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VOICE OF THE GAVEL

Hello Brother and Sister Artisans,

As my time winds down as your MEMA I keep thinking how fast the six years I served in the chairs has past so quickly and how the 136th Most Excellent Session is just around the corner. My daughter was just finishing elementary school when I started as ME Inspector and now she is a high school graduate. My wife Barbara was there to help and support me as I ran through the Chairs and this was greatly appreciated by me. There has been many changes at the office and throughout the Order in the past few years and I believe that the steps we have taken as a Board has made our organization so much better than it had been over the past few years. I want to thank my Most Excellent Family for their support and our Directors in helping guide me as I learned the ropes. I just want everyone to remember that without the support of our members the Artisans can not continue to grow into the future.



Fraternally,
Patrick Ennis
Most Excellent Master Artisan

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 15 for the Winter Issue, March 15 for the Spring Issue, June15 for the Summer Issue and September 15 for the Fall Issue. The Artisans cannot assume any liability for the safe receipt of any materials submitted.

Knoebel's Producer Trip

After a very hot summer it was a relief that the weather for the Artisans Producers bus trip to Knoebel's was so nice. The humidity was low and the temperature was only in the upper 70's. We had over thirty Artisans who qualified to attend this fun filled day. There was unlimited rides and a great dinner for all who attended this fantastic activity. Everyone said they had a great time and they can't wait to attend the next Artisan event.





COMING EVENTS

<u>October</u>

12th GAA Bingo 26th Childrens Halloween Party

November

1st, 2nd 3rd Gettysburg Weekend trip 22nd Board Meeting

December

1st Christmas Show trip to Bethlehem

15th Brunch with Santa

22nd Artisan/St. Johns Christmas Party

29th Disney on Ice

Being an Artisan is a great way for families to have fan together.



Most Excellent Master Artisan

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

St. John's Assembly #28 is proud to endorse Brother Barry Spindler for the Position of Most Excellent Master Artisan in 2020. Barry has done a great job as Most excellent Inspector and Superintendent for the past four years.

Barry will be President of the Artisans Dining Club in 2020 and has served in multiple positions in St. John's Assembly throughout the years. Barry is an active member of the Extension Committee and GAA. He is always willing to volunteer to help whenever he is at an Artisan event.

Barry was a chef at the Lobster in Cape May NJ, and the Hofbrau House in Philadelphia PA. Barry also worked many years as a butcher for Acme Markets before retiring last year.

Barry and his wife Karen have been married for 45 years. The family has been active in the Artisans for many years.

We believe that Barry's dedication to the Artisans and his strong family support make him a worthy candidate to be our next Most Excellent Master Artisan.



Fraternally,
St. Johns Assembly #28 Executive Committee

Most Excellent Superintendent

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

The Sister Artisans of Philadelphia Assembly #1, would like to endorse Carla Werner for the position of Most Excellent Superintendent at the Most Excellent Session in 2020. Over the past two years as Most Excellent Inspector, she has attended visitations to multiple assemblies, helped coordinate and manage junior activities, and assisted members of the Artisan Board of Directors, including the Most Excellent Master Artisan. Carla served as the Junior Master of Ceremonies for MEMA Robert Noble in 2012 and 2013. She is an active member of the Extension Committee.

Carla has been a member of Philadelphia #1 for over 20 years serving in all positions of the assembly including past Master Artisan of Philadelphia #1 for two terms. She serves on our Executive Committee and is currently the Cashier of our assembly.

Carla has an Associate degree in Business and has been a member of the Philadelphia Police Department for over 30 years. During her time with the Police Department, Carla served in many different districts and units. Carla helped run the Deputy Police Commissioner's Office for over 10 years. Her current assignment is at the Philadelphia Police Academy. At the Police Academy, Carla does all the scheduling for the training of the new Police Recruits, approves testing materials, and communicates with the Pennsylvania State Police in reference to the curriculum established by the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission. Carla teaches multiple classes that includes computer classes in the National Crime Information Center, certifies recruits in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid and the use of Narcan. She also attends Mandatory In-Service Training Instructor Workshops for the Eastern State of Pennsylvania. This enables Carla to educate any police officer in Pennsylvania for their yearly in-service training requirements.

