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The cover features the Best of Contest entry in the 2025 CSA Photo Contest. Congratulations to David DiBianca of Lodge Paramount Southgate No. 372. See pages 14-22 for additional winning entries and a list of all participants.



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## Membership Matters

# Many Changes for the Good in 2025

Brothers and Sisters.

On behalf of my wife Lynette and the entire CSA / BetterLife family, I want to extend warm wishes for a joyful holiday season and a Merry Christmas to each of you! As I write this in mid-November, we're in the middle of a bit of a cold and snowy spell in the Chicago area. Hopefully, that's not too much of an indication of a rough winter ahead for us!

As we know, 2025 was quite a busy year for CSA. Way back in January, we announced that we'd be merging with BetterLife. Fast forward to now, and here we are...a completed merger process that will benefit both entities. CSA membership will now have a much more secure financial backing supporting your assets, and a Fraternal area that will continue on with the CSA history, brand, and lodge system. Yes, definitely some change, but changes for the good.

One of the highlights of the year was our 2025 Get-Together in Cleveland.

The GTG Committee, headed up by District Council No. 10, did a wonderful job...much thanks to them.

Congratulations to our National Miss CSA, Cassidy Payer, who was crowned in Cleveland, and congratulations additionally to Annmarie Antos, our Fraternalist of the Year.

Be on the lookout in the weeks and months ahead for information on our next Get-Together, which is planned for next August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As always, you'll want to be there!

Once again, happy holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone out there.

Be safe and stay warm!

Until next month...

John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1, 2025 – DEADLINE CSA Matching Funds Requests

December 24-25, 2025 Home Office Closed Christmas Holiday

December 31, 2025 Home Office Closed New Year's Eve

January 1, 2026 Home Office Closed New Year's Day





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# Today's Fraternal

## Thank You, Youth Members

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you, youth members, for participating in this year's Bowl-O-Rama. Your talent, enthusiasm, and willingness to jump in and have fun truly strengthen our community. I hope everyone enjoyed their game and the time spent together. Bowling scores will be posted in the January *Journal*.

I also want to offer a special thank-you to everyone who took part in our photo contest. Your creativity and effort really shone through. The photos you submitted were inspiring, meaningful, and an excellent reflection of the spirit you all bring to our group.

It's hard to believe the year is already almost over. As I look back on everything we've shared—events, accomplishments, and memories—I hope each of you finds time during the holiday season to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. We've achieved so much together, and you should feel proud of all we've done as a community.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for everything the New Year will bring. Our new Fraternal calendar will be posted at the start of the year, and we have many great things planned. I'm genuinely grateful for this community, and I look forward to another year filled with growth, fun, and connection with all of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!



Fraternally, Kelly Deegan Fraternal Programs Manager Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409

### Journal Themes for 2026

**January** – Junior Bowl-O-Rama Scores

February - Presidents' Day

March - Happy Birthday, CSA

**April** – Get Ready for the Get-Together

May – Join Hands Day

June – Flag Day

July/August – Independence Day

**September** – Annual Get-Together

October - Lodge Recognition Program

November – Honoring Those Who Served

**December** – Photo Contest Winners



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# Miss National CSA

# Volunteer and Spread Positivity

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

The month of November has been one of my favorite times of the year. Maybe because my birthday and Thanksgiving are in the same week. On November 18, it was my 20th birthday. I am getting out of the teenager stage which feels weirder and weirder every year. I am thankful for my birthday to be around the holiday season, especially Thanksgiving, because I always enjoy feeling love, comfort, and joy around the holidays and what a better time to experience this besides your birthday. As a kid, I would think about my birthday as a party and what I wanted to do on my birthday. This year, I knew I wanted to help. I wanted to volunteer and go help others in need for my birthday. There is so much hurt in the world that each person who makes a little change is someone who can make a big difference.

One of my favorite things coming into the winter season is the holidays and amount of time which families will be spending together. I truly believe this is a time when my family puts all differences and little bickers aside and everyone is 100 percent present for each other.

While going through this experience of traveling and meeting so many people, I have really valued family and the aspect of community. Having a healthy and supportive community has been something that I couldn't be more grateful for.

The last festival I went to was in Richmond, Virginia, and I had one of the best times I have ever had. This festival emphasized community, family and tradition and everywhere you turned you could visually see the connection between everyone and families.

During my last festival, I couldn't help myself but to be distracted by the baked goods tents almost the entire time. By the end of the festival, I had a couple to-go containers filled with pastries, which I then later on ended up packing into my suitcase nice and tight to take home.

My entire family was baffled at the sight of me opening my suitcase on the kitchen floor and having a huge, two foot long container of pastries burrowing into my clothes.

My parents and siblings have been incredibly supportive throughout this whole process. My parents really want me to get this full experience and take meaningful lessons from it.

I have found myself wanting to try new things and began volunteering at stuff outside of this organization. I want to begin volunteering at the animal shelter, with more service dogs, as I had a blast.

I have been mainly volunteering around the holidays as this is the time when people need each other the most. My heart goes out to anyone having a rough time in the holiday season and I want to go out and help those in need and be able to share positivity in the holiday season.

I am super excited for future festivals to come and to see what sort of volunteering activities will open up.

As everyone is around loved ones for the holidays, it is important to be patient and understanding with each other. Everyone goes through different struggles, which not everyone shares. Sometimes, all someone needs is a little encouragement.

The holidays are for spreading positivity and kindness, you never know whose day you might flip around. I have been grateful, blessed and incredibly happy after being able to attend these past festivals and being able to express the heritage and culture which we all value.

I hope there are many more events and volunteering opportunities to come and I wish everyone an amazing holiday season filled with joy and comfort.

Fraternally, Cassidy Payer Miss National CSA 2025-2026



## Reduce, Reuse, Rejoice: Five Holiday Hacks for Eco-Friendly Celebrations

(Family Features) Holiday celebrations bring joy, laughter and lasting memories – but they can also leave behind a sleigh full of waste. From food scraps and empty bottles to wrapping paper and decorations, the season can leave your home full of items that could be reused or recycled.

In fact, household waste increases nearly 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, according to survey results from the Center for Biological Diversity. That's a lot of leftovers, garland and glass that could be kept out of landfills.

