On the Cover

In this issue, we’re talking all about archaeology.
Brothers and Sisters,

Yep, I’m doing it again! It’s the month of March, which is a biggie for CSA Fraternal Life!

CSA Fraternal Life, America’s oldest Fraternal Benefit Society, is now 166 years old! I still marvel at that fact. Just think about all that has happened in America—and the world, for that matter—since 1854. From the pre-Civil War days, through ebbs and flows of the economy, and all the way up to 2020… it’s quite spectacular!

We also continue to be a strong, secure financial organization. In the nearly two centuries that we’ve been around, a number of other entities have come and gone. We’ve survived and thrived. In recent years, we’ve begun our reassurance and continue to grow our surplus and capital. Needless to say, your insurance and annuity needs are well covered with us.

While I’m bragging about us, I do want to give a “shout out” to our Home Office staff. Our staff is a slim, trim group of 16 hardworking people who come to work daily to help with the reassurance of CSA that I always talk about. So, a big thanks goes out to Rob, Matt, Amanda, Anna, Nick, Kathy, Kevin, Tom, Eleanor, Barb, Sally, Helen, Dale, Julie, and our newest employee, Kelly.

Our motto of Equality, Harmony, and Fraternity still holds true to this day. Our Board, our Officers, and our staff will continue to strive to uphold the high standards that have been set by our predecessors.

Happy Anniversary to us, and here’s to many more. Thanks again for your support and for the honor of being President of our Society.

Until next month…

Fraternally,

John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
President
CSA Fraternal Life

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.
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 goulás 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.
See page 14.

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

May 2 - May 3, 2020
72nd Annual National Bowling Congress Tournament
Suburbanite Bowl, Westmont, Illinois
See pages 15–17

Friday, July 31 – Sunday, August 2, 2020
CSA 84th Annual Get-Together
Clearwater Beach, Florida
See pages 8-9.

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

March is our birthday month here at CSA Fraternal Life. For a business to stick around for 166 years, that’s quite the accomplishment. Congratulations to us!

When coming up with a theme for this month’s magazine issue—with our birthday in mind—I couldn’t help but think about our “human history.” In particular, archaeology, and how fascinating the field is to me. I find old architecture to be captivating and charming, and when inside a museum, I love seeing the little trinkets and artifacts that were used by the humans of yesteryear.

An important relic of Czech history is the Sedlec Ossuary of Kutná Hora, a suburb outside of Prague, where 40,000 to 70,000 skeletons welcome you with open arm bones. This small Roman Catholic chapel, located beneath the Cemetery Church of All Saints, is known to most as “the Bone Church.” It displays some of the world’s most macabre art. In addition to a splendid bone chandelier composed of almost every bone in a human body, the ossuary displays two large bone chalices, four baroque bone candelabras, six enormous bone pyramids, two bone monstrances, skull candle holders, and a family crest made up of—you guessed it—bone. Hung throughout the ossuary you’ll find festively-looped chains of bone, kind of like the crepe paper you’d see at a birthday party or wedding.

The Sedlec Ossuary has a long history, beginning in the 13th century. The Abbot of the Sedlec Monastery (Abbot Henry) brought a handful of earth back from a journey to the Grave of the Lord in Jerusalem. He scattered this “holy soil” across the Sedlec cemetery, securing its place as one of the most desired burial sites for people all over Bohemia and the surrounding countries. Everyone wanted to be buried in that soil from the Holy Land, and more than 30,000 were. Though, it wasn’t long before there simply wasn’t enough room for everyone to rest in peace, and the bodies were moved to a crypt to make room for the newly dead.

The tradition continued through the 14th century when the Black Death plague spread throughout Europe. Thousands of plague victims from Central Europe were buried at the Sedlec Ossuary. The Hussite Wars—a series of Roman Catholic crusades against Bohemian reformers from 1419 to 1434—also brought destruction to Sedlec and the nearby city of Kutná Hora, leaving 10,000 more dead. They also rest inside the ossuary.

In 1870, a local woodcarver, František Rint, was employed to do the dark task of artistically arranging the thousands of bones. Rint came up with the Bone Church’s stunning chandelier, as well as the amazing Schwarzenberg coat of arms—all made of human bone. Rint was responsible for bleaching all of the bones in the ossuary in order to give the room a uniform look. His artist’s signature is still on the wall today, naturally in his medium of choice: bone.

If you get the chance to see this ossuary, I highly suggest that you do so! I visited the site in October 2013, and to this day when I look at my photos, I am still in awe.

Travel Tip: You can get to Kutná Hora by taking a 1-hour train ride from Prague. It’s much easier to take the train than the bus, as you can walk from the train station in Kutná Hora in about ten minutes.

Fraternally,

Amanda S. Lovell
Fraternal Director
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Read the Journal online at: www.csalife.com
Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who have stopped by our Home Office in the past few years, you may have noticed that my office has developed into the unofficial repository for all things CSA. If my visitor is a former officer or lifelong member, you can see the pleasure in their face as they recall the ebbs and flows of CSA as told through marketing giveaways and Convention or Get-Together paraphernalia from years past. Be it our Certificate of Authority issued by the Illinois Secretary of State in 1878, the CSA medallion from the outside of one or more of our previous Home Office buildings, or even the desk pen holder from the 1961 Get-Together that I use every day, we have it all. For those who visit me and are not CSA people, the reactions typically include a few initial polite questions about this or that item, and they often end with a story about their grandfather or another family member and how he or she belonged to a similar organization. You can see in their expressions, along with their questions, that they are personally open to belonging to a Society like CSA Fraternal Life. The Fraternal Model has a natural, pleasing feel about it.

Often I’ll inquire in conversation with existing members about just what spurred them to join CSA. The responses follow an expected pattern: “My grandmother, dad, uncle, etc. took a policy out on each of my brothers and sisters when we were born.” Other members cite: “We had a mortgage through CSA,” or “I wanted to take advantage of one of the sporting leagues that CSA has sponsored through the years.” For others it was music or stage opportunities. One of my favorites is, “Well, the neighbors said we should join.”

In the mid-1970s there was renewed interest in re-discovering what one’s ethnic heritage was. These were good times for CSA, with marketing themes such as “100 million in force by 1979” or “Propose new members and receive your choice of exciting premiums!” Examples included a knife set, boudoir lamp, or perhaps a stand mixer. For some, the best gift was simply knowing that their society was run by—and for—the benefit of its members and the preservation of their heritage. There are a hundred other reasons that I’ve been given. Each was a window into a person’s decision tree and what they value.

My wife Heather, Anna Trush, and I recently accompanied Miss CSA, Hunter Yurkovich, to the annual T-Fest in Vining, Iowa. This festival is a local favorite and did not disappoint this year. Miss CSA will also appear at the upcoming Czech Festival on March 28 at the American Czech Educational Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Why not consider attending and say hello? If you would like Hunter to attend one of your lodge events, please contact us. Amanda will do her best to get Miss CSA scheduled.

