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On the Cover
For this month, we have the City of Five Seasons statue that resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on the cover. View the Today’s Fraternal article for more information.
Brothers and Sisters,

Well, here we are. The summer months are upon us, and you know what that means…

Yes, once again it’s CSA Get-Together time! This year, the 83rd Annual Get-Together will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa over the August 2-4 weekend.

I know that the Get-Together Committee has been working hard on planning out the events. The weekend begins with registration, a hospitality reception, and concludes with a Sunday brunch. In between, we’ll have a couple of dinners, one of which will be held inside the CSA Hall of Vining, Iowa. If you’ve never been to Vining to see the Hall, you won’t want to miss this. It is the centerpiece of the town, and it’s a really cool venue. There also will be an outing on Saturday afternoon at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, as well as a few surprises that the committee is planning! Of course, the highlight of the weekend will be the crowning of Miss National CSA. So if you haven’t made your plans to be there, do so now!

This Get-Together will mark the 7th Anniversary of me having the honor of being your President. Being a part of our historic society is wonderful, and having the honor of being the President of CSA is truly humbling. As always, I appreciate the support that I’ve been given from our membership, so, thank you. Here’s to many more!

I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you in a few weeks in Iowa.

Until next time,

Fraternally,
John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
President
CSA Fraternal Life
Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 14, 2019
96th Česky Den - Czech Heritage Festival
DTJ Taborville, Auburn, Ohio
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Rain or Shine $5.00 admission

Sunday, July 28, 2019
CAC Annual Czechoslovak Picnic
Summit Community Park District
5700 Archer Ave., Summit, Illinois
Traditional food and drink
Booths from local Czech organizations

Friday – Sunday, August 2–4, 2019
CSA 83rd Annual Get-Together
Cedar Rapids, Iowa. See pages 10 and 11.

Saturday, September 14, 2019
Sokol Spirit’s Oktoberfest
Sokol Spirit Hall, 3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, Illinois
Live music, beer, food, raffles, and more!

Sunday, August 11, 2019
85th Obzinky (Harvest Festival)
DTJ Taborville, Auburn, Ohio
Czech food and bands from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Parade at 2 p.m., Rain or Shine
$5.00 admission

Friday – Sunday, August 30 – September 1, 2019
WestFest 2019
110 E. 10th Street, West, Texas 76691
Musical performances, Kolache, 5K Race, parade, dancers,
carnival, arts and crafts, helicopter rides, handmade eggs, Sokol
exhibit, and food
Call 254-826-5058 for more information.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Czech Festival 2019
American-Czech Educational Center
4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
Czech food, pastries, pivo, music, and more.
See Facebook page for details.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival
Prince George County Regional Heritage Center
6404 Courthouse Rd., Prince George, Virginia 23875
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Free admission, food, dancing, games,
exhibits, and music.
For information: 804-863-0212; pghistory@aol.com;
www.princegeorgehistoricalsociety.org

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

Every year the Cedar Rapids community experiences the wonders of changing seasons in their Midwestern landscape. Some may say that taking the time to “stop and smell the roses” is paramount for happiness. This time of appreciation is considered Cedar Rapids’ “fifth season,” and it allows them time to enjoy the other seasons and to enjoy life.

In 1968, a local advertising agency – Creswell, Munsell, Fultz & Zirbel (CMF&Z) – created an initiative to certify that Cedar Rapids is a distinctive destination and a valuable asset to the nation. They capitalized on the fact that commuting time in Cedar Rapids is much shorter than larger cities of the country, thereby providing time for a more enjoyable lifestyle. Bill Munsell and Gary Anderson created a memorable city identifier, a slogan that defined the city’s important point of difference. Mr. Anderson also designed a logo that resembles a five-point star.

Life is the sum of all the seasons with which it is filled, and if we have time to enjoy the things most important to us, life is therefore rich and full. In Cedar Rapids there is time enough, time to enjoy the seasons as they pass, extra time, and precious time – this is known as their fifth season.

The idea was developed for and introduced by the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. By 1975, the Cedar Rapids Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the City of Cedar Rapids had adopted the Five Seasons. In 1979, the convention center built in downtown Cedar Rapids was named the Five Seasons Center, and the adjacent hotel was called the Five Seasons Hotel.

In 1993, Mr. Munsell and Mr. Anderson teamed up again to raise more than $800,000 in private donations and in-kind contractors’ support to build a 60-foot tall version of the Five Seasons logo, called the Tree of Five Seasons, near the Cedar River in downtown Cedar Rapids. The stainless steel monument (pictured on the cover) was erected on April 3, 1996 and officially dedicated to the city on May 18, 1996.

Originally, the City of Five Seasons logo appeared in orange with the words “time for life”, and was later revised to “time to enjoy.” Currently, the city uses the logo in green with the words “City of Five Seasons.” The City of Five Seasons symbol and slogan are registered trademarks of the city of Cedar Rapids and it appears on all of the city’s vehicles, street signs, uniforms, letterhead, business cards, website, and more. This distinctive identity is woven into the fabric of the entire Cedar Rapids community.

If you are attending this year’s Get-Together, make sure to pack stuffed animals or blankets if you can. This year, CSA is partnering with Project Night Night, a national organization that distributes Night Night Packages to homeless children around the country. Each Night Night Package contains a new book, security blanket, and stuffed animal to help them feel secure, loved, and valued. Our service project goal is to provide 125 Night Night Packages for foster care children. These packages will be distributed via the local Department of Human Services office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they service 17 Iowa counties.

I am looking forward to a successful Get-Together this year! Consider joining us. I would like to wish you all a happy summer, and I hope to see many of you soon in Cedar Rapids!

Fraternally,
Amanda S. Lovell

“City of Five Seasons History.”
May 2019 Board Report

After the committee meetings on Thursday evening, the entire Board of Directors met on Friday morning.

Congratulations to all the members who participated in the Photo Contest. Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell reported there were 638 entries from about 120 members. The Board renewed the contracts for magazine editor Cynthia Hall and publisher Ovid Bell. Under the direction of Sister Lovell, they have put out a quality Journal, and we have received many compliments from members and those outside of CSA.

As you are aware, CSA Scholarships are awarded to our younger members who are pursuing higher education through undergraduate college or vocational training. The top award is $4,000, with other awards at $3,500, $3,000, $2,500, and $2,000. We gave a total of $45,000 last year, so those donations that you and your Lodges have made to the Scholarship Fund over the years have had a great impact.

As reported in the March article, the Board was expecting to visit with our actuary, auditor, and investment counselor. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the actuary had to reschedule to the November meeting. A representative from Parkway Advisors was able to have a telephone conversation with the Audit Committee, but was unable to attend the full Board meeting. He will also come in November. Joe Lee from RSM, our auditor, completed the 2018 year-end audit and stated that there were “no disagreements with the management over the significant accounting principles, and no material weaknesses were identified during our audit of the statutory financial statements.”

