“The future of Journalism is not in the past.”

“How do we receive our news in America?”

“Is your local newspaper doomed?”
On the Cover

In this magazine issue, we will touch base on all the facets of journalism—the good, the bad, and the ugly.
Brothers and Sisters,

Happy February to everyone out there. I hope this Valentine’s month finds everyone well. Spring is right around the corner!

It’s been a rough couple of months for CSA, in that we lost a few wonderful people across our landscape recently. The passing of anyone is a tragedy, especially for loved ones, family members, and friends. As always, when any of you lose loved ones, my thoughts are with you in getting through the rough times.

I’ve had the privilege of crossing paths with a few of the CSA members who passed recently, and here are a couple of stories….

Camille Shima, from Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, passed away late last year at the age of 94. Over the years during my travels for CSA, one of the more fun events that I’ve attended is the District Council No. 10 Christmas Party and Pin Award Banquet. Camille was a regular at that event, as well as all things CSA in Cleveland for that matter. I’m not sure how or why (probably luck on my part) but the party’s organizers seemed to sit me at the table that she was at, every time. It was always a fun couple of hours talking with her and seeing her light up when the band started playing.

Jerry Vasicek, from Lodge Empire State No. 448, also left us late last year. Many of you know Jerry and his wife Karen, as they’ve been attendees at our Get-Together events for the last decade. Jerry was also very active with his local lodge, had been a Convention Delegate a handful of times, and had also served on various Convention Committees. Another fun event that I’ve had the privilege of attending a few times is the lodge’s pre-Halloween meeting. In that meeting, members decorate a bunch of pumpkins at the local nursing home that meetings are held at. It’s always a fun night of friendship amongst the lodge members. I’ll remember his kindness, as well as the obvious love that he had for Karen.

Finally, here locally, we recently lost one of the prominent faces of CSA in the Chicago area. Jerry Gaydusek, of Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, passed away in early January. There can’t be anyone who had ever met Jerry who didn’t love him. He would help you out in any way that you would need, and he would always have time to talk with you and ask about your day. He was just a fine gentleman. The love for his family, especially his wife Helen, who many of you know as well, always shone through very brightly. Lodge or District Council meetings here in the Chicago area will forever have a huge void without him in the room.

These are just a few of the people who I’ve had a chance to get to know during my time here. There are so many more stories and people who have helped make CSA what it is today. Thank you to each and every member who has helped in that quest. There’s no doubt why CSA has been a beacon of Fraternalism, Security, and Leadership for nearly 166 years… it’s our people.

Be safe out there, and stay warm. Next month, I look forward to reporting on 2019—yet another positive year financially for CSA.

Fraternally,

John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
President
Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Czech Festival 2020
American Czech Educational Center
4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63116
11:00 a.m. - roast duck, pork and goulash dinners, and pastries.
Kroje fashion show and music by the St. Louis Express Band.

Sunday, April 1–30, 2020
Junior Bowl-o-Rama Month
Various locations.
More details to come!

Saturday, May 2, 2020
Join Hands Day
Various locations.
More details to come!

Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 2, 2020
CSA 84th Annual Get-Together
Clearwater Beach, Florida
More details to come!

*All Journal articles are due the 12th of the month prior to publication
(Ex: Articles for January would be due December 12.)
Dearest Members,

What has been happening lately in the field of journalism and what does that mean for us, the readers? What will the future of journalism look like? In 2020, how will we get our news?

First, you have to understand that we have moved on from a world where media organizations were the gatekeepers. Now, media still creates the news agenda, but social media platforms increasingly control what we see.

Second, generally speaking, the move to digital media actually does not generate filter bubbles, that is, being exposed to only one side of an opinion or information. We see this a lot when we hear about “algorithms” and “echo chambers” on the internet. Instead, studies show that most people are now more driven to research diverse sources of information in order to educate themselves about all sides and not just the ones they personally support.

Third, journalism is often losing the battle for people’s attention and, in some countries, the public’s trust. Though, keep in mind that in recent years its funding has been challenged, meaning more newsroom cuts and less robust reporting. Due to this, facts and details are bound to slip through the cracks. Additionally, we can argue that news outlets have become more vulnerable to commercial and political pressures.

Despite this, though, many journalists are still committed to excellent reporting. Let’s end on a positive note: the news is now more diverse than ever, and the best journalism—in many cases—is now better than ever, taking on everyone from the most powerful politicians to the biggest private companies. In just the past couple of years, the veil has been lifted before our eyes, and we’ve witnessed some of the biggest scandals to date. Whether it be politically, corporately, or in Hollywood, we’ve learned a lot, and we have journalism to thank for that.

So why does the future of journalism matter? Because at its best, professional journalism helps us make sense of current events and holds entities in power accountable. When it comes to digital media, it has empowered people worldwide! People increasingly rely on search engines, social media, and messaging applications, which all help us access, discuss, and share news. Unfortunately, as mentioned previously, it has also enabled the spread of disinformation. Although we are at risk of exposing ourselves to false or misleading data and malicious manipulation, as with anything else, always remain cautious of what you read or hear, and always do your own research!

“If there are three words that need to be used more in American journalism, commentary, politics, and personal life, it’s the magic words, ‘I don’t know.’”

—P. J. O’Rourke

Fraternally,
Amanda S. Lovell
Fraternal Director
alovell@csalife.com

Brothers and Sisters,

When I sit down at my desk each morning, I am greeted by three large bookcases that are filled with bound copies of our society’s publication, which we all know as the Journal. Well over a century of experiences, plans, and worries submitted by our brothers and sisters over time. Admittedly, once I get too far back in years, the assistance of Helen or Kathy is required to translate from Czech to English. Time may move continuously forward, but what weighs heavy on a person and what brings delight both seem to remain fairly predictable over more than a century and a half of CSA history.

That which troubles me currently is the recent loss of Bro. Jerry Gaydusek. I have met many members who share Jerry’s admirable traits that exemplify what it means to be an American and one who lives out the CSA motto of Fraternity, Harmony, and Equality. His example shall be missed. What delights me is the warm reception I always receive when joining one of our lodges in an activity or celebration. Thanks to each of you.