We believe that with her record of dedicated service to the Artisans, her background in business administration and her overall commitment to service within the community shows that Carla would make a great Most Excellent Superintendent.

Thank you,

Members of the Executive Committee, Philadelphia Assembly #1



Most Excellent Inspector

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

It is with great pride that Philadelphia Assembly #1 submits the name of Sister Kathy Schnauffer for the position of Most Excellent Inspector for 2020.

Kathy is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Philadelphia PA. She is the President of her condominium association. In her position as president Kathy works with the management company to make sure that the grounds, maintenance and finances of her association are maintained and operate in a professional manner.

Kathy has over 30 years of work experience in the accounting and administrative field. Kathy is currently employed by Burlington Stores in the lease administration department at their home office in Burlington New Jersey. Kathy handles the year end billing for the company and was credited with saving the company over \$500,000 annually due to her diligence and hard work. In her position she works with many different landlords, upper management and the company legal department. Currently Kathy is also serving on the Burlington Stores events committee. In that position she helps plan and organize activities throughout the year. She has been helping with Burlington's biggest fund raiser "Light of the Night LLS" and will help Burlington Stores raise hundreds of thousand dollars for this charity.

As an Artisan Kathy is an active member of the Extension Committee. Kathy has helped with the brunch with Santa, the annual Easter egg hunt and at our annual family weekend in Ocean City N.J. Kathy was the Most Excellent Junior Master of Ceremonies under MEMA Terry Ludwig. She is a past President of the Artisan Aides.

As a member of Philadelphia #1 Kathy is currently chairperson for both the Ritual and Entertainment Committee. She was Master Artisan of Philadelphia #1 twice and has served in all positions within the Assembly.

We Believe that Kathy's credentials and reputation speak for themselves. Kathy's work ethic, commitment to the Artisans and her dedicated service to the local community makes her a great candidate for Most Excellent Inspector.



Fraternally,

Philadelphia Assembly #1 Executive Committee

Most Excellent Inspector

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

Philadelphia Assembly #1 is proud to nominate Sister Helen Szafran for the position as Most Excellent Inspector for 2020.

Helen has been a member of the Artisans since 2010. She has served as our Master Artisan and has served in many other positions within the Assembly. Helen is an active member of the Extension Committee and participates and helps in many Artisan events throughout the year. While Helen's husband was MEMA she helped him with his program and learned the responsibility and duties of the Most Excellent Master Artisan and being a Director on the Board.

Helen has worked in the insurance industry for the past 21 years. In her job as a senior claims examiner she has the responsibility of analyzing, monitoring and investigating construction claims including the legal and damage analysis. Helen helps negotiate settlements and if necessary, attend the trial for the insurance case she is working on at that point in time. Prior to working in the insurance industry Helen worked as a medical assistant, an orthopedic assistant and a legal secretary.

Helen is very thorough in her job and would be an asset as an officer to the Artisans because of her business experience. Her experience would be very good in the roll of an officer and help keep the organization working towards its goals of making good sound business decisions. She has a lot of interest in different hobbies, especially baking, and many ideas on how to get the next generation of Artisans actively involved in our great fraternal.

Helen has been married to her husband, Dave, for over 42 years and together they raised 3 children and are proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren.

We are sure that if elected as Most Excellent Inspector Helen will do a fantastic job. With her upcoming retirement Helen has said she will be able to give even more time to helping the Artisans continue to grow both on the business and fraternal ends of the organization.



Fraternally,

Philadelphia Assembly #1 Executive Committee

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

Union Assembly #30 is proud to endorse and ask you for your support in helping re-elect Brother Ron Davis as a Director for the Artisans.

Ron has an associate degree in Economics from Temple University and a Certificate in Electronics from Philco Tech. Ron retired from Verizon after 30 years of dedicated service with the company. During his time with Verizon Ron was a programmer in the field of circuit design and both an inside/outside supervisor for operations. Ron also ran a small business that helped his family, all whom are Artisans, to grow and prosper over the years.