To help you cut down on trash and embrace a joyful, lesswaste holiday season, the experts at CalRecycle offer these five holiday hacks to help you save cash and protect the planet.

#### 1. Plan Meals to Waste Less and Save More

Shop your pantry first to avoid buying what you already have.

Buy only what you need and prepare recipes based on guest count.

Choose local ingredients from sources like farmers markets that minimize packaging.

Send guests home with leftovers in reusable containers or freeze extras for future meals.

#### 2. Recycle Food Scraps

Not all food can be saved, but it doesn't have to go in the trash. Compost fruit and vegetable trimmings, eggshells, coffee grounds and plate scrapings.

Trashed food makes climate pollution in landfills. Recycle it in your green composting bin instead, if your community offers that option. Set out a clearly labeled "food scraps" bin next to your trash, as well as a recycling bin for bottles, cans and other containers so everyone can participate.

#### 3. Eat, Drink and Be Eco-Friendly

Use reusable plates, cups and utensils instead of disposable options.

Decorate with items you can use year after year or make compostable decor from natural materials. Collect empty wine, liquor, juice or other eligible containers and recycle them or cash them in, if available.

Serve water in reusable pitchers or carafes instead of single-use plastic bottles.

#### 4. Give Greener Gifts

Choose experiences over stuff, like tickets to events, museum or club memberships, registrations for classes or shared adventures.

Wrap gifts in fabric, scarves or reusable tins. Or use recyclable paper without glitter or foil.

Personalize presents with homemade crafts, baked goods or services that reduce packaging.

Prioritize gifts from local and sustainable businesses that are committed to ethical sourcing, minimal packaging and recycled materials.

#### 5. Sort Holiday Waste the Right Way

After the celebrations, check local recycling rules for how to properly dispose of:

- o Batteries
- o Holiday lights
- o Christmas trees

Drop off eligible beverage containers, such as wine and spirit containers, at your nearest recycling site for cash back, if available.

Donate unwanted gifts or gently used holiday items to local charities or thrift stores.

Make this season joyful and sustainable by finding more tips and recycling locations near you.



# Three Ways You Can Help Tackle Hunger and Strengthen Communities This Holiday Season

(Family Features) The holiday season is often a time of joy, connection and celebration. For millions of families across the country, however, it is also a season of uncertainty, wondering how to put food on the table or meet other essential needs. According to the USDA, more than 47.4 million people in the United States experience food insecurity each year.

That's why, each holiday season, thousands of Charles Schwab employees come together to fight hunger and strengthen the communities where they live and work. Through employee meal-packing events and nonprofit grants, volunteers and partners help families access nutritious meals and vital support during the holidays and beyond.

"As we gather with loved ones this season, it's important to remember that not all of our neighbors have that security," said Kristine Dixon, managing director of Charles Schwab Community Affairs. "By working side-by-side with local hunger relief organizations, we're helping ensure more families can share in the joy of a holiday meal and the peace of knowing they are supported."

As you prepare for the holidays, here are a few ways you can help address hunger relief and support your neighbors.

#### **Donate to a Local Food Bank**

Food banks and pantries are at the heart of efforts to make nutritious food accessible for all. Inflation and rising costs of living have stretched budgets thin, making it harder for families to afford groceries. Nonperishable donations such as canned goods, pasta and rice are always in high demand. Monetary donations often go even further, giving food banks the ability to purchase exactly what is needed most.

#### **Volunteer Your Time**

The gift of time is just as valuable as food donations. Food banks and hunger relief nonprofits rely on volunteers to sort, pack and distribute meals. Even a few hours can make a meaningful difference, adding up to thousands of volunteer hours to help nonprofits meet urgent needs during the holiday season and year-round.

#### **Support Community Partnerships**

No single organization can solve hunger alone. Collective action from neighbors, companies, nonprofits and others is what creates lasting impact. This year, Schwab employees will join forces with partners like Harvest Pack to pack more than one million nutritious meals for families across the country. Supporting these types of efforts, whether through donations, volunteering or spreading awareness, can expand the impact.

Hunger is about more than food; it's about stability and opportunity. By giving, volunteering and partnering with organizations that serve families in need, you can make the holiday season brighter for millions of Americans.

Learn more at aboutschwab.com/season-of-giving.



## Tips for Parents to Minimize Stress and Maximize Joy During the Holidays

(Family Features) Stress and parenting go hand in hand, but during the holiday season, many parents find their stress levels rising to new heights. Between coordinating schedules, shopping, traveling and managing children's expectations – plus the disruption to the school routine that everyone had finally settled into – the season can feel more like mayhem than merry.

However, by thoughtfully planning and implementing a few practical strategies, parents can protect their well-being and support their families. Early childhood experts from The Goddard School share guidance to help parents stay grounded and make the most of their meaningful family moments this holiday season.

#### **Clarify Priorities**

One of the most empowering steps is to decide in advance what truly matters to your family. Consider:

Which traditions or gatherings are nonnegotiable?

Are there holiday events you can skip this year without regret?

What obligations are you taking on out of habit rather than genuine desire?

By reducing the number of "must-do" activities, you can avoid overextending your family. It's OK to decline invitations when your calendar is already full.

#### Establish a Budget

Holiday spending can weigh heavily on your mind. Create a family holiday budget that includes gifts and activities, then stick to it. Use the opportunity to teach your children about responsible spending and gratitude. Remember, the most meaningful gifts are often those made with time, attention or creativity, not the highest price tag.

#### **Set Boundaries**

Stress often arises when family dynamics, expectations or traditions clash. You can reduce this by setting boundaries and communicating them early. Speak openly with the relatives and friends you'll see about what's comfortable for your family and what isn't (e.g., physical space, travel, topics to avoid). Let your children know what to expect, as the lack of routine during this time can be particularly challenging. Modeling clear boundaries helps your children learn to express their own needs, too.

#### **Prioritize Your Physical and Emotional Health**

Amid the hustle, your own basic care often slips, but your well-being is key to being present for others. Consider establishing routines, such as:

Sleep:

Aim for 7-8 hours per night whenever possible.

Nutrition:

Keep healthy staples in the mix, even if treats abound.

Movement:

A short walk, stretch breaks or gentle exercise may help reset your nervous system. Stepping outside can be especially helpful.