In business news, if you are due to receive your 1099 forms from CSA, they should be in your possession as of now. Please give us a call if you have questions. The U.S. Congress and President recently passed and signed the SECURE Act. While CSA does not provide tax or legal advice, I would encourage you to inquire with your tax advisor regarding any impact on your situation.

Privacy, it seems, is in the news more each year and CSA takes safeguarding our members’ personal information very seriously. We keep the latest version of our privacy policy available on the main page of csalife.com. Feel free to give me a call with any questions you may have.

Please continue to send in your articles and pictures to the Fraternal Department. We take great care each month to provide you all the news we can pack in. Often, Amanda will come into my office and frustratingly announce that she is out of space due to heavy submission of articles in a given issue. I like having that problem and hope it continues. The Journal that’s in your mailbox is just one of the ways we share and promote our CSA bond. We hope you enjoy this issue, and we offer our sincere appreciation to all our Lodge Scribes and the value they add each month. Why not take a moment and thank yours the next time you see them.

Fraternally,
Matthew A. Koski

“\textit{I became a journalist to come as close as possible to the heart of the world.}”
\textit{– Henry R. Luce}

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Do you know a CSA member who deserves recognition?

Are they active in the community?

Do they volunteer often or donate money to charitable organizations?

Send us their photo, a brief description of who they are and what they do, and we will publish them in the Journal.
Miss CSA

Break the Ice Night

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying warm. Winter is my least favorite season due to the dropping temperatures, but Pittsburgh’s winter has been very mild so far. Last month, I began my final semester of nursing school, and I’m looking forward to my clinical experiences. All of my previous clinicals have been hospital-based, but this semester I get to participate in service learning through my community and public health nursing course. This means I get to serve the community by visiting outpatient clinics, shadowing home health nurses, and advocating for policy changes in the area. By the time you are reading this, I also will have received my placement for my transition into practice. This clinical is meant to ease the transition from nursing student to registered nurse. With that being said, I’m very excited (and nervous) for what this semester has to offer!

In January, I went to the first-ever Break the Ice Night at PPG Paints Arena. This event was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Penguin Foundation and EMBRACE Pittsburgh. EMBRACE Pittsburgh is a powerful movement in the Pittsburgh region that concentrates on mental wellness and strives to create a stigma-free city. At the Penguin game, we received #BreakTheIce bracelets and were encouraged to start the conversation about mental health. We also received tips on how to be an icebreaker by checking-in with ourselves and our neighbors. Local mental health resources were promoted and myths about mental illness were dispelled between periods. This game was also part of the NHL’s Hockey Talks mental health awareness initiative. If you are a hockey fan, I highly encourage you to support your favorite team during their designated Hockey Talks game, as well as educate yourself on local mental health resources. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

I’m also happy to share that my family’s therapy dog will be volunteering at a local retirement community. Kessie (named after NHL hockey player, Phil Kessel) is a two-year-old basset hound who has received her therapy dog and Canine Good Citizen certifications. Sometime in the future, we would like to expand her services into UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. Kessie is just the sweetest pup, and I’m excited to see the joy she will bring to others!

Lastly, I will be traveling back to Vining, Iowa for the notorious T-fest. I’m sure I will have much to share about this interesting event in next month’s Journal.

Fraternally,
Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich
Lodge Groveton No. 4

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Be a part of Slovakia’s exciting folk art and traditional music revival on the 2020 Slovakia Heritage Tour, September 11-20. This nine-day, small group tour (limit of 15 travelers) brings you back to your Slovak family roots as you explore the vibrant culture, intriguing history, and spectacular countryside of your ancestral land.

Over the past few years, Slovakia has seen a revival of interest in its traditional music, dress and crafts. Once again people are sewing, embroidering and wearing the traditional kroj (clothing) distinctive to each village. Traditional folk patterns are finding their way into contemporary fashion as well as home and product design. Musicians playing the folk music of each region can be found in cafes, restaurants, street corners and parks bringing back the old-country melodies that you might remember from your childhood. For young people, it’s now “in” to dance and play music with a folk-dance company, filling the stages of local festivals with the swirling of colorful outfits, and acrobatic dance moves to the lively, haunting village tunes.

From the Danube plains to the Tatry Mountains and Eastern Slovakia, we’ll travel comfortably around this small but diverse country to explore picturesque villages, spectacular castles, outdoor folk-life museums, mountain resort towns, pastoral landscapes and small cities with well-preserved medieval buildings, Soviet-era remnants, and the vibrant life of Slovakia today. You’ll see Slovakia up-close and personal, joining with Slovaks as they celebrate age-old Wine, Harvest and Mining Festivals. One of the most important parts of the tour is for travelers to explore their own Slovak roots with personalized visits to Slovak family and ancestral villages. Working with our genealogist, we’ll help you trace your family history and reconnect with family if that’s possible. We’ll also help you extend your stay with pre- and post-tour extensions in Slovakia, Prague, Budapest or Krakow.

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Significant Moments in U.S. Investigative Journalism

1902-03: Ida Tarbell Profiles John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company

The progressive era of the late 19th and early 20th centuries was a time of social activism. It was a time when Americans fought corruption and the monopolistic practices of the government and big businesses. Former school teacher Ida Tarbell submitted articles to McClure’s Magazine regarding the behemoth known as the Standard Oil Company and its owner, John D. Rockefeller. The series was published in book form in 1904, and in 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court found the company to be in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act (which prohibits contracts, combinations, or conspiracies “in the restraint of trade or commerce”), causing its breakup.

1906: Upton Sinclair Exposes Conditions in Chicago’s Meatpacking Plants

Upton Sinclair spent seven weeks working in Chicago’s meatpacking plants, as it was America’s center of meat processing and production at the turn of the century. During his time there, he was exposed to the harsh conditions that immigrant workers faced, as well as their unsanitary industry practices. This act coincided with passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 and the Federal Meat Inspection Act of 1906.

1971: The Pentagon Papers are Leaked and Published

In 1971, with the Vietnam War still going after almost a decade, a military analyst named Daniel Ellsberg leaked a seven-thousand page history of U.S.-Vietman relations that had been prepared by the Pentagon for internal use. Lengthy sections of these “Pentagon Papers” were published in The Washington Post and The New York Times, revealing the covert origins of a war that was exceedingly unpopular at home. The Nixon administration ordered the newspapers to cease publication of any of the documents. This led to a Supreme Court case—New York Times Co. v. United States—that eventually ruled in favor of the press.

