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**MORE INFORMATION ON OUR
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM AND
JUVENILE TERM TO AGE 25
ON PAGES 7 & 8**

GAA BINGO

Saturday October 8, 2016

7 P.M.

It's that time again for the GAA Bingo. We will be opening the doors at 6 PM and the bingo will start at 7 PM. Admission is \$3 which gets you 3 game boards with additional boards at .50 each. As always food and drink will be available. Come one and all to this annual great event.

VOICE OF THE GAVEL

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a great summer even though it was way too hot. Now is the time to get back into the swing of things. From now till the end of the year we have a lot going on, check this edition for all the details.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Pocono Trip. I think everyone had a good time even though we had a few glitches. We'll have something to talk about for years to come.

Over the summer, the Board of Directors were busy on how we can improve our Fraternity. The Board has decided to hire Bryan Werner as General Manager of the Order. Bryan traded his duties as Principal to help the Artisans move forward. George, Donna, and Pat will still be in the office to assist you in any way they can. It was also decided to hire a Marketing Firm to assist in productivity. Our web page is going to be updated and made easier to navigate on a daily or weekly basis. Another way to help get information out in a timely matter will be by email. For anyone who has an email address, we will need this to be able to provide you the information in a timely manner. The email addresses will remain private. Please provide your email address to the office at your earliest convenience.

I want to wish Bryan the best of luck on his new endeavors and I hope to see everyone out at our upcoming events. Starting this month you can check the web page and let us know what you think.

Fraternally,

Dave Szafran

Most Excellent Master Artisan



**Congratulations to Brother
James Seibert turning 96 Years old**

Please send us your Email for notifications

SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE ARTISAN

Do you have an event planned, some news to report, or any other interesting bit of information that the membership might find interesting? Submit your articles and photographs to *The Artisan*!

**All articles for publication in *The Artisan* must be submitted
in Microsoft Word or Word Perfect electronic format.**

All articles may be edited. Articles should briefly explain the "Who, What, When and Where."

Write your articles for the general membership who may not be familiar with your assembly, association or members. Readers will be most interested in major events, unusual events, ideas or other interesting information.

Material being sent for consideration for *THE ARTISAN* should be packaged (to protect photographs) and mailed to: Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19152, attention: *THE ARTISAN*. The copy deadlines are December 1 for the Winter Issue, March 1 for the Spring Issue, June 1 for the Summer Issue and September 1 for the Fall Issue. The Artisans cannot assume any liability for the safe receipt of any materials submitted.



Welcome to
Ocean City
NEW JERSEY

2017 OCEAN CITY FAMILY WEEKEND 72ND ANNUAL OUTING

JUNE 9, 10 & 11, 2017

In order to secure your room
reservation now,

send in your deposit check in the amount of
\$100.00 to the Artisans Main Office. Reser-
vations are taken on a first-come, first-serve
basis

2017 MISS ARTISAN PAGEANT JUNE 10, 2017

If you or a member of your family would like to repre-
sent an Assembly at the Miss Artisan Pageant during
our 70th Annual Ocean City Family Weekend, fill out
the Miss Artisan application in this issue and send it
to the Artisans Main Office, 8100 Roosevelt Boule-
vard, Philadelphia, PA 19152. We will try to provide
you with an assembly sponsor. The eligibility rules
are: any young lady may enter if she is a Senior Mem-
ber, Junior Member or relative of an Artisan. She
must be single and past her 16th birthday and not past
her 25th birthday prior to the date of the contest. The
deadline date to receive applications is April 30th,
2016.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 8 G.A.A. Bingo
- 10 Dining Club
- 12 M.E. Officers visitation
to Northeast No. 11
- 18 M.E. Officers Visitation
to Tri-County No. 17
- 29 Halloween Party hosted
by St. John's Assembly
- 31 Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 5 100th Ann. Dining Club
- 14 Dining Club
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3 American Music Theater
- 9 Christmas Party sponsored
by St. John's No. 28
- 10 Brunch with Santa
- 12 Dining Club
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 26 Disney on Ice
- 31 New Year's Eve

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AMERICAN
MUSIC
THEATRE



Artisan Bus trip to the American Music Theater
Saturday December 3rd, 2016

The cost is \$86 and includes a bus ride to and from the Lancaster area with stops at the Rockvale Outlets, Buffet Dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord and a ticket to the American Music Theater for the Christmas show.

Pick up is at 9:30 AM the Artisan Hall and a second pick up at Penrose Plaza if reservations warrant.

