and salute this banner turn-out and it was, without question, the greatest outdoor success since the inception of these U.G.H. affairs.

We might mention an eventful sidelight on the proceedings that occurred early in the afternoon when our M.E. Master Artisan, Frank Thoma, conceived the idea of burning our excess cartons and waste matter in back of the club. The ignited rubbish quickly spread to the over-dry brush and trees and only the alert actions of that famous fire fighter from Palmyra, N.J.—P.M.E.M.A. Walter Poulson—saved the day. And he did it without using any of the "liquids" that he later dispensed to the gallant volunteer fireman.

It was a masterful demonstration of fire control, by Brother Poulson, and we thought it should be inscribed in our archives.

WANTED: BOWLERS!

The Philadelphia Artisans Bowling League started its 62nd season on September 9th with seventeen teams. We need another team to even up our sections.

Any assembly which is interested should contact the Secretary-Treasurer at the Artisans Office.

We could also use individual bowlers to augment some of our present teams. If you are a bowler, good or bad, we can use you as our league is a handicap league.

We roll every Wednesday evening at 8:45 P.M. at the Philadelphia Recreation, 1005 Market Street, 6th and 7th floors. Come down some Wednesday evening and see for yourself what an enjoyable time we have.

45TH ANNUAL CHARITY BALL ON NOVEMBER 20TH

The first big social affair of our new fall season occurs on Friday evening, November 20th, when the Artisans Dining Club presents the 45th Annual Charity Ball in the beautiful ballroom of the Hotel Philadelphia at Broad and Wood Sts. Details are shown in a block on another page of this issue of "The Artisan".

However, this block does not mention our ad program book. This book is our greatest source of income and our goal this year is to secure 150 pages of ads. If you are in business, you can help us by inserting your own ad. If not, you can contact your friends who are in business and get them to advertise with us.

The final date for ads is November 10th and they should be sent to Bro. William A. Wagner, 441 W. Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. 19119.

Get your ads now and also secure your tickets. Remember, every \$2.00 admission to this fabulous evening will go into a fund that will provide cheer and courage to many Artisan families who are in need.

We also solicit your support of our Christmas card program which is covered in another part of this issue of "The Artisan". We appreciate your loyal support in the past and solicit your continued cooperation.

P.M.E.M.A. ELMER P. COOK AWARD AT COMING SESSION

The second annual presentation of the P.M.E.M.A. Elmer P. Cook Artisan Journalism Award will take place at the 93rd Session of the M.E. Assembly, on February 6, 1965, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Each year a Memorial Plaque is awarded to the Editor of an Assembly Bulletin, who, in the estimation of a panel of judges, has produced a paper that is outstanding for originality, composition, coverage of Orderwide activities and general improvement. No member of the "Artisan" committee is eligible for the award, and no Editor can be a winner two years consecutively.

Last February, the award was presented for the first time, and Recorder Len Waller, of Bartram Assembly was the winner for his very fine Bartram Bulletin.

Endeavor to enliven your monthly paper. Fill it with optimism, good news, personal items, funny quips—anything to make it readable—and eagerly awaited by your members each month.

You will be agreeably surprised with the results.

YOUR 1965 ARTISAN CALENDAR IS READY

The Advertising Committee of the Order is again presenting to all our members an attractive calendar for the coming year.

It displays the current month, the preceding and succeeding months all at one time, showing the numerals in nice clear, legible type—easy to read. You will find it a valuable asset to your home or office for ready reference. Your Recorder will have a supply of these calendars at your December meeting. It's for you—be sure you get one!

Also available will be the popular pocket calendars that fit in any pocket or wallet, and come in handy at many times. These, too, were created by your Committee especially for members of the Order.

Attend your December meeting and pick up both of these useful calendars.

