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The Most Excellent Session 2020



The delegates are pictured at the 2020 Most Excellent Session that was held on February 1st at the Radisson Hotel in Trevoise PA.



The Most Excellent Officers and Directors for 2020-2021. First row sitting the Most Excellent officers from left to right - Most Excellent Inspector Helen Szafran, Most Excellent Master Artisan Barry Spindler and Most Excellent Superintendent Carla Werner. Standing rear the Directors from left to right - Harry Flanagan, Tod Davies, Gene Geary, Bryan Werner, Patrick Ennis, Ronald Davis and Thomas DiLauro.

VOICE OF THE GAVEL

Hello Brother and Sister Artisans;

I would like to thank everyone for putting their trust in me and allowing me to serve as their Most Excellent Master Artisan. During this time of great stress and uncertainty I want to assure our members that the Artisans are here for you. Our CEO/GM, Bryan Werner has been keeping our operations running with the help of Donna Listner and Pat Slobodian. Please read the article that Bryan wrote for this issue of the Artisan, it is full of a lot of information about our scaled back daily operations and the health of our fraternal organization during this pandemic. Please know if you call the office we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please reach out a talk to your Brother and Sister Artisans if you feel alone or need to talk to someone. Remember we are a family fraternal organization and our helping hand will always be there for you.

Fraternally,
Barry Spindler
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 and address them to the general membership as if they 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 15th for the Winter Issue, March 15th for the Spring Issue, June 15th for the Summer Issue and September 15th for the Fall Issue. The Artisans cannot assume any liability for the safe receipt of any materials submitted.

2020 Most Excellent Session Wrap-up

The 2020 Most Excellent Session was a wonderful event for all of our delegates and guest who attended this great fraternal tradition. Barry Spindler moved up to Most Excellent Master Artisan, with Carla Werner taking the position of M.E. Superintendent. Helen Szafran won the position of M.E. Inspector. Patrick Ennis won a seat as Director along with Tom DiLauro and Ron Davis. The banquet was well attended with many Brother and Sister Artisans coming out to express their thanks to our baby PMEMA, Patrick Ennis, for a job well done. After the Session our Medical Director, Dr. Handler, announced his retirement at the end of February. The Board has hired Kimberly Kurtz, a member of the Artisans for over 50 years, as the new Medical Director. This is the first female member to hold this position in our 147 year history. Kim is a nurse who holds several degrees, a medical license as a nurse practitioner and serves as a professor at several area universities.



Upcoming Events

April

All meetings and upcoming events have been cancelled until at least May 1st due to the Covid-19 virus. This is in compliance with orders from the Governor of Pennsylvania and Mayor of Philadelphia.

May

Board Meeting 15th

June

Ocean City Weekend 12th, 13th and 14th

There is plenty of Fraternal fun for all ages when you are a member of the Artisans.



M.E. SUPERINTENDENT LETTER

We are planning many great activities for our Junior Artisans this year. Our Easter hunt has been postponed but will still be held after the Corona Virus emergency is over. The Ocean City Weekend is still scheduled to be held in June but a decision will be made on this event by mid May. This decision will be based on what is being recommended by the medical authorities and what is best for our membership. Due to the emergency order from the Governors of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, our office is closed for business until at least May 1st. You can call the main office at 215-708-1000 and leave a message if you have a question about insurance, your annuity or upcoming activities. You will receive a call back within 48 hours. If you contact the Artisans by email, Grafa2@aol.com, you will receive a reply back the same day.

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all of the doctors, nurses, first responders, truck drivers, grocery store workers, pharmacist and all the other essential workers who are working hard to keep us safe and supplied during these tough times.

Fraternally yours;

Carla Werner



The St. John's Super Bowl party was held right after the Most Excellent Session at the Artisans game room.



The Officers of the Dining club are pictured above. From left to right - Vice President - David Brenich, Treasurer - Ronald Davis, Secretary - Gene Geary and President - Barry Spindler.



Some of the members of the Extension Committee are pictured outside of the vendors and storeowners day at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City, New Jersey. The committee members were able to get commitments from some new store owners to participate in our annual treasure hunt this upcoming summer.

A Message from the Main Office

As I write this letter it is apparent to each and every one of us that we have all had our lives turned upside down by the Covid-19 Virus. This invisible enemy has led to everyone being asked to stay in their homes, most businesses having to close down and an economic downturn not seen since the great depression. I want to assure everyone that this crisis will end sooner than later and life, maybe changed, will quickly get better. I have received many calls from our membership with questions about the financial health of our organization, the health and safety of their Brother and Sister Artisans that they haven't seen since the quarantine started or just calling the office to ask when we might be able to meet again as a fraternal organization.

The easiest question for me to answer is concerning the financial health of the Artisans. Right before the financial downturn we had several bonds that had matured in January and February of this year. We received 100% of our initial investment back from those bonds on top of all the interest we had already earned over the years. Since the finance committee and myself were in the process of re-examining our portfolio, as was mentioned at this past Session, we had not re-invested most of the money that had just been returned to our organization. What this means for the Artisans is that the organization is sitting on more than enough cash to run our operations without having to sell off any of our long term investments. Just like every other company in the United States we will face losses this year. Much of the losses we will suffer will be due to the down grading of some our bonds because of the almost certain bankruptcy of some companies that we invested in many years ago, the downturn in the stock market and the inability of some of our tenants to be able to make their rent payments on time due to their businesses being closed. Please be assured that steps were immediately taken to help try and make sure that these losses would only be for the short term. We were just finishing up our five year audit, by the State of Pennsylvania Insurance Commission, when the Governor ordered all non-essential businesses to close down. In our exit interview we received praise from the state auditor for the changes we have made in our operations, since the last audit, and how quickly we were able to implement many changes that were needed to keep us growing into the future. Please be assured that your insurance policies and any money you have invested in our annuities are more than adequately covered by our reserve and surplus funds.