The bus departs for the Artisan Hall at 7:30 PM.

Please send a check made out to The Artisans and mail with your form to 8100 Roosevelt Blvd. Philadelphia PA 19152

For more info call 215-708-1000 and ask for Donna

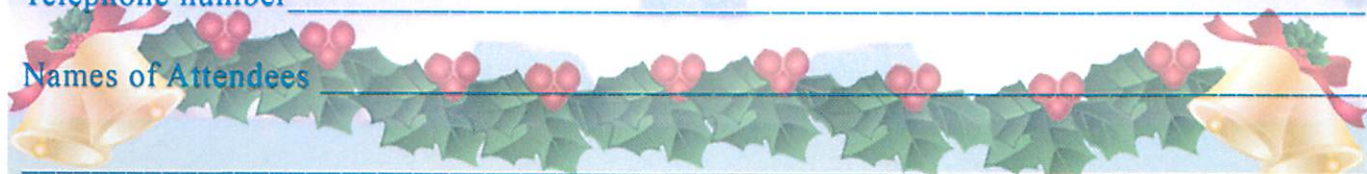
Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Names of Attendees _____



St. John's / Artisans

Christmas party

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER
9TH**

THIS FUN FILLED NIGHT FEATURES A HALF HOUR OF HORS D'OEUVRES,
A HOST BAR AND A DELICIOUS BUFFET MEAL.
THERE WILL BE OVER A HUNDRED DOOR PRIZES
THIS EVENT WILL FEATURE THE SMOOTH SOUNDS OF TONY DEE

6:30 UNTIL 10:30
AT THE BLACK LAKE ROOM 2706 BLACKLAKE PL. PHILA. PA. 19154

TICKETS ARE \$35 FOR MEMBERS AND \$45 FOR NON-MEMBERS

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your form to 8100 Roosevelt Blvd. Philadelphia PA 19152**

For more info call 215-708-1000 and ask for Donna

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Names of Members _____

Number of Non-Members _____

Number of all Junior/Senior Members _____
Number of Non-Member Tickets _____
* JUNIOR OR SENIOR MEMBERS NAMES MUST BE LISTED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT

Names of all Junior/Senior Members _____

Telephone number _____

City State Zip _____

Address _____

Name _____

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

ON ICE

Disney

WELLS FARGO CENTER

Monday, December 20th 2010

Cost is \$16.00 for members, \$21.00 for non-members
For tickets please send a check made out to
the Artisans and mail with your form to
8100 Roosevelt Blvd. Philadelphia PA. 19152
Tickets are limited and sold on a first come basis
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Artisans \$1,000 College Scholarship

Applications will available online and in the next issue

Scholarship Awards of \$1,000 each will be given in 2017 to eight (8) of our high school graduates enrolling in any accredited four-year college or university by the Artisans Dining Club, bringing the total first-year scholarship money awarded to \$8,000.

The Following Rules Apply:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior who has been a Junior or Senior member of the Artisans for at least 2 years preceding the date of application.
2. Applications shall be made on official forms available at the Main Office and must be returned to the Main Office before March 31, 2017. **The Program begins December 1, 2016.**
3. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate day student in an accredited 4-year college or university before payment is made. All payments covering Scholarship Awards will be remitted to the student however made payable to the College or University. The Award may be applied to tuition, fees for books or room and board.
4. No officer or member of the Artisans has any control over the selection of the recipients of the Scholarship Awards. This is an exclusive responsibility of the Selection Committee, who are not members of the Artisans.
5. The basis of selection will be the relative merits of the applicant's qualities of character and leadership, estimated cost of attending college, family income, number of other children in the family, applicant's résumé, grade point average, rank in class, scores on the College Board Test, and counselor's recommendation.
6. The decisions of the Selection Committee will be final and the winners announced as soon as the Committee has finished their selection.
7. The Artisans Order of Mutual Protection reserves the right to change, suspend, or discontinue this scholarship program at its discretion.



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YOU CAN'T AFFORD
NOT TO SPEND

\$1.00

PER MONTH
ON YOUR CHILD

The Artisans are offering \$10,000.00
worth of life insurance protection for children from birth to age 24
This is an offer for Juvenile Term Insurance which is guaranteed renewable to age 25
provided the premiums are paid.

