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President

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Acting Executive Director - Secretary

Meeting Notice

The next Western Meeting will be:

July 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Arnold VFC #2
Westmoreland County
Physical Address:
1100 Drey Street
Arnold, PA 15501

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike take Exit 48 Allegheny Valley. Take Rt. 28 North to Exit 14 and follow PA 366 East towards Tarentum. Cross the bridge and follow through three lights to the Taco Bell. Make a right onto Freeport Road. Go two more lights to Drey Street and make a right. Follow Drey Street down the hill and the Club Building will be on your left at Woodmont Avenue.

Thomas Shank Named Acting Executive Director-Secretary

At the May regular meeting, Executive Director-Secretary J.C. Tedorski resigned his office after a 34 year tenure. His resignation came as a result of his appointment by Governor Shapiro to the position of Deputy Fire Commissioner for the Commonwealth.

The body at the meeting voted to appoint Thomas Shank of New Kensington as the Acting Executive Director-Secretary of the association until the convention in August. This appointment was approved by motion across the floor after Tedorski strongly endorsed Shank's appointment.

Tedorski pointed out that Shank has been working with him in the office for several years and understands the day-to-day operations of the office, including dues collection, card issuance, death claim processing, book sales, trade show booth staffing, and many other details.

Shank will stand for nomination and election during the annual elections held at the convention in August.

Schedule for Annual Convention In Arnold Announced

Included in this edition of *The Western Gazette* is the official schedule of convention activities for the year. Please review this schedule, as it contains important information about the events and schedule for the weekend. Please note that the convention is occurring from August 3 to 7, 2023, and the business meetings and election are being held on Friday, August 4. Elections will be held for two hours beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday.

The Battle of the Barrel and Parade will occur on Saturday, August 5. The banquet and awards ceremony will also take place Sunday evening, August 6.

Battle of the Barrel Registration

Registration for the annual Battle of the Barrel Contest is included with this edition of *The Western Gazette*. The deadline for registration is July 31, 2023.

Golf Outing Information

The Golf Outing will occur on Friday, August 4 at The Links at Spring Church. Contact Chris O'Leath at 724-882-0762 or aveco2golf@gmail.com for registration information.

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2023 Convention Schedule Information

Thursday:

6pm Hi Hatters @ Arnold No. 2 Club, 1100 Drey Street

Friday:

9 a.m. Golf Outing (The Links at Spring Church)

9 a.m. Opening Meeting location TBA

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. elections open location TBA

2 p.m. Annual Business Meeting location TBA

Saturday:

9 a.m. Battle of Barrel at corner of Drey Street and Fifth Avenue

12 noon to 3 p.m. Parade judging at Valley High School

6 p.m. Parade (lineup information provided at judging)

Sunday:

11 a.m. Old Timers luncheon @ Arnold No. 2 Club, 1100 Drey Street

2 p.m. Memorial Services (Calvary Lutheran Church, 1721 Victoria Avenue)

6 p.m. Awards Banquet @ St. Vladimir Social Hall, 1610 Kenneth Avenue, Arnold

Monday:

10 a.m. Reorganization meeting @ Arnold No. 2 Club, 1100 Drey Street

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