Also, if illness strikes, listen to your body and give yourself permission to pause. Pushing through tends to backfire.

#### Design a Stress Rescue Plan

Even the best-laid plans don't prevent tension or unexpected emotional triggers. Anticipate stress by creating fallback strategies. For example, plan to use a playlist, a quick breathing exercise or a sensory object to help you regroup when your stress escalates. These strategies work for children as well.

If you're worried about unwanted questions – such as a family member asking about politics or your plans to have another child – rehearse your response in advance with a friend. When these stressful moments arise, having a toolkit gives you a sense of control.

#### **Unplug and Be Present**

Screens are omnipresent. While they serve a purpose, they can be an unwelcome distraction, especially when you're spending time with loved ones you don't get to see often. Try to designate screen-free times, such as during meals, after dinner or when gifts are being exchanged. Use screens intentionally, such as video calling out-of-town family members, rather than passively scrolling. Focus on in-person connection by playing games, telling stories, making crafts or taking walks. Remember to lead by example, as your children are watching. Being fully present at key moments is the one gift your family will remember above all else.

As the holidays approach, the pressure to do it all can loom large. By clarifying priorities, setting boundaries and safe-guarding your health, you can minimize stress and maximize joy. That said, even with careful planning, things can go off course, and that's OK. Practice self-compassion and allow for imperfections. Enjoy every laugh, surprise and even the occasional moment of calm.

For more parenting guidance and insights, including a blog and webinar series, visit the Parent Resource Center at GoddardSchool.com.

## Savor the Season with Fresh, Roasted Pork

(Family Features) If this year's holiday menu is in need of an upgrade, look no further than the main course. A twist on tradition may be all that's necessary to take seasonal meals up a level for a fresh way to savor the season and celebration.

Pork can become your family's new festive favorite with this showstopping Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin Roast at the center of the feast. Fragrant stuffing made from aromatic veggies, bread, sage, rosemary and apples turns a simple pork loin into a dazzling dish that's sure to wow loved ones.

A delicious, extravagant way to upgrade your family's main course this season, you just might've found a new favorite way to ring in the holidays with a tender, juicy, effortlessly sliced roast.

Find more holiday recipe ideas by visiting ColemanNatural.com.



Prep time: 40 minutes Cook time: 95 minutes

Servings: 6

1 boneless pork roast (3-4 pounds)

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup diced celery

1/2 cup diced carrots

1/2 cup diced onions

2 large eggs

1/2 cup milk

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

1 tablespoon fresh sage

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary

2 cups cubed fresh bread, crust removed

1 apple, diced

gravy, for serving



Preheat oven to 375 F.

Butterfly roast.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil and butter. Add celery, carrots and onions; cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

While vegetables are cooking, whisk eggs; milk; salt, to taste; and pepper, to taste, until well combined. Mince sage and rosemary.

In large bowl, combine bread, vegetable mixture, liquid ingredients, apples, sage and rosemary. Gently toss until bread absorbs most of the liquid.

Cut three pieces of butcher's twine about 4 inches longer than the longest side of butterflied roast. Lay string on cutting board horizontally and lay roast on top of string to cover.

Place half of the stuffing mixture onto butterflied pork loin and press down firmly. Roll roast up and tie with butcher's twine to hold it together, taking care not to tie too tightly, and press any stuffing that comes loose back into ends of roast.

Place stuffed and tied roast, fat cap up, on rack over baking sheet. Season liberally with salt and pepper; roast until meat thermometer inserted into roast registers 140 F, 75-90 minutes.

Place remaining stuffing in a small ovenproof casserole dish and cover with foil. After roasting 30 minutes, place extra stuffing in oven to cook alongside roast.

Remove foil from extra stuffing and remove roast from oven. Let rest for 10 minutes then remove the extra stuffing from oven.

Source: Coleman Natural Foods

## Creamy Dessert with Classic Pumpkin Flavor

(Family Features) If there's one food item that brings everyone together more than most during the holidays, it's warm, delicious desserts. From classics like pumpkin pies and cookies to extravagant dishes like souffles, loved ones can savor the flavor of sweet treats at the dessert table all season long.

This much-loved version of pumpkin pie is a delicious take on a traditional dessert that's perfect for any time of year. Even if you've never baked a pie, this easy rendition makes it a cinch to share with your nearest and dearest.

It's made with pure pumpkin, which is more than just a seasonal product. You can enjoy it as a go-to for smooth, pure pumpkin in baked goods, chilis, savory dishes or morning smoothies as a wholesome boost full of pumpkin flavor.

Find more inspiration for holiday baking and beyond by visiting greengiantvegetables.com.

#### **Pumpkin Pie**

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 50-55 minutes

Servings: 8

1 pie crust (store-bought or homemade) at room temperature

3 large eggs

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/3 cup light brown sugar

1 can (15 ounces) pure pumpkin

3/4 cup heavy whipping cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon salt

Roll out dough to 2 inches larger than pie dish. Gently press dough into dish until it lines bottom and sides. Trim dough to within 1/2 inch of dish edge. Fold edges underneath themselves, creating thick 1/4-inch border. Crimp edges with fingers. Refrigerate. Preheat oven to 375 F.

In large bowl, whisk eggs and sugars until smooth. Add pumpkin, cream, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Stir until well blended.

Slowly pour filling into pie shell. Cover edges with thin strips of aluminum foil. Bake 25 minutes. Remove foil. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

Source: Green Giant Pumpkin



## Meet and Greet BetterLife

Lodge DuPage Pioneers No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – President Linda Burton called our meeting to order with the Pledge at 11:11 a.m. Thirteen members attended in addition to Barb Deig from Lodge Brookfield; Ken Dvorsky, President of DC No. 12; and Chris Campbell and Jake Manne from BetterLife.

As is our custom, President Linda held a Memorial Service for deceased members from this year and the recent past. A lovely poem was read accompanied by Dvorak's 9th Symphony, "Going Home." A moment of silence was observed.

Bro. Ken reported on the Masaryk School, which is doing very well. They will be holding a bake sale soon as their annual fundraiser. Recently, a Czech author and a poet visited the school. Czech Heritage Week was also observed.