This month, raise a glass of pivo and say “cheers” to CSA as we celebrate our founding in March 1854!

Fraternally,
Matthew Koski
Hello Brothers and Sisters,

February was a super busy month for me. I started off the month by traveling to Vining, Iowa for the Annual T-Fest hosted by Lodge Karel Jonas No. 279. I had heard a lot about this event over the last few years, so I am happy that I was finally able to experience it! I was able to catch up with CSA members, as well as mingle with attendees. Heather Koski, Anna Trush, and I sold raffle tickets while handing out CSA bottle openers. Needless to say, I had a ball!

Back at school, I was busy managing events for Carlow’s Love Your Melon (LYM) Crew, the Stop the Bleed Initiative, and the Pinning Committee. My LYM Crew always holds a “Kiss Away Cancer” bake sale during Valentine’s week. We also give students the option to make a Valentine’s Day card for the children in the Oncology Unit at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. It is one my favorite events organized by my Crew.

The Stop the Bleed Initiative is new to Carlow University. Stop the Bleed was created in 2015 with the goal to save lives by training people how to stop bleeding in an emergency situation before professional help arrives. In my role, I am working with the budget so that my university can put together Stop the Bleed kits across campus. I will also be training students later in the semester. Lastly, as a part of the Pinning Committee, I manage fundraising events to alleviate the cost of the Pinning Ceremony in May. The Pinning Ceremony is a tradition that welcomes newly graduated nurses into the profession. During the ceremony, we will be presented with nursing pins by our Nursing Department faculty. I am also very excited that my nursing class will be presented with graduation stoles, as well. Previously, nursing students have never been allowed to wear stoles at graduation, so I am excited that Carlow approved this change and will help design the stoles!

I also began my transitions at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital on the Cardiothoracic Surgery floor. I take care of post-operative heart and lung transplants, LVADs, and overflow thoracic patients. My preceptor is the best, and I am learning so much from her!

At the end of March, I will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri for the Czech Festival. I am looking forward to this event in particular because I have never been to St. Louis before.

I hope everyone has a wonderful March!

Fraternally,
Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich
Lodge Groveton No. 4
The sky here in Florida is bright blue and the sun is shining bright! It's time to make plans for “Seeing Clearly in 2020!”

We hope that each lodge has received the Get-Together packet we mailed out in January. Each packet contains a cover letter, Registration Form, Deadline and Payment sheet, Advertisement Form, and Raffle tickets. **REVISION: The hotel’s phone number is 1-800-770-6461.** Please copy and share this information with your lodge members. The Registration Form can also be found on the CSA website.

We encourage you to start your planning now for the 2020 Get-Together. Secure your hotel room(s) by contacting the Holiday Inn & Suites at Clearwater Beach at 1-800-770-6461. The Group Code is CSA. You can go to our Facebook page, “2020 CSA Fraternal Life Get Together – Clearwater Beach Florida” and click on the hotel link.

Send your Registration Form in early. We came up with three pre-Get-Together games with prizes that will help you plan for your trip at Clearwater Beach. One example is a virtual scavenger hunt to find out about the local breweries, coffee shops, and other attractions close to Clearwater Beach, but you need to turn in your Registration Form in order to play!

As you make your plans, let us know if you are in need of transportation to and from the hotel and airport. This Holiday Inn does not offer airport transportation, but we hope to organize rides for those not familiar with taking Ubers or Lyfts.

Contact us by email at:
2020CSAClearwaterBeach@gmail.com
or call Bernadette 352-812-3532 if you have any questions as you make your plans for the 2020 Get-Together!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I’ve just returned from a family vacation to the Tampa Bay, Florida area. While we were down there, we had the opportunity to visit with Bernie Bleiker and see the host hotel for the 84th Annual CSA Get-Together. The Holiday Inn and Suites is beautiful and the view from the balcony outside of the ballroom makes me want to move to Florida.

From speaking with Bernie, I was pleased with how the plans for the Get-Together are coming along. There are some great activities planned, along with plenty of free time for adults as well as kids to enjoy the beautiful gulf coast. I look forward to seeing everyone in Clearwater Beach, Florida July 31-August 2!

Fraternally,

2020 Get-Together Committee: Gary and Lynn Stupka

Check out our Facebook page:
2020 CSA Fraternal Life Get Together-Clearwater Beach
84th CSA Get-Together
“Seeing Clearly in 2020!”
Clearwater Beach, FL
Registration Form

Please fill out and postmark by June 30, 2020 to:

CSA Lodge Slunce #374
Lake in the Forest
19175 SE 44th St.
Ocklawaha, FL 32179

Call or Text: 352-812-3532 (Bernie Bleiker)
Facebook: 2020 CSA Fraternal Life Get Together Clearwater Beach
Email: 2020CSAClearwaterBeach@gmail.com
Make all checks payable to: CSA Lodge Slunce #374

PLEASE PRINT BELOW (Duplicate as necessary)

NAME: ____________________ LODGE (if applicable): ________________

ADDRESS: ____________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP: ____________________

PHONE: ____________________ EMAIL: ____________________

Is this your first CSA Get-Together? Yes or No

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, THEN ADD YOUR TOTAL:

Registration (includes Friday and Saturday Dinners and Sunday Brunch)
Adult Delegate: _______ $125 Adult Guest: _______ $125
Youth Delegate or Guest (under 18): _______ (100) Youth’s Age ________
If youth, would like an adult meal: _______ + $25

Please list all food allergies: ____________________

Trip to Clearwater Marine Aquarium (Entrance fee & Jolly Trolley Transportation) Friday, July 31:
Adult Trip (ages 12+) _______ $33.00 Senior (+60) _______ $31.00
Youth Trip (ages 3-12) _______ $28.00
Special Needs: (no stairs, wheelchair accessible, hearing or vision impaired) ______

Will you be attending the Saturday morning service project? (More details to come)

Yes _____ No _____ Special needs: ____________________

Are you attending a banquet dinner only?
Friday Night _______ $50.00
Saturday Night _______ $50.00
Sunday Brunch _______ $35.00

TOTAL: $ ______________
SLOVAKIA HERITAGE TOUR
September 11 - 20, 2020

Experience the heart & land of Slovakia!
Join us on our small group tour as we explore Slovakia and connect you with its intriguing history, beautiful countryside, and colorful culture.
Step back in time to discover castles, medieval towns, cathedrals, outdoor village museums, folk art, lively music, Soviet era remnants, as well as enjoy life in Slovakia today.

• Travel across Slovakia in short journeys and marvel at the diversity of its attractive landscapes.
• Experience the lovely history-rich cities of Košice, Banska Bystrica, Bardejov, and Bratislava.
• Enjoy rustic walks and outdoor activities (at your level) in the majestic Tatras Mountains and quiet villages.
• Discover Slovakia’s rich folk traditions at festivals, musical and cultural activities.
• Expand your understanding of the historical trends and upheavals that shaped our ancestors’ decisions to travel to America.
• Visit your ancestral villages and families, if desired.
• ...and more, because with a small group we can be flexible and explore your interests.