The Board continues to update and incorporate the Strategic Plan that was developed two years ago. Some of the risk areas will be investigated by the appropriate committees, with conclusions presented to the full Board.

Many staff members at CSA are continuing their education by attending seminars and conferences. With our small staff, they continue to cross-train within the office so that there is no interruption in services to our membership.

President Kielczewski reported that the CSA Home Office hosted the Slovak Consular Days event. During those two days, there were about 160 people who came to get their passports, visas, and other paperwork updated. For those interested, the Home Office staff explained our products and they were able to sign up some new members.

We are looking forward to the Get-Together in Cedar Rapids, Iowa during August 2–4. The committee has many fun programs planned, so be sure to attend.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 1, so if you have any concerns, please advise your Director.

Fraternally,
Irma Drahota Farrell

Jan Hus Day – July 6, 2019

Jan Hus was a philosopher and priest who hailed from what is now the Czech Republic. He was born in 1369 and was burned at the stake for heresy in the summer of 1415. He was executed due to his disagreements regarding various Roman Catholic Church doctrines. Hus made a significant impact during his lifetime as a religious reformer, and that is why he has a holiday dedicated to him.

While this holiday isn’t known for major events or traditions, there are some Jan Hus Day celebrations in various locations around the nation. “HusFest” is the name of one specific Czech festival that is centered around him. This yearly event takes place in his hometown of Husinec and includes numerous types of performances and activities.

Some people in the Czech Republic see Jan Hus Day as a time to be charitable. One tradition involves gathering food and giving it to the homeless residents of major cities such as Prague.
Brothers and Sisters,

Things don’t always go according to plan. Just ask my neighbors who farm, as we had an unusual start to summer this year. With all of the rain in the Midwestern portion of the United States, many farmers fell behind getting into the field. That made for some pretty tense farmers, who rely on faith, historical patterns, and a bit of luck each year in their business. I think most people are happier when things go according to plan. When things go differently than planned, we are forced to react and adjust our desires with an often disappointing outcome. However, I believe that often circumstance can benefit us with unseen opportunity.

With CSA, you can depend on a group of people who can help you through those inevitable, unpredictable changes in life. The Sales Department can help you select coverages that fit your life and budget, or show you how a fixed rate annuity might offer you piece of mind as a part of your retirement savings plan. The Claims Department will help as you traverse the changes when a loved one passes away. The Policy Services Department is here to help with any questions on how your products are performing and can keep your beneficiaries up to date. The Fraternal Department can help connect you to social and cultural opportunities. Whoever you work with, we here at CSA make sure you can always depend on us to be there.

Our Brothers and Sisters in Iowa are busily putting together what should be another great time of fellowship and fun during the Get-Together this year. We will all enjoy the annual excitement of the Miss National CSA Contest, the announcement of the Fraternalist of the Year Award, and the Kropik Scholarship winner. We will have the fun of discovering a city that many have not visited before. Heather and I are looking forward to seeing our old friends and making new friends.

If you have not attended a Get-Together before, do something unpredictable and new. Join us, because you are sure to have a good time.

Fraternally,
Matthew A. Koski
Executive Secretary/COO/CRO

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.

Like us on Facebook
Fellow Brothers and Sisters,
This will be my last article as Miss National CSA, and before I begin with the life updates, I just wanted to give a big hug and thank you to my CSA family for being so kind and welcoming with every event I’ve attended. You guys have been the best!

Lately, I’ve continued with my hectic work schedule, working nights at a nursing home and then day shifts at Chase Bank. One of the biggest perks of working at the nursing home is being able to work with my best friend, Jadyn, and being able to help each other out during our shifts. It definitely made me much less nervous knowing my friend and I were both going to be training and doing what we enjoy together.

In addition, I’ve been taking an online summer class to finally finish my General Education classes at my school, which gets very tedious since there are so many requirements! Within gaps, I find time to still go out with friends and attend Chicago’s local festivals while trying new food and ice cream places throughout the city. Perhaps one of the more exciting things I’ve done was attend my first Crosstown Classic, which is a two-day baseball game between Chicago’s two teams, the White Sox and the Cubs. I have always been a Sox fan, which was disappointing to many of the people that were at Wrigley Field, which is the home of the Cubs.

In the next couple of weeks, I am hoping to have a chance to attend Starved Rock State Park in Oglesby, Illinois. Starved Rock is a park that is known for their scenic trails and canyons, which makes the hike quite peaceful. Also, my friends and I are planning to take a trip to Cedar Point in Ohio, which is the best amusement park I’ve ever been to.

Next month, I will be starting my junior year of college at Saint Xavier University and will finally begin my clinical rotation, which I am extremely excited – yet scared – for. After nursing school, I’m hoping to either work at a nursing home, or in the intensive care unit at a local hospital.

Once again, thank you all for the open arms and warm smiles that I’ve encountered at all events, every time. I’ve had a very memorable and fun year serving as this year’s Miss CSA, and can’t wait to congratulate the next girl who will be receiving this title next month at the 2019 Get-Together in Cedar Rapids. Hope to see you all in August!

With love,
Cassandra Stone
Miss National CSA 2018-2019
Czechoslovakian Festival
Sunday, July 28, 2019
Traditional Food, Beverages, Vendors, Dancing, Live Music, and More!

**NEW LOCATION**
Summit Community Park
5700 S. Archer Road, Summit
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Read the Journal online at: www.csalife.com
2019 83rd CSA Get-Together

Please fill out and postmark by June 30, 2019 to:

District Council #14
c/o Get Together
2940 U Avenue
Elberon, IA 52225

Phone: 319-479-2202 or 641-485-1738
Email: csagettogether2019@gmail.com

Bohemian Alps ... Iowa
August 2-4, 2019

Make all checks payable to: 83rd Annual Get-Together

PLEASE PRINT BELOW (Duplicate as necessary)

NAME ________________________ LODGE (if applicable) __________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP ___________________ __________________________

PHONE ______________________ EMAIL ______________________

Is this your first CSA Get-Together? ______

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, THEN ADD YOUR TOTAL:

*Adult Delegate: _______ $125
Youth Delegate or Guest (under 18): _______ $100
If youth, would like an adult meal: _______ + $25

*Adult T-shirt Size: (circle) S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

Youth’s Age: _______

*Youth T-shirt Size: (circle) XS S M L XL
XS 7-8 S 8-10 M 10-12 L12-14 XL Small Adult

*Coffee Mug

$18.00

$12.00

$10.00

*Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts and coffee mugs go to the CSA Scholarship Fund

Are you attending a banquet dinner only?