Good reasons why your children or grandchildren
should have this coverage with the Artisans

- IT IS AFFORDABLE. For the first year, the annual cost is only \$12.00 for \$10,000.00 of life insurance protection. Every year thereafter it is only \$24.00 per year. That is only \$2.00 per month for your peace of mind. If you prefer more coverage, we offer \$25,000.00 of life insurance protection for \$27.50 for the first year and each year after, it is only \$55.00 annually.
- The FACE VALUE REMAINS LEVEL throughout the term of the policy, as long as it is paid for. Term Life Insurance does not accumulate any cash value.
- NO MEDICAL EXAMS are required with a good medical history. We underwrite our own insurance so there are no secondary parties to deal with.
- Between the ages of 18 and 25, it can be converted to permanent insurance for DOUBLE THE FACE AMOUNT, REGARDLESS OF HEALTH.
- As long as your child has been a member of the Artisans for at least two years, they become eligible to apply for College Scholarships, Continuing Education Scholarships, Nursing Scholarships as well as a College Book Reimbursement program for each year they are in college.
- Some of the other benefits include a host of activities at reduced prices for members.

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CANADIAN CRUISE

On Thursday, Sept. 15th, a small group of Artisans traveled to Baltimore to board the Grandeur of the Seas to go to Canada/New England. The ship set sail on a beautiful afternoon and headed up to Boston, MA, Portland and Bar Harbour, Maine then to St. John and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We had great weather with temps in the low to mid 70's. We were unable to enjoy fall foliage due to the warm temperatures, the trees were still green but we still enjoyed the beauty. The last 2 days of our trip were cruising days which we were able to enjoy sitting by the pool and getting a suntan. The water was like a sheet of glass and so calm.



vacation outlet.**1-800-259-1496****Group Name:** St. John's Cruisers**Cruise Line:** Carnival**Ship:** Sunshine**Sailing Date:** July 10, 2017**Group Leader:** Bryan Werner**Group Leader Phone:** 215-284-9540**For Reservations****Group Account Executive****Karen Buford****Phone number:** 1.800.259.1496**Extension:** 55600**CRUISE ITINERARY****Itinerary:** Eastern Caribbean**Including:**

Monday	New York, NY 04:00 PM
Tuesday	Fun Day At Sea
Wednesday	Fun Day At Sea
Thursday	San Juan, Puerto Rico 03:00 PM 11:00 PM
Friday	St. Thomas, USVI 07:00 AM 03:30 PM
Saturday	Grand Turk 01:00 PM 07:00 PM
Sunday	Fun Day At Sea
Monday	Fun Day At Sea
Tuesday	New York, NY 08:00 AM

Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Suite
	\$1275.00	\$1475.00	








Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include port charges, taxes, and fees.
Triple and quad occupancy cabins may be available. Call for current pricing.

We do our very best to secure the most competitive rates for our group clients, in order to guarantee pricing and availability, a deposit is required.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:***Initial Deposit:** \$25.00 **Due Date:** 04/25/16**Second payment:** \$250.00 **Due Date:** 02/01/17**Final payment:** Remaining Balance **Due Date:** 04/17/17

All deposits are per person. To receive an assigned cabin number, you must secure your cabin with a full deposit. The full deposit required is \$250 per person. If you elect to secure your space with only the first deposit, your cabin number/location will not be assigned until your second deposit requirement is fulfilled. At that time, we will do our best to assign rooms according to your preference, but are unable to guarantee cabin location or proximity to other travelers. Because TRIPLE and QUAD Occupancy cabins require a cabin assignment, a full deposit is required at time of reservation.

 **\$75.00 On Board Credit Per Cabin** **Many Dining Options** **Nightly Musical Stage Productions** **Live Music & Comedy Shows** **Shipboard Activities** **Fitness Center****Trip Protection****\$99 - \$104 per person****Includes:**

-  **Trip Cancellation & Interruption**
-  **Trip Delay**
-  **Baggage & Personal Effects**
-  **Accident Medical**
-  **Sickness Medical**
-  **Emergency Medical Transportation**
-  **Travel Guard Assist**

We're travel professionals, and we don't travel without it!
Ask your Group Account Executive for more information.

Proof of Citizenship:

A Passport or Passport Card is recommended
for all travel outside the United States.



Saturday, December 10th

11:00 A.M.

**8100 Roosevelt Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19152**

Tickets:

\$7.00 Per Child

\$3.00 Per Adult

Each Child will receive lunch,
liquid refreshment,
a photo with Santa Clause
and a gift

**Please Send Checks No Later Than
Friday, November 25, 2016 to**

8100 Roosevelt Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19152

**For More Info Call Donna At
215-708-1000**

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Age _____

Child's Gender _____

Number of Adults Attending _____



MISS ARTISAN CONTEST

Ocean City, New Jersey

June 10, 2017



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a member of the Artisans? _____

If so, of which Assembly are you a member? _____

If you are not a member, please give the name of a relative who is a member.