The lodge received a letter from Maria Pappas, Illinois Cook County Treasurer, recognizing Czech contributions to the United States in conjunction with Czech National Day.

Work has been completed on the gates at the entrance of Bohemian National Cemetery. Donors have been generous to fund efforts for repair and maintenance.

Members were reminded of our Christmas Buffet Luncheon at Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket on December 9 at 11:30, along with holiday cocktails, courtesy of members John and Joann Nekolny. The Nekolny's have been active members for many years, but are unable to attend meetings due to health concerns. Lodge brothers and sisters were touched by their generous gift for Christmas and wish them well this holiday season.

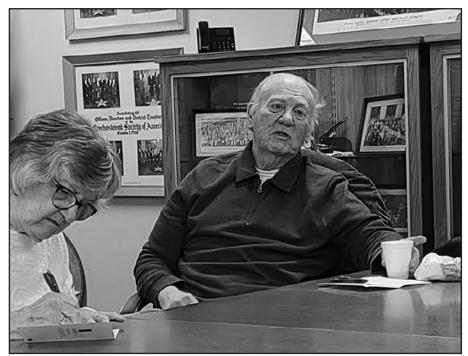
Closing the meeting, we heard from BetterLife CEO Chris Campbell on the move of their headquarters to CSA's Home Office. The office has been refurbished with beautiful office furniture, seating areas for guests, an updated kitchen, and other improvements.

The move to the Chicago Metro area will provide easier access to the office via Midway or O'Hare rather than flights to Madison, Wisconsin. Jake Manne, Senior Director of Member and Community Engagement, asked members about any concerns with the merger of CSA and BetterLife. Most mentioned

the safeguarding of investments, continuation of our Get-Together, the monthly *Journal*, and CSA's identity.

Finally, we enjoyed a Thanksgiving lunch and lots of conversation around holiday plans and activities.

Fraternally. Gerri Romanelli





# **Scholarship Fund Donation Form**

With the price of higher education rapidly increasing, scholarships continue to be an important fraternal benefit. The CSA Scholarship Fund assists young adults, not only with their education, but with their professional goals. We appreciate your generous donations and your continued support!

Fill and send this form with donation. Please make checks payable to CSA Fraternal Life Scholarship Fund.

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We were delighted to donate \$5,000 from our t-shirt and mug sales to the CSA Scholarship Fund!



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## **2025 Photo Contest Participants**

Congratulations to
David DiBianca
of
Lodge Paramount Southgate
No. 372
on submitting the
Best of Contest
entry in the CSA Photo Contest.
(See front cover of this issue.)

## Congratulations to all the other award winners and participants.

This is always a competitive contest and we thank our judges for their hard work in selecting the winners.



Kevin Breidenbach, Lodge No. 1 Marla Breidenbach, Lodge No. 1 Frank Castulik, Lodge No. 1 Maureen Castulik, Lodge No. 1 Carla Strnad, Lodge No. 1 Mike Wolf, Lodge No. 1 Pauline Lacy, Lodge No. 2 Donna Heindl, Lodge No. 4 Patricia Yurkovich, Lodge No. 4 Glen Jedlicka, Lodge No. 7 Elaine Kamykowski, Lodge No. 7 Cecelia Slezak, Lodge No. 7 Pat Smolucha, Lodge No. 7 Joan Smrha, Lodge No. 7 Richard Smrha, Lodge No. 7 Robert Valenta, Lodge No. 7 Karen Ditz, Lodge No. 30 Nadia Kulisek, Lodge No. 30 Jennifer Zeman, Lodge No. 30 Judy Schmitt, Lodge No. 66 Cindy Bueneman, Lodge No. 77 Toni Anne Calek, Lodge No. 77 Troy Graveen, Lodge No. 77 Mary Ellen Janda, Lodge No. 77 Margaret Jansinski, Lodge No. 77 Susan Lieneman, Lodge No. 77 Eunice Semple, Lodge No. 77 Jacqueline Jeffery, Lodge No. 210 Laurie Hope-Ringer, Lodge No. 211 Janet Frantz, Lodge No. 219 Sue Garofalo, Lodge No. 219

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# **2025 Photo Contest Winners - Animal**



First Place - Joan Smrha, Lodge Lincoln No. 007



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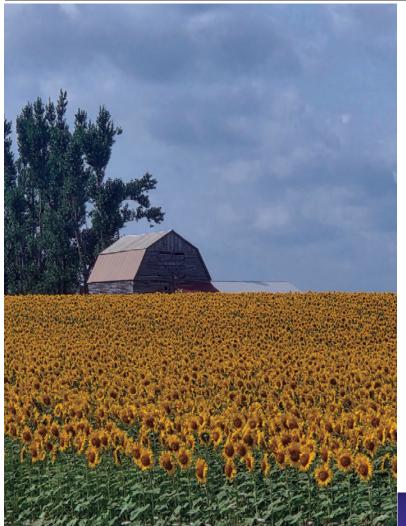
Second Place -Keith Dvorsky, Lodge CH Harrison/Jan Hus/Garfield No. 378



Third Place - Pam Dvorsky, Lodge CH Harrison/Jan Hus/Garfield No. 378

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# **2025 Photo Contest Winners - Nature**



Third Place Keith Dvorsky Lodge CH Harrison/Jan Hus/Garfield No. 378

First Place Denice Stoecker
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219



Second Place Cynthia Doherty Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372

# **2025 Photo Contest Winners - People**



1st Place -Jacqueline Jeffrey Lodge Minnesota No. 210



2nd Place -Charles Kassly Lodge Estlian No. 404

3rd Place -Gary Skrabanek Lodge Svelto No. 277

# 2025 Photo Contest Winners - Photographer's Choice



1st Place - Frank Shima, Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219



2nd Place - Pat Smolucha, Lodge Lincoln No. 007

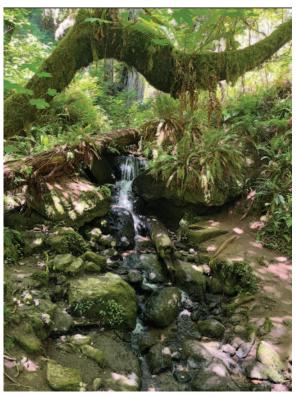


3rd Place - Sue Garofalo, Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219