Friday Night _______ $35.00
Saturday Night _______ $35.00
Sunday Brunch _______ $35.00

TOTAL: $ __________

List any food allergies or dietary restrictions/requirements here:

__________________________________________________________

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Hello all!

The Get-Together Committee has been hard at work planning the August 2-4 weekend. We are still working on some projects, but the one event for Saturday will be an afternoon at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML). The exhibition at that time is to mark the 30th anniversary of the 1989’s Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia. The NCSML tells the story in an original exhibition that features film footage, eyewitness accounts, music, and an array of artifacts. The exhibit explores the year 1989 as communist regimes worldwide experienced major unrest, including stories from China, East Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Visitors will have the opportunity to make their own screen-printed poster in a workshop that is adjacent to the gallery. There will also be a showing of the film, ironically titled, “Czech That Film.” For more information, check up on the museum and library’s website at www.ncsml.org.

Also we are making plans for the youth who might be attending. We have separate plans for them, depending on their age. There will be no cost for either of these side trips. So, let us know if you are interested, and we will move forward from there.

With all the snow we had this winter and now all the rain, it has slowed us oldies down a little bit. Though fear not, as we will have a successful 83rd Get-Together weekend. See you – hopefully! – in August.

Fraternally,
The Get-Together Committee
Just kidding! Although the state is known for its agriculture, did you know that Iowa does not recognize an official state food? However, Iowa does have a state motto, a state flower, a state bird, and a state rock. Now, most states do have a state food, and in fact, they usually have more than one. From what you can find online, Iowa is one of sixteen states to not have an official food or drink.

Some of the foods selected for a state honor make sense. Wisconsin’s state beverage is just what you’d expect – milk. Likewise, Florida’s state fruit is the orange. However, did you know the cranberry is Wisconsin’s state fruit, or that Florida has ley lime as its state pie? North Carolina has a state red berry, the strawberry, and a state blue berry, the blueberry. The official state snack food of Illinois is popcorn.

Texas has designated TEN state foods and drinks. This list includes a state bread (pan de campo), a state dish (chili con carne), and a state fruit (grapefruit). Texas even has a state cooking tool, the cast iron Dutch oven.

Now if you’ve ever driven through Iowa, you’ve probably noticed one standout on the road: corn. The state of Iowa is #1 in corn for grain production in the United States. That kind of accomplishment definitely deserves some recognition. So, let’s (unofficially) declare corn as the new state food of Iowa!
Recipes

Stuffed Iowa Chops

Stuffed Chops:
2 Iowa pork chops, thick cut
1 tablespoon canola oil
1/2 tablespoon onion, chopped
3/4 tablespoons parsley
1 tablespoon whole milk
1/2 cup whole kernel corn
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
1/2 cup apple, diced
Salt and pepper, to taste

Basting Sauce:
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup mustard
1/4 teaspoon rosemary leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:
Set pork chops aside. In a bowl, combine ingredients until well mixed. Cut a slit in the side of the chops and stuff with mixture. In a separate bowl, combine the basting ingredients and blend until smooth. In a frying pan, brown the stuffed chops and then bake them in an oven at 350° for about an hour, basting chops often with sauce.


Corn Chowder

Ingredients:
2 tablespoons butter
4 scallions, white bulbs and green tops chopped and reserved separately
1 red bell pepper, chopped
2 ribs celery, chopped
1 pound boiling potatoes (about 3), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
4 cups fresh corn kernels (cut from about 8 ears)
1 bay leaf
1 quart canned low-sodium chicken broth or homemade stock
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
Sour cream, for serving (optional)

Directions:
In a large saucepan, melt the butter over moderately low heat. Add the scallion bulbs, bell pepper, and celery. Then cook, while stirring occasionally, until the vegetables start to soften, about 10 minutes. Stir in the potatoes, 2 cups of the corn, the bay leaf, broth, and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes.

In a blender or food processor, puree the remaining 2 cups of corn with the milk. Stir the puree into the soup along with the black pepper. Simmer until the soup thickens slightly, about 5 to 10 minutes. Remove the bay leaf. Stir in the scallion greens. Top each serving with a dollop of sour cream, if desired.

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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.)
Staying Safe in the Sun

Summer means lots of kids will be playing outdoors, and it’s important to stay safe while having fun. When it comes to protecting your kids from the sun, sunscreen plays an important role. However, sunscreen is just one of the ways to guard against the sun’s damaging rays, because the sun’s rays can reflect off of sand, water, and other reflective surfaces. Make sure to utilize hats and sunglasses, as they can also play an important role in preventing UV damage.

Apply sunscreen. It can certainly be challenging to remember to apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outdoors, but that’s exactly what you and your kids should do before heading outside, even on cloudy days. That’s because UVA rays can go right through the clouds and can still cause damage. Use generous amounts of UVA and UVB blocking sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15. Reapply every two hours or so, especially after swimming or sweating.

Studies have shown that people often underestimate how much sunscreen they should be using, so be sure to follow the directions on the package (about one ounce for the entire body is usually the recommended amount). If your grade-schooler is old enough and wants to apply their own sunscreen, supervise the application and remind them to wash their hands afterwards. Finally, avoid using combination sunscreens with insect repellants because when sunscreen is reapplied, it can lead to excessive exposure to the repellant.

Get some sun-protective clothing. Purchase a few wide-brimmed hats and tightly-woven cotton clothing. Did you know that many kids’ clothes, especially swimsuits, have SPF already built-in? Try to stay out of direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun is at its most intense peak, and try to stay in the shade as much as possible.

Shop for some cool shades for both you and your children. Look for kids’ sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays. You don’t need to spend a lot on kid sunglasses, because research shows that inexpensive sunglasses that are labeled as protective for UVA and UVB are still effective in blocking the sun’s harmful rays. Remember that you can still get a sunburn even if it’s cloudy. Sunburns do not happen only on sunny days; up to 80 percent of the sun’s UV rays can penetrate the skin, even on cloudy days, according to the American Academy of Dermatology.


Summertime House Cleaning Tips

Although the weather is nice and the sun is shining, summer often presents some unique messes. From grass stains to dollops of melted, sticky ice cream, summer can be challenging — unless you know the tricks of the trade. Use these tips to keep your house clean and organized throughout the hot season.

**Bathroom**
- Remind everyone in your household to keep a window open or the fan on during every shower to prevent humidity (which is the perfect environment for mold).
- Go through the items on the shower rack and under the sink. Toss out any empty bottles (make sure to recycle when possible!) and take inventory of things you need, such as sunscreen, bug spray, ointment, etc.
- Wipe down all surfaces that accumulate moisture right after you use them in order to prevent hard-water stains and mildew.