PRICE: $2,495 complete land-only package
Limited small-group tour.
Reserve your space today w/$500 deposit.
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Around the Czech Republic and Slovakia with the T. G. Masaryk Czech School
Take a unique guided tour of the old countries!
July 27 – August 9, 2020

Whether you are revisiting your favorite memories, or discovering the sights for the first time, don’t miss this sixth annual trip combining the classics of Czech and Slovak tourism with a variety of sites off the beaten path. Learn about Czechoslovak history and enjoy the countries’ rich cultural heritage!

The tour price is $2,550 per person, not including the airfare.
Estimated airfare per person is $1,200. The final cost will vary based on the number of participants.

For more information, including a tour itinerary, accommodation details and registration form, visit:
www.czechschoolchicago.org
or contact Klára Moldová at klara@czzechschoolchicago.org
773-543-9255

Registration deadline is Sunday, March 22, 2020.
Ancient Animals Were Mummified the Same Way as Humans

The Ancient Egyptians mummified more than just human corpses. Animals were viewed not only as pets, but as incarnations of gods. As such, the Egyptians buried millions of mummified cats, birds, and other creatures at temples honoring their deities. Because of the sheer scale of animal mummy production, many archaeologists thought the vast majority were completed in relatively shoddy fashion, but a new study suggests the mummification techniques ancient Egyptians used on animals were often as elaborate as those they employed on the best-preserved human corpses.

Researchers at the University of Bristol, England, conducted the study. The team examined samples from four animal mummies—two hawks, a cat, and an ibis bird—dating from 818 B.C. to 343 B.C. The researchers analyzed samples of tissue and wrappings by using various sensitive methods. Chemicals detected in tissue samples from the animal mummies revealed the presence of various natural products found in human embalming materials used by the ancient Egyptians. These included animal fats, oils, beeswax, sugar gum, bitumen, and pine tree resins. The researchers found these products had also been applied to the bandages used to wrap up the mummies.

"Millions of animal mummies are known to exist, and there is some debate whether they were treated with the same sort of reverence and sophistication as human mummies," said Richard Evershed, the study’s coauthor. "We found pretty much exactly the same materials were used on both." Evershed concedes that many more animal mummies will need to undergo chemical analysis before any firm conclusions can be drawn, but he noted: "If you started to find the same range of different embalming agents on these mummies as you did on humans, then you’d say it looks like [the ancient Egyptians] were taking some care over this."

Additionally, the Chiribaya people of Peru were animal lovers, too. At least, they definitely loved dogs, if this carefully buried 3,000-year-old pup is any indication (pictured). One morning, over 20 years ago, a mummified dog with golden fur and floppy ears showed up at the door of archaeologist Sonia Guillén’s laboratory at the Mallqui Center in southern Peru. She and her research team took in the stray pooch and named him Abdul, and he’s kept them company ever since.

Now Guillén thinks Abdul might be something of a living fossil. During her work at an ancient cemetery near Ilo, which holds the remains of some 2,000 people, she has found 80 dogs buried almost 1,000 years ago. About 30 of the dogs were wrapped in llama-wool blankets as finely woven as the accompanying low-ranking people buried nearby. The dogs were interred in individual grave pits. Llama bones and fish skeletons were placed next to their snouts, showing their owners left treats for them to enjoy in the afterlife. With their fur and tissue well preserved by the region’s arid climate, some of the ancient dogs still look remarkably like Abdul. Further genetic testing will reveal if modern dogs like Abdul are the same breed. Fascinating!


Seven Discoveries That Changed the Archaeological World

One of the most exciting things about archaeology is that it is an ever-changing landscape, constantly causing us to reconsider our most firmly-held beliefs about the past and the people who populated it. Though every so often, a truly spectacular discovery emerges that changes the way we think about a civilization forever. In no particular order, here are 7 game-changing finds that captured the archaeological imagination.

1. Knossos, Crete

Arthur Evans’ excavations in 1900–1905 uncovered a vast Middle Bronze Age (c.1900-1450 BC) palace complex boasting some 1,300 rooms, many decorated with colorful frescoes of dolphins, griffins, and athletes engaged in bull-leaping. However the most important discovery was, at first glance, more mundane: thousands of slabs of baked clay. These tablets bore inscriptions in a never-before seen language, dubbed Linear B. No one could read the ancient writings, and it was another 50 years before Michael Ventris cracked the code, making Linear B the oldest deciphered language in Europe.

2. Tutankhamun’s Tomb, Egypt

Arguably one of the most famously spectacular archaeological discoveries of all time, Howard Carter’s excavation at the Valley of the Kings in 1922 propelled a short-lived and perhaps rather politically unimportant pharaoh into the history books. Tutankhamun may have died while still in his teens, but his tomb had been packed with beautiful objects befitting his royal status, and unusually, had escaped detection by robbers. Howard Carter had discovered a treasure trove of “wonderful things.”

3. Machu Picchu Peru

Rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911, this monumental “lost” Inca citadel was built in the mid-15th century on a dramatic mountain top. Its stunning natural surroundings and awe-inspiring standing remains make this a truly remarkable site. It’s a vivid reminder of the technological capabilities and power of the Inca Empire at its peak. The terraced platforms and cave cemeteries allowed a fascinating insight into the lives of the 1,000 or so people who had once lived there.
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4. Sutton Hoo, England

Here’s a token British archaeological find. Basil John Wait Brown was a self-taught archaeologist and astronomer. In 1939 he excavated a group of low grassy mounds in Suffolk and uncovered something amazing. It was a huge intact ship burial, containing the richest haul of Anglo Saxon grave goods in archaeological history. Imported Byzantine objects, enigmatic religious symbols, recreational objects, and weaponry—including a world-famous helmet—allowed vivid insights into the Anglo-Saxon world.

5. The Rosetta Stone, Egypt

This is the find that provided the key to our understanding of hieroglyphs, more than 1,000 years after our knowledge of how to read the ancient Egyptian symbols had faded from memory. Found by Napoleon’s army during the construction of a fort, this slab has a trilingual inscription written in Greek, Demotic, and hieroglyphs. Many scholars worked on the puzzle, but it was the French school teacher Jean-François Champollion who made the decisive breakthrough with his comprehensive table of phonetic signs. In 1822 he published a full translation.

6. The Tomb of the First Emperor, China

Standing at attention in neat rows, some 8,000 soldiers stand guard to protect the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the unifier and first Emperor of China. They are accompanied by 130 chariots pulled by over 500 horses, as well as 150 cavalry horses, civilian officials, acrobats, and musicians. Discovered by farmers in 1974, the pits in which they are arranged are a World Heritage Site. They are a fantastic symbol of the power and creativity of the rulers of ancient China, even in its earliest days.