# **2025 Photo Contest Winners - Youth**



1st - Annabelle Porter, Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377



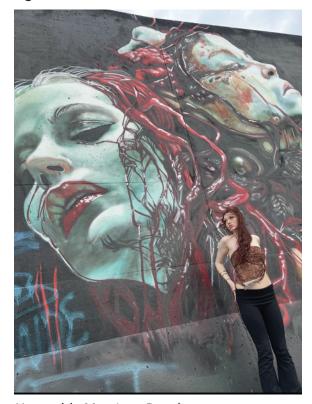
3rd - Grace Antos DuPage Pioneer Edison No. 409

2nd - Alexis Antos, DuPage Pioneers Edison No. 409

# 2025 Photo Contest Winners - Honorable Mention



Honorable Mention - Nature Robert Valenta Lodge Lincoln No. 007



Honorable Mention - People Karen Ditz Lodge Washington No. 30

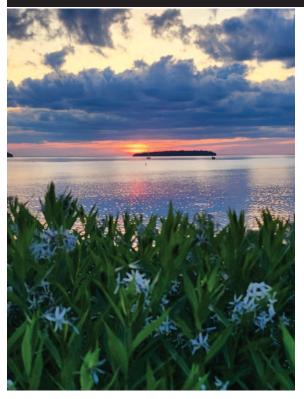


Honorable Mention - Animal Joan Smrha Lodge Lincoln No. 007

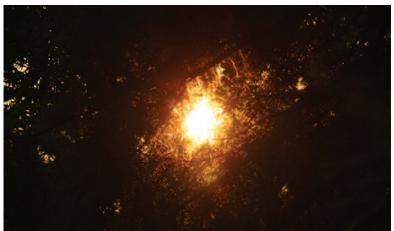


Honorable Mention - Photographer's Choice Nicholas Antos, Lodge DuPage Pioneers Edison No. 409

# 2025 Photo Contest Winners - Honorable Mention



Honorable Mention - Nature Barbara Cioni Lodge Estlian No. 404



Honorable Mention - Photographer's Choice - Youth Annabelle Porter Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377

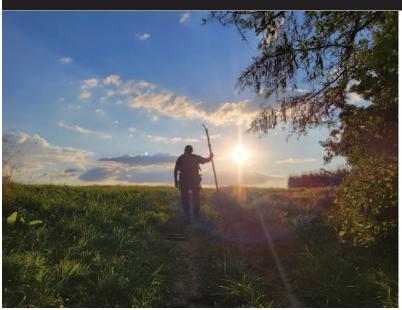


Honorable Mention - People's Choice Michele Murray Lodge DuPage Pioneers Edison No. 409



Honorable Mention - Animal Samantha Gotthardt Lodge DuPage Pioneers Edison No. 409

# 2025 Photo Contest Winners - Honorable Mention



Honorable Mention - People Pat Smolucha Lodge Lincoln No. 7



Honorable Mention - Nature Mike Dvorsky Lodge CH Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378



Honorable Mention - Nature Carla Strnad Lodge Missouri No. 1

## Crafts and...

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Brookfield, Illinois - It's that time of year again: our November meeting was largely given over to Craft Night (Part 2)! Adorable Christmas tree ornaments were created with the guiding help of coordinator, Pat Satek. These little ornaments are to be donated Meadowbrook Manor in LaGrange to enhance holiday decor for the residents. This donation is in remembrance of Mil Mentzer, who was a resident at Meadowbrook in recent years. Although our photos seem to have captured everyone's "concentration faces," you can believe that there was plenty of laughter



and good-natured fun for all during this project, especially as we tried our best to get things to stay glued together – using various canned goods!

Our holiday toy/gift drive is already in full swing, as we look forward to helping our community in this way every year. Details have been communicated via email and Facebook, so please reach out to me if you have any questions, or to help out with any of our community service projects.

November also saw our election of lodge officers, in which – no surprise! – the same group were again 'drafted' to serve another term. We are very grateful for the commitment shown by our lodge members in helping to keep everything

running smoothly throughout the year. Even as some things will change under the umbrella of BetterLife, we know that we can continue to preserve many of our lodge traditions in service and fraternity.

We will keep you posted, via this column and also on our Facebook page; so stay tuned! I wish everyone a very healthy and happy upcoming holiday season, and I look forward to a new year filled with news and updates from our members.

Fraternally, Jean Hemzáček Laukant hemzacek.j@gmail.com 630-915-9745







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# "CSA Flyer" Did Not Fly

Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Maple Heights, Ohio – Even though it was cold and rainy, there were a lot of Halloween decorations – skeletons were everywhere – to see while driving to and from the meeting on October 23 at the DTJ in Taborville. Members Kris and Bruce Marek, Diane DiBianca, Mary Ann Toncar, Johnny Weiss, and Donna Stupka were in attendance.

Our horse for The Night at the Races, "CSA Flyer," did not fly around the track. It more or less loped, and we were not a winner!





We are getting ready for our Christmas Luncheon. Everyone is to bring a \$2 wrapped gift and we will play Mr. & Mrs. Wright. We will also play LRC, so bring your quarters! We are also collecting new and like new coats for the non profit organization, I'm in Ministry, in Brooklyn Heights, Ohio.

Diane has the LRP ready to send in. We should be getting the Platinum award. We are a small but productive lodge! Thank you, Diane, for putting it all together!



Congratulations to our 50/50 winners: Mary Ann, Johnny, and Kris. Mary Ann handed out tickets for another fun raffle with bags numbered 1-6. As ticket numbers were read, gift bags were handed out. I won Fireball and Screwball nips, as did Bruce. Diane won a ghost lantern, Donna got a Fall plaque, Kris won a Halloween dish towel, and Johnny got cupcakes. Thank you, Mary Ann!

Thank you, Annette and Mary Ann, for the nice snack of slider sandwiches, macaroni and potato salads, pumpkin and blueberry muffins, spice cake and assorted Halloween candy.

December 18 will be our Christmas Luncheon. Come to a meeting, reconnect with friends, and have a tasty snack. We would love to see you!

Fraternally,

Annette Reichman







## Clam Bake X2

Lodge Benjamin Franklin No. 02, Seven Hills, Ohio – October's meeting was somewhat of a typical gathering as we welcomed Holly Kus-Worst and her guests, daughter Madeline and mother Elaine LaCavera.