**Patio/Deck Furniture**
- Cleaning the patio is simple! You only need 30 minutes and a little elbow grease.
- To clean your patio furniture, spray with water, scrub with a solution of water and dish soap, and then use a soft brush to work the cleaner into the dirt. Check cushions for laundering instructions, then wash accordingly.
- If you find any rust on metal furniture, sand it down and rinse it off. This might require multiple rounds depending on how much rust there is. Consider priming and painting your furniture in order to give the items new life, and you’ll save some money instead of buying new. Remember the order: sand, prime, allow to dry, then paint!

**Laundry Room**
- What is the key to prepping the laundry room for a summer full of washing, drying, and folding grass-stained T-shirts and shorts? Organization. Put everything you need within reach and utilize all of your space.
- Clear the laundry room of empty bottles and boxes that may have accumulated, and be sure to pack away any cold-weather clothing that you’re not using.
- Since summer presents its own unique types of stains than usual — condiments, ice cream, grass, and dirt — before you sort by whites and colors, sort clothes by those you need to pre-treat and those you don’t.

**Kitchen**
- Hot temperatures cause a stinky reminder that this is a great time to give your garbage can a scrub down.
- Get into the nitty gritty of everything else in the kitchen, like appliances. Toasters are easy, but appliances that see heavier use, such as your stovetop and microwave, may need a little more attention.

**The Pantry**
- Throw away the expired and “why-did-I-buy-this?” kinds of foods.
- Organize all the favored, heavily used items for easy access. This way, you can keep everyone from rummaging for something in the very back of the pantry and knocking everything over in the process!
- Cleaning the pantry takes more than just organizing alone. Pantries are renowned for collecting mysterious crumbs and debris. Vacuum up crumbs, broken pieces of pasta, spilled flour, and other bits of food. Then wipe everything down, starting at the top shelf and working your way down. Pay special attention to stuck-on, dried-up messes, which can attract unwanted pests.

As Virginia celebrates the 50th year of their slogan, “Virginia is for Lovers,” the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center celebrated the local couples who have lived it, literally! Concurrent with “The Love Exhibit,” folks were able to look back at the Center’s first ten years, as well as an exhibit that takes a look into the next decade.

This special tribute exhibit was comprised of loaned pictures, memorabilia, cake toppers, and wedding attire from fifty years ago or more. A lot of the dresses were made by the brides or their mothers. The oldest dress in the exhibit was from a wedding in 1942. Some had smaller weddings, others more formal. There were photos of 50th and 70th anniversary parties. Wow!
Summertime is Here!

District Council No. 12 of Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana –

Now it’s summer, a time to invigorate our spirits and enjoy the sunny benefits of these warm, beautiful days of the season. During the months of July and August, we have a few important days to note. Of course, there’s Independence Day on the 4th of July, the day we proclaimed our separation from the British Empire. We should take time to give thanks for our special blessings and freedoms.

Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin urged all Americans to celebrate this joyous days with parades, picnics, fireworks, and all kinds of merriment – we have continued to do this throughout the 243 years of our nation’s existence. On July 6, 1946 President George W. Bush was born, along with actor Sylvester Stallone. On August 19, 1946, President William Jefferson Clinton was born.

Remember to attend the Czech American Congress Festival and Picnic on Sunday, July 28. It will be held at the Summit Park Center at Archer Avenue and 57th Street (also known as Bulldog Drive) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August 2-4 will be the CSA Get-Together in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. District Council No. 12 has reserved a large, comfortable coach bus to take Chicagoland members to Cedar Rapids. The trip should take 4-5 hours. Passengers may park their cars at the CSA Home Office parking lot on Thursday, August 1 at 9:00 a.m. The bus will leave at 10:00 a.m., but make sure to arrive early. Please RSVP by calling a representative of District Council No. 12 or by calling the Home Office at 800-LIFE-CSA. There is so much to look forward to that weekend. Who will be our new Miss National CSA? Who will be our new Fraternalist of the Year? Best wishes to the Cedar Rapids Get-Together Committee and all of the Iowa lodge members who are assisting them. You always do a terrific job.

Finally, our next District Council No. 12 meeting will be held on September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the CSA Home Office. Enjoy the summer, and stay safe and healthy!

Best,
Edward Slavik
Lodge Happenings

Looking Forward to the Four C Notes

Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookview, Illinois – Past President, Sis. LaVerne Weissensel, with her son and grandson, recently paid a visit to former Sionilli Treasurer, Sis. Mildred Pultorak. Millie is currently staying at Plymouth Place Senior Living in LaGrange, Illinois. She was thrilled to see one of her lodge friends, and says she misses us and doesn’t hear from anyone, so keep her in your thoughts and maybe drop her a note!

We congratulate Bro. Joseph Weissensel who was awarded a generous CSA Scholarship! Good luck to you and we hope this helps you pursue your dreams.

Our July meeting will be held in a fun and social environment at the Czechoslovak American Congress Picnic, to be held on Sunday, July 28 at a new location this year. Come out for a great afternoon at the Summit Park District, 5700 S. Archer Road, in Summit, Illinois. The park entrance is about one block southwest of Rt. 171 (1st Ave.). Several of our members will be working at the picnic, but please come join us for some food, beverages, Czech music, and dancing. When our worker bees can get away from their duties, we will call a brief lodge meeting to take care of any necessary business, but come out for a fun afternoon!

We plan to attend a concert at Cantigny Park in Wheaton at 3:00 p.m. on August 18, featuring “The Four C Notes.” Pioneered and headlined by John Michael Coppola, best known for his appearance in Chicago’s long running production of the Broadway smash hit, “Jersey Boys,” The Four C Notes are the Midwest’s only tribute dedicated to recreating the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons! Before the show, our members will have a cook-out at the home of Treasurer Stan Smolucha and his wife Pat. For more information on this and other upcoming lodge meetings and events, contact Secretary Vera Wilt, 708-442-4444. Leave a message if you don’t get her directly and she will get back to you.

Fraternally,
Alix Wilt

Members Attend BNC’s Memorial Service

Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – Our Lodge has once again received the Platinum LRP Award. Thanks to all our members who donated their time and effort to achieve this award. I especially want to thank our Secretary, Cindy Bueneeman, who kept records throughout the year. It is challenging to attain this award.

Four members from our Lodge attended the Join Hands Day at the Bohemian National Cemetery. We washed windows and cleaned the grounds. We approached the Columbarium and noticed that the Restoration Project has started. Tearing out the old carpeting has revealed a beautiful stone floor that will be restored.

We paid tribute to Anton Cermak at his tomb to honor his birthday.

