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REUNION NEWS!

This years reunion will be held at York, PA, Sept . 16 thru 18. We will stay at the Yorktowne Hotel, 48 E. Market St., York, PA , which is in the center of town. The room rate we have negotiated is \$86.00/day. You must make your own reservations by calling them at: (717)848-1111 and requesting a room for the Rudisill Reunion .

All rooms are the same price, although there will be a surcharge of \$12.00 per person if there are over two persons in the room.

Check in time is 3:00 PM.

Festivities start with a welcome party at the hotel from 4 PM until 7 PM. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Dinner will be on your own in town.

On Friday morning we will depart at 9:00 AM sharp for an all day excursion to Lancaster. First on the agenda will be the dedication of the restored Rudisill Cemetery originated by Philipp Heinrich Rudisile, our first immigrant to America. Cousin Bill Rudasill has spent many a month to determine who owned the property (it was originally on Philipp Heinrich's property, then part of the

Lancaster Water Works and later acquired by the State of Pennsylvania as part of a road right of way). Bill then had to use full diplomacy to get the Highway Department to take responsibility to locate the exact area of the gravesites and then fence the area. We are now guaranteed perpetual access to the cemetery and in turn we will maintain it.

We will dedicate a bronze plaque listing the names of the known ancestors buried there and the names of those that we believe also to be buried there.

From the dedication, we will go to the East of Eden Restaurant for a real German meal of your choice from several selections made by Pastor Fred Weiser.

Cousin Jerry Dietz will then take charge of the bus tour of a number of Rudisill homesteads and other sites of interest in the county. The tour will wind its way to St. Matthews Church in Hanover where Nancy and Abe Roan will prepare a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch dinner for us. Don't expect to lose weight this week; better to diet before the trip and arrive starved!

After dinner, we will have our annual meeting conducted by our President Rudi Rudisill before bussing back to York.

Saturday, will be a series of two walking tours in downtown York. Highlights of this tour which will be escorted by a York docent include the Gates House, the Plough Tavern, the restored Colonial Court House and the Genealogical Museum.

Returning to the hotel, we will regroup and carpool to Pastor Fred Weiser's delightful home in New Oxford for a catered picnic on his property. If you have never seen his fabulous collection of hundreds of German carved figures, don't miss this opportunity.

After lunch, we will return to the Yorktowne and you will have the rest of the afternoon for shopping, genealogy research, getting to know your cousins or resting up for the evening.

Our finale will be to attend the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater where we will see the show "Gypsy" , the true story of Gypsy Rose Lee, who made strip tease into an art form.

Sunday morning offers church services at the Christ Lutheran Church of York, where our ancestors worshiped 250 years ago and where many were buried.

Make your reservations NOW!

About 100 Rudisill individuals or families who live in the York area but are not now members of our association are being sent this newsletter with an invitation to attend.

T H E R U D I S I L L ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL

In response to our invitation to submit data for a membership directory, about 50 out of 300 families or individuals answered with the response form supplied with the last newsletter.

This directory is available via your e-mail by requesting it from Ted Rudisill. The file is a Word Perfect document about 8 pages, which can be converted to a Microsoft Word or similar processor document.

This directory is easily appended to add more families. Just send me the names of you, your spouse and children, your snail mail address, and the following optional info: telephone numbers (2 max), e-mail address, Rudisill ancestors, occupation, college or other affiliations, hobbies or special interests.

For privacy reasons, you are requested not to disseminate this directory beyond the family.

NO MARCH NEWSLETTER

Information was not available about the 2004 Reunion, and since there was not much other news, this edition never made it to the post office in March, April or May, so if you were wondering.....

THE LAST RITES

Notes from our Chaplain,
Father John Rudisill.

Two most intensely demanding ministrations of a priest are the last rites and the burial of the dead. It is the first of these that I write now.

The last rites consist of prayer and the administration of the sacraments. Sometimes, not always, the place may be in the intensive care section of the hospital with life-support tubes and various other equipment surrounding the patient who may be unconscious or unable to talk.

“Wash (first name) in the blood of the Immaculate Lamb slain to take away the sins...that whatsoever defilements have been contracted through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan being PURGED and done away...may be presented pure and without spot before Thee...through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then, if possible, the Blessed Sacrament of Communion.

Then... “Loose the spirit of thy servant from every bond.. set (him or her) free from all evil... that he (her) may rest with all thy saints... thru Jesus Christ.”

Then...the Absolution said by the priest, “Almighty and merciful Lord, grant thee pardon and remission of all thy sins.”

Then.. the anointing or Holy Unction.. ‘In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.. the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, all pain and sickness being put away in flight

the blessing of health restored unto thee...

To sum this up, the last rites are a blessing.....If the end has truly come, the person is as prepared as possible..... If in God’s mercy the end has not come.....a new chapter in life is at hand! Either way, it is a blessing!

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

All it takes for a clear conscience is a fuzzy memory.

Two disillusioned college presidents were discussing what they would do if they had their lives to do over.

“I think I’d like to run an orphanage,” said one. “No parents to contend with.”

“I’d rather run a penitentiary,” said the other. “No alumni pressure groups.”

The biggest mistake you can make is to believe that you are working for someone else.

Raising children is just a matter of timing: Enjoy your kids when they’re on your side.

Life is strange, you can skate on thin ice and land in hot water.

DUES ARE DUE!!

**IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN,
DON’T FORGET TO SEND
IN YOUR \$10.00 TO KEEP
THOSE NEWSLETTERS
COMING, MAINTAIN OUR
WEBSITE AND HELP
FINANCE OUR VARIOUS
PROJECTS.**