Name _____ Assembly _____

I would like to enter the contest for Miss Artisan 2017 in Ocean City,

New Jersey on Saturday, June 10, 2017, representing _____ Assembly

and will abide by the decision of the Judges as to the selection of the same.

Signature _____ Phone No. _____

Any young lady is eligible to enter this contest if she is a member or relative of a Senior or Junior Artisan, is single and has passed her 16th birthday. She will be required to participate in all activities relating to the contest. A letter of instruction will follow after this application has been received by the Main Office. She will also be required to participate in the evenings festivities wearing an evening gown. She MUST represent and be sponsored through an Assembly or Association of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection and we will only accept the first 25 entries. Entries will be limited to only one (1) young lady from an Assembly or Association.

IMPORTANT: This application must be on file on or before April 30, 2017 at the Main Office in order to be eligible for the contest.

After this application has been fully completed, please forward to:

George J. Listner
Executive Director
Artisans Order of Mutual Protection
8100 Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19152

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF RESUME ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION.
PLEASE LIST YOUR ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ASPIRATIONS, HOBBIES,
ETC. THIS WILL HELP US IN YOUR PRESENTATION TO THE AUDIENCE.

IS ALL THAT GLITTERS GOLD?

(A REWRITE FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE)

If you turned on the TV or radio lately, there's a good chance you've been flooded with ads urging you to buy gold now.

These commercials tout gold as a stable investment in a world gone haywire. While that promise of safety may sound tempting, be aware that the precious metal doesn't hold the same allure for all investors.

Here are some things to keep in mind if you're considering gold as an investment.

IT'S AN INSURANCE POLICY. Typically, an investment in gold is seen as a way to protect against financial, political or economic upheaval. As a commodity, it's also considered a hedge against inflation. The more uncertainty in the world, the better gold is expected to perform.

IT'S A TAXING PROPOSITION. In the United States, gold is generally taxed as collectible. That means it can carry a burdensome 28 percent long-term capital gains rate. The same collectible rate even applies to exchange traded funds (ETF's) which are by no means very collectible (unless you want to frame your brokerage statement).

AN ETF CAN MAKE IT EASY. Even if it's not romantic or advantageous in terms of tax treatment, gold ETF can be a convenient and cost-effective way to invest in gold. There are a number of gold ETF's that track the price of gold with no storage cost and relatively low ongoing expenses. Typically, the share price is equivalent to the price of one tenth or one hundredth of an ounce of the underlying shiny stuff. If you decide to go this route, review the annual operating expenses associated with the ETF you choose. Typically, they should run less than half a percent. Your performance should reflect the movement of the price of gold, less those expenses. This is obviously a liquid approach to gold ownership, as you can sell quickly by calling your broker or executing the transaction online. However, if you're hoarding for a full-scale global catastrophe, it's probably not an attractive option since individual investors generally can't turn shares into gold bars or coins.

AN IRA HAS TAX ADVANTAGES. By owning gold or a gold ETF in an IRA, you can eliminate some of the precious metal's tax drawbacks. However, this approach comes with its own unique challenge if you want the physical commodity: you will need to find a custodian to hold the gold. Investments in a IRA, even physical gold, cannot be stored in your safe-deposit box or under your mattress. They must be held by a qualified custodian, which will require you to pay storage and deal with taxes as you normally would for an IRA.

OTHER FACTORS CAN AFFECT GOLD-BASED MUTUAL FUNDS. Some mutual funds invest in gold as well as other precious metals-and they may also invest in companies that mine or process those metals. While the performance of such funds generally tracks the commodity price, other factors including production costs, borrowing cost, management efficiencies and business failures- can also affect prices and performance.

GOLD IS NOT AN INCOME PRODUCER. Even in today's low-interest environment, many investors look to their portfolio for income. If that's what you seek, gold won't help the cause. Your return will be based on the price of gold moving up or down. There may be a place for gold in a well-diversified portfolio, but it's probably not a big place. Everyone's Situation is different and incorporating this volatile investment in your portfolio is not a move to make without careful consideration. So before you buy, talk to your tax and investment advisers to make sure gold fits your goals.

American Legion Post 120 meetings will be at 7PM Artisan Hall, every other month starting in January.

Fraternally: Ronald W. Davis