7. Akrotiri, Greece

Although not as well-known as the Roman ruins at Pompeii, this remarkably well-preserved Bronze Age city on the Greek island of Santorini gives an equally vivid insight into the lives of its inhabitants. Recently re-opened to the public, Akrotiri was once a prosperous trading centre, abandoned after a volcanic eruption buried the site in ash. Its houses—with many preserved up to two or three stories high, along with furniture and pottery—lay undisturbed for 3,500 years until the site was excavated by Spyridon Marinatos in 1967.


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:

CSA Fraternal Life
2050 Finley Road, Suite 70
Attn: Fraternal Department
Lombard, IL 60148

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

Age Groups (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

For more information, email alovell@csalife.com or call (800) LIFE-CSA.
Dear CSA Bowlers:

Important information is being directed to the Captains of the teams entered in this tournament.

PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT EACH MEMBER OF YOUR TEAM AND DOUBLES PARTNERS REMINDING THEM OF THE 12:30 PM CHECK-IN AND 1:00 PM START TIME ON SATURDAY, AS WELL AS THE 8:30 AM CHECK-IN AND 9:00 AM START TIME ON SUNDAY.

The 2020 CSA National Bowling Congress will be held in the Chicagoland area. We welcome all CSA members to join us the weekend of May 1–3 for this annual fraternal event.

The Singles and Doubles Tournaments will be bowled on Saturday, May 2 starting at 1:00 p.m. The Team Event will be bowled at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, May 3.

The bowling will take place at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont, Illinois: (630) 968-2200.

We have arranged for lodging at:

Chicago Club Inn & Suites
630 Pasquinelli Drive
Westmont, IL 60559
(630) 920-2200

There is a block of 30 rooms reserved under CSA Bowling with a cost of
• $85.00 a night plus tax for a single King bed
• $85.00 a night plus tax for 2 Queen beds

Deadline for room reservations is April 20.

The Friday Night Hospitality will be held at the Chicago Club Inn & Suites.

The Delegates meeting will be held at 9:00 p.m. at the Chicago Club Inn & Suites on Friday, May 1. We urge all Districts to be represented.

We are looking forward to an outstanding turnout of bowlers from many of our Districts at this Tournament. Also, the 74th Annual Tournament in 2021 will be looking for a host.

Fraternally,

Richard Nowaczynski
73rd CSA Bowling Congress
Tournament Secretary
3145 Hillside Lane
Darien, IL 60561
Home: (630) 910-6917
Cell: (630) 881-7000
73rd Annual CSA Bowling Congress

PLEASE READ ALL RULES APPEARING ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND COMPLETE BLANKS ACCORDINGLY. ATTACH A CHECK TO COVER ALL BOWLERS HEREON.

COMBINATION ENTRY BLANK
(Men Only) (Women Only) (Mixed)
Competition Restricted to Once in Each Event

Entries Close Midnight, April 17, 2020
74rd ANNUAL BOWLING CONGRESS
CSA FRATERNAL LIFE

Sponsored under Moral Support Sanction of USBC
(With High Score Protection)

SUBURBANITE BOWL
201 W Ogden Avenue Westmont, IL 60559
(630) 968-2200

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020 12:30 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 8:30 AM

ENTRY FEES:
Teams $60.00
Doubles $30.00
Singles $15.00
All Events $2.00
For all CSA Member Team

TEAM CONTEST (Enter members in the order they are to bowl)
Name of Team
City
State

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN HANDICAP SECTION

CSA Certificate No
League No
Full Name of Bowler
Highest tarp
Handicap
All Events

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DOUBLES CONTEST (Enter names of partners in the order they are to bowl)

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SINGLES CONTEST (Enter in same order as for Doubles)

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Note: This Entry Form accompanied by Entry Fees must be mailed to:

Richard Nowaczyinski
3145 Hillside Lane
Darien, IL 60561
(630) 910-1017 or (630) 981-7900

Email: r.nowaczyinski@comcast.net

PRIZE RATIO: Not less than 1 for 3 in Each Event. Approximately, All Prize fees will be returned 100%.
USBC Rules on reporting incorrect averages applies to all bowlers and will be strictly enforced.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Athletic Division D.C. #12
(NO CASH PLEASE)
This year, teams can include up to two non-members guests.
Also, include copy of bowling sheet with averages for the 2018-2020 season.

A duplicate copy of this entry blank must be sent to:
CSA FRATERNAL LIFE
2059 Finley Road, Suite 70
P.O. Box 349
Lombard, IL 60148

MARK "X" IN THE ALL EVENTS COLUMN IF FEE FOR SAME IS PAID

Tournament Fees CSA Member:
4 Person Prize Fee....$20.00
Bowling Fee....$6.00
Tournament Expense....$4.00
TOTAL Per 4 Person Team $30.00

2 Person Team Prize....$10.00
Bowling Fee....$8.00
Tournament Expense....$2.00
TOTAL Per 2 Person Team $20.00

Individual Prize Fee....$5.00
Bowling Fee....$9.00
Tournament Expense....$1.00
Total Per Individual $15.00
All Events (optionally) $2.00

Please Note Tournament fee for non CSA Member guests is $25.00 per event additional and $2.00 for all events.

Bowler Amount Paid
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2.
3.
4.

Team Captain

Name

Address

City St. Zip

Phone No.
# 73rd Annual CSA Bowling Congress

## Rules and Regulations of the 73rd CSA Bowling Congress

**Eligibility:** Any member of CSA, a Senior Life Member, or a Senior Member, whose certificate was in effect prior to January 1, 2020, shall be eligible. If applicable, provisions are paid in full up to the month of March preceding the Tournament. Under 25 years of age, bowlers must have Parental Consent in accordance with USBC rules. No more than two team members per team will be allowed.

A member shall forfeit any prize money won if it shall be documented subsequently that the Tournament that the premium was not fully paid in accordance with the preceding provision. Teams and Doubles partners will be penalized.

Any combination of members of several or various ladders, whether or not bowling in regularly constituted CSA Leagues, are eligible as bowlers on the Team Event. Provided that teams so entered not in a regularly constituted CSA league or Leagues, shall have a team average not exceeding 840.

In the Doubles Events, any combinations of members are eligible whether or not they are members of the same league. There will be no limits to their combined average.

There will be no limits in the Singles Events for All Events.

**Handicap:** All CSA Bowling Tournaments shall be conducted only on a handicap basis. All events with handicaps to be designated in the Handicaps section.

**Team Events:** 90% of the difference between the total of the individual bowler's average and 2100.

**Doubles and Singles:** 90% of the difference between the average bowler and the 2100.

All handicaps are to be computed on a per game basis.

**Official Averages:** Averages to be used shall be the individual's highest average for the current 2019-2020 season, provided at least twenty-one (21) games have been bowled. All averages shall be reduced as of February 1, 2020.

