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THE 134th MOST EXCELLENT ASSEMBLY SESSION FEBRUARY 6, 2016

The Results for Candidates for Offices of the Most Excellent Assembly

Are as follows

For Most Excellent Master Artisan: David Szafran

For Most Excellent Superintendent: Patrick Ennis

For Most Excellent Inspector: Barry Spindler

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Board of Directors: James Walls



VOICE OF THE GAVEL

On February 6th, I had the honor of being installed as M.E.M.A. I look forward to a fun filled 2 years, and plan to be pro active. As I start my journey, we need to get the word out as to who we are and all the fun we can have. I will harp on things just to spread the word but I need everyone's help. I chose the word, TOGETHERNESS, as my password because together we can make this fraternity a bigger and better organization.

We have several things of interest coming up, Ocean City Weekend, June 10th – 12th with the Miss Artisan Pageant on the 11st. Let's come out and show support for the young ladies. They put a lot of time into getting ready for this pageant, we don't want them looking at an empty audience, it's only 1-1/2 hrs. of your time on Saturday night. On August 5th - 7th, we have the M.E.M.A. trip to the Poconos with plenty to do, golfing, shopping at the outlets, casino, gathering with friends, etc.

As we look further ahead to December we have a Bus Trip to Lancaster for shopping, Christmas Show at American Music Theater and Shady Maple for smorgasbord dinner.

I'm asking everyone to get the word out and have some new faces at the assembly meetings. Communication is the key to success. Together we can make this happen.

Fraternally,

Dave Szafran

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 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.

NEED A FORM

All Artisan forms are available online. 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.



Welcome to
Ocean City
NEW JERSEY

2016 OCEAN CITY FAMILY WEEKEND 71ST ANNUAL OUTING

JUNE 10, 11 & 12, 2016

In order to secure your room reservation now, send in your deposit check in the amount of \$100.00 to the Artisans Main Office. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis

2016 MISS ARTISAN PAGEANT JUNE 11, 2016

If you or a member of your family would like to represent an Assembly at the Miss Artisan Pageant during our 71st Annual Ocean City Family Weekend, fill out the Miss Artisan application in this issue and send it 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 is April 30th, 2016.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 April Fools Day
- 9 Artisan Post 120 Bingo
- 11 Dining Club
- 18 Extension Committee Meeting
- 23 Cooking Portugese Benefit for JDRF
- 23 G.A.A. Meeting

MAY

- 4 M.E. visitation to Philadelphia No. 1
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Dining Club
- 10 M.E. Officers Visitation to

Delaware County No. 31

MAY (Continued)

- 13 Artisan Post Meeting

JUNE

- 8 M.E. Visitation to Red Rose No. 22
- 10 - 12 Ocean City Weekend
- 13 Dining Club
- 23 G.A.A. Meeting

JULY

- 4 Independence Day

AUGUST

- 5 - 7 M.E.M.A. Weekend at Pocono Manor

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day
- 12 Dining Club
- 15 - 24 Canada/New England Cruise
- 19 M.E. Officers Visitation to Haddon No 12
- 27 M.E. Officers Visitation to St. John's No. 28

OCTOBER

- 8 G.A.A. Bingo
- 10 Dining Club
- 12 M.E. Officers visitation to Northeast No. 11

OCTOBER (Continued)

- 18 M.E. Officers Visitation to Tri-County No. 17
- 29 Halloween Party hosted by Keystone Assembly
- 31 Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Dining Club
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving

LOOK FOR DECEMBER

ACTIVITIES COMING IN THIS
ISSUE

PHOTO COMPILATION OF THE 134TH MOST EXCELLENT ASSEMBLY SESSION





CANADA/NEW ENGLAND CRUISE
Royal Caribbean Grandeur of the Seas
9 Nights Leaving from Baltimore, MD
Thurs. Sept. 15, 2016 - Sat., Sept. 24, 2016

Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Suite
\$1714.52 for 2	\$2402.52 for 2	\$4364.52 for 2	\$5255.52 for 2

Prices Subject To Change

Thurs. - Baltimore, MD - Depart 4 PM
Friday - Cruising
Sat. - Boston, Massachusetts - Arrive 10 AM, Departs 11 PM
Sun. - Portland, Maine - Arrive 8 AM, Departs 5 PM
Mon. - Bar Harbor, Maine - Arrives 8 AM, Departs 6 PM (Tendered)
Tues. - St. John, New Brunswick - Arrives 7 AM, Departs 3:30 PM
Wed. - Halifax, Nova Scotia - Arrives 10:30AM, Departs 7 PM
Thurs. - Cruising
Friday - Cruising
Sat. - Baltimore, MD - Arrive 7AM

The above prices include all meals, entertainment, taxes, fees, and port expenses. Additional expenses for you would be gratuities which are \$12.95 per person, per day. A deposit of \$250.00 per person is due at time of booking. Final payment is due 90 days before departure. Passport is required.

You may cancel up to final payment for a full refund.

For more information, call Helen Szafran at 215-264-3902
 To make a reservation, call Maureen Cohen of AAA at 215-671-1700 x 71715.

You must reference my name to be put in the group.

ARTISANS

Memorial Post 120 Bingo Night



Saturday, April 9, 2016

Join us on April 9, 2016 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.

AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE

2016 Original Shows



It's the most wonderful time of the year – time for your group to be dazzled and delighted with musical merriment, live on stage! Experience the beautiful vocals, dynamic dancing, and impressive instrumentals of our critically acclaimed AMT singers, dancers, and orchestra as they perform the very best sacred and secular holiday music.