ANNOUNCING**ANNOUNCING****Spectacular 1964 Producer's****CABARET NIGHT—DINNER DANCE***in the***Beautiful L & M CROWN ROOM****5th & Rockland Streets, Philadelphia
(1 Block North of 5th & Roosevelt Blvd.)****Saturday, January 16, 1965 — 7:00 P.M.****Glamorous Cocktail Party . . . Delicious Dinner . . . Attractive Gifts for the Ladies . . .
Dancing . . . Wonderful Door Prizes . . . Surprises!****This Dinner-Dance will be a fitting climax to a wonderful year under the leadership of
Most Excellent Master Artisan Frank Thoma.****Sign your candidates now and be a part of this great celebration. The cost for you
and your lady is only 2 SENIORS OR 4 JUNIORS.****Don't Miss This Fabulous Event****GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Our Annual Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, September 29th, at Sandy Run Country Club, Oreland, Pa.

After two months of practically no rain, the day before the tournament there was over one and one half inches of rain. It did not stop raining until early on the day of the tournament and during most of the day there was a light drizzle followed by a heavy down-pour at approximately 5:00 P.M. However, 48 loyal golfers participated in the tournament and 45 attended the dinner which followed.

Our champion for 1964 is the youngest Artisan ever to win the title. Bro. Gene Gerhard, age 17, a senior member of Glenside Assembly, posted a score of 79 to defeat Bro. Albert Davis of Union Assembly by three strokes. Bro. Donald Cook of Keystone Assembly had an 83 and Bro. Joseph Talese, Ocean City Assembly, who was one of the co-champions in 1963, shot an 84.

Bro. Francis Flammer of Germantown Assembly won the low net prize and the John Lipsey Memorial Trophy with a score of 93, less 23 strokes handicap, for a net of 70. Frank Romano had the lowest score in the guest class, 83.

For the first time in many years Germantown Assembly was dethroned as team champions. Merchantville Assembly won the team championship with a total score of 370. Their team was composed of Bros. Roger Baloche, Thomas Lincoln, Joseph Karvois and George Moore. Germantown Assembly was second with a score of 395. Adelphi Assembly and Lehigh Assembly also had full teams present, but all of their members did not finish due to the late heavy shower.

The dub cup was won by Noel G. Grover, Jr., better known as "Bud", of Southwestern Assembly.

There were 34 members and 14 guests in the tournament.

An excellent dinner followed the tournament with fine accordion music by Rosalie Jovinelli. All of the Most Excellent Officers were present as were several members of the Board of Directors. They were presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. Henry W. Johnson, and the prizes were awarded by the Secretary of the Committee, Bro. J. Allen Tucker.

This is the second year in a row we have had a rainy day and we hope we can follow the example of the Picnic Committee and pick a clear day in 1965.

**ARTISAN TOURS
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL**

As we go to press two of our 1964 tours have been completed and one is still to be presented.

Thirty-three persons enjoyed a cruise on the Great Lakes from July 18th to 25th. The cruise ship "South American" sailed from Buffalo and made stops at Cleveland, Detroit, Mackinac Island and Duluth, passing through the "Soo" Locks in both directions before returning to Buffalo. A side trip was also made to visit Niagara Falls.

Thirty-seven persons enjoyed a long eighteen-day vacation tour from August 27th to September 13th to Jasper National Park, Vancouver and Alaska. They had an unusual experience in Jasper National Park at the Columbia Ice Fields when they encountered a driving snow storm on August 30th when the temperature was 91° in Philadelphia. From here they travelled to Vancouver and then took a seven-and-one-half-day cruise to Skagway, Alaska. Although rainy days are very frequent in this particular part of the country, the travelers did not meet with a drop of rain until they returned to Eastern Canada twelve days later. They were unanimous in the opinion that the scenery in Alaska would be hard to match in any part of the world.