If the bowler has an established average for the current 2019-2020 season, use the most recent final average for the previous season (2019-2020), provided that not less than twenty-one (21) games were bowled. If the bowler compiled multiple such averages in the most recent year updated above, use the highest such average.

If the bowler has no established average for the current season, use the average established for any of the 2015-2018 seasons, but has bowled in the three previous National CSA Bowling Congresses (2016-2019). Use the average of all games bowled in the three Congresses.

If the bowler has not established an average for the current 2019-2020 season and no established average for any of the 2015-2018 seasons, and has not bowled in the three previous National CSA Bowling Congresses, use a scratch average of 130 for women and 160 for men.

**Allies:** The Tournament Committee shall assign Allies, with care taken to avoid duplication of lanes bowled upon for any individual or teams.

**Tardy Players:** Tardy players shall start in frame being bowled when they are ready to commence bowling, with two arrows being given for each frame missed.

## Entries Close:
Entries shall close at midnight April 17, 2020.

## Team Captains:
Please make certain that all information required below is properly and completely reported.

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District Council

Marching Onward… Quickly!

District Council No. 9, Southeastern Ohio – It’s hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way into the new year! Wow! Our members were all saying that at our last District Council meeting. We met back in mid-February. After a pizza luncheon, our business meeting was conducted. Lodges No. 121, No. 251, and No. 310 gave reports on their recent activities since we last met in November. All three lodges have been marching right into their CSA Serves charities of choice, making donations to their causes and volunteering hours of service.

The upcoming Bowl-o-Rama was discussed and we will be holding the festivities at St. Clair Lanes on April 19. For the event time and further details, please contact Sis. Jean Hendershot at (740) 676-6897 or Sis. Wendy Lovell at (740) 769-7511. All youth members and guests are welcome to attend. We will celebrate our young bowlers with a pizza reception at the bowling alley upon conclusion of the activities. Members of all three lodges are welcome to come out and celebrate!

All 2020 lodge and District Council officers were installed with a short ceremony led by Sis. Wendy Lovell in the absence of Brother Director Terry Placek. We wish you good health, Terry, and hope to visit with you soon. We missed you!

The next meeting of District Council No. 9 will be Sunday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Clairsville, Ohio Pizza Hut. We hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
Sis. Wendy Kurtz Lovell

Lodge Happenings

Annual Flea Market and Farm Consignment Auction

Lodge Karel Jonas No. 279, Vining, Iowa – Our lodge had its Annual Testicle Festival (aka T-Fest) on February 7, which was the first Friday of the month. We have been doing this for many years now. It’s amazing to see all the people who attend; some of our dedicated attendees make the trip every year! They wouldn’t miss it. We served over 650 people with the help of our members and friends in our area. A big “thank you” goes out to all of them. We couldn’t do this without everyone’s help.

We always have so much fun getting ready for the event. It starts on Wednesday night, getting everything ready. Then on Friday morning, bright and early at 8 a.m., we prepare for the crowd. We start serving at 5:00 p.m., but that doesn’t stop the people from coming in at 4:00 and wanting to eat!

We were so happy to see Miss National CSA Hunter Yurkovich as well as Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski, Heather Koski, and Underwriter Anna Trush from the Home Office. Thank you so much for coming down and helping.

Now that we are done with that, we are working on our 43rd Annual Flea Market and the 47th Annual Farm Consignment Auction, both to be held on April 5, 2020. Find the event on the CSA Fraternal Life Facebook page. It’s held on just one day only, but it takes two weeks to prepare for and two weeks after to clean up. This year we are wishing for warm weather with no snow or rain… but it is Iowa, of course. For this event, too, we get a lot of help from our members and friends, so if you’re looking for something to do, come join us for the day!

Sincerely,
Sis. Loretta Ledvina
Pizza Party

Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Our lodge held our Pizza Party in February at the Pizza Ranch. We had a great meal that included a salad bar, pizza, and broasted chicken.

A short meeting was held after the meal. All agreed to continue with our Veteran’s Pantry service project in 2020. A new password was given to members by President Vern Rompot.

An election of officers for District Council No. 14 was held for 2020 and our officers are President Joe Konecny, Vice President Mike Papich, Treasurer Dennis Hrabak, and Secretary Loretta Ledvina. A sign-up sheet was passed around for our spring outing on April 30 at the Paramount Theater to see Riverdance, a Broadway show. We hope everyone can attend.

We had a few of our members attend the T-Fest in Vining, Iowa at the CSA Hall. They had a blast eating food, reconnecting with other CSA members, meeting Miss CSA, and conversing with Home Office employees.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a soup and dessert contest. Good luck to all contestants!

Fraternally Yours,
Rai Ann Stratton

Valentine Greetings

Lodge Yankee Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – We were very fortunate to hold our January meeting without snow or below normal temperatures. Our lodge mailed out 61 Valentines to our youth members with a monetary gift inside.

In fact, we received a thank-you note from the Tordai family. Hailey (pictured lower left) is 11 years old and is in many sports including swimming, volleyball, and track. Tyler (pictured center) is 12 years old and enjoys swimming. Daniel (pictured right) is 14 years old and is in high school, finishing up with wrestling, and is moving on to baseball. Tyler, Hailey, and their mom are still showing horses and excited for a new show season.

In February, we had the honor of presenting one of our members, Brother Raymond Riha, with his 75-year pin. Ken Dvorsky, Director of District Council No. 12, made the presentation and I pinned Brother Raymond. Congratulations to this faithful member of ours!

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda
Scholarship Fund Donation Form

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

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

Enclosed is my donation of $ ____________

☐ For the general Scholarship Fund or ☐ In Memory of __________________________

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

— the 83rd Annual CSA Get-Together Committee

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Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois — The month of March is finally here which means that spring is on its way. On the evening of Saturday, March 7, remember to push your clocks one hour ahead for daylight savings time. Lodge Sionilli is planning a social gathering on March 20 at the World Beer Club held at Sokol Spirit in Brookfield at 7:30 p.m. Please join in the fun. Lodge Sionilli will pay $10 for each member’s flight of beer at the social.

Our February lodge meeting was held at the Riverside Town Hall. Our members spent the evening preparing an Easter greeting which included a gift card that will be sent to each of our youth members.

We would also like to congratulate Michael Smolucha who was promoted to the senior rank of Major in the U.S. Army. He will be attending the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas this summer. Thank you for your service to our country!

May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you ever more.

Fraternally,
Pat Smolucha

Scholarship Fund Report

January 10, 2020 - February 10, 2020

TO CONTINUE CSA'S TRADITION OF ASSISTING YOUNG MEMBERS IN PURSUING THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION

Lodge Svetlo No. 277
Donation Match/Lodge No. 310
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Donation Match/Lodge No. 409

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE VEVERKA
Sarah Wharton

IN MEMORY OF JERRY GAYDUSEK
Charles Michalek
Gerri Romanelli
Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409
Laverne M. Weissensel
Jean Placek
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarosik

IN MEMORY OF GERALD VASICEK
Lodge Empire State No. 448

IN MEMORY OF GEORGIANA UHLIR
Georgiana Soumar

IN MEMORY OF JOYCE ZIMA AND NANCY CHIERICO
Lodge Betsy Ross No. 151

TOTAL DONATIONS $1,927.50
Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio – At our lodge meeting, in addition to our seven members, we had four guests from Lodge Cleveland Chapter. Welcome June Karecki, Elmer Soos, and Tony and Judy Genco.

