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President's Piece

Happy Anniversary! Merger Assurances



Brothers and Sisters,

As we turn the calendar to March, we celebrate another milestone here at CSA Fraternal Life, with March 4 being the 171st Anniversary of the founding of CSA. So, Happy Anniversary to us!

Fast forwarding to today, where the CSA Board of Directors recently voted to merge with BetterLife, these are definitely exciting times here at CSA.

As I mentioned in last month's article, our Board's decision to approve a merger with BetterLife took into consideration several things:

First and foremost, we wanted to assure that our members' assets continue to be safe and secure.

With BetterLife's \$70 million surplus, and RBC well over 1000%, our policies and annuities will remain very

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secure.

Next, we wanted to assure that the rich legacy and tradition of CSA continues.

With this merger, CSA members will become BetterLife members, and our policies and annuities will be administered by BetterLife. But, our legacy and traditions will live on in that our lodges and Fraternal programs will remain. BetterLife / CSA will continue to sponsor signature CSA events, such as our Annual Get-Together, with our crown jewel, the National Miss CSA Contest.

We wanted to assure that CSA has a legitimate governance influence in the decision-making process of BetterLife.

This will be accomplished with CSA having one of our current Board Members added to the BetterLife full Board. The other eight current Board Members will be able to join the BetterLife Advisory Board.

And finally, we wanted to assure that our dedicated employees can remain with the combined society.

This will be occurring in that current CSA staff will be assuming roles with BetterLife, initially working out of our current office in Lombard. When the lease in Lombard is complete, employees will have the option to work remotely.

With all of these considerations being assured, the rich 171 years of CSA's legacy and tradition will continue with the partnership.

For those Delegates to our 2022 Convention who have received ballots to approve the merger in the mail recently, if you haven't already, please remember to vote and return the ballot to our office ASAP. Again, as I wrote last month, the merger agreement that the CSA Board of Directors negotiated and approved is very much in the best interests of CSA members' financial and fraternal needs. So, I highly encourage the Delegates to vote "yes".

Changing subjects a bit, don't forget that our Annual Get-Together is only a few months away. Remember to mark your calendar to be in Cleveland in early August. As always, you won't want to miss it!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need anything. As always, I'll keep you updated on our goings on in the months ahead.

Happy Spring season to you all, and until next month...

*Fraternally,
John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
President/CEO
CSA Fraternal Life*



UPCOMING EVENTS



March 15, 2025

Deadline: CSA Scholarships Application and Transcript

March 31, 2025

Deadline: Lodge Financial and Election Forms due in Home Office

April 18, 2025

Home Office Closed for Good Friday

May 3, 2025

Join Hands Day

May 26, 2025

Home Office Closed for Memorial Day

Journal Themes for 2025

April -	Get Ready for the Get-Together
May -	Join Hands Day
June -	Flag Day
July/August -	Czech and Slovak Festivals
September -	Recap of the Annual Get-Together
October -	Photo Contest Winners
November -	Honoring Those Who Have Served and Bowl-o-Rama
December -	Lodge Recognition Program

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Today's Fraternal

Looking Forward to This Year's Activities

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

The New Year has been a busy one! February started with a trip to Colorado to attend the Installation of Officers for Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432. We began with a delicious lunch; this lodge has many talented cooks. I had the opportunity to visit with members; we had some fun conversations. Before leaving, I was honored to swear in a great group of officers. Thank you for inviting me to do this. It was a pleasure and a privilege.

Next, a few of us from the Home Office and the Schretter family had the pleasure of attending the Annual T-Fest in Vining, Iowa. It was a fantastic event and the family's first exciting experience. The house was packed, as always, and we were proud to be part of it. Thank you, Iowa, for inviting us again this year.

As we move forward, a few critical deadlines are approaching. Students, remember to submit your scholarship applications by March 15. This is a great opportunity, and we don't want you to miss out. Also, all delegates of the 2022 conventions should have received the merger ballots by now; please remember to mail in your votes. And don't forget to submit your financial reports and election forms for the lodges.

Lodge Cleveland has been busy planning the 2025 Get-Together; mark your calendars to attend! We are still looking for Miss CSA contestants; please have

them complete the paperwork if you have any interested ladies.

This article was jam-packed. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you at all of this year's events.

*Fraternally,
Kelly Deegan*

*Fraternal Programs Manager
Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409*



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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Greetings, brothers and sisters,

Another anniversary! Before we know it, we will be celebrating the 175th anniversary.