You could have been on this trip. If you have never taken on Artisan tour, you are missing a treat. We present three tours each year—a week end tour, a one week tour and an extended fourteen to sixteen day vacation tour. We are already making plans for our tours for next year and we cannot urge you strongly enough to consider them. You will learn about them through "The Artisan", but if you would like to receive full brochures of our tours, send your name and address to the Secretary of the Artisans Extension Committee, J. Allen Tucker, at the main office.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS
THAT HELP OUR NEEDY**

Make every Christmas card a message of HOPE for the HOPELESS
. . . buy ARTISAN CHRISTMAS CARDS!

The ARTISAN DINING CLUB'S many programs aimed at helping the needy, remembering the forgotten and supporting our nation's principles require funds to keep them operating successfully. For years, these funds have, in part, been supplied by our Christmas Card program.

By now, you will have received our 1964 Christmas Card assortment. We hope you will accept and use them, knowing that their modest \$2.00 cost will help to provide the many services of which every ARTISAN member is justifiably proud . . . the services upon which so many have come to depend. LEND A HELPING HAND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR ORGANIZATION . . . BUY ARTISAN CHRISTMAS CARDS!

**JUNIOR CHRISTMAS
PARTY COMING SOON**

Our Annual Christmas Party for the boys and girls of our Junior Department, will be held on Saturday, December 12, 1964, in the Julia Masterman School, 17th and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia.

The festivities will start promptly at 2:00 P.M. As in former years, the committee is arranging an exciting program. There will be the singing of carols of this happy holiday season, a positive appearance of old Santa Claus with boxes of candy for every lad and lassie present, and a wonderful stage show full of thrills and surprises.

So all you Juniors remember this date—Saturday, December 12—gather all your friends together—bring Mother and Dad, too—and join the happy throng at our Merry Christmas Party.

And a postscript to all our Junior Chairmen—contact your youngsters—arrange car pools for transportation—let's have the best attended party on record—enthusiasm and cooperation will do it!



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NOTE: All copy for January issue of The Artisan must be in the Editor's hands by December 1st. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The word is out that there is going to be a really Big Night In Artisanship, on Monday, November 30th—8:15 p.m. at Cannstatter Hall, 9100 Frankford Avenue, in Philadelphia. No points or credits needed for this gala night, no admission charge—it's all Free!

All Artisans, their Families and Friends are cordially invited to enjoy this outstanding night of unusual entertainment, which will feature a two hour show by the Quaker City Minstrels and other surprises.

Bring your new candidates—male and female—with you for obligation prior to the show. Don't miss this festive evening of fun and fraternalism.

Hats off to Lehigh Assembly No. 56, a little Assembly with tremendously big production records. As of their September meeting, they have initiated 55 Senior candidates and they lead the Order in this category. At their 56th Anniversary Banquet, held at Schwarzwald Inn, on October 10th, they proudly saluted their own Frank Thoma, our M.E. Master Artisan, and announced their goal of 56 new members for No. 56—in 1964—had been attained and would be surpassed. Wonderful!

Miss Christine Stokes, a Junior member of Wildwood Assembly No. 75, reigned as Queen Oceania 54th, at the colorful Wildwood Baby Parade, held on the boardwalk of this popular resort, on August 20th. Christine has been a Junior Artisan for 15 years, along with her brother and her Daddy, Albert Stokes, is a 20-year member of No. 75—a real Artisan family.

Our most sincere congratulations to Mrs. Samuel J. C. Greene, Past Master of Philadelphia Assembly No. 1, who was elected Eastern Vice President of the Department of Pennsylvania, American Legion Auxiliary, at the July Annual Convention, held in Philadelphia. The Unit is honoring Eleanor with a Testimonial Dinner on December 5th at McCallisters.

Deputy Bill McDonald, of Lehigh Assembly, has offered a camera to the highest producers of Senior and Junior candidates, up to and including the September meeting. These prizes were won by a father and son combination. Brother Stephen P. Chappen, Sr. won the Senior award, for the production of six Senior candidates and his son, Stephen, Jr., was the Junior champion with 10 new Juniors to his credit. Congratulations to the Chappens for a mighty fine performance.