Fran Weiss installed our officers: President Mary Ann Toncar, Vice President/Scribe Annette Reichman, Secretary Jan Dembowski, Treasurer Diane DiBianca, and Guide Johnny Weiss. District Council Delegates are Virginia Dvorak, John Weiss, and Donna Stepka. Auditors are Annette Reichman and John Weiss. Fran Weiss is Sunshine. Thank you, Fran! Also, thank you, Tony, for taking the picture.

Everybody said they enjoyed the Christmas/Pin Party. Diane completed the paper work for the 2019 LRP Platinum Award and sent it to the Home Office. Yay! Thanks, Diane, for all of your hard work putting it together. Fran sent out get well and thinking of you cards.

On April 19, the Junior Bowl-o-Rama will be held at Yorktown Lanes at noon. If you are interested in helping, let the Sports Committee know. They will appreciate it. Tony said Sokol will have a Reverse Raffle on April 25. Read more about it in their Lodge article. May 1-3 is the National Tournament in Chicago. On June 24, there will be a Bus Trip to The Meadows. Diane has started checking out prices for the bus. The Ohio/Penn Tournament will be in October.

“Happy Birthday” was sung to members Mary Ann, Donna, and Johnny. Thank you, Fran, for the birthday cake and Mary Ann for the cream filled cakes and ice cream. We also enjoyed a sloppy joe lunch from the Senior Center.

Our new meeting time is 10:30 a.m. Next meetings are: 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

Interested in Helping at the Junior Bowl-o-Rama?

Fraternal Well Wishes

Marj Nejdl
Lodge Prokop Velky
No. 137

Ed Slavik
Lodge Century of Progress/
Bila Hora
No. 231
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Lodge Happenings

Officer Installation; Slovak History
Lodge Laurel No. 452, Storrs-Mansfield, Connecticut – We held our January meeting on January 26 at the home of Sister Marion Varga. We began with the Installation of Officers, conducted by Deacon Lawrence Goodwin. The picture shows the officers taking their oaths as administered by Deacon Larry. We then continued our business meeting with the Pledge to the Flag, led by youth member Mason Varga, followed by the Sign of Courtesy. Sister President Kirsten Varga advised us of the new password. After communications, Treasurer’s Report, and some discussion of upcoming Junior Bowl-o-Rama, the Photo Contest, CSA Serves and the Lodge Recognition Program. We heard a presentation by Sister Jill Goodwin and her husband, Larry, on the development and history of Slovakia. They began with the first millennium of the area that is now Slovakia and will continue, in phases, up to the present day country. We look forward to future presentations. We are learning!

Fraternally,
Marion Varga

Lots of Things to Do in Our Lodge!
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – So, the groundhog says we’ll have an early spring? I’ll believe it when all our snow melts, but really, we have not had a bad winter here in the Cleveland area.

There are a lot of things to do in our lodge, coming up soon.

The chicken and pork dinners will be starting in April. Details were in the last Journal. The reverse raffle is April 25; again details were in the last Journal article.

Our bowling league is going great. We have 10 teams and everyone is bowling their best and having a good time. We usually go out to eat afterwards! Contact June Karecki if you would like to bowl with us next season.

Our Junior Bowl-o-Rama is coming up on April 19 at Yorktown Lanes in Parma Heights, Ohio. It starts at noon. At this time, members are free to bowl. It will cost non-members $12.00 to bowl. The cost includes shoes, three games of bowling, pop, chips, hot dog and a lot of other goodies. Please contact Dusty Clark at 330-273-7316 or Dolores Clark at 440-238-2720 for an application and any questions you may have. It’s such a fun time for the kids, so please bring them. Non-bowlers (parents, guardians) can stay and eat for only $4.00!

Some of our members visited Lodge Paramount Southgate’s meeting on January 23. It was so nice to visit with other members of another lodge. We had a very nice time and a good lunch with them. Thank you for the invite!

Our next meeting is on March 10, so mark your calendars and please attend! Enjoy St. Patrick’s Day! Everyone’s Irish on that day!

Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco

Tony Genco, Judy Genco, June Karecki, and Elmer Soos visiting Lodge Paramount Southgate on January 23
Lodge Happenings

Fun and Busy Holiday Social

Lodge Rovnost No. 53, Cicero, Illinois — Another year has come and gone and now 2020 is here. Elections are over and all of the same officers were re-elected: President Marvin Lanzel, Vice President Kenneth Johnston, Secretary Chris Lanzel, and Treasurer Caroline Johnston. January was a busy month for all lodges. We all worked hard to send our reports to the Home Office on time. Now, Lodge Rovnost is getting back to business working for another Gold Award in the Lodge Recognition Program.

The Holiday Social hosted by the District Council No. 12 Cultural Division in December was both fun and busy! We honored all lodge and District Council officers who were present. We had a great meal to enjoy, listened to a holiday story told by Linda Burton, listened to music played by Ed Slavik, played a bingo game, and participated in a raffle that had lots of gifts. Helen Gaydusek and Caroline Johnston were there greeting all the guests as they came. We are already looking forward to this year’s festivities!

Fraternally,
Caroline Johnston

Keep on Smiling!

Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado — Happy late Valentine’s Day! I recall years ago when Adeline Stafford would bring cards and candy to the meeting, dressing appropriately in red.

I mentioned last month how we needed moisture, and boy, did we get it the Friday after our meeting on December 6! Three feet fell in the mountains with blizzard conditions on the plains. The weather spoiled many weekend plans around the state!

Irma and Sonny Wolf of Evergreen won big at the February Bingo meeting. Irma, a professional quilter, has another show featuring her small, wall-hanging original designs, all for sale at the Evergreen Public Library. Sonny continues working on his miniature railroads. They both still volunteer at the Arvada Arts Center.

Irma Farrell and Maryellen Vialpando once again treated the monthly Genealogical Society meeting to a mouthwatering Czech dinner of pork, sauerkraut, dumplings, and koláče at St. Bernadette’s Church.

Prepare yourselves because Lent is here! Keep on smiling!

Fraternally,
Pat Kenning
March Brings the ‘Lion’s Share’ of Plans for this Year

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Oak Brook, Illinois – Thanks to the men who hosted a pizza party for our February meeting! We were happy to have Rich Grosser and Wayne Wolf come out for this event, but that’s just the beginning… we have a full agenda this year!