Ron is a very active member of the Artisans and besides being a Director he is also the Treasurer of the Dining Club, Recorder of the GAA, Recorder/ Cashier of Union Assembly #30, Recorder of Northeast #11, an active member of the Extension Committee and Chairman of the Artisan Bylaw Committee. Ron has written many of our newer bylaws that have helped improve both the fraternal and business sides of the Order. Ron is a Director that you can talk with and then know that he will make sure that your concerns are addressed at the next Board meeting.

The Artisans have gone through many positive changes within the past 3 years with the hiring of our General Manager and the new hands on approach our Board of Directors has adapted when it comes to overseeing our Fraternal Benefit Society. We would like to see this professionalism and growth continue in the future. We hope by looking at the current path the Artisans are on and knowing the dedication to the Artisans that Ron has shown over the years that you vote for staying the course and re-elect Brother Ron Davis as a Director on the Board.



Fraternally,
Union Assembly #30 Executive Committee

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

Hadddon Assembly #12 is proud to endorse PMEMA and member of the Board Brother Thomas DiLauro for re-election for Director. Tom has been an active member of the Artisans for over 40 years.

Tom went to Bishop Eustace Prep School and upon graduation attended Villanova University where he received a bachelor's degree in business.

Tom was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Central Railroad and Conrail for over 38 years. During his time with the railroad Tom held various administrative positions in the finance, marketing and sales department. During this period Tom also sold insurance for MBA.

Brother DiLauro has been very active in our local community and was Mayor of Delran New Jersey, a past member of the Delran Planning Board and the Delran Economic Committee. Tom served as Chairman of the Pennsauken Sewage Authority and the Pennsauken Parks and playground Commission. Tom was instrumental in getting a playground built in the town of Delran, at no cost to the residents, so the local children would have a safe place to play.

Tom is a past Board of Director of the South Jersey Multiple Sclerosis Society, the former Chairman of the Pennsauken United fund, President of the Philadelphia Fraternal organization three times and a member of the Board of the New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance. Because of his dedicated service to the community Comcast awarded Tom with the Comcast Good Neighbor award.

Tom has a fraternal insurance license in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is also a certified insurance counselor. Tom is a licensed real estate agent and notary public in the state of New Jersey. Due to his long background in the insurance and real estate fields Tom has been a great asset as the office has begun to change direction and begin to focus more on our real estate holdings, trying to increase the sales of our insurance policies and marketing our products to the general public.

Tom is a Past Most Excellent Master Artisan, a current Director for the past eight years and the Chairman of the Finance and real estate Committees. Tom is a past president of the Dining Club and the GAA. Tom is an active member of the Extension Committee and served as their secretary for many years. Tom is currently the president of the New Jersey Boosters Association and has been the Recorder and Cashier of Haddon Assembly since 1999.

We believe that Brother Thomas DiLauro's extensive background in business, his long record of service to his community and his dedicated commitment to the spirit of fraternalism, inside and outside the Artisans, makes him and excellent candidate and worthy of re-election to the Board of Directors.

Fraternally

James Van Nostrand

Master Artisan

Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,

St. Johns' Assembly #28 is proud to endorse Most Excellent Master Artisan Patrick Ennis for the position of Director. Patrick has served as Most Excellent Master Artisan for the past two years and was previously ME Superintendent and ME Inspector. Pat is also a Mason and has served in his Lodge, Masonic Lodge #2, in the Chairs for 12 years and has been a member of their Board of Trustees.

Brother Pat retired from the A&P Market where he was shift manager and front end bookkeeper for 20 years. Pat worked as the South Jersey local supervisor for the Eastman Kodak Company until their closure back in 2015. Pat is now a field engineer for Diebold. In his new position Pat is entrusted with the repair and servicing many ATM machines throughout the tri-state area.

Brother Pat has been an Artisan for more than 25 years. Pat has served with distinction as the Past Master of Keystone Assembly and St. Johns Assembly. Pat is also a member of the Extension Committee, GAA and a Past President of the Dining Club.

Pat has been married to his wife Barbara for 22 years. Pat, Barbara and their daughter Kylie and Pats son Patrick are all active members of the Artisans.

We believe that with Pats background in business, dedication to the Artisans and great reputation in the community Pat would be a great asset to the Board of Directors.



Fraternally,
St John's Executive Committee.

