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133rd Most Excellent Assembly

The one-hundred and thirty-third Most Excellent Assembly Session was held at the Artisan Meeting Hall, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd. in Philadelphia, PA, on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Results from the 133rd Most Excellent Assembly Session

Most Excellent Master Artisan

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All proposed bylaw amendments passed

See photographs from the session on pages 3-5.



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The Voice of the Gavel



Dear Brother and Sister Artisans,



February 1, 2014: the 133rd Most Excellent Session of the Artisans. I stood at the altar and was sworn in as the Most Excellent Master Artisan by my father P.M.E.M.A. Gene Geary. He was as proud as I was. It is the first time a father and daughter have both served as Most Excellent Masters. It was 30 years ago that my father served. My four-year apprenticeship is over; now it is my turn to sit in the big chair. During the two years of being an appointed M.E. Officer, then M.E. Inspector, and finally M.E.

Superintendent, many friendships were made, much advice was given to me, and I

hope this continues. Now is the time for me to listen to your ideas and implement what will benefit the Order. If there was an office for me, my door would always be open to each and every member. Any time you see me, please stop and talk to me.

I hope everyone will support the activities that are coming up. Check the website regularly at www.artisansaomp.org for more information.

To keep the Artisans alive and well we must increase our membership. Please try to sign up new members--seniors and juniors. Remember that youth is the life blood of our Order and hopefully they will become seniors to take our places.

I would just like to say THANK YOU for your support over the last four years and your continuing support over the next two years.

Fraternally Yours,

Theresa Ludwig

Most Excellent Master Artisan

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Highlights of the 133rd Most Excellent Assembly Session

*At right: Enjoying breakfast
before the start of the Session*



*At left: Getting ready to open
the 133rd M.E. Session*

*At right: Swearing in the
newly elected delegates*





Highlights of the 133rd Most Excellent Assembly Session



*Above right: Presenting 50-year membership plaques to William Swirsding and PMEMA R. Eugene Geary
Above left: ME Chaplain Fr. Otto Lolk performing the Memorial Service
Below left: ME Inspector Dave Szafran receiving his 25-year membership plaque
Below right: Bob Wielgus receiving his 25-year membership plaque*





Highlights of the 133rd Most Excellent Assembly Session

*Top row left: Newly elected and installed MEMA Theresa Ludwig
Top row right: MEMA Theresa Ludwig adjourning the 133rd Most Excellent Assembly Session
Bottom: Delegates enjoying a lunch break prior to the afternoon session*





In Memory of Brother Frank Jorett

As the annual Artisan outing to Ocean City, NJ approaches, this year will be very different. Our Dad, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather will be smiling from above.

We extend to the entire Artisan family our appreciation for the support, cards, flowers, visits and more, before and following the death of Frank Jorett on October 24, 2013. The summer of 2013 was filled with ups and downs as Dad fought the good fight against his illness and difficult recovery. His final week at home with Mom was as good as it could have been. He played bingo, went to church and thanked everyone there for the support he received; I met him and mom for lunch at their favorite restaurant and he felt great.

His rapid decline following a fall was shocking for all of us. The visitation at Wackerman Funeral Home on November 2, 2013 was overwhelming. About 400 people lined up for hours to pay respects. So many people from Dad's life of loving and giving were represented: the Philadelphia Fire Department, Bustleton Swim

Club, Rhawnhurst Presbyterian, Tabernacle Methodist and other churches where mom and dad spent time, the doctors' practice where he worked, and of course the many Artisans Dad had worked and socialized with for more than five decades.

As long as we visit Ocean City for the Artisan weekend, we'll remember Dad enjoying every minute with the family, helping out at Wonderland Pier and socializing with his many Artisan friends.

I asked my husband what he misses most about Dad: "He never said a bad word about anyone; he was always happy." My brother Stephen and I miss his laugh, the support and love he extended to us and our families and just being able to talk to him every day. Our Mom, Nancy, is doing well and spending time with friends in the F.O.P. apartment community and learning to navigate everyday life without "her rock." From our family to the Artisans: thank you.

Brenda Jorett Breskin; Nancy Jorett; Brenda Jorett Breskin, Doug Breskin, Adam Breskin; Stephen and Sue Jorett; Mike Jorett; Rob Jorett

Our Condolences. You will be missed.

Join the Artisan Craft Club!

Join Philadelphia Assembly for the next meeting of the Artisan Craft Club. The meetings will take place the last Tuesday of the month and be held in the Artisan Hall in the game room at 7 p.m. At this time, we are asking that Artisan members attend only. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Helen Szafran at 215-264-3902.

Happy 96th Birthday to Brother Bill McAllister!



Attention Business Owners: Take Advantage of Inexpensive Advertising on our Website!

For only \$50, we will display your ad for an entire year! Email a PDF of your business card to artisansomp@aol.com (you will be billed) or mail a hard copy to the Main Office with your check. Take advantage of this great deal and our increased readership as *The Artisan* is now online!

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.

Don't forget to include photographs! Electronic photograph files are suggested. You may attach a caption or suggested caption on a sticky note to the back of a photographic print. Do not write directly on the back of photos. Original photos will be printed, pictures from newspapers, magazines or photocopies will not. Photo quality in newsletter is dependent upon quality of photo submitted.