Cindy Bueneeman attended the BNC’s Memorial Service and sent me this message on what took place: “Two members from our Lodge attended the May 27 service at Bohemian National Cemetery to honor those who died while serving in the Army, Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Marines, and the U.S. Air Force. Sokol Spirit youth served as Color Guard. Ed Slavik played the songs of the U.S. Armed Forces and as a song was played, those who had served or their families stood to be recognized. Czech poems were recited by three students from the T.G. Masaryk school. Jaroslav Kanturek, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago spoke and ‘Taps’ was played by Jerry Silhan of Lodge Brookfield. It was a moving ceremony. Afterward, a second program commemorating the 100th Annual Memorial Service of the Bohemian Odd Fellow and Rebekah Memorial Association was held at their monument.”

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda
Busy Times

Lodge Laurel No. 452, Storrs-Mansfield, Connecticut – Our Bowl-o’Rama was held on Sunday, April 6. We had only two bowlers able to join us on that day. Two others (Ashley and Ryan Goodwin) bowled independently later on. Sports team commitments, last minute family obligations, and working all tend to take up our youth’s time. The picture shows Jonathan Varga all set to roll the ball while Mason Varga waits for his favorite ball to return. The boys enjoyed their afternoon which was followed by pizza plus at the home of Sister Marion Varga. They each received their participation gifts distributed by Youth Coordinator Margaret Varga. We then held our monthly meeting.

We met at Sister Marion Varga’s on the morning of May 18 to complete our Join Hands Day Project. We planted three window-size flower boxes which we delivered to two senior members and an ill member unable to attend Lodge meetings. We hope the bright flowers brought a smile to their faces and helped them to know we are always thinking of them. The project was done in phases. Brother Bob Zaicek constructed the boxes, Sisters Kirsten and Marion Varga along with youth Mason Varga painted them, so they were ready for planting. Following our planting, we had lunch and held our May meeting. After the meeting, several members paid visits to our Lodge friends and delivered the flower boxes. In addition to the boxes, we also planted flowers in the Windham Center Fire House flower box we had donated several years ago.

Our April and May meetings were fruitful. We discussed our Service Projects and the Lodge Recognition Program, coming up with many ideas and making several decisions. For our Service Projects, we will continue to support the Ashford Food Bank, the Willington Food Bank, the Olive Hansen Food Pantry run by the Columbia Baptist Fellowship Church, the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut, and the CSA Scholarship Fund. We have set July 21 for our Annual Picnic to be held at Mansfield Hollow Park in Mansfield beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Lodge will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and condiments. We will hold our annual competition on this day, which will be a cooking competition. We are to make something with tomato (raw, cooked, processed). Our creations will be judged in three categories: 1) most creative; 2) tastiest; and 3) most visually appealing. We hope you will join us and bring your favorite tomato dish!

At the May meeting, the secretary presented us with the Lodge Recognition Platinum Award. We are proud to receive this award. The $500 that comes with the award will help us to do our charitable and social activities.

We wish to highlight one of our youth members, Kaylie Goodwin. Kaylie competes in gymnastics at Gymnastics Express Too in Glastonbury, Connecticut. She competes at level 9 (out of 10 levels). She won the Connecticut State Championship on beam and All Around. She competed in the Region Six (New England and New York) regionals in Springfield, Massachusetts, where she placed 3rd on Vault, 4th on Beam, 8th on Floor and 4th All Around for her age group. This qualified her to compete in Eastern Nationals in Kissimmee, Florida for Region Six, where she placed 3rd on Vault, 4th on Beam, 8th on Floor and 4th All Around. We are very proud of Kaylie and wish her much success as she continues her gymnastics. The picture shows Kaylie preparing for competition in Florida.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our picnic on July 21. Please RSVP to laurel452@msn.com or call 860-429-6322.

Fraternally,
Marion Varga
**Lodge Happenings**

**Milestones of Education and Achievement**

**Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Lombard, Illinois** – Big thanks to Chuck Michalek of Lodge Yankee-Jungmann, who treated our lodge members (and guests) to a wonderful and engaging presentation that included the history, interesting tidbits, and ongoing challenges of Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. Chuck is a very active supporter of the cemetery, and also was instrumental in the success of the Eastland Memorial installation. He is a veritable fount of knowledge: we learned so many fascinating facts! Drawing upon the talents of our community, including outside our own lodge, enriches us all – and we are very grateful that Chuck could make time in his busy schedule for us!

Congratulations to Carter Hamrin! To start with, he and his doubles partner, Jordan, had another amazing season, taking first in Conference for doubles and pushing the Oak Forest Varsity team to a Conference Tournament win for the first time since 2001. Carter and Jordan had 60 wins in four years playing together as partners. Topping off this career, Carter graduated in May from Oak Forest High School, earning the President's Education Award, Illinois State Scholar for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Scholar Activity Award for Chess/Mathletes, Scholar Athlete Award for Soccer/Tennis, and the Rob Millhuff Award for exemplifying quiet leadership, dedication, and passion for sport. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, majoring in Biomedical Engineering in the Fall. Together with his parents, Nancy and Donn, and grandparents, Beverly and Larry Ebenroth, we congratulate Carter and wish him much success.

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for our Lodge Recognition picnic on Sunday, August 18. Details were in last month’s article – if you missed it, just give me a shout, and I can bring you up to date. We hope to see not only our regulars, but many more of you for that event!

*Fraternally,*

Jean Hemzáček Laukant
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Carter Hamrin graduated from Oak Forest High School

Chuck Michalek is surrounded by appreciative lodge members after his presentation about BNC.
Lodge Happenings

Party Bus Leads to Lunch on the River

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – I know you all want to hear about our Cleveland weather (ha ha). Well, recently we had a small earthquake and it rained all day. The rivers and Lake Erie are at their highest levels. On June 11, it was sunny, bright and in the 70’s, just a perfect weather day! It was also our meeting day. Our wonderful sisters, Freddie and Camille Shima, rented a “party bus” for 16 of our members to ride together to a lovely restaurant on the river for a yummy lunch. We were able to watch boats go by right outside the restaurant. Then the bus took us through downtown where we passed our football stadium, our baseball stadium, and our small airport on the lake and to our Rock Hall of Fame for some pictures. We really want to thank Freddie and Camille for their generosity and the wonderful day they provided.

Before we got to the restaurant, we had a short meeting on the bus. Jan Russell read last month’s minutes that were approved by all.

Tyler Frantz got a $2500.00 scholarship from CSA this year. Congrats, Tyler!

Remember everyone, please bring clothing, backpacks and/or school supplies to our August meeting for the Providence House. Also, at our August meeting, everyone is to bring their own lunch in a cute lunch bag. There will be a contest for the cutest lunch bag that is brought to the meeting. In September, we will have a speaker and a pizza party.

At the restaurant, we sang “Happy Birthday” to our two members who have birthdays in June. They are June Karecki and Jan Russell.