Many of our members have called asking about their Brother and Sister Artisans, who they may not have heard from recently, out of concern about their well being. Some of these members may have health issues, trouble getting out to do grocery shopping or just being able to get their much needed medications. I am asking the Records of each Assembly to please notify the main office if they hear of any member who is hospitalized or may need a helping hand during this crisis. Many of our members, who are home bound, may not know that there are services available to them for the delivery of groceries, medications and prepared dinners. Please ask any member in need to give me a call and I will try to direct them the proper social services agency or delivery service that may be able to meet their needs. The Dining Club, GAA, St. John's Assembly and the main Order has set up a fund to try to continue to help our Brother and Sister Artisans who may need a helping hand during this difficult time in their lives.

The final thing I have been asked by our members is when do I think this shutdown will be allowed to end and our activities will begin again. Unfortunately, at this point in time, I do not have an answer for you but feel I would be safe in saying that we will not have any meetings or group activities through the month of May. Please remember to continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands after going out to go food shopping and remember to eat healthy and exercise. According to the medical experts, the more people who follow these simple directions the faster this pandemic will come to an end.

The Artisans was an idea that was born during the Civil War and has survived two Depressions, the flu pandemic of 1918 and two World Wars. We are family fraternal organization and the Artisans will be here for our members during and after the Covid - 19 pandemic has passed.

Fraternally,

Bryan Werner CEO



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Fraternal Activities Archive



Chapel of the four Chaplins open house and memorial service 2018.



Artisan Troop 226 performing at the Artisan open house in 2017.



The Artisan Bear and helpers at the Artisan awareness day 2016.



St. John's Cruisers in Grand Turk 2017.



The Artisans Ocean City weekend hospitality room roof top party at the old Impala Hotel in 2017.



Easter lunch and egg hunt at Neshaminy State Park in 2016.



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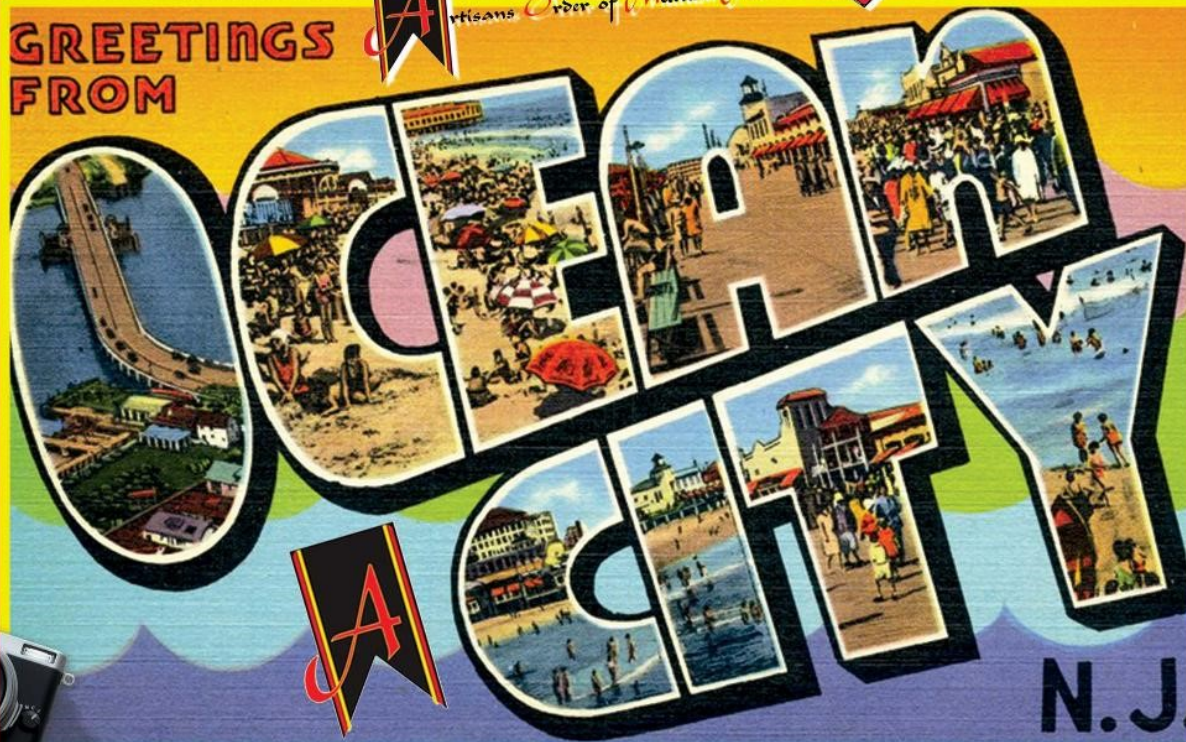
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JUNE 12TH, 13TH & 14TH

THERE WILL BE A HOSPITALITY ROOM WITH SNACKS AND DRINKS
ON FRIDAY NIGHT

THE NEXT DAY IS OFF TO A FUN FILLED START WITH JUST OUR GROUP
BEING ALLOWED TO ENJOY THE RIDES AT GILLIAMS AMUSEMENT PIER

AFTER THE AMUSEMENT PIER THERE WILL BE FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN AROUND
THE POOL AT THE ST. JOHNS' ANNUAL POOL PARTY

FINALLY LATER THAT SAME EVENING THE MISS ARTISAN PAGEANT WILL BE
HELD AT THE MUSIC PIER ON THE BOARDWALK



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For Those 50 Plus

An Artisan term or whole life policy is an affordable and smart way of helping plan for funeral and estate expenses that can be incurred by a family when a loved one passes on.

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