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134th MOST EXCELLENT ASSEMBLY SESSION FEBRUARY 6, 2016

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Unopposed Candidates for Offices of the Most Excellent Assembly

According to the Artisan bylaw which states that candidates for offices must provide ninety days written notice to the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, the following will be unopposed at the 134th Most Excellent Assembly Session:

For Most Excellent Master Artisan: David Szafrean

For Most Excellent Superintendent: Patrick Ennis

For Most Excellent Inspector: Barry Spindler

Board of Directors: Ronald W. Davis

Board of Directors: Thomas A. DiLauro

Board of Directors: Theresa Ludwig

Board of Directors: James Walls

VOICE OF THE GAVEL

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Well this will be my last letter. My time has come to an end and it has been a great six years. I just want to thank my M.E. Family for all their support, all my fellow Artisans and the office staff. Without everyones support I could not have done anything. Remember to give Dave all the support you have given me.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and hope to see everyone at the session.

Fraternally yours,
Theresa Ludwig
Most Excellent Master Artisan

Haddon Assembly members sporting their new Artisan Shirts at the Most Excellent Assembly visitation

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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 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 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

JANUARY

1	Happy New Year

FEBRUARY

6	134th Most Excellent Assembly Session
14	Valentines Day
15	Presidents Day

MARCH

3	M.E. Visitation to Key stone/Fox Chase
17	St. Patrick's Day
19	Lunch w/ Easter Bunny
27	Happy Easter

APRIL

1	April Fools Day

MAY

4	M.E. visitation to Phila delphia No. 1
8	Mother's Day

JUNE

8	M.E. Visitation to Red Rose No. 22
10 - 12	Ocean City Weekend
14	M. E. Visitation to Dela ware County No. 31

HELLO JUNIORS

Dear Juniors,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. This will be my last letter as Junior Activity Chairman. Looking back, we Had gret success with what we did and as we go forward, things can only get better. Some of the highlights were Brunch with Santa, Disney on Ice, Lunch with the Easter Bunny and the Halloween Party. The first activity this year will be Lunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 19th at Neshaminy State Park at Noon and it's Free. Remember June 11—12 is our annual Ocean City Weekend. I would like to wish my successor, Pat Ennis good luck as he takes over. Hope to see everyone soon.

Dave Szafran, Chairman

2015 ANNUAL ARTISAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S ASSEMBLY

Photographs courtesy of Tony Kazlouski, St. John's No. 28

2015 Annual Halloween Party

Sponsored by Keystone Assembly

American Legion Post 120

This is part of an article from the American Legion magazine.

Personal Finance:

There's no such thing as a dumb question. I've heard that claim and made it myself. Now I'm rethinking it. Part of my daily routine is to answer financial questions and over the years I've received ones that has me scouring IRS publications. Here are a few that I'll endeavor to head off that are obvious.

"Should I co-sign a loan for my girlfriend or boyfriend?"

NO. Just say no, unless you're willing to grin and bear it when things take a turn for the worse.

"Should I participate in my retirement plan at work?"

Yes. Just check out the latest retirement confidence survey by employee benefit research institute: 57% of U.S. workers have set aside less than $25,000 for retirement. And guess what? There's a pretty good chance that if you say yes to the company plan, you'll be rewarded with some sort of company match. Sign up today.

"Should I lend money to friends and family?"

Not if you have an expectation of payback. Even so, this is something my wife and I have done. Do it with a gifting heart, and if you get repaid, consider it a bonus.

The American Legion Post 120 meets at the Artisan Hall every other month starting in January. If you are a vet and would like more information about joining the Post contact Joe Gladen at 215-673-3604.

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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 2016 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, 2016. **The Program begins December 1, 2015**.

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.

DO IT ANYWAY

By Mother Teresa

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

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 ofAAA at 215-671-1700 x 71715.

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