1972: Woodward and Bernstein Expose the Watergate Break In

In June 1972, five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Complex in Washington, D.C. Two young reporters at The Washington Post, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, were intrigued that one of the burglars was on the payroll of President Richard Nixon’s reelection committee and began digging further. Woodward and Bernstein uncovered a series of political crimes and “dirty tricks” that connected the burglary back to the White House. Their reporting led to indictments of 40 administration officials and the eventual resignation of President Nixon. The paper won the 1973 Pulitzer Prize for the investigative reporting.


Social Media Outpaces Print Newspapers as a News Source in the U.S.

In 2018, for the first time since Pew Research Center began asking these questions, social media sites surpassed print newspapers as a news source for Americans. One out of five U.S. adults say they often get news via social media, which is slightly higher than those who often do so from print newspapers (16%). In 2017, the portion who got news via social media was about equal to the portion who got news from print newspapers.

Social media’s small edge over print emerged after years of steady declines in newspaper circulation and modest increases in the portion of Americans who use social media. Overall, television is still the most popular platform for news consumption, even though its use has declined since 2016. News websites are the next most common source, followed by radio, and finally, social media sites and print newspapers. When looking at online news use combined, which is the percentage of Americans who get news often from either news websites or social media, the web has closed in on television (43% of adults get news often from news websites or social media, compared to 49% who use television).

Among the three different types of TV news asked about, local TV is the most popular. Thirty-seven percent get news there often, compared to 30% who get cable TV news often, and 25% who often watch national evening network news shows. For the first time, Pew Research Center also asked respondents if they got news from a streaming device on their TV, and 9% of U.S. adults said that they do so often. There is a large amount of overlap between those who stream TV news and those who get news on broadcast television. A majority of those who get news from streaming TV often also say that they get news often on broadcast or cable TV.

News diets differ drastically for younger and older Americans. Age gaps that have long been notable have now widened substantially. Adults aged 65 and older are five times as likely as 18–29 year-olds to often get news from TV. A large majority (81%) of those adults aged 65 and older get news from television often, as do about two-thirds of those 50–64. Far fewer young Americans are turning to television news, however, only 16% of those 18–29 and 36% of those 30–49 get news often from television.

The age divide is nearly as large for social media, but in the other direction. Eighteen to 29 year-olds are about four times as likely to often get news there compared to adults aged 65 and older. Print’s popularity only persists among those 65 and older. Among the oldest age group, about 39% get news there often, but no more than 18% of any other age group do.

Online news websites are more popular among those ages 30–49. About 42% of those in this age group get news often from websites and news apps. About a quarter of 18–29 year-olds get news from news websites, making it the second most commonly used platform for news for that age group. For these youngest adults, social media is the most popular news platform. 36% get news there often, topping news websites, TV, radio, and print. Younger Americans are also unique in that they don’t rely on just one platform in the way that the majority of their elders rely on TV.

So as you can see, online news is becoming more and more relied upon, which is why it is so important that articles are accurate, factual, and do not contain misleading information. On social media and online in general, news sources work to get information out as quickly as possible, but it’s just as important to do so as factually as possible, too. When misleading information is publicized and spread, then we have problems. Please read the “When the News Makes Mistakes” article in this magazine issue for more information on this topic.

Before Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert became the unofficial mascots of news satire, we had *The Onion* – and we’re not talking about the vegetable.

This coming August, *The Onion* will be commemorating 32 years of existence. The founders, Tim Keck and Christopher Johnson, established this fake news organization while attending the University of Wisconsin. So why did they decide to call this publication “*The Onion,*” you ask? The answers vary. Some say it’s because the guys’ college food budget was so low that they were down to just white bread and onion sandwiches. Another explanation is that *The Onion* was mocking a local campus newsletter called *The Union.*

In its earlier years, *The Onion* was successful in a number of Midwestern university locations, such as the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. In an interview, former Editor-in-Chief Will Tracy says, “We still have a lot of Midwesterners writing for us, and I do think that there is a distinctly Midwestern aesthetic and voice to the paper.” He goes on to say that *The Onion* remains the “unflashy, flat, unpretentious” “news” source that it was originally created to be. Will Tracy is now a writer for HBO’s “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver.”

Whether *The Onion* jokingly takes on light, witty subjects or more serious topics, nothing is off-limits. Though, the goal with comedy and satire is to “punch up, not down.” Therefore, the target primarily remains on the aggressor and not the victim.

Quirky headlines from *The Onion* include:
- “CIA Realizes It’s Been Using Black Highlighters All These Years”
- “Area Man Proud He Can Still Fit Into Car From High School”
- “I’m Like a Chocoholic, But for Booze”
- “E. Coli Ready to Treat Itself to Some Beef After Weeks of Nothing But Salad”
- “Friend Dishonorably Discharged From [GPS] Navigation Duties After Missing Exit”
- “Toyota Recalls 1993 Camry Due to Fact That Owners Really Should Have Bought Something New by Now”


27-Year-Old Lies About Every Single Aspect Of His Life To Keep Parents From Worrying

Man Forced To Come Up With 45 Seconds Of Facial Expressions While Waitress Lists Off Specials
When the News Makes Mistakes
An Interview with Alan Schroeder

In 2013, “60 Minutes” admitted to mistakes they made in their reporting of a story once they lost confidence in their key source. Similarly in 2014, Rolling Stone went out of their way to admit there were discrepancies in a story that they handled once they began to distrust the primary source they used to get their information from.

Having multiple sources when covering a news topic is paramount. Northeastern University’s journalism professor Alan Schroeder has discussed this at length with his students in his journalism ethics course. Schroeder weighs in on how backpedaling on high-profile stories can affect news outlets’ credibility and how they can regain it.

How can situations like these affect a news organization’s credibility and brand?

“Obviously this is nothing any news organization would want for itself. So, the question is:

How can you contain the damage before it spreads and how quickly and transparently can you deal with the problem?