Wildwood Assembly sponsored their Annual Junior Artisan Boat Ride on Sunday, September 13th, a happy crew of boys and girls sailing with Captain Otto Stocker, on the "Sightseer" for this wonderful cruise. Refreshments a-plenty were served on topside and a merry afternoon of fun and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Brother Charles J. Fisher, 6335 Cottage Street, Philadelphia 35, Pa., is now Acting Recorder of William Patton Assembly No. 70.

On Sunday, August 9th, Atlantic City, Ocean City, Hammonton and Wildwood Assemblies held their first annual picnic at Palatine Lake, in New Jersey, and it was a very enjoyable affair. Swimming on a protected beach area, boat rides, games and races featured this successful outing with many special events for the children. Brothers Joe Quinn, Bill Skinner, Ray Stalford, Ed Rossman, John Coffin, Joe Lloyd, Fred Blank, Horace Jordan, Walter Beddow, and Harry Cottrill are to be congratulated for their time and effort toward making this first picnic a real delight.

Oak Lane Assembly No. 68 held their Assembly Anniversary Celebration, on Thursday, October 15th and all the fellows and gals reveled in a sumptuous dinner, entertainment and games, and a little oratory for good measure. Incidentally, we might ask Brother Gus Riegger how he produced this luscious Roast Turkey dinner for \$1.00. It's a secret we would like to share!

After 32 years on Unruh Avenue, our M.E. Recorder Ralph C. Dare and his charming wife, Alberta, moved to their new home at 1315 Stanwood Street. More compact and very comfortable is the verdict of Ralph and Alberta, and we are sure their host of friends wish them much happiness and many, many years to enjoy their new abode.

Brother Herbert L. Hayes, 221 Swarthmore Avenue, Folsom, Del Co., Pa., is now the Recorder of Collingdale Assembly No. 80.

Girard Assembly No. 6 held a very successful Ladies Night on Monday, October 19th, with a fine attendance, delicious refreshments, door prizes, bingo, and entertainment by the always pleasing Progressive String Band.

Bartram Assembly No. 55 played host to the Greathead Artisans Association, at their September meeting, with over 80 brethren on hand to enjoy a very enthusiastic evening. Three candidates were initiated, which put Bartram over the top for their Senior quota. Honored guests and speakers included M.E. Master Artisan Frank Thoma, M.E. Superintendent Peter Amaroso, and P.M.E.M.A. Tom Patterson.

Conestoga Assembly No. 23 met on September 17th with the usual luncheon prior to the meeting. Arrangements were discussed for their coming 75th Anniversary and it was also decided to hold a joint Christmas Party with Lancaster Assembly in December. A delegation from Conestoga Assembly paid their annual visit to Bartram Assembly on October 21st.

Hammonton Assembly No. 19 enjoyed a well-attended meeting on September 17th which featured an animated discussion on the possibilities of instituting a female assembly in the South Jersey area. The idea created much enthusiasm among the shore assemblies and all concerned have decided to give it serious consideration.

An unusually fine meeting of the Artisans Extension Committee, with chairman P.M.E.M.A. Noel G. Grover presiding, was held on Friday evening, September 18th, at 2601 Parkway, with over 70 outstanding leaders in Artisanship present to complete the plans for all Artisan activities in 1964 sponsored by this important committee. A special feature of the evening was the observance of the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful Artisan Building at 3318 Lancaster Avenue, with a huge, gaily decorated birthday cake the center of attraction. P.M.E.M.A. Edward T. Salmon was the donor of this delicious cake. It was also the day that our M.E. Recorder Ralph C. Dare was celebrating his 58th birthday and he was accorded the usual honors, with a quartet of doubtful quality, assisted by our official pianist, Milton Sharp, leading the congregation in the "Happy Birthday" song. It was an evening of fruitful accomplishments and warm good fellowship.

Adelphi Assembly No. 59 plans a big birthday party at their October 26th meeting to observe and honor their grand old man of Artisanship, Dr. J. Louis Mintz—90 years young, by meeting night.