We found the lodge bowling team idling in fifth place in the twelve-team league at Seven Hills Lanes. A motion was passed to cover the backers fee for the 2025-26 season. Go team!

We had some scheduling problems, so December's meeting was moved up to the 8th. The first meeting of the new year will take place January 19. We continue to save can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. So, drink a lot of canned beverages over the holidays!

Schnitz Ale calls itself a brewery, gastropub and modern European restaurant, located in Parma, Ohio. It was on October 26 that we held an impromptu lodge gathering for their second annual clambake. They had dining inside and

on their patio so people could enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon with the scent of the steamers and wood fireplace in the air.

On November 8, we converged at the Bohemian National Hall for Sokol Greater Cleveland's "Annual Czech Holiday Fair." It's always a crowd pleaser with three floors celebrating the holiday season. This year, there was even a roving accordion player and marionette puppeteer, much to the delight of youngsters of all ages. Several authors were in attendance promoting their wares. One in particular published a book about the old watering holes in the Cleveland area. This stand had a constant stream of gentlemen reminiscing of days gone by!

Later that afternoon, we were a caravan from the Bohemian Hall to the lodge's meeting home, Mama Romitos, for yet another clambake! Need I go on?

To all our members and friends, a wish for a Merry Christmas and happy

holiday season. As Dickens' character Tiny Tim once said, "God bless us everyone!"

> Fraternal regards, Jeff Zidlicky













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# Happy Holidays – Veselé Vánoce a Šťastný Nový Rok

Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio – I'm pretty sure that Halloween was just, well... yesterday...but, we're ready to welcome yet another holiday season. Hold on tightly to your sleds, here we go! Hopefully, your bells are jingled and your halls are decked, friends!

Our lodge always celebrates with a post-holiday get-together in January to allow our members to attend (without conflict) the other gatherings from their many social groups. For more information on how you can attend our January meeting, please contact Secretary, Mariann Ebright at 740-733-8158 or President, Wendy Lovell, at 740-769-7511, and they will give you the necessary details and make your reservation. All members are welcome to join in the fun!

Back in October, our members







donated food items and work hours for the Annual Hugh Smith Pancake Breakfast at the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. (See the church Facebook page for further details and more pictures.) Members spent time shopping for needed items, setting up the social hall, cooking, serving food, and cleaning up after all the fun. Special thanks goes out to Brother Gary Lovell, and our dear lodge friend, Chris Bauknecht, for being the "star pancake flippers" of the day! We're not quite sure just how many pancakes they flipped, but we can tell you that they tasted delicious! I think it's fair to say that we all enjoyed our afternoon!

We also assisted the church with our participation in an annual fall cleanup







day. Church members and lodge friends alike joined together for a little pre-winter "spruce-up" of the church sanctuary, social hall, and church grounds. Some tasks completed included: dusting, sweeping, mopping, washing walls, removal of leaves and weeds, and more. Members further helped decorate the sanctuary and social hall for advent and participated in the annual Hanging of the Greens Service followed by an Advent Luncheon.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all CSA/BetterLife brothers and sisters across the miles a blessed holiday season with those you hold most dear. We hope the new year brings much happiness and good health to you! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fondly, Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell







# Lodge Sponsors CGS Conference

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri - It was a great few days in Overland Park, Kansas, for the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society's Conference earlier this fall. There were over 260 in attendance, from 36 states as well as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Israel. We heard from speakers on a wide variety of topics, had a chance to connect with other people of Czech, Slovak, and Rusyn descent, and met up with friends like Consul General Jakub Uteseny and Honorary Consul Sharon Valasek. Marcella Milcic of Lodge Spirit of St. Louis and Anna Ramirez of Lodge Woodrow Wilson also attended. Anna joined Jenny Zeman and me for the popular Parade of Kroje (although Anna changed clothes before this picture was taken!).

Lodge Washington was one of the sponsors of the event, and I was also able to get in a few plugs for the 2026 Czech Festival at our Center – that's on April 11, in case you're in the neighborhood. I also had the honor of being reelected Vice Chairman of the CGSI Board of Directors, so it was a busy time all around.

A big thank you to Gail Petelik for bringing dessert for our October meeting. The dancing ghost also made its annual appearance in honor of Halloween.

Local members had an informative and interesting meeting with Chris Campbell of BetterLife and John Kielczewski in November. They were able to answer a lot of our questions, and we were happy to hear that most of



"Jeopardy" Category

the CSA activities and fraternal benefits we know and love will continue. It was nice to meet Chris, and we thank him and John for making the trip. Next time, we'll make sure there's an opportunity for some sightseeing in St. Louis and a trip to the Gateway Arch!

Did you see the episode of "Jeopardy" in October that featured a full category called "Czech Yourself"? How many did you get correct?

Wishing all our members and friends a very happy holiday season and a pros-



Lodge Washington was Conference sponsor.

perous New Year!

Fraternally, Deborah Zeman



Deborah Zeman introducing a speaker at the Conference



Jenny Zeman, Anna Ramirez, and Deborah Zeman in the CGSC Parade of Kroje

## **Election of Officers**

**Lodge Minnesota No. 210, Owatonna, Minnesota** – Congratulations to the newly elected officers to lead our Lodge No. 210.

Jon DeMars was elected as our President for 2026, Aaron Schroht was re-elected as our Vice President, Carol Rypka was re-elected Secretary, Barb DeMars was re-elected Treasurer, and Veronica Rypka was re-elected as our Guide/Sentry. Audrey Schroht and Mark Rypka were both re-elected to be our trustees for 2026

Fraternally, Carol Rypka

## Fraternal Well Wishes

Joanie Sapp Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219

## **Choosing Charities**

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – Our first snowfall in the Cleveland area happened on November 10! The snow was mainly on the lawns; it was so pretty. I hope you are all getting ready for the holidays! They are coming fast.

In remembrance of Veteran's Day – God bless all those who served. My dad served in the Navy during World War II. Thank God he came home from the battle.

We had 10 members attend our lodge meeting. Many things were discussed. We will wait until January to send dona-

tions to our charities. We need to hear from the Home Office and BetterLife on what is happening to our lodge activities. They are supposed to meet with officers of each lodge to explain things.