The “Crock Pot” cook-off is on October 5. There will also be an “ugly t-shirt” contest with prizes awarded. Please contact Jan Russell for more information. Her cell number is 440-829-0798. It’s a lot of fun with lots of good food. Additional information on events will be coming.

Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco
**Lodge Happenings**

Members Share Their Asian Experience

*Lodge R.T. Crane No. 7, North Riverside, Illinois* – Our May meeting was interesting and educational as Dennis Thorfeldt, husband of our President Charmaine Thorfeldt, shared about their recent Asian cruise. They were able to visit Singapore, Vietnam, and Thailand. They saw many beautiful buildings, ate delicious food, and interacted with the locals. Thank you for the beautiful presentation, Dennis!

Congratulations to Dawn Jensen and her husband on recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! What an amazing milestone to celebrate. May your marriage continue to be filled with love and joy for many more years.

This month we continued one of our favorite traditions, a steak dinner to celebrate receiving the Lodge Recognition Program. We enjoy using some of our reward money to treat ourselves to a nice dinner every year. Vera Wilt always proves to be a great cook as she mans the grill for the evening.

Speaking of steak… What do you call a cow that doesn’t give milk? … A milk dud!

*Fraternally,*

*Alix Wilt*

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**Lodge Happenings from June**

*Lodge Independence Liberty Bell No. 408, St. Louis, Michigan* – Well, we sure seem to be having a hard time bringing in the warm weather here, but that has not stopped us from getting together and planning lots of activities for the summer.

Our monthly meeting was held on June 4 with six members in attendance. We voted to open the club at 3:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. for the summer months. We had our Trivia Night and it was an absolute blast! We had six tables and the competition was fierce. We ended up having a tie-breaker and the winning team consisted of Jill and Frank McClintic, Dale and Crickett Hamilton, and Cecil Kremsreiter (pictured). We are planning on having another event sometime in October because it was so much fun.

Darrin Giles put together another Old Car Show on Friday, June 14. It was like a walk down memory lane. On Saturday, June 22 there was a Benefit Ride held for Michelle Tryon starting at the River Rock in downtown St. Louis, Michigan at 10 a.m. and a reception followed at the CSA Hall.

Our monthly Euchre Party was held on Friday, May 17, which consisted of eight tables. We plan on having Euchre throughout the summer months.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer.

*Until next time,*

*Mary Anderson*
**Lodge Happenings**

**Joining Hands in Service**

Lodge Kruh Osvojencetn a Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio – Hey friends! We hope all of you have been enjoying some beautiful summer weather. By the time you read this, you will most likely be hoping for a break, regarding the heat and humidity. Sadly, we’re never happy are we? It’s either too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, etc. – it’s always something! I guess that’s just how we are wired. Nevertheless, keep smiling and enjoying it. It’s going by way too fast!

Recently, we joined hands with the Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members of Dillonvale’s Post No. 529 to celebrate Memorial Day. Services were held in Night Rider Park under canopies erected by the Legionnaires and Ohio Boys’ State Delegates. A luncheon was served by the women of the Auxiliary for all in attendance. Legionnaire, Bro. Charles Ebright, participated in the ceremony as a representative of Lodge No. 121 while Sis. Mariann Ebright and Sis. Wendy Lovell helped provide food for the luncheon.

Youth member, Bro. Elijah Lovell, marched in both the Adena and Mt. Pleasant Memorial Day Parades with the Buckeye Local Panther Band while Bro. Gary Lovell offered assistance and also helped photograph the events. We provided food, manpower, and support for the three local holiday activities, all held on the same day and only hours apart. It was a very busy day, but we all enjoyed ourselves and were honored to help our local units.

We also made a recent donation to the CSA Scholarship Fund in honor of all recent 2019 graduates. Like me, if you have a child, grandchild, or other family member that will be college-ready in 2020, keep that March deadline in mind so they can apply for a CSA Scholarship. It’s easy to apply and all the necessary forms are online at www.csalife.com (go to: Forms, then Member Forms, then scroll down to Scholarship Program). Our daughter, Amanda, (CSA’s current Fraternal Director) was blessed with a CSA Scholarship, which was a great help for her and our family.

We will be providing some highlights in next month’s Journal about our combined Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Dinner. Please “Czech” us out again to see what we’ve been doing! For now, relax, take a deep breath of fresh air, and don’t forget to enjoy those last few days of summer!

“Remember, the suntans will fade, but the memories will be everlasting.”

~Unknown

May all your summer memories be happy ones.

**Best,**

Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Bohemian Garnets

Lodge Bratri od Sazavy No. 211, Little Ferry, New Jersey – Our May meeting was held at the Sokol Hall of Little Ferry. We were happy to have with us Peter Kleskovic, Jr. up from Virginia. During the meeting, we had a discussion of Bohemian garnets, which are considered to be among the best in the world. I brought in my personal collection of garnet jewelry, including rings, necklaces, and earrings. Some of the pieces are very old and are from my grandmother. My mother owned some, and recently, more have been purchased on various trips to the Czech Republic. After regular business, members were presented with the certificate for the Lodge Recognition Program Platinum Award. We are working on the 2019 program and hoping to achieve Platinum again.

The June meeting was again held at the Sokol Hall. We are making progress on the LRP. Sis. Blanche Bidnik and Bro. Frank Zabransky set up an exhibit in a wall case inside the Sokol Hall explaining the meaning of the colors in Czech kroje.

The July meeting will be at the Sokol Hall again. There will be no meeting in August. We hope to see you in September.

Fraternally,
Carol Tranter
Lodge Happenings

Hard at Work

Lodge Rovnost No. 53, Cicero, Illinois
– Our lodge was very busy last year because we were working hard to earn a Gold Award in the Lodge Recognition Program. Our ladies were crocheting lap afghans for nursing homes and crocheting hats and scarves for the homeless. Others were knitting caps for the newborn babies at the hospital. Kurt Nelson was busy flipping pancakes for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, an event that he is very involved with. Chris Lanzel was also very busy planning the Plant Sale for her church, and several of us attended and helped.

We also volunteered at Join Hands Day at the Bohemian National Cemetery. We worked at the Czechoslovak American Congress (CAC) Festival and Picnic, which was fun and a beautiful day. Plus, we collected pop tabs, medicine bottles, buttons, and box tops. These are just a few things we did to earn our award. Now, we are working hard again to hopefully earn another award for this year’s work. We hope you will apply, too!

Fraternally,
Caroline Johnston

Honoring Parents

Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois
– Our June meeting was held at the T.G. Masaryk Czech School and it was an unusual day... there was no rain!