The entire Order will wish to join Adelphi Assembly in saluting this outstanding fraternalist, who has given so much of himself and his talents to further strengthen the stability and progress of our fraternity. Affectionate regards to Doc Mintz and may we have him with us for many more years.

West Philadelphia Assembly No. 8 enjoyed a well attended meeting in September—"a 5 star meeting" according to P.M. Howard Smith, with such celebrities as P.M.E.M.A.'s Noel G. Grover, Ray Hayman, Edward T. Salmon, Oscar Dahl and Jacob Gibson gracing the gathering and supplying some high voltage oratory to the occasion.

Plans were discussed for a ritualistic contest between West Philadelphia and Lehigh Assemblies which will probably take place sometime in the late Fall. Password, ice cream and cake topped off a very satisfying evening.

Columbia Assembly No. 20 met at Brother Al Roth's, near Wrightsville, Pa. in September, with over 60 in attendance, including Board of Directors members J. Bickley Jackson and Tom Patterson and Membership Director John F. Stay. Visitors were also present from Lancaster and Conestoga Assemblies. The lively get-together featured some rousing sing-along harmony, accompanied by a string ensemble, a variety of card games and plenty of good food and liquids.

Washington Assembly No. 51 proudly announced the attainment of its Senior quota, at their September meeting and expect to make the Junior quota very soon. They are all agog over the big night planned for November 7th when they will play host to St. John's Assembly—coming down 80 strong—with a fine dinner, to be followed by, what they hope will be, an outstanding meeting.

We trust this fraternal visit will be a stimulus and inspiration to our good brethren in Washington and result in renewed progress for the boys of No. 51.

Recorder Ed Nichols, of Gateway Assembly No. 84, improves with age, his September issue of Gateway Breezy News being a humdinger. He stresses a Western theme—"back in the saddle again," and it's surely a big roundup of Wild West lingo.

Congratulations, Ed—you are Zane Grey's only rival! Trust the boys of Gateway appreciate your unusual talent.

NORTHEAST ASSEMBLY No. 11 HOLDS 4TH ANNUAL BANQUET

A gay and festive gathering of 165 guests, joined with the ladies of Northeast Assembly in observing their 4th Anniversary Banquet at the Golden Horse Inn, in Trevoise, Pa., on Saturday evening, September 26th. This was a happy, rollicking crowd, that enjoyed to the utmost, a delicious roast beef dinner, some serious and amusing interludes from the head table, a hilarious sequence of audience-participation games, and dancing to a late hour to the lively melodies from Maestro Joe Gladen's Orchestra.

Following the dinner, P.M. Dottie Hill, Toastmaster for the evening introduced the guests at the head table that included M.E. Inspector Gordon Delp, M.E. Superintendent Peter Amaroso, and M.E. Master Artisan Frank Thoma, all accompanied by their ladies.

Also present were Master Artisan of Northeast Assembly, Helen Chambers, Superintendent Doris Maust, Inspector Irva Delp, accompanied by their escorts; Deputy M.E.M.A. Robert W. Godfrey and Mrs. Godfrey and the banquet chairman, Miss Anna Ehling.

Miss Ehling made the presentation of the Assembly gift to Master Artisan Helen Chambers and Mrs. Chambers replied with a gracious little speech and the introduction of the many members of her family in attendance. Superintendent Doris Maust presented the Master Artisan with the beautiful floral centerpiece and flowers were presented to Mrs. Robert Godfrey by Northeast's Cashier, Edna Detwiler and by Anna Ehling to P.M. Dottie Hill. A gorgeous bouquet of red roses was presented to Miss Artisan 1964, pretty Diane Keith by P.M.E.M.A. Bob Godfrey.

Many other Artisan dignitaries were present and introduced including members of our Board of Directors Tom Patterson, Henry W. Johnson and Oscar Dahl; P.M.E.M.A. Samuel J. Clevenger, Jr. Deputy to Philadelphia No. 1, and P.M.E.M.A. Charles N. Hill.