The 2016 Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland will be a holiday event full of yuletide whimsy and winter wonder, celebrating both the magic and the meaning of Christmas. Wrap yourself up in this warm and wonderful seasonal show that promises to be one of your favorite holiday trips!



ARTISAN CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

TO

The American Music Theater

Saturday, December 3, 2016

The cost is **\$86.00 per person** and includes the 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 their 2016 Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland. First Pick-up location will be at the Artisan Main Office leaving promptly at 9:30 A.M. promptly, with a second pick-up location at the Penrose Plaza if reservations warrant. We will be leaving the American Music Theater to return home at 7:30 P.M. Send your deposit today in the amount of \$40.00 per person

2425 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602 | 800-648-4102 | www.AMTshows.com

MISS ARTISAN CONTEST

Ocean City, New Jersey

June 11, 2016



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 2016 in Ocean City.

New Jersey on Saturday, June 11, 2016, 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, 2016 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.



**WITH AN OFFER THIS GOOD
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.**

**With nearly a century and a half of experience, incorporated in 1873
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American Legion Post 120: rewrite from Legion Post Magazine

Roundup of other VA Benefits:

Q: What are some other VA benefits that I may not know?

A: Most veterans know about the basic healthcare and education benefits available to them through VA, but there are some other ancillary benefits programs.

AID AND ATTENDANCE, long-term care is expensive but often necessary to provide care for aging relatives. Through the Aid and Attendance program, many veterans are eligible to receive money to cover the cost of long-term care options. Should you choose to take care of an ailing veteran at home, VA offers a caregiver support program.

Burial Benefits, when a veteran dies, families may request a U.S. flag to drape over the casket and a certificate to honor the deceased loved one's service. VA also provides a free headstone or grave marker.

GI bill, in addition to receiving credits to use toward a college degree, the GI bill offers up to \$2,000 to help cover the cost of certification courses or other vocational training programs. Unused credits may be transferred to spouses and dependents, although there are service limits required to transfer the benefits.

Life Insurance, many veterans have trouble obtaining traditional life insurance, particularly if they sustained an injury during their service. Veterans may receive up to \$400,000 in life insurance through the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, which offers competitive premium rates.

Housing Assistance, Veterans who are having trouble making their mortgage payments are eligible for repayment assistance through VA. Additional benefits are available for veterans with VA loans and for homeless veterans.

American Legion Post 120 next meeting May 13, 2016 7 PM Artisan Hall

Fraternally Yours: Ronald W. Davis

Date: 04/23/2016

Time: Doors open 5:00

A Benefit for Juvenile Diabetes Research

*Place: Artisan Hall
8100 Roosevelt Blvd.*

*Cost: \$25.00 per person
(all proceeds go to JDRF)
Make Checks payable to JDRF*

*Come out and enjoy an evening of
fine food, great company and good
fun*

**COOKING PORTUGUESE
by**

Chef Joseph Oliveira

*See Harry or Agnes
Flanagan for Tickets*

STORYBOOK LAND



We are now selling discounted tickets to Storybook Land located at 6415 Black Horse Pike (Routes 40/322) in Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. The cost per ticket is \$20.00. Children under 2 years of age do not require a ticket. Tickets are valid until December 30, 2016. Please send your checks to the Artisan Main Office, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19152. Tickets are limited and will be filled on a first come basis.

Please use the order form below when ordering tickets.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone Number_____

Names of Junior tickets_____

Names of Senior tickets_____

OCEAN CITY FAMILY WEEKEND

JUNE 10, 11 & 12, 2016



We are now selling discounted ride and mini-golf tickets for our upcoming Ocean City Family Weekend, June 10, 11 & 12, 2016. If you purchase your tickets before June 1, 2016, the cost is \$5.00 for rides and \$2.00 for mini-golf tickets per person. Tickets will also be available during the Artisan Weekend at the regular price of \$10.00 for rides and \$4.00 per person for the mini-golf.

We also have tickets for the OC Waterpark at the cost of \$15.00 per person. These tickets can be used on Saturday or Sunday.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled weekend for the whole family.

M.E.M.A WEEKEND

August 5, 6 & 7, 2016

\$350.00 per couple—Children 5 and over \$19.00

Cost includes Full Breakfast Buffet each morning

And Dinner on Saturday Evening

\$100.00 Deposit Required

**Don't forget about our
Annuities**

2%

**Traditional and IRA
Call the Main Office
For Details
215-708-1000**

M.E.M.A. WEEKEND

August 5, 6 & 7, 2016

The Inn at Pocono Manor

\$350.00 per couple

Children over the age of 5 - \$19.00 Each

\$100.00 Deposit Required

The cost includes:

- ✓ Full breakfast buffet each morning
- ✓ Dinner on Saturday evening in a private room

Some of the things to do include:

Shopping

While shopping in the Poconos, you will see some of the sights we are famous for, like charming Victorian neighborhoods, historic sites, art galleries and downtowns.

Some enjoy the thrill of the hunt at a flea market, art gallery, or antique shops. Others prefer browsing in boutiques, craft and specialty shops. Still others get a kick out of finding outlet bargains. In the Pocono Mountains, shoppers of all sorts can indulge in their passion including the Crossings Premium Outlets.

Water Park

Tickets are available for the Kalahari Water Park at a cost of \$35.00 per person. It is conveniently located approximately 1 ½ miles from the Hotel. Their website is www.kalahariresorts.com.

There are a limited number of rooms available, so don't delay and don't miss out on any of the fun this Summer.

**For more information about the Inn at Pocono Manor,
Check out their website.**

www.poconomanor.com