Every year at this meeting, we honor our parents with a beautiful flower from Soukal Floral Co. and Greenhouses. A memorial was given for members of the three lodges that now make up our current lodge name. I told the origin stories of each lodge and recognized some of the members who kept that lodge active. Also, I honored our three Honor Flight veterans – Chaz, Charley, and Bill. All were reminded that it is the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Gladys discussed the recent United Moravian Societies picnic. They had fun watching their grandson Gregory dance with the UMS performers.

I discussed the District Council No. 12 Join Hands Day cleanup at Bohemian National Cemetery. I asked all to keep July 28 open for the Czechoslovak American Congress Festival and Picnic. The lodge placed a half page ad in the Get-Together ad booklet.

Our lodge will meet in August but not in September. Won’t you join us?

Wishing all a healthy summer,
Ken Dvorsky
Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado – Our current weather report includes some sun and heat, along with rain, hail, melting snow, and river rafting dangers.

Our June program was a fascinating and educational slideshow presentation by Brandon Bill (pictured), the music director, performer, and clergy assistant at Atonement Lutheran Church of Lakewood. Mary Campe introduced him to her church, too. The program was a graphic history of liturgical religious church music from thousands of years ago, showcasing drums, flutes, etc. The music came from Africa, Egypt, Medieval Times, and even the days of Martin Luther, and they all opened the floodgates of music for all, not just the clergy. We truly learned a lot!

Now, it’s time for a little bragging. CSA member Jack Strunc graduated from Creighton University with honors in May and competed in the Southeastern Conference Baseball Playoffs and the All-Star Team. But that’s not all, most importantly, he fulfilled a lifelong dream and was drafted by the Florida Marlins. He is currently in Jupiter, Florida for training and team assignments. He also just celebrated his 23rd birthday. Congratulations! His family is very proud of his achievements. His current position is short stop.

Alas, it seems to be the summer drums in our lodge. Intrepid hiker Janet Farrar had planned to conquer our fabulous Colorado mountain trails but there is still too much snow! Also, several mountain marathons had to be cancelled for the same reason. Good news though, for the first time in nearly 20 years, our state is drought-free and forest fire danger is low, so far!

We welcomed back Jack Griffin. He remarked that he has 20 frozen Meals on Wheels dinners in his freezer. They now deliver five frozen meals a week in Thornton, as there is a shortage of daily drivers.

Mary Lou Bennington was absent from our meeting, as it was her golfing day. She had a busy June attending Jack Strunc’s graduation party in Omaha; then visited her farm in Cuba, Kansas; and attended another Strunc wedding in Chicago. Her big news – she’s visiting China alongside Bob in September!

I hope your gardens are growing well. I’m trying out these containers this year that are fertilized with a little coffee grounds, courtesy of Starbucks. To date, my green pepper plant and three tomato plants are doing well.

Until next month,
Pat Kenning
Lodge Happenings

Hope’s Front Door

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Vice President Lyn Burton called our meeting to order on June 18 later than usual because our members were enjoying the bountiful buffet at Sawa’s Old Warsaw Restaurant in honor of Mother’s and Father’s Day. Ten members, Executive Secretary Matt Koski, and District Council No. 12 President Ken Dvorsky were all in attendance. President Jerry Gaydusek surprised us with his visit, and we were all happy to see him.

After the pledge, Lyn passed the Lodge Recognition Program certificate around, noting we had earned the Platinum Award for our good work in 2018. We thank Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell for a wonderful certificate!

Lyn then distributed a listing of all our activities for the remainder of the year, including presentations, Memorial Service, Movie Night, Chili Cook-off, etc. This was especially helpful because members will know what to plan for and what the expected start times will be.

Joann Nekolny gave a brief summary of her and Gerri Romanelli’s visit to the Hope’s Front Door charity. Facilitators there were very grateful for our donations and advised us about the items they need on an ongoing basis. This was reported back to lodge members and, hopefully, we can give them regular donations of goods.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary cards were given and songs were sung.

Because of our holiday event, minutes and other business were waived until our next meeting. Thanks to the lodge for a wonderful meeting, meal, and camaraderie.

Our next meeting will be the third Monday in July at the CSA Home Office. Please join us if you can!

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!

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Lodge Happenings

Truly Blessed

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois – The meeting was held on another iffy, cloudy day in May. The meeting was called at 12:10 p.m., and after the usual procedural activities, the approval of the minutes as corrected was recorded and committee reports were presented. An update on the Bohemian National Cemetery activities and repairs was given by Ken Dvorsky. District Council No. 12 minutes were read and the members learned that our Lodge earned a Platinum Award in the Lodge Recognition Program. Also, we learned that the CSA Home Office is polling the membership attending the Get-Together in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in August regarding the use of a bus. Five members of our Lodge agreed to use the bus to travel to Iowa. Lodge members wish to give a big thanks to Amanda Lovell for all her hard work bringing together the Awards Ceremony and for all the hard work she does for CSA. Thank you, Amanda!

At a previous meeting, a call for old towels and other pieces of cloth was made for contribution to the Underdog Railway Rescue, a group fostering dogs located in Elmhurst, Illinois. Several members met that call at this meeting.

As you may be aware, each month the Lodge asks one of its members to make a presentation of a moment or event in their life that they would like to share. This month, Delores Klejko came before the group and made this presentation, Truly Blessed: “I was the oldest of four children. My mom and dad had many hard times in providing for their family. The Depression and war years took its toll on most families, including ours. Dad was often laid off, especially during the holidays. Mom wanted me to go to Catholic school. I went to Lourdes High School. Paying my tuition was hard on the family, but I tried to help. My sister Virginia (9), brother (7), and baby sister Mary Ann were too young to help. I worked in the school cafeteria washing dishes. Later, the school helped to get me my first job at Spiegel’s catalog, opening the mail. I was there for one year. Then, I got a job at the neighborhood 5-and-dime store (Woolworth’s) and was there for about three years. Mr. Wolf, the manager, liked my work and wanted to make me a buyer, but the salary wasn’t much so I returned to Spiegel’s and remained there for 10 years. During that time, I had a good girl friend who talked me into going out with one of her friends. She gave him my telephone number. He called and we went on a date to the Saber Room on 95th Street. When he came for me, he brought flowers for both Mom and me. We had a wonderful time and continued to date for about a year. We got married and had four children! My husband was a hardworking man; a welder on large ships. He passed at the age of 50 years old. I had to make ends meet. My family helped out but I had to work to pay the bills. I got a job at Burger King and was there for many years. Today, my four children are all grown and I have seven grandchildren. I look forward to the future. I had a good life and God truly blessed me! (See photo.)

Fraternally,
Elaine Tejcek
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Sis. Beatrice A. “Bea” Baumgartner DeLacy of Sandwich, Massachusetts passed away on October 7, 2018 at the age of 79. She was a life-long member of Lodge Queensdale No. 422 (then, Lodge Frederick Phillips No. 263).