If the damage can be contained early enough, it can be minimized, but the problem grows when news organizations stand by a story that others are discrediting. Rolling Stone has reacted quickly to criticisms, which is a good sign, and that shows us that they weren’t forced into having to do this. I think if the damage can be contained early enough, it can be minimized. Problems arise when a news organization stands by its story when others are doubting it.”

How do news organizations know whether they’ve done enough reporting, fact checking, and corroborating the information they uncover—particularly with investigative stories or those focusing on sensitive topics?

“Unfortunately, that standard is lower now than it used to be. I’m reminded of the late Ben Bradlee, who was The Washington Post editor during Watergate. He was famous for making Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein go back and get another person to corroborate the information they were churning up, because frankly, you’re talking about bringing down the President of the United States.

That used to be more the tradition than it is now. Today the news moves very fast, and there’s a real pressure to just get the news out as it is happening. You see this on Twitter in particular, when news is being reported in real time. Unfortunately this also means that mistakes are more likely to be made. It’s a piece of the journalism tradition that I think we’ve lost somewhat, that you need multiple sources to confirm facts, particularly the controversial facts. I think back to the day of the Boston Marathon bombing, when they misidentified the suspect on social media. It’s too bad that we’ve shifted away from those old values in our zeal to get the news out as quickly as possible.”

Is the Newspaper Headed for Extinction?

Just like the dodo bird and the woolly mammoth, will our good old newspaper suffer the same fate?

Technically, the first daily gazette dates all the way back to about 59 BC in Rome, Italy. Its name was Acta Diurna, which translates to “daily acts” or “daily public records”. These publications were carved into stone or metal and included information regarding the results of legal proceedings and trials, public notices, municipal information, military updates, and other noteworthy information such as prominent births, marriages, and deaths. After a couple of days, the notices were taken down and archived. Unfortunately, no intact copy has survived to the present day.

In America, the first newspaper appeared in Boston in 1690, entitled Publick Occurrences Both Forreign and Domestick. Because it was published without authority, it was immediately suppressed, its publisher was arrested, and all copies were destroyed. It remained forgotten until 1845, when the only known surviving example was discovered in the British Library. It wasn’t until about 1760, when the Industrial Revolution was underway, that the newspaper business really started to boom.

Recently, it has been suggested that the rise of the internet and social media has greatly affected the newspaper industry and will continue to do so. Canadian communications consultant Ken Goldstein weighs in on the issue, and he’s not just another all-purpose analyst urging the world to jump on the new media bandwagon. His research examines circulation trends in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

Approximately 70 years ago, more newspapers were sold every day in Canada than there were households in the country. In 2011, paid circulation was equal to about 30% of Canadian households. In the U.S., weekday print circulation has shrunk from a high of nearly 60 million in 1994 to 35 million for combined print and digital circulation today – 24 years of decline.

Goldstein also points out that journalists are no longer the primary mediators between consumers and advertisers, and generally, if anyone needs to get their message to the public, there are other ways to do so... for free. Additionally, there is no longer an economic reason to bundle contrasting products into one package, e.g., sports, business, crossword puzzles, classifieds, etc. He also reminds readers of a quote by Marshall McLuhan, Canadian professor and intellectual, who states, “The classified ads and stock-market quotations are the bedrock of the press. Should an alterna-
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tive source of easy access to such diverse daily information be found, the press will fold.”

How can newspapers financially compete when there are free sites such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and the various online Stock Market reports? Overall, newspapers just can’t afford to cover the same news as they once did. More and more they must ask themselves if they can afford to send their own reporters to cover the latest Caribbean hurricane or west coast wildfire in light of the locals who are already doing so (and in real time, at that).

Can far-sighted billionaires like Jeff Bezos (who also owns Amazon), owner of The Washington Post, and Patrick Soon-Shiong, new owner at the Los Angeles Times, halt the ominous downward decline, especially outside of their respective metropolitan areas? Time will tell, but not very much time: brace yourselves.

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Many lodges or districts hold group events with scorekeepers and refreshments, but any eligible member can compete regardless if you live far from a lodge. The only requirement is that the child bowls three (3) games under the supervision of an adult who can verify the scores.

Guests are welcome to attend. All bowlers receive a souvenir from the event, but only CSA members are eligible for prizes for their scores. Each participant competes against members of the same gender and age group. This is a scratch tournament.

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE CSA BOWL-O-rama**

Bowler’s Name  
Date of Birth  
Email Address  
Bowler’s Address  
City  
State  
Zip  
Lodge Name  
Lodge No.  
Phone No.  
Alternative Phone No.  
Check one box:  
Boy  
Girl  
Needs bumpers?  
Yes  
No  
Bowling with:  
Lodge  
District  
Independently  

Return completed form by March 20, 2020 to:  
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Lombard, IL 60148  

Age Groups (age as of event)  
Ages 5-7  Division 1*  
Ages 8-11  Division 2  
Ages 12-14  Division 3  
Ages 15-17  Division 4  

*Division 1 bowlers need only bowl 2 games  

Submit bowling scores to the CSA Home Office by: May 31, 2020  

For more information, email alovell@csalife.com or call (800) LIFE-CSA.
Lodge Happenings

Welcome to a New Decade

Lodge Minnesota No. 210, Owatonna, Minnesota – Our Election of Officers for the year of 2020 was held in November. We installed the elected slate of officers at our January meeting. Officers are as follows: President Jerry DeMars, Vice President Aaron Schroht, Secretary Carol Rypka, Treasurer Barb DeMars, and Sentry/Guide Brian Rypka.

Our trustees that were elected for 2020 were Audrey Schroht and Mark Rypka.

Also at our December meeting, we collected food for our local Steele County Food Shelf. Members demonstrated their generosity and caring for this community by donating canned items to stock the food shelf for the holidays.

We hope everyone had a great holiday season!

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Carol Rypka
Lodge Happenings

Happy New Year!

Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137 hopes that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe New Year. December was a very busy month for our lodge.

On November 30, we held our kids’ Christmas Party at Bender Pool. The kids played water games and swam. They were excited to receive their Christmas stockings filled with goodies.