We are planning some interesting presentations for our meetings, and would love to have you join us! None of the dates have yet been finalized, but if you drop me a line (email is super easy, or call me), I can notify you as soon as these are set. Planned presentations include: Anna Ramirez’ travelogue on her tour to Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic; a historical presentation about a Czech countess who defied the Nazis in “the world’s most dangerous horse race”; video presentation of “Pictures from the Old Country” – a film by Susan Marcinkus; and an informative talk about Alzheimer’s. As the schedule develops, I will keep you informed here, but – just in case one gets on the schedule quickly – I’d be happy to let you know personally so you don’t miss out. Or, you can check our Facebook page for updates. Not yet following us on FB? Just search Facebook for ‘Lodge Woodrow Wilson’, and ask to join – it’s easy, and you will be connected to the most up-to-date information about our activities!

Our regular meeting schedule is the first Friday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the CSA Home Office. There are a few changes to the schedule for 2020, due to holidays and CSA closures: no regular July meeting (Independence Day weekend), but our Lodge Recognition picnic (usually in August) likely will be switched to July; this year’s Get-Together does not, for a change, conflict with our schedule, so there will be an August first-Friday meeting. We will also shift the date or plan for September, as CSA will be closed for Labor Day weekend.

Despite these changes, we truly hope that you can find it in your schedule to come out and join us for any meeting – most particularly for our special meeting events. As always, please let us know if you need a ride: we have a crew of willing “chauffeurs” – all you need to do is ask!

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

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Our February meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice President Lyn Burton. Members met with heavy hearts due to the passing of our dear President Jerry Gaydusek. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Sis. Burton would step into the President position, Helen Gaydusek would remain Treasurer, Gerri Romanelli would be Secretary and Scribe, and Dale Burton would be Sentry/Guide. Sis. Burton called the meeting to order with the Pledge and a moment of silence for Jerry. Dale advised our new password for 2020. CSA Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski was kind enough to install the officers. Thank you, Matt!

Sis. Gerri read information on the 2020 Get-Together, Lodge Recognition Program, Fraternalist of the Year, and CSA Serves. Our members have chosen to work with the following charities: Hope’s Front Door and the CSA Scholarship Fund. Other charities may be selected during the year. Members agreed to honor Jerry Gaydusek by donating $200 to CSA’s Scholarship Fund.

Lyn distributed a list of dates for coming meetings and members discussed activities for each of the meetings. It was decided to continue our monthly raffle, bring medicine bottles, gather toiletries for Hope’s Front Door, and collect stamps and pop tabs to donate to another lodge. We are working diligently to assure a Platinum Award in 2020. Our March meeting will hold a bakery competition, which should be delicious and fun!

Guest Bro. Ken Dvorsky gave updates on repairs and maintenance at the T.G. Masaryk School and Bohemian National Cemetery.

The last order of business was a talk by Sis. Gerri on Bruncvik Legend of Knight, Sword, and Lion. This Czech legend tells of the many adventures of Bruncvik and his soldiers. Members enjoyed this tall tale that included one of Czech’s famous symbols – the two-tailed lion.

Our regular raffle followed and, of course, refreshments were served to celebrate Bro. Nekolny’s belated birthday.

Fraternally,
Gerri Romanelli

Bruncvik Legend of Knight, Sword, and Lion
Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – Our members are so excited that we received another Platinum Award in the Lodge Recognition Program for 2019! We did a lot of things to reach this level of activity, including volunteer work, fundraising, some fun events, and much hard work. Plans are already being made to go for another top-level award this year, and we hope to see more of our members taking part in all we have to offer.

The award presentation was made at District Council No. 13’s Annual Installation of Officers in February. Our Director, Sis. Connie Wolf, gave a short report from the Home Office, followed by a memorial service to remember all those we lost in the past year. Awards were presented, and we congratulate Lodge Missouri No. 1 for also receiving a Platinum Award. Sis. Wolf then did the honors to install all officers for 2020, followed by desserts and several games of bingo with Valentine’s Day-themed prizes. Many thanks to the District Council for arranging the meal and the event!

More activities are in the works for the year. We’re looking forward to having a few social gatherings with members of Lodge Missouri, complete with games and refreshments. We’ll be volunteering with Brightside STL later in the spring to help “green up” the city, and we’ll go for a project that isn’t too strenuous so more people can join us. We’re also going to pick a date to enjoy the new Food Truck Garden in Affton (a St. Louis suburb). Come to a Lodge meeting to hear more details and add to the discussions! It’s the second Friday of the month, at the American-Czech Educational Center, 4690 Lansdowne Avenue, at 7:00.

More news: On Saturday, May 16, I’ll be giving my presentation on “Czechs in St. Louis” as part of the Czech Genealogical Researchers Lecture Series. That will be at the St. Louis County Library Main Branch, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. (across from the Frontenac Shopping Center), at 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Happy Vernal Equinox!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman

“Green Up”

Lodge Presidents Jenny Zeman of Lodge Washington and Marla Breidenbach of Lodge Missouri congratulate each other on both Lodges receiving the Platinum Award for 2019.

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Lodge Groveton No. 4, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania – Hello once again, CSA Brothers and Sisters. Well, we are diving into the second quarter of 2020, and that means warmer temps, spending more time outside, and the start of activities for us. As always, Lodge Groveton invites any members to join us in any of our adventures.

We will once again be working with the Autism Open organization, a group that has done many amazing things for families with members with special needs. We will be participating in the Autism Walk as well as an Autism Open Golf Outing. Anyone interested can contact me or Dana Forrester: dlforrester28@gmail.com, to inquire. Also, we will be participating in the local township’s clean-up project, along with many more.

Lodge Groveton also had the pleasure to swear in the incoming Officers at the February meeting. After a successful 2019, Lodge Groveton decided to keep the Officers the same with TerryLyn Bichler staying on as President and Chet Yurkovich as her right hand man as Vice President. Terry Placek will continue on as Treasurer and Gary Forrester as Secretary/Scribe while Vince Shulin will remain as the Guide & Sentry and Patty Yurkovich and Donnie Obeldobel continue as Auditors. What would a swearing in be without involving our CSA Queen Hunter Yurkovich, making it official.

Keep following us on our Facebook page, Lodge Groveton, to stay up on all our many adventures. Take care, fellow CSA members. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Gary Forrester
Welcome, Kyle Skrabanek

Lodge Sveto No. 277, Caldwell, Texas

– We had our monthly meeting on Thursday, February 6, at our lodge’s hall. We had eight members in attendance including our newest member, Kyle Skrabanek. Welcome, Kyle, to the CSA family.

We discussed hall repairs, including the leveling of the hall and installing new gutters. We voted to do our February charitable donation of gift bags to the two nursing homes in Caldwell. Lodge Sveto provided the bags filled with raisins and delivered them on Thursday, February 13.

