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No. 137
Fall 2024

P.O. Box 621320 • Cincinnati, OH 45262-1320

Fall Seminar 2024 Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Frankfort (Millville) KY
Castle & Key Distillery

4445 McCracken Pike - Frankfort, KY 40601

6 Hours have been approved in OH & KY.
Cost is \$135 Members and \$185 Non Members (Includes Dues)

DAY AT A GLANCE

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| 8 – 8:45 | Registration & Coffee |
| 9 – 11 | DOMINICK ASTORINO – <i>Defending the truth: Embalming, Social Media and Bias</i> |
| 11 – 12 | DAVID HICKS – <i>Early Preservatives and Ties to Distilling</i> |
| 12 – 1 | Lunch |
| 1 – 2 | DAVID HICKS – <i>Early Preservatives and Ties to Distilling</i> |
| 2 – 4 | DON FERFOLIA – <i>Keeping the Prep room out of the Court room</i> |

ACCOMMODATIONS

Home 2 Suites by Hilton Frankfort
105 Allen Way - Frankfort, KY 40601
\$134 per night. 502.234.2450

Cut out and return with payment registration form

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,
As we have whisked past the 4th of July Holiday already, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable, safe summer so far. Labor Day weekend will be upon us before we know it along with the beginning of fall. With that said, OEA has a great day of programming scheduled for our fall meeting coming up in September at Castle and Key Distillery. What a nice place to pick up some CEU's and sample some fine spirits. We look forward to seeing everyone there. To quote William Faulkner,
"There is no such thing as a bad whisky. Some whiskies just happen to be better than others."

Best regards,
Woody Wilson
Wilson Funeral Homes

OTHER NEWS

This event will count for Ohio and Kentucky. OEA is planning one more seminar to wrap up the compliance period in Ohio. The date is slated for November 13 at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, OH. Keep a copy of all your certificates in the event you are audited by the Board of Embalmers. We hope to have the dates and locations for 2025 soon. Check the website for dates and locations. www.ohemb.com. Email oea@OhioEmbalmersAssociation@gmail.com or snail mail: PO Box 1320, Cincinnati OH 45262-1320.

DIRECTIONS

Take Exit #58 off I-64.
Head South on US60 and pretty soon after turn Right onto KY SR1681 at the Shell Station. Proceed on 1681 until it ends and turn right on KY SR1659.
Castle & Key is on the left a ½ mile down the road.
4445 McCracken Pike • Frankfort KY, 40601

TOPICS

DEFENDING THE TRUTH: EMBALMING, SOCIAL MEDIA & BIAS

In an age of YouTube and Instagram morticians and media bias, where does the funeral profession and the public get their information about embalming? How do we know what is true and what is biased agenda? This lecture uses well researched facts, data and science to address some of the hardest issues our profession faces today and will answer questions such as “is formaldehyde harmful to the embalmer?” , “are dead bodies dangerous without embalming?” and “isn’t embalming bad for the environment?”.

EARLY PRESERVATIVE METHODS, DAVID G. HICKS

Hicks discusses the challenges with which early anatomists were faced as it pertained to holding cadavers for teaching purposes. Many times, the body was too decomposed to handle or learn useful anatomy. As a result, early anatomist, like John Hunter, developed what could be considered early arterial embalming techniques and preservatives. Commonly used methods and materials are discussed through this lecture along with pertinent accomplishments in John Hunters life as they relate to embalming and science. Woven into the talk are fun facts about distilling and the funerals of two famous Bourbon Barons, Col., E. H. Taylor and Jas E. Pepper. In 2010 Hicks embalmed a cadaver using alcohol. The case was documented with photos.

2hrs

KEEPING THE PREP ROOM OUT OF THE COURT ROOM -DON FERFOLIA

will provide some insight on ways to keep your firm out of court. Use of forms, case reports, scenarios, and real case studies make this an outstanding lecture to attend. **2hrs**



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MEET THE SPEAKERS

DOMINICK J. ASTORINO holds degrees in cellular biology, mortuary science, and forensic medicine; he is on faculty at the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago and Wayne State University in Detroit, where he teaches courses in embalming, restorative art, and pathology.

His work in the field of restorative art and embalming is highlighted by publications as well as frequent invitations to present lectures across North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. Dominick believes in the power of education and the global value that viewing the dead offers to society. Because of this core belief he has worked to improve the standards of care not just in the United States but also in places such as Kenya, Trinidad, Hong Kong, and South Africa. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Michigan and Illinois, has sat on the restorative art curriculum review committee for the American Board of Funeral Service Education, and offers expert witness testimony in legal proceedings related to mortuary science.

Dominick is fully committed to elevating educational standards and fostering a deeper understanding of restorative art, especially as it correlates to embalming and forensic medicine. He is the author of the textbook *Postmortem Restorative Art: Principles, Methods & Applications*, which has been described as a seminal work in the field of mortuary science. This textbook reflects over 20 years of research and practical experience aiming to provide an accessible yet thorough examination of restorative art.

DAVID G. HICKS - has been in funeral service for over 30 years. He is the Sales Director for The Wilbert Group – Great Lakes Region. Licensed in Ohio and Kentucky, he worked 10 years as a funeral director embalmer at two Cincinnati funeral homes. In 2002 David moved into the classroom where he spent 9 years teaching mortuary science. Hicks started with Pierce Chemical in 2011 as a sales representative. At Pierce Chemical, Hicks is able to draw on his experience in the field and classroom to educate, train and solve problems today’s embalmer and funeral director face. Hicks has earned the respect and friendship of clients all over the US and abroad. His skills in embalming and restorative art make him highly sought after for consultation and continuing education and training.

DONALD B. FERFOLIA, JR., J.D., CFSP – Don is a fourth-generation funeral director involved with his family’s funeral firm in the Southeast Cleveland area. In addition to being a funeral director he is an attorney who is a principal with the law firm of Donald B. Ferfolia, Jr., LTD, located in Brecksville, Ohio. The combination of law, funeral service, and family business experiences have provided Don with a unique skill set that enables him to assist clients in solving many different types of problems. He enjoys helping firms deal with the daily challenges of running a closely held business including regulatory compliance, proactively managing accounts receivable issues and succession planning. Don can be reached at 440-249-4655 or don@ferfolialaw.net.

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