On December 12, several members filled Christmas stockings and containers with cookies (donated by several lodge members) to take to Meadowview Memory Care Village. A special thanks goes to Matt Koski for all his assistance. Santa and Mrs. Claus passed out stockings and cookies to all the residents while they sang Christmas songs with the accordion band. The residents all enjoyed themselves and especially the homemade cookies. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Chuck and DeeAnn Nejdl) for their help.

Then on Friday, December 13, it was our lodge members’ time to celebrate. Our evening started with a happy hour of wine and hors d’oeuvres. That was followed by a delicious catered meal. We had a lot of special guests join us for the celebration: Matt and Heather Koski, Tom and Loretta Ledvina, and the 50 and 75-year members. After dinner, Matt and Tom presented the 50 and 75-year members their pins. Several door prizes were drawn with lots of winners. I would like to thank President Vernon Rompot and his sister Susan Mihal, Melvin, and Clyde for all of their hard work in organizing and making sure everything went off without a hitch for a wonderful Christmas party.

Fraternally Yours,
Rai Ann Stratton
Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois –

Well, here we are in a new decade. Where has the time gone?

In December, our lodge celebrated the Christmas holiday with our annual dinner at the Czech Plaza Restaurant in Berwyn. There were 45 members and guests in attendance. We were honored to have CSA President John Kielczewski enjoy the afternoon with us and tell our members all about the progress of CSA. Additionally, a big thanks goes out to the Pros, Rus, and McGuire families—especially Peggy. Wasn’t it great to have all the young children there?

As usual, our raffle to benefit the Honor Flight Chicago and St. Barbara Food Pantry was a huge success. We raised $330! Thank you to Crawford Sausage for donating Praskys and to all who brought prizes.

I honored our member, Charlie Valestin, who passed away in November. He was a longtime CSA member, lodge officer, one of three Honor Flight participants from the lodge, and a WWII vet. We toasted to Charlie.

The holiday season allowed me to get together with the Oskroba, Schultz, Wozniak, and Dvorsky families in Maryland. Hope all enjoyed the season.  

Fraternally,

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

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Lodge Happenings

A Heartfelt Post-Holiday Celebration

Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen A Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio – You probably have all heard the saying… “Cold hands, warm heart.” Luckily, in our part of the country, we haven’t had the opportunity for cold hands or any other body parts, for that fact. As of this writing, it’s pretty fair to say that “Mother Nature” has been more than fair with us as we have been experiencing above average temperatures for the winter season. While most of us are enjoying this mild winter, the resulting illnesses due to the increase in germs and allergies have plagued many of us. I guess we just have to hang in there. You know, we are a very “hearty” bunch!

In mid-January, our members met for a post-holiday celebration at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in St. Clairsville, Ohio. It was a very enjoyable time for those in attendance including: the Ebright, Snider, and Lovell families, Gary Oblak, Delores Shinkarow, Shelley Dulesky, and Brad Kurtz.

Upon the conclusion of our dinner, a short business meeting was held. We started off the year positively with a donation to our CSA Scholarship Fund. I can’t think of a better way to begin 2020—family, friends, and funding!

To further help start off the New Year, members were given a special treat from our Lodge President. The women were given a goodie bag with bath and body supplies and the men received bottles of mulled wine from Germany.

In addition to planning out the meetings for the next several months, members discussed various volunteer hours worked. Our members have recently served our local communities by donating items and monetary support to our churches, providing food for funeral luncheons, as well as singing and serving for funeral masses and military funeral services. Some of us have provided food for members and friends as well as sent Get Well and Thinking of You cards. A couple of members have worked on cleaning out our local convent, while others have provided tutoring to elementary students. We are a small group, and one thing we do have in common is that most of us belong to multiple organizations that are all in need of help. We have all taken CSA’s motto—“Volunteering…it’s what we do!”—to heart!

Speaking of hearts, have you been thinking about a special Valentine? Whether it’s a spouse, partner, grandchild, fur-baby, friend, etc., from our hearts to yours—Happy Valentine’s Day! We hope that both your hearts (and your hands) will be warm! Here’s to chocolates, red roses, and candy conversation “hearts.”

Fraternally,
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell

Scholarship Fund Report

December 10, 2019 - January 10, 2020

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Lodge Happenings

Something For Which to be Thankful

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora
No. 231, Cicero, Illinois – For our December 2019 meeting, members of the lodge gathered together at the Westchester Inn to celebrate Christmas, good food, and another year of brotherhood. There were 12 of us ordering Bohemian food, anywhere from roast duck to stuffed cabbage to breaded pork tenderloin. Delicious!

Since we had no member presentation on a “special event in life”, each person was asked to comment on something “for which they are thankful” and/or something “which they are looking forward to” in the New Year. So, as we went around the table, Loretta Paulus was thankful for her good health and new eyesight. She hopes the year ahead will bring good health for her family. Ken Dvorsky wishes for another good year for CSA, the TGM Czech School and for himself. Roberta Kulik and her husband Frank are both thankful for good health and good friends and looking forward to gaining new friends. Ed Slavik is thankful for his good health and the ability to remain active. He is looking forward to visiting with family and friends during the holidays. Nita Natkowski is hoping for good health in the future. She is thankful for all her good friends. Delores Klejko is also hoping for good health and thankful for good friends. Elaine Tejcek is thankful, this year, to be a 5-year cancer survivor and is looking forward to continuing future involvement in CSA activities. Others who wished not to participate wished all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year! Our luncheon was very festive!

On the following day, December 12, several members made their yearly holiday visitation to Tabor Hill. They have been hosting Christmas Bingo for the residents for several years. Each resident receives a holiday card containing a dollar bill. The lodge group brings a small stuffed animal for each person. They also bring Bingo prizes, which include Kleenex boxes and larger stuffed animals. Following Bingo, the group serves doughnuts and apple juice. Each year, the residents of Tabor Hill look forward to the entertainment and always request a more frequent return.

I end this column by hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

Fraternally,
Elaine Tejcek
Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio – Our brief December meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Toncar at noon at the Hungarian Business Men’s Club for our Christmas Luncheon. The meal of the day was Eva’s Homemade Chicken Paprikas with a side salad - very tasty! The Lodge provided the scrumptious desserts of nut, apple, and cheese rolls from Samosky’s Home Bakery and a nice gift for everybody. Diane provided two raffle prizes. Thank you to Diane and our lodge!

