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Transforming Death Care Education – 2017 GALA

CINCINNATI, OH— Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) hosted the "Transforming Death Care Education" GALA on November 18th in Cincinnati,

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(L to R) Robert L. Shank, Sr., CFSP, past president of OFDA and NFDA; Ken Cahall, president of NFDA and Dwayne Spence, past president of OFDA and NFDA. All Three honorees are CCMS alumni.



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QUEEN VICTORIA SOUP *Fannie Farmer Cookbook (early edition)*

1 Tbsp butter
1 Tbsp finely chopped onion

Cook slowly in a deep pan until the onion is yellow then add:

1/3 cup chopped mushrooms
1 cup diced celery

Cook 10 minutes and add:

4 cups chicken broth
1 Tbsp Quick tapioca
1/2 cup diced cooked chicken
1/2 cup diced cooked ham
Sage, nutmeg and onion salt to taste

Cook 20 minutes and then add:

2 hardboiled eggs, finely chopped
1 or 2 cups cream (or evaporated milk)

Heat and serve in large bowls and garnish with chopped parsley.

To simplify: Use a can of mushroom soup in place of the mushrooms and cream and canned luncheon meat in place of ham.

Good Eating!

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Over 300 alumni and friends gathered for an amazing evening at Paul Brown (Bengals) Stadium's East Lounge, to honor Cahall and support the college's Transforming Death Care Education initiative. Guests enjoyed a spectacular view of the Queen City skyline through the venue's 62-foot floor to ceiling window overlooking the banks of the Ohio River. By all accounts, the evening was one of the death care profession's social events of the year. Death care professionals from across the country gathered for an evening of great food, fund raising, silent auctions, socializing, and of course renewing relationships with classmates, friends, and supporters of this historical college.

Jack E. Lechner, Jr., CCMS president and CEO presented Cahall with a framed United States Flag and certificate documenting that it was flown over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at **Arlington National Cemetery** on September 11, 2017, in honor of Ken's years of service and leadership to his community, church, and profession. Cahall was also presented with a Proclamation issued by the Honorable John Cranley, Mayor, City of Cincinnati, declaring November 18, 2017 "Kenneth A. Cahall Day in Cincinnati, Ohio".

Lechner said "Ken is an exemplary death care professional. His service and leadership to the community, church, and profession serve as a professional benchmark for every CCMS graduate." Cahall is the 12th CCMS alumnus to be installed as president of NFDA. In addition to honoring Ken, CCMS paid tribute to three of Ohio's living past NFDA presidents – **Robert L. Shank, Sr., CFSP**; **Dwayne R. Spence, CFSP**; and **William C. Wappner, CFSP** – all CCMS alumnus. "We

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are proud of our graduates and the history of demonstrated leadership at the local and national level within the death care profession" said Lechner.

"In addition to honoring Cahall, CCMS, the oldest mortuary college in the nation, unveiled its plans for Transforming Death Care Education by highlighting the college's shift to secure and cement its position as the undisputed leader and premiere death care education provider in the United States," said Lechner. Central to the Transforming Death Care Education initiative is the establishment of an Educational Cremation Center on the CCMS campus.

"When I started in funeral service the national cremation rate was 5.69 percent, in 2016 the national cremation rate reached 50 percent and is projected to keep growing. There are 22 states that require some form of cremation certification. We at CCMS believe it is time that a regionally and professionally accredited, degree granting, death care educational institution provide the highest quality education and training within a campus-based crematory, offering assurance that death care practitioners receive the education and training required to become technically and ethically grounded cremationists," said Lechner.

The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science was established in 1882. "We're not the best because we are the oldest, we are the oldest because we are the best," said Lechner. "We are continually adapting to best satisfy the educational needs of death care professionals, not only for those students training to enter our profession but for the lifelong education for practitioners."

The GALA re-invigorated an already proud CCMS alumni base, confirming that CCMS is back, better than ever, and on a trajectory to transform death care education in the United States.

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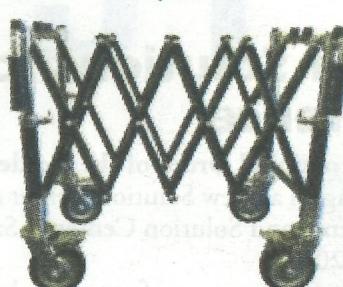
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