Born in Yonkers, New York to the late Stephen and Beatrice (Mrlik) Baumgartner, Bea grew up in the Bronx and graduated from The Bronx High School of Science. She earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mathematics from Hunter College, New York. She began her long teaching career in New York City and also taught in Connecticut before joining the faculty of Sandwich High School in 1975, where she taught until her retirement in 2001. She also taught part time at Cape Cod Community College for many years.

One thing is for certain about Bea’s career; she had an unwavering passion for being a teacher and found great joy in educating the generations of students who passed through her classroom.

Bea was a long-time devoted member of West Parish Church in Barnstable, Massachusetts. Singing was her joy and her beautiful voice graced the soprano section of the choir for decades.

Bea was an avid baker, an accomplished seamstress and quilter, and an active member of Sandwich Stitchers and Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod. She also volunteered her time at the Sandwich Food Pantry and was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

She was predeceased in death by her beloved husband J. Wesley “Wes” DeLacy.

She is survived by her son, Ross (Mary); her daughter, Lynn; her grandchildren, James, John and Nikki; her brother, Stephen Baumgartner (Lois); and her sister-in-law, Yvonne Beatty.

Evelyn Louise Kaplan, lifelong member of Lodge Minnesota No. 210, passed away on May 22, 2019 at the age of 93.

Evelyn was a trustee, lodge president and served on our board of directors for many years.

She was the daughter of Joseph and Eval (Prospal) Martinek. After graduating high school, she began working full time for Federal Insurance Company, where she worked for 46 years before retiring as Secretary to the President.


She enjoyed dancing and spending time outdoors in her garden.

She is survived by nephews Charles (Gretchen) Kaplan of Owatonna and Carl Martinek of Sioux Falls, nieces Lanette Kaplan of Owatonna and Sue (Stacy) Enser of Owatonna; great-nieces and nephews, Julia (Jeremy) Nelson, Allen (Caitlynn) Kaplan, Kelli (Shane) Bartels, Kristin Hoole, Kyle (Bryan) Martinek-Braley; great-great nieces and nephews Briley, Kennedy, Brooklyn, Leighton, Harrison, and Verna; cousin Phyllis Kezin; and good neighbor and friend, Dianne Wencl.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenneth, husband Allen, brother Leonard Martinek, and nephew Craig Martinek.

Evelyn could always be found socializing with many members during lodge functions, and will be missed.
**Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio** – We finally broke out of the dreary winter weather. Our meeting was held on a gorgeous day in the high 70s! We welcomed Louis, who joined Mary Ann Toncar, Diane DiBianca, Virg Dvorak, Donna Stepka, Johnny Weiss, Betty Cernohorsky, and I at our meeting.

President Mary Ann did her Secretary duties and Johnny did the Sunshine Report.

Diane showed everybody a sample of the stuffed animals, books, and blankets that she purchased for the Get-Together’s Project Night Night bags. She got a great deal on the stuffed animals and said that she bought every one they had!

Diane also read the Sports Committee Report. This year, only one team went to the National Bowling Congress Tournament from the District. They were worried about their bowling scores this year. One team, members of the Chicago Heritage Museum, had matching bowling shirts, so our group figured that they were serious bowlers who compete all the time. When Diane asked them about their shirts, the team said that they just got them for the tournament! They bowled as bad as everybody else, haha! Diane and her daughter’s friend both won a Mystery Prize. Everybody had a wonderful time! The event organizers and the Home Office are going to discuss changing some things regarding next year’s tournament and are considering moving the date to see if they can get more people and teams to come.

Diane talked about the District Council meeting on June 6 at the Parma-Snow Cuyahoga County Library. We went over the Lodge Recognition Program requirements, and we are on course for the Platinum Award. On a side note, Diane asked if anybody else heard the loud roar at around 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday. She said that at first she thought it was a tornado, but soon saw it was a fighter jet that flew over!

We had a very filling stuffed cabbage lunch, and of course, delicious cake and ice cream from Mary Ann.

Our next meetings are: June 26 (for Bus Trip), July 24 at 12:00 p.m. (District Picnic and meeting to follow), August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 12 (location TBA). Meetings are held at the Maple Heights Senior Center, and for $1.50, you can also have a nice lunch. Come to a meeting and reconnect with your lodge members!

_Fraternally,_

Annette Reichman

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### July/August Anniversaries

**July 31**
**Wendy Sue Kurtz and Gary Michael Lovell**
Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121

**August 1**
**Judith Jezek and George McKinney**
Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377

**August 20**
**Joe and Jacqui Danek**
Lodge Central Star No. 411

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“Mini” Pin Party

Lodge Washington No. 30 - St. Louis, Missouri – What a nice afternoon we had at our “mini” Pin Party in June, organized by the Lodge. Twenty local members were in attendance as 75-year pins were presented to our own Bro. Charles Vokracka and to Sis. Judith Honnol of Lodge Estlian No. 404, while Judy’s children Ron Davis and Jacqueline Davis received their 50-year pins. Director Connie Wolf did the honors and also brought us up-to-date on upcoming fraternal events hosted by the Home Office. We spent some time exchanging stories about activities at our old Czech Hall here in St. Louis and at the Czech National Hall in E. St. Louis, including Christmas parties, dances, Homecoming dinners, bowling tournaments, and the many friends made over the years. Everyone enjoyed the Madison Cake from Kruta Bakery, and all agreed it was time well spent.

Here in St. Louis we’re getting started with making dumplings and baking pastry for the upcoming Czech Festival on Saturday, October 19. The St. Louis Express will provide music for the day, and we’ll offer dinner selections of roast duck, roast pork, or goulash with side dishes. The deli will be open for lighter fare, and the bars will be well stocked with local and imported beer and wine. Booths, raffles, and games will be set up in the big hall, and we’ll even have a tasting booth for Slivovitz. There’s something for everyone beginning at 11:00 a.m. and continuing until 6:00 p.m., with music going on a little longer. Our American-Czech Center is at 4690 Lansdowne Avenue in St. Louis. Come join us!

Hope all the delegates and guests have a wonderful time at this year’s Get-Together in Cedar Rapids. Can’t wait to see all the photos and hear all the reports!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman

Charles and Helen Vokracka, showing off Charlie’s 75-year pin

Judith Honnol receives her 75-year pin from Director Connie Wolf
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srpen.....................................................August (sr-pen)
kukurice....................................................corn (ku-ku-ři-ce)
polévka...................................................soup (po-lév-ka)
vepřové kotlety..............................pork chops (ve-přo-vé kot-le-ty)
medová hořčice.....................honey mustard (me-do-vá hoř-či-ce)
petržel....................................................parsley (pe-tr-žel)
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