Be sure your information arrives by the deadline (see page 2 for details). Articles received after the deadline and outdated information will not be printed. Send your information to: The Artisan, 8100 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19152 or email it to artisansomp@aol.com



5th
Annual Charity
Golf
Outing



Keystone # 2 Annual Charity Golf Outing

September 6, 2014

8:00 am: Shot Gun Start / Best Ball format

Cost: 95 per golfer, includes a BBQ Lunch, with beer, soda & beer at the turn. Lunch only \$35

Prizes for:

- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive
- Putting Contest
- 50/50 Raffle

Course Location:

Indian Springs Country Club
115 South Elmwood Rd.
Marlton, NJ 08053

Tee & Hole Sponsorships available, contact Jim or Carl for information, deadline date is August 15, 2014

Contact :

Jim Walls: 856-782-8766 or Carl Walls: 856-904-6008 for more information, Mail registration with Check made payable to Keystone #2:

Keystone #2
303 N. Warwick Rd.
Magnolia, NJ 08049

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

of golfers _____ @ \$95.ea. _____ Total enclosed _____

Names of players in foursome etc.: _____

ARTISANS


Memorial Post 120 Bingo Night



Saturday, April 12, 2014

Join us on April 12, 2014 for Memorial Post 120 Bingo Night! The doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. This fun event will be held at the Artisan Hall, 2nd floor, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. The cost of only \$15 includes 8 games with \$50 prizes for each game. For the 9th and 10th games you will need to purchase new boards. The 9th game's prize will be \$100 and the cost is \$1 per card. The 10th game's prize will be \$200 and the cost is \$2 per card. Food and drink will be available in the kitchen area. At the end of the night we will have an attendance award drawing of \$100 for one lucky winner. You must be present to win and have played all games. Contact Joe Gladen at 215-673-3604 or Harry Flanagan at 215-637-5955 for tickets. Tickets are going fast so do not delay.

Please note: no one under 18 is allowed to attend this event.



Easter Egg Hunt

Keystone #2

Presents

Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt

With

The Easter Bunny

April 13—12 noon

Neshaminy State Park

State Road, Bensalem, PA

Contact: Jim Walls, 856-782-8766

For

Additional information

It's Free - No Cost



We are going Fishing
Would you like to go?

Keystone Assembly # 2
Chartered 8-8 1/2 hr. Fishing Trip aboard
The Jamaica Star
Bogan's Basin
800 Ashley Ave.
Brielle, New Jersey
732-528-5014

Date: June 22, 2014

Boat leaves Dock @: 7am

Cost: \$75.00 Per Person

Includes: Rod, Reel, Bait, Beer, Soda,
Hoagies, Snacks & Free Parking

The charter is limited to the first 75
Please contact Jim Walls @ 215-698-9577 or
856-782-8766

Deposit of \$25.00 due when reservation is made Balance due
June 7th

MISS ARTISAN CONTEST

Ocean City, New Jersey

June 7, 2014



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 2014 in Ocean City,
New Jersey on Saturday, June 7, 2014, 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, 2014 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.



Junior Artisan News and Events

Hello Junior Artisans,

I hope over the next two years we are able to have a lot of fun. However, in order to have fun we need participation from all juniors! Activities over the past several years have had very little participation and the activities had to be cancelled.

Several things I am looking into are a bowling party, a hayride or Halloween at the zoo and a day at the Battleship New Jersey. The first activity this year will be Sunday, April 13. We will be having lunch with the Easter Bunny followed by an Easter egg hunt. It will be held at Neshaminy State Park on State Rd. in Bensalem at noon; all are welcome. We also have our Ocean City Weekend, June 6-8 which will include the Miss Artisan Pageant. We need our young ladies to register for this pageant. Please help keep this event alive!

Hope to see all of you at the Junior Activities.

Dave Szafran
Most Excellent Superintendent

Need an Artisan Form?

All Artisan forms are now available for printing or easy downloading from our Website. Go to www.artisansaomp.org to see the selection, or call the Main Office to have a form sent to you.

Ocean City Family Weekend

We currently have agreements with the Impala, Tahiti and Pailion hotels in Ocean City, NJ for the weekend of June 6-8, 2014. To make a reservation, send a check to the Main Office in the amount of \$100 made payable to the Artisans as soon as possible. Don't miss the fun at this festive annual event!

2014 Miss Artisan Pageant

June 7, 2014

If you or a member of your family would like to represent an assembly at the Miss Artisan Pageant during our 69th Annual Ocean City Weekend, send your name and address to the Artisans Main Office, 8100 Roosevelt Boulevard, 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 member, 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 for is April 30, 2014. See the form on page 12.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 11 Artisans Memorial Post 120
- 11 Ladies Post Auxiliary
- 12 Artisans Memorial Post Bingo
- 13 Keystone Assembly Easter Egg Hunt
- 14 Artisans Dining Club
- 15 Passover
- 20 **Easter Sunday**
- 24 G.A.A. Quarterly Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

MAY

- 7 M.E. Officers Visitation to Philadelphia #1, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Artisans Memorial Post 120
- 9 Ladies Post Auxiliary
- 11 Happy Mother's Day
- 12 Artisans Dining Club
- 13 M.E. Officer's Visitation to Delaware County #31, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 **Memorial Day**
- 27 St. John's Ladies Night, 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 4 M.E. Officers Visitation to Red Rose #22 and Lancaster #27
- 6-8 Ocean City Family Weekend
- 9 Dining Club
- 9 Artisan Aides
- 13 Artisans Memorial Post #120 Meeting
- 13 Artisans Post #120 Ladies Auxiliary
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 15 Father's Day
- 26 GAA Quarterly Meeting