Lodge Scribe Susan Skrabanek provided a guessing game for all those present. Members were asked to guess how many Valentine’s Day candies were in the jar. There were 177 total Valentine heart candies in the pint jar, and Carolyn Doonan guessed the closest. Susan also provided a door prize. Carol Petty won the door prize for wearing the most red articles of clothing at the meeting.

We will have a potluck supper at our next meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. See you there!

Fraternally,
Susan Skrabanek
Looking Forward to Hearing About Volunteerism

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora, No. 231, Cicero, Illinois – Our Lodge met on January 8 and members went through the usual opening protocols. The annual password was distributed. Minutes and the Finance Report were read and accepted. It was mentioned that financial statements are due and must be submitted by the end of the month.

The Secretary announced that we received correspondence thanking the lodge for its charitable contribution. In particular, we received a thank-you from Tabor Hills regarding a lodge member’s annual Christmas visit, where they hosted Bingo. As done in years past, we decided to send out Valentine’s Day cards containing a small monetary gift to our youth members.

A short report on the T.G. Masaryk Czech School building revealed that the roof had been repaired and other repairs are underway. Expenses are being met as a result of continuous fundraising efforts.

All members attending the District Council No. 12 Christmas Party on December 1, 2019 expressed their enjoyment, mentioning that the food was exceptionally good this year. They were proud of the Christmas carol sing-along provided by Ed Slavik and his accordion. An Installation of Officers was conducted by Ken Dvorsky. This year we have President Dolores Klejko, Vice President Nita Natkowski, Secretary Ed Slavik, and Treasurer Roberta Kulik.

In the next several months, we will be hearing from various members about their individual volunteerism and helpfulness. We asked them to consider identifying their project, its location, the need, what it is they want to do, plus anything else they wish to share with us. During this meeting, it was learned that it was Dolores Klejko’s birthday. Dolores is Ed and Maryann Slavik’s sister. We sang “Happy Birthday.”

During this meeting, it was whispered in my ear that Dolores’s sister Maryann was coming in from Puerto Rico on this day. It was a secret. Dolores was completely unaware and it turned out to be a complete surprise to her. Later in the week, the three siblings went to the Mabenka Restaurant for dinner. Little did they know that family and friends arranged for another surprise. This time it was for all three of them, since they all have birthdays just a few days apart. I understand that they were bowled over, completely surprised! I imagine some happy tears were shed during this occasion.

Fraternally,
Elaine M. Tejcek
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Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen A Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio – Even though we have had a very mild winter, most of us are hoping for an early spring! In our part of the country, we have been blessed with warmer than average temperatures and less than average snowfall for the season.

Our members met in February after the meeting of D.C. No. 9. We enjoyed coffee and desserts after our business meeting was conducted. What a delicious way to end our time together! Members were reminded of the April 19 date for the Junior Bowl-o-Rama at St. Clair Lanes. For further details, please contact Lodge Secretary, Mariann Ebright, at 740-733-8158.

Our pill bottle collection is growing quite large and we will be giving them all to Brother Terry Placek when he visits our next District Council meeting. Terry generously transports them to the Home Office when he attends the Board Meetings. We are grateful for his help! Our group has also encouraged the participation of the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church and ADK Teachers’ Sorority in the collecting of the amber colored pill bottles. It’s amazing how quickly those bottles pile up!

This month’s charitable donations went to St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Colerain, Ohio; The United Methodist Church in Maynard, Ohio; and The First Presbyterian Church in Dillonvale, Ohio. Our members will be doing volunteer work for these churches as part of our CSA Serves Program this year. We are excited to add St. Frances this year and look forward to working again with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

Our officers were installed at the D.C. No. 9 meeting. The year’s officers include: President Wendy Lovell, Vice-President Delores Shinkarow, Secretary Mariann Ebright, Treasurer Gary Lovell, Guide/Sentry Chuck Ebright, and Youth Director Elijah Lovell. Our officers are pictured with other officers of Lodges No. 251 and No. 310.

Congratulations to our youth member, Elijah Lovell, for his appointment to West Virginia University’s Honor Bands once again this year. Elijah is pictured with fellow band members from Buckeye Local High School including: Allie Berze, Mary Dagan, Jenna MacAlister, and Alexis Scott. Students were divided into three bands and performed in the Lyell B. Clay Theater on the WVU campus on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Members enjoyed listening to the musical selections chosen by the respective visiting and local professors. Thank you all for such awesome performances! These students will all be graduating in May and we wish them well in their future endeavors.

We would like to give recognition to Brother Gary Oblak. Gary started attending lodge meetings and special events and we are so happy to have him with us! He was a CSA member since his youth and grew up in Dillonvale. In memory of his wife, Connie, and mother-in-law, Martha Moore, Gary recently donated a specially constructed sign to the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. It hangs on a post in the front yard for passersby to see. Gary, a devoted husband, who cared for Connie through her extended illness, was always by her side. He was also very supportive of Connie’s mom, Martha, throughout her years as well. We are blessed with your friendship, Gary, and enjoy your company at our meetings. Your CSA family is here for you!

As we begin to entertain thoughts of spring, the idea of the earth coming back to life again is amazing...isn’t it? That cycle just keeps repeating and repeating. The wonderment of it all never grows old! I hope your spring is an early one!

“The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.
When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here.”
— Author Unknown

Wishing you sunshine and smiles,
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell

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Czech to English

březen..........................................................March (bře-zen)
kopat...........................................................to dig (ko-pá-ní)
archeolog / archeologka........male/female archaeologist
......................................................(ar-che-o-log / ar-che-o-log-ka)
ztracená města.......................lost cities (ztrac-en-á měs-ta)
hledat kosti.......................to look for bones (hle-dat kos-ti)
hledat poklad.............to look for treasure (hle-dat po-klad)
hledat zlomenou keramiku ..........to look for broken pottery
.......................................(hle-dat zlo-men-ou ker-a-mi-ku)
mazlíčci......................................................pets (maz-líč-ci)
lopatá..........................................................shovel (lo-pa-ta)
sekera..............................................................axe (se-ke-ta)
kosti..........................................................bones (ko-sti)

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2020 Photo Contest

Grand Prize for Best of Contest: $250
Prize for Each Category:

1st Place: $125
2nd Place: $75
3rd Place: $50

Submitted photograph(s) must be taken by a CSA member in the year 2019. No professional or studio photos will be considered, as this is an amateur contest.

NOTE: Participants may send 4 submissions, maximum, per category. A member will also only be allowed to win up to two categories, maximum.

You may submit any size photo (up to 8x10), un-mounted, in black and white or color. Photo must be submitted as is; no retouching or photoshopping.

Digital images must be sent electronically or printed traditionally on photo paper; print-outs on computer paper will not be accepted. If mailing your photo, on a separate sheet, print your name, lodge name and number, age, full address, phone number, type of camera used, and submission category. If the photo includes specific scenery, please give the location. Do not write on the back of photos.

Send photos to:
alovell@csalife.com
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Attn: Fraternal Dept.
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