Our new meeting time will be at 10:30 a.m. Next meetings are February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 24 (bus trip), July 22 (District Picnic), August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, and December 17 (TBA). Meetings are held at the Maple Heights Senior Center. Come to a meeting. For $1.50 you can have a nice lunch and connect with your fellow Lodge members!

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman

New Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Our December meeting was short and sweet. After a brief meeting, business matters were waived until January, and we proceeded with our Holiday Party at Sawa’s Old Warsaw Restaurant.

Members feasted on the plentiful buffet while catching up on Thanksgiving stories and plans for Christmas. Our raffle table was loaded with various gifts, foods, and surprises. We also held our traditional Christmas Card Exchange. Members and guest enjoyed the evening and went home with full bellies and arms full of raffle prizes. We wished each other a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope 2020 will be a good year for all!

Fraternally,
Gerri Romanelli

Short and Sweet

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Lodge Happenings

Invitation to Attend the Czech Festival

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – Time again to invite one and all to the Czech Festival at our American-Czech Educational Center in St. Louis. We’ve switched to a spring event, which will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

We’ll have dinners of roast duck, roast pork, or goulash, plus Czech pastry, imported Czech beer, a Czech deli featuring chlebičky and sausages, a special fashion show of Czech and Slovak kroje, and the popular St. Louis Express band, playing Czech favorites and some American tunes in the mix. This is one of the events that brings together CSA and Sokol members of all ages to make the day fun and successful, and we hope to see lots of familiar faces along with some new visitors. Take a look at our Facebook page for information, then come join us! The ACEC is at 4690 Lansdowne Avenue in St. Louis.

The St. Louis area has a couple of other groups that help promote Czech culture and history. The Czech Cultural Club at our ACEC meets on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and features discussions on Czech traditions, food, holidays, and much more. Speakers talk about their experiences in the Czech Republic, genealogy topics, and historical events, and there is time for questions, answers, and spirited discussions. Annual fees are $25, but the group is free for current members of CSA and Sokol. They’re on Facebook at “Czech Cultural Club.”

The other group is the Czech Genealogical Researchers, who concentrate on the genealogy, history, and language of everyone’s Slavic ancestors. They hold meetings about once a month, usually at the St. Louis County Library’s Headquarters, and there are no membership fees. Take a look at their schedule at czechgenealogy.wixite.com.

As usual, lots of things to do in the Czech community here in St. Louis!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman
Still Missed
Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois – CSA President John Kielczewski served as honorary installing officer at our first meeting of the year in January. Officers for 2020 are President Barbara Deig, Vice-President John Kielczewski, Treasurer Dolores Chiappetta, Secretary Jerry Silhan, Sentry-Guide John Kielczewski, and Scribe Kimberly Silhan. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

We took a moment to contemplate past and future events, especially activities planned for the coming months. Two of our very talented junior members, Marisa and Michelina Spano, submitted a series of beautiful baby blankets for one of our favorite causes, the Still Missed program at Hinsdale Hospital. We promise to keep Journal readers informed of our future activities.

We hold our meetings at 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at CSA Home Office in Lombard, Illinois. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Fraternally,
Kimberly Silhan

Prescription Bottles and Pop Tabs
Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – The year ended with our lodge collecting 1,682 prescription bottles. Thanks to all members who collected them all year. Ken Dvorsky dropped off 14 pounds of pop tabs from the Vets 4 Vets American Legion in North Riverside. Hopefully, we can hit that one million mark in 2020.

We made donations to various charities this past year: St. Barbara’s Food Pantry, CSA Scholarship Fund, Operation Troops, Bohemian National Cemetery, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and T.G. Masaryk Czech School.

We chose the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant for our December meeting with the traditional meal of breaded pork tenderloin, smoked butt, beef, dumplings, sauerkraut, and cabbage.

After dinner, we socialized and were so happy to see Millie Calek and her family. We passed out Christmas cards and candy.

Don’t forget your honey on February 14, Valentine’s Day. Have a great one.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda
Lodge Happenings

See You at Tony’s on the Second Thursday

Lodge Anton J. Cermak No. 99, Brookfield, Illinois – At our December meeting, we reviewed the lodge’s activities for 2019 and evaluated our chances of winning a Platinum Award in the Lodge Recognition Program. We paid homage to departed members Joyce Janca and Alice Bergquist who had been very active CSA members. Chuck Courtney, Bill Strejc, and Scott Cramer visited Roger Fritsch and offered him encouragement. Brother Strejc visited another lodge and dropped off pop-tabs and medicine bottles. Chief Science Officer and Army Veteran Dale Novak expanded upon quantum computing and its potential to revolutionize computing. Quantum computing unlike regular computing has a more complicated decision tree, consisting of “yes, no, or maybe.”

Our first meeting of 2020 was held at Tony’s Restaurant in Brookfield. We welcomed back Sis. Linda Rivoli, planned some more for the Lodge Recognition Program, and reflected upon the losses of several devoted members last year. We finished our meeting with an excellent discussion regarding the sale of marijuana and legal technicalities. Did you know that transactions must be conducted in cash? Also, a customer could lose their concealed carry permit due to a marijuana purchase, under certain circumstances, so make sure to always do your research before purchasing.

The lodge meets at Tony’s Restaurant in Brookfield on the second Thursday of the month. See you there!

Fraternally,
Charles Courtney

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Oak Brook, Illinois – The year ahead will include many of the lodge traditions that you know and love: summertime picnic, potlucks, crafting (and donating), and much more – with perhaps a few new highlights thrown in for good measure! Whether you are able to attend monthly meetings or not, we hope that you will join us for special events. In addition, please keep us apprised of your own volunteer and service efforts: simply send me a tally of your hours with the name of the organization that you support. Of course, if a project we are planning matches your own vision for service, we’d be delighted to have your participation!

Thanks to Matt Koski, CSA Secretary/Treasurer, for starting our year strong with the Installation of Officers. We were happy to have Matt join us in this official capacity, and also for the chance to enjoy some new year’s socializing (over cake, of course!). Despite a few giggles during the ceremony, trying to remember all the words to recite, be assured that these officers take their responsibilities to the lodge very seriously!