We held elections and the officers are: President Freddie Shima, Vice President Sue Garofalo, Treasurer Tony Genco, Scribe Judy Genco, Sentry Karen Buzek and Half-time Secretaries Carole Cirillo and Jan Russell. Our half time secretary, Carole, started her official duties. Way to go, Carole. Jan is enjoying the warm weather in Florida now.

Our President, Freddie, asked us to think about our charities, if we want to change to other charities or keep the ones we have.

Carole provided us with some yummy desserts and the biggest pump-kin pie we ever saw! Thanks, Carole!

After lunch, we played some regular bingo and had lots of winners!

Our 50/50 raffle was won by Carole and Kathy Garilow. Congrats, girls!

We wish everyone happy and healthy holidays!

Fraternally yours, Judy (Sevcik) Genco



# Guest Speaker, Jr. Bowlers, Memorial Service, New England Fraternal Alliance

Lodge Laurel No. 452, Ashford, Connecticut - We had a wonderful speaker at our September meeting, Joseph Zabik, who gave a presentation on rocks and minerals. Joe is President of the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club in Springfield, Massachusetts. He had a very organized and informative presentation enhanced with slides and rock and gem samples. We learned about plate tectonics, mining history around Connecticut, the make-up of various rocks and minerals and so much more. He told us how feldspar was discovered to be a good cleaning agent and how it is used in Bon Ami. He explained the gradings of gold and how pyrite is considered "Fool's Gold". We were all mesmerized by this great presentation.

Two of our junior bowlers were able to get their bowling in. You can see Ryan Goodwin getting ready to roll his bowling ball down the lane and Mason Varga in action with his bowling ball.

We held our Annual Memorial Service on October 19 at St. Michael's Cemetery in Ashford. Deacon Lawrence Goodwin led us in a dignified service, beginning with the singing of "How Great Thou Art," followed by the reading of our past year's deceased members, a moment of silence, and the CSA Memorial Reading. We placed flowers around the memorial stone in the cemetery.

On October 25, the New England Fraternal Alliance held its Annual

Lodge Laurel #452 remembers all our passed members at our annual memorial service: Held this year at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Norwich, Connecticut. We began the day with breakfast. We then proceeded outside for a Patriotic Flag Ceremony, including the Pledge to the Flag, singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and a brief description of the history and honors due the flag given by NEFA President Marion Varga. We continued our day with a Memorial Service remembering members of each society who had passed away in the past year. A candle was lit by each society as the names were read. A moment of silence was held and a prayer was recited. We began the business meeting with an invocation by past NEFA President Daniel Michalak. Officers and Committee reports were given. We closed the morning session with a talk by Rich Pezzillp, Executive Director of the New England Hemophilia Association. He gave an informative and stirring presentation about hemophilia and about several bleeding disorders. As our luncheon was concluding, we presented scholarships to two very deserving students, Nicole Ledwidge of Catholic Financial Life and Dorian Wilczynski of the Polish Falcons of America. We also presented a table full of non-perishable food and a check to Kathy Hayes of St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich. Kathy spoke to us about the work they do in 32 towns and cities in the area. Our afternoon session included final





reports and a round table discussion as a member of each society talked about the activities and programs carried out in their respective societies.

Our final issue taken up was a Resolution of Dissolution of NEFA. Unfortunately, after 101 years, we do not have the membership to continue. The resolution was approved, and as stated, the Officers and Board of Directors will meet in late January to wind up our Corporation's affairs.

We held our evening banquet where we honored a Fraternalist of the Year Lynette Ouellette of Trusted Financial Life, and our Family of the Year, the Philip Zambrello Family, of the Polish Falcons of America. We held a gift drawing, where many attendees received prizes, donated by NEFA Officers and Board members. We concluded the evening with final remarks by Officers and Board Members and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

Fraternally, Marion Varga





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## In Memoriam

Claim	Name	Lodge	Location	Date of Death	Age
56183	Atwell, James F.	121	WHEELING, WV	08/08/2025	85
56192	Redd, Darrell	181	ROCKFORD, IL	07/07/2025	66
56182	McCants, John E.	211	NEWARK, NJ	07/14/2025	80
56187	Malinek, Joanne C.	211	LEESBURG, FL	09/27/2025	80
56197	Woods, Maureen A.	211	BAYONNE, NJ	10/22/2025	78
56186	Kolbus, Eve D.	219	N. ROYALTON, OH	07/26/2024	90
56191	Young, Jackson	230	CHESAPEAKE, VA	08/15/2025	82
56199	Hines, Lascelles Samuel	252	LOS ANGELES, CA	09/23/2025	73
56195	Teichman, Jeffrey W.	366	WESTLAND, MI	10/03/2025	74
56190	Vrdsky, Allan A.	377	WILMINGTON, IL	10/22/2025	91
56200	Pristo, Lillian A.	409	BOCA RATON, FL	08/20/2025	96
56193	Brown, John E.	422	CENTRAL, SC	10/15/2025	89
56196	Fradkin, Patricia	422	PIKESVILLE, MD	07/13/2025	76
56181	Kusy, Lillian G.	432	HUNTLEY, IL	09/18/2025	97
56188	Wise, Christina M.	448	JACKSONVILLE, FL	01/31/2023	82
56198	Lavezzoli, Barbara A.	452	PUNTA GORDA, FL	02/12/2025	93
56189	Larrier, Terrance	463	BROOKLYN, NY	10/17/2025	76
56194	Williams, Joanne M.	463	BOCA RATON, FL	09/27/2025	79
56184	Mundy, Jean E.	479	N. HUNTINGDON, PA	10/09/2025	97

## In Memoriam

Louis D. Sounik passed away in February of this year. Lou was 99 years old, an Air Force Veteran, and a valued longtime member of Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372. He attended many meetings during his time with the lodge, and when he was no longer able to attend meetings, he was kind enough to give donations whenever he could. He was a gracious and kind

man and will be missed.



# Santa's Elves Were Busy Supporting Troops

Lodge Lincoln No. 7, Berwyn, Illinois

As you enter the meeting room at John Pritasil's home, you immediately feel as if you are in a Czech village. His home is beautifully decorated with hand painted porcelain dishes and figurines, plates and figures hand crafted from wood, and even a tree decorated with heart shaped Czech ornaments. We could all identify with the artifacts throughout his home and admired the craftmanship of our Czech heritage.