A nice delegation from Philadelphia Assembly No. 1 headed by their Master Artisan Bertha Muziani was present to honor their sister assembly and representations from many other Assemblies were among those present.

The girls of Northeast, their Master Artisan Helen Chambers, and their banquet chairman Anna Ehling are to be congratulated for sponsoring this highly successful affair.



Master Artisan, Helen Chambers, of Northeast Assembly No. 11 is presented with Assembly gift by Anna Ehling, at annual Assembly Banquet.

MESSAGE FROM THE SICK CLAIM AND DEATH BENEFIT COMMITTEE

By Oscar Dahl, Chairman

This message is written solely in a spirit of enthusiasm and fraternalism. I earnestly believe that more effort expended on the work of the Relief Committee in the Assemblies would be most fruitful. Certainly no criticism is intended in my remarks. Everyone knows of the complexity of our lives and all about the limited time available to devote to Artisan matters; but at times, in any organization, it is wise to look at the work of any particular committee and compare this with what might be accomplished with a little concerted or extended effort. "Extended effort" in this case might mean drawing on non-officers in an Assembly just to visit the sick or infirm.

In some of our Assemblies visits to sick or infirm brothers are limited or, in fact, sometimes practically non-existent. This is deplorable when you consider that a visit to an invalid—and especially to one who is chronically infirm—gives that brother's spirits an uplift and is remembered by him. A visit is our very best means of impressing on that person—and his relatives and friends—that ours is a fraternal organization foremost and not simply an insurance organization.

In addition, if the visitor makes it a point to speak with enthusiasm and vigor about the recent past and the future events of the Artisans and can make the invalid *want* to participate in these events when he is well, he may draw back into the fold a member who has been inactive for years. This, too, is a fine opportunity to sign up for membership the wife and children. Friends and relatives of the infirm can become prime candidates for membership. Opportunities are almost unlimited for the deft visitor who is enthusiastic and on his toes. Being a member of the Relief Committee can be a real challenge. You can be sure that I will keep plugging away on this matter of visiting the sick—"nagging", if you must—until there are results. I would certainly be glad to hear the experiences of different Assemblies in this field.

Another matter on my mind is in the realm of death benefit payments. Our Most Excellent Recorder, Ralph C. Dare, has often stressed the point that certificates should be checked periodically to make sure that the desired beneficiaries are listed. Right now, while it is being drawn to your attention, is a good time to check *your* certificates.

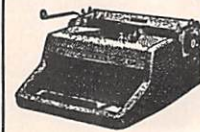
Also, on some certificates benefits are not correctly reflected; this is true when a candidate understates his age when becoming a member. An understatement of age results in a loss of benefits, often quite a substantial loss. This also leads to complications when the payment is to be made to the beneficiary and occurs at a time when a prompt payment is probably most needed. If your certificate does not reflect your correct age, *now* is the time to make the correction. Simply by calling the Main Office you can find out how to adjust the payments on your certificate. You need not feel embarrassed to do so, because you are not alone! What seemed like expediency at the moment has prompted more than a few to understate their age at the time of membership. For the sake of your own, please correct your certificate now. And, incidentally, when signing up new members, try to find some tactful way of impressing on them the folly of not jotting down the right age!

Below I am taking this opportunity to quote to you the two long-standing by-laws covering the points I have discussed.

By-Law: "There shall be a Relief Committee, consisting of the Master Artisan, Superintendent and Inspector. It shall visit all members reported sick and perform such

duties relative to them as the by-laws may direct; provided that at the option of the Assembly the Superintendent and Inspector may be relieved of this duty and the Master Artisan empowered to appoint any member or members to assist him."

By-Law: "If the age of the member at the time of admission was understated, the amount payable under the certificate shall be such as the dues paid would purchase at the correct age."



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