While Sokol and CSA are different organizations, there is much overlap. In fact, members of this lodge make up a majority of Sokol Town of Lake, and we were pleased to be able to perform a “cross-over” in duties by presenting Ray Hemzacek with his 70-year Sokol membership pin. We are very proud of the long-time commitment of all of our members, not only to this lodge but also for their active roles in other organizations.

The days are getting longer, and we hope you find time in your own calendar to join us soon!

Fraternally,
Jean Hemzáček Laukant
hemzacek.j@gmail.com

Lodge officers are ready to serve, having been ceremoniously installed by Matt Koski.

Cary presents Ray with his 70-year Sokol pin.
Lodge Laurel No. 452, Storrs-Mansfield, Connecticut – On December 8, we held our annual Christmas Party. We began with a build your own sandwich luncheon plus fixings, sides, and many delicious homemade desserts. Kids from 5 to 70+ took part in creating crafts, playing the reindeer game, and visiting with Santa. The youth all enjoyed their gifts! You can see by the pictures that we had a great time! We held a brief meeting to take care of business, to review any Lodge Recognition Program loose ends, and to set up January’s meeting and Officer Installation.

On December 14, many of us attended and took part in Willington Boy Scout Troop 82’s “Breakfast with Santa” held at the Willington Hill Firehouse. All-you-can-eat delicious food was cooked and served by the Scouts and their leaders, entertainment by the Willington School Jazz Band and Select Chorus, many raffle items to choose from, and lots of camaraderie made for a very busy and wonderful morning! All proceeds from this event go to Paul Newman’s “Hole in the Wall Gang Camp” in Ashford. Kudos to the Scout Troop for this fantastic and very successful event!

Happy New Year to all!

Fraternally,
Marion Varga

Crafts

Varga Family with Santa

Macht Family with Santa

Ring those antlers!
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – We had 11 members attend our January meeting. Happy New Year, everyone! We held a moment of silence for two of our lodge’s deceased members. We were notified that we have a new member, Mr. Bob Hope (nephew of the THE Bob Hope). Welcome, Bob. We hope you can attend our meetings from now on. As a reminder, our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month (weather permitting) at 10:30 a.m. This was the first month we all brought our own lunches. Many of us said we haven’t packed a lunch since we packed for our jobs or for our school age kids! June Karecki provided a very nice dessert.

We received a nice Christmas card from our part-time Secretary, Jan Russell, who spends the cold months in Florida. She will be taking a trip to Egypt and Jordan with her family. Have fun and stay safe, Jan!

The chicken or pork dinners will be starting up in April. They are: April 22, May 27, June 24, September 23, and October 28, so please mark your calendars! They are $13.00 each and the food is wonderful!

There will be a reverse raffle on April 25 sponsored by our Sokol organization. Tickets are $50.00 each and include dinner, dessert, beer, wine and soda and the ticket for the raffle. The theme is “Villains”. If you dress up like your favorite villain, you could win a prize for the best costume. Contact Anne Knowles at: SokolReverseRaffle@gmail.com for tickets or questions.

Our charities were chosen and remain as they were last year. Everyone was given the new password for this year. Tony and Freddie won our 50/50 raffle.

Brother Dusty Clark bowled three games on October 22 at Freeway Bowling Lanes in Cleveland, Ohio. He bowled a 258, a 290 and a 299! That was a 874 series! He only had three spares in those games, the rest were strikes.

The new officers were inducted by our past President, Jean Zmrazek. They are as follows: President Tony Genco, Vice President Kathy Gawrilow, Secretary Carol Cirrilo, Treasurer June Karecki, Scribe Judy Genco, and Sentry/Guide Elmer Soos. Thank you, Jean, for inducting the officers.

Until next month, stay warm and healthy.

Judy Genco
Lodge R.T. Crane Jr. No. 7, North Riverside, Illinois – As we enter February, we are happy to share about our recent blanket donations that were used to spread some love to the residents of Cantata Senior Living. Vera Wilt delivered seven handmade fleece blankets from the members of Lodge Crane and was greeted by Edna (pictured), the activities director at Cantata. Vera and Edna had a nice chat as she inquired about which CSA lodge the donation was from. Edna has been at Cantata (formerly the British Home) for 17 years and before that had the same job at Tabor Hills for 12 years. They discussed how many Czechs are at Cantata, some of whom were friends of Vera’s that she used to visit but have since passed. Edna even expressed her love of Czech food, despite being Irish!

At our November lodge meeting, we agreed to send Target cards to our youth members which should have already arrived to their mailboxes by now! We offered an extra incentive for youth members if they send us news to share in the Journal. We hope to get some youth participation and look forward to sharing their news with CSA Journal readers!

What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine’s day?... I’m stuck on you!

Fraternally,
Alix Fron

Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois – We had a very productive business meeting in December at the home of lodge member Vera Wilt. Her home was beautifully decorated inside and out for the holidays. Vera treated us to hot cocoa with marshmallows, hot apple cider, and home baked cookies and snacks. We stayed on task and were able to schedule our meeting dates and calendar of events way into summer. In pursuit of reaching out to activate more members, we learned that many members live out of state and one even lives in another country. We decided to send a mailer to the area lodge members with a list of our scheduled events and include a response form to confirm addresses and to gather emails. At our January meeting, our new president, Matt Schultz, presented us with the mailer, which we approved. We are hoping to welcome both new and old members of Lodge Sionilli that are on our roster.

Lodge Sionilli thanks CSA Executive Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski for joining us at our meeting in January at Sokol Spirit to officially install our newly elected officers. It was so nice to have you join us for the evening!

Upcoming meetings and activities for Lodge Sionilli:
• Wednesday, February 19 – Meeting at Riverside Town Hall – 7 p.m. – prepare youth Easter gift card mailing
• Friday, March 20 – Meet at Sokol Spirit at 7:30 p.m. for a social gathering, and for those members who come at this time, Lodge Sionilli will pay the $10 for your flight at World Beer Club which starts at 8 p.m.
• April 4 (not a formal meeting) - Let’s form a Lodge Sionilli trivia team at Sokol Spirit for their quiz night.