John provided us with a throwback dinner reminiscent of old Lodge Sionilli Halloween parties for our October lodge meeting. He grilled hot dogs with all the trimmings, made a pasta salad, served watermelon, and had apple cider. We were always served Bonnie Miss soda, but since it no longer exists, Linda Makdah provided a Czech American substitute for Bonnie Miss and named it "Bonninka Missova Soda". For dessert, we enjoyed cheese coffee cake, pump-



kin roll, brownies, and decorated cookies. We held a brief meeting and discussed the donations that would be matched by the Home Office and looked ahead to our next meetings. Even our youngest member was in attendance! Babi, Vera Wilt, brought her grandson, Theo Wilt, to enjoy the festivities.

In November, we volunteered at Operation Support Our Troops America. We were busy as Santa's elves, stuffing stockings for deployed service members, hoping to spread cheer to those who will be unable to spend the holidays with their families. Afterwards, we met at the Bavarian Lodge for our November business meeting and dinner. We look forward to our holiday celebration at the Grand Duke Restaurant and







hope to see you all there on December 7

Congratulations are in store for Clare Ruska! We are so very proud of your academic successes and for being a CSA Scholarship recipient. We hope that your school year is off to a great start.

The January meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Log in instructions will be provided closer to the date.

I wish each one of you a safe and joyous holiday season, good health, and a new year filled with good times with friends and family! Vesele Vanoce!

Christmas blessings, Pat Smolucha



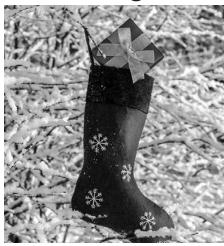




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# Collecting Canned Goods and Stocking Stuffers



Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, Lombard, Illinois – This will be a busy month for our lodge members. The Election of Officers was held at our meeting. Elected were President Mary Ellen Janda, Vice-President Margaret Jasinski, Treasurer Eunice Semple and Secretary Cindy Bueneman. Members will also vote on which charities we will contribute to for the coming year.

Once again, we will be bringing canned goods and groceries for the Holy Guardian Angels Parish. This year, many food pantries are finding it a challenge to feed people in need.

Members will also be bringing items for the Stockings for Soldiers, like we did last year. Nosek Funeral Home collects the stockings and sends them to members in the Armed Forces around the world.

All of Lodge Yankee Jungmann's members want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally, Mary Ellen Janda

# Scholarship Fund Report



October 10, 2025 - November 10, 2025

#### IN MEMORY OF DOLORES CLARK

Lodge Cleveland Chapter

#### IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Lodge Laurel

## IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED MEMBERS

Lodge Century of Progress

#### TO HONOR SGT. ANTHONY J. KUCHARCZYK

John and Janice Paraszczak

TO CONTINUE CZECH HERITAGE AND CSA'S TRADITION OF ASSISTING OUR YOUNG MEMBERS IN PURSUING THEIR EDUCATION

Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs

#### IN MEMORY OF PASSED MEMBERS

Lodge Queensdale

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# Making Sweet Treats for Winter Market

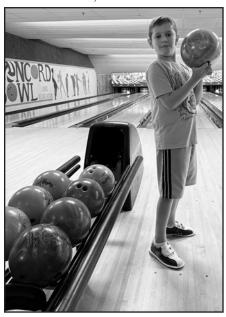
Lodge Missouri No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri – Greetings from the members of Lodge Missouri No.1. Our members have been busy this fall with travels and various activities around the Czech Center. Lodge officers from our area recently met with Chris Campbell, BetterLife CEO, and John Kielczewski

for their "Listening Tour".

Our members are busy helping to prepare for our ACEC Winter Market which includes a visit from St. Nicholas and the angel and the devil. Members have been baking sweet treats and helping to prepare items to be sold on that day. See a few pictures of our activities below.

We all are looking forward to the upcoming holiday seasons and all the activities and excitement they bring. Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season.

Fraternally, Marla Breidenbach

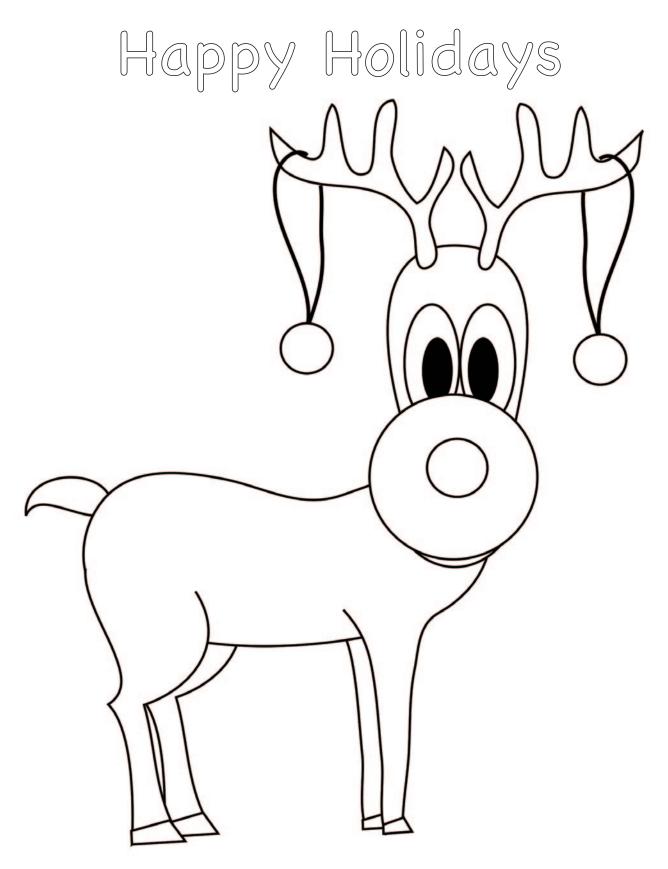


Colby Breidenbach participating in the Bowl-O-Rama





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Merry Christmas Veselé Vánoce

Happy New Year **šťastný nový rok** 

Winter Fun **zimní radovánky** 