Delaware County Assembly #31

It is with great pride that Delaware County Assembly # 31 submits P.M.E.M.A. Theresa (Terry) Ludwig for the re-election to the Board of Directors. Her credentials speak for themselves.

Terry is a graduate of West Catholic Girls High School. Terry also attended Delaware County College for Accounting. Terry has also attended seminars for Management Fundamentals, Customer Service, Human Resources, and Microsoft Programs.

Terry is currently employed at The Wildman Arms Condominium, since 2009, where she oversees 214 Condo Units. Her duties include accounting, payroll, working on budgets and being the liaison between the owner and the Board of Directors. Terry also oversees the maintenance of the condominiums, meeting with fire and building inspectors, code enforcers, contractors and is responsible for overseeing repair projects from beginning to end. When Terry worked for Ikon Solutions, she was the Assistant to the General Manager. Ikon Solutions is a multi-billion company. Terry helped prepare the weekly payroll and totaled the related expenses for 250 employees. Terry helped management negotiate with union representatives concerning employee contracts, benefits, lawsuits and investigated employee management issues. Terry supervised the Accounting, Customer Service and Sales Support Staff, of 25 employees, in her office. She arranged company functions, travel arrangements for the sales force and administrative staff. She purchased materials for the running of the business from various vendors.

Terry has over 40 years' experience in the accounting/administrative field.

As an Artisan, she has or is currently, serving on the following positions:

Past Master Artisan of Delaware County #31
Most Excellent Jr. Master of Ceremonies
Hostess for the Miss Artisan Pageant
Treasurer and Membership Director of the Robert B. Ernest Artisans Memorial Auxiliary
Member of the Extension Committee, and also helps out where she is needed

Terry volunteers for the LuLu Shriners working the Rodeo, The Circus, also the paper drive which solicits funds for Shriners Hospital for Children.

We believe that because Terry has shown such a high level of volunteerism in her community, her vast knowledge in business administration and her many years of service to the Artisans, makes her worthy of re-election as a Director on the Artisan Board.



Cynthia Waring, Recorder

Northwestern Assembly #54 is proud to announce the candidacy of PMEMA Dave Szafran for the position of Director.

Dave has been a Director for the past two years and served in the Most Excellent Chairs the previous 6 years. As MEMA Dave oversaw many positive changes and transitions to the Artisans. Dave was instrumental in getting the social media program implemented and helped make many needed changes at the main office. Dave and his family are very active Artisans and participate and help out at most of the events and activities the Order holds throughout the year. Dave has spent many hours in the basement at the Artisan hall cataloging and trying to help preserve our Orders history.

Dave is a PMEMA, Director on the Board, Secretary of the Extension Committee, Past President of the Dining Club, Past President of the GAA and has served as Master Artisan of Northwestern Assembly many times throughout the years.

In our local community Dave is a longtime member of the Cornwell's Fire Company and served as Vice President and President of the fire company. Dave also volunteers at Frankford Torresdale Hospital throughout the week. Dave has served as the Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge three times and is a past Secretary of the Lodge.

We believe that Dave with his deep commitment to the Artisan and our surrounding community should be re-elected to the Board as a Director. If you like the changes you have seen keep Dave on the Board so he can help the Artisans continue down the path of progress.



Fraternally,

Northwestern Assembly #54 Executive Committee



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M.E. SUPERINTENDENT LETTER

We have so many great activities coming up for all of our Juniors Artisans to participate in this Fall. First is the St. John's Junior Halloween Party. This year you need to call the office in order to get a ticket to this fun filled event. In December we have the Brunch with Santa along with Disney on Ice. This issue of the Artisan is filled with a lot of information about these and other events and activities that are coming up for the rest of the year. I hope to see you at one of these events in the future.

Fraternally; Barry Spindler



Gene Geary, Pat Connelly, Betty and Tom DiLauro enjoying the day at Knoebel's.



The Most Excellent Family visited St. Johns' Assembly and enjoyed a delicious dinner.



The Most Excellent Family and Board of Directors visited Haddon Assembly. It was a great night of fraternal fun and bonding. (Not pictured because he was the photographer is Bryan Werner)



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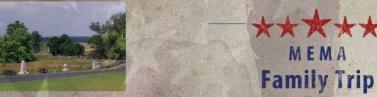
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