• Thursday, April 16 - Dinner meeting at Skadarliya Restaurant in Brookfield at 7:00 p.m.
• Friday, May 15 - Movie, Kolya at Sokol Spirit in Brookfield – 7 p.m. (World Beer Club is held afterwards)
• Saturday, June 13 - Service Project at Operation Support Our Troops-America in Naperville – 9:00 a.m. followed by lunch at the Bavarian Lodge, nearby in Lisle
• Sunday, July 26, CAC Picnic – in Summit - starts at 11 a.m. We will offer a miniature golf course and a gift to our members who attend.

Please consider joining us for any and all of the activities that we have planned. We look forward to seeing you! Also, if you have any news to include in our Lodge Journal articles please email to: s.smolucha@sbcglobal.net.

We hope that you had a wonderful Valentine’s Day!

Fraternally,
Pat Smolucha

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Lodge Sokol Plzen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois – Vice President Frank Francis suggested we hold our January 2020 lodge meeting on January 12, 2020 and that it be held at TruLuck’s Restaurant in Rosemont, Illinois. The reason for this request is that he wanted to combine the meeting with a birthday party for his wife Mary Lou. This was not just a regular birthday but Mary Lou’s 80th birthday. Because the majority of the Lodge members are Mary Lou’s family, such as children, grandchildren, and brother, it seemed more than logical to do it.

A short meeting was held prior to the party. We had a discussion regarding the CSA Lodge Recognition Program, how we scored, and what category we qualified for. President Andy Bultas went over what was needed to qualify for each category and how much we could receive. The president then told the members how many points the lodge earned and what category we earned. The lodge earned the Platinum Star Award, which meant the lodge would be awarded $500.00. Every member was elated that we earned that much.

Other subjects regarding the lodge were discussed, then the meeting adjourned and the birthday party began.

Andy Bultas
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***Deadline for Journal articles – 12th of every PRIOR month***
(for example: your article for January should be submitted by December 12, etc.)
Charles “Charlie” J. Valestin Sr., age 98, of Lodge Harrison Hus Garfield No. 378, passed away on November 26, 2019. He was the beloved husband of Gloria; loving father of Charles J. Jr. and David R. (Roxane); cherished grandfather of Jennifer (Adam) Wildman and Kimberly (Brent) Harner; great grandfather of Reed, Watson, Caden, and Kayla; dear brother of Robert and the late James, Edward, and Rudolph; and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Charlie was a World War II veteran and recipient of the World War II victory medal, the bronze star, along with several other medals of honor. He was a longtime CSA member, lodge officer, and one of three Honor Flight participants from Lodge Harrison Hus Garfield No. 378. Charlie will be deeply missed.
In Memoriam

Gerald “Jerry” J. Vasicek of Big Flats, New York, passed away on Tuesday evening, December 17, 2019 at the age of 63. Jerry was born December 23, 1955, son of the late Jerome and Mary Kucera Vasicek. Jerry was a lifelong member of Lodge Empire State No. 448 serving as its Treasurer. On the national level, Jerry was an active delegate to the CSA Conventions, serving on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for several years. He looked forward to and attended several Get-Togethers with his wife and CSA member, Karen Kunicky Vasicek.

Jerry retired from Hardinge as a machinist. He was very involved in the Five Rivers Council of Boy Scouts of America for most of his life and received several awards. He was a volunteer for Eldridge Park and Chemung County SPCA, as well as an avid bowler and hiker. He was a die-hard Star Wars and Snoopy fan. Jerry is survived by his wife, three children, three step-sons, and seven grandchildren. He will truly be missed.

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409 sadly reports that it has lost its President, Bro. Jerry Gaydusek. Jerry passed early Friday morning, January 10, after a brief hospital stay. He had been experiencing ill health for the past year, but his passing was still a surprise. He valiantly fought to get well and get back to his regular routine of CSA activities. Unfortunately, that was not to be. His final resting place is the Bohemian National Cemetery, which he loved, and where he spent so much time volunteering.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 58 years Helen, his children Karole and Jim, brother John, sister Judy, and their families. His passing is mourned by his legion of friends, co-workers, neighbors, and church parishioners. Anyone who knew Jerry had nothing but kind words and regret at his passing.

Jerry was a retiree of the Wrigley Company. He worked there for decades, building, installing, repairing, and maintaining the huge machines that produced gum and other products. He traveled all over the world during his career making many friends and memories along the way.

Jerry’s and Helen’s participation in CSA lodges and divisions is extensive. In addition to Jerry being Lodge No. 409 President, he was an active member of District Council No. 12, delegate to Quadrennial Conventions, Treasurer of D.C. No. 12’s Cultural Division, member of Friends of Bohemian Cemetery, and Co-Chair of Special Projects for the Cemetery. A well-deserved CSA Fraternalist of the Year Award was presented to Jerry in 2014.

Jerry was a regular volunteer. Sometimes twice a week, he took the long drive to Bohemian National Cemetery to fix roads, work on the bell tower, refurbish and repair the Gate House, remove fallen trees, upright fallen tombstones, and do any work that was needed. He was tireless in his efforts to make the Cemetery a place where visitors would be proud to see their loved ones at rest. Jerry and Helen were generous with their help during Cemetery tours and equally generous with monetary donations. Jerry attended the annual D.C. No. 12 Children’s Christmas Party and took pictures of the kids as they talked to and posed with Santa. The couple also worked at the many picnics and parties held over the years; they could be counted on to lend a helping hand.

For years, Jerry was the Lamplighter in the annual Czech Christmas play at Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry. Also, he and Helen helped decorate the Czech Christmas tree included in the “Christmas Around the World” display which thousands came to see each year. Jerry and Helen were chap-erones for the CSA Cultural Division Band back in the day and their son and daughter’s Riverside-Brookfield High School Marching Band. His committee’s efforts to raise funds allowed the band to travel to Florida to perform.

Jerry embodied the definition of fraternalism: proud member of CSA, loving husband and father, faithful friend, and volunteer committed to making his world better. He will be sorely and truly missed by all lucky enough to know and love him.

Fraternally,
Gerri Romanelli

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