CSA was founded by Czech and Slovak immigrants who wanted to provide

mutual support in times of sickness and a way to provide for widows and children. CSA continues to provide this security through our life insurance and annuity products that we offer to our members. With the BetterLife merger, our members would continue to be protected by a stronger combined Fraternal Benefits Society. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I have attended several lodge meetings since the merger was announced. There were a lot of questions about the merger. Most were related to what will happen to our lodges and Fraternal programs. Rest assured, these will not change. CSA traditions will not be lost.

I'm looking forward to attending more lodge events in 2025. If you have an event, and you would like support from the Home Office, let me know and I will do my best to be there to support you.

Lisa and I attended the 11th Annual Veselica Ball presented by the Veselica Slovak Cultural Organization in Palos Hills on February 15. We had a very enjoyable evening with great food and conversations. The evening's entertainment was amazing. We would like to thank Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, the Honorary Slovak Consul in Chicago, for her invitation to this wonderful gala! We found that Ondrej Pometlo (Deputy Head of Mission, Head of the Consular Department, Consular General of the Czech Republic in Chicago) and his family will be going back to Prague after his four-year assignment in Chicago later this year. We will miss the wonderful conversations we had with them. They really enjoyed their time here.

Happy 171st Anniversary!

*Fraternally,
Nick V. Kosmas
Secretary / Treasurer*

A graphic with a central banner that says "DONATE". Below the banner is a quote: "Have you considered a donation to the Scholarship Fund as one of your CSA Serves choices?". The graphic is surrounded by various icons: an open book, a money bag, a graduation cap, a family tree, and the "CSA serves" logo. There are also several small stars scattered around the text.

DONATE

Have you considered a donation to the *Scholarship Fund* as one of your CSA Serves choices?

CSA serves

Miss National CSA

Fun at the Festival and with Filmmaking!

Greetings, brothers and sisters,

This month has been a hectic one for me! Outside of work and class, I've spent most of my time applying for scholarships, studying for midterms, and trying to take care of myself!

Recently, though, I went to the Testicle Festival in Vining, Iowa. It felt like a blur! I drove three hours from Michigan to get back home. From there, my mom drove me and my family three hours to our hotel, then one more hour to the festival. Once we were there, I sold some raffle tickets and got to talk to some really fun people! I got a little break to eat some testicles and I was pleasantly surprised! They tasted like

pork tenderloin! Who knew? I also got the comfiest shirt there and I wear it all the time! My friends love it, too!

After a few hours at the festival, we drove one hour back to the hotel, slept, and then got up early to get a jump on those three hours back home before I drove three more back up to Michigan. I was in the car for a very long time that weekend!

Other than that, I have some exciting stuff going on in my personal life. I am going to be in my second short film with my school's film club, and I will be directing and producing my second short film for my film class! It's been really exciting to get some hands-on

experience with filmmaking and I've been really proud of what I have made so far. Whenever I finish a project, it reminds me how lucky I am to have the opportunities that I do. I tend to get nervous that being a director/producer as a career is unattainable or risky, but I love moments like these where I get to sit back and say, "I did a good job on this. I can make it in the real world if I keep improving."

For the rest of this month, I will be studying and taking tests like it's my job. Wish me luck!

Fraternally,

Delaney Schretter,

Miss National CSA 2024-2025



CSA – Where It All Began

On an unusually warm day of March 4, 1854, 29 Czech immigrant men met in the back room of Jacob Mottl's tavern in St. Louis, Missouri. They felt a need for mutual support in times of sickness and a way to provide for widows and children. They also wanted some suitable social activity and a gathering place to discuss their problems.

These men formed a mutual benefit society to gain security and to make sure that if one of them died, the funeral would be paid for by the society, and the wife and children would be helped by the members in their immediate needs. This organization, the Czecho-Slovak Protective Society (Česko-Slovenský Podporující Spolek), laid the groundwork for a modern fraternal in this country, which served as a model for many other fraternal benefit societies in America organized in later years. It was the largest Bohemian fraternal organization.

These lodges were the forerunner of the Západní Česko-Bratrská Jednota, or Western Bohemian Fraternal Association. Both associations offered a type of insurance for the Czech people. The association later became known as the Western Fraternal Life Association.

In the C.S.P.S., the initial deposit was twenty-five cents to the dollar, and monthly fees of fifty cents provided financial support to members in the event of illness, including serious childhood illnesses, injury, disability, or death. In 1861, the Society had 96 members, twenty-three of whom volunteered

to defend the Union in the Civil War.

In 1897, due to contradictions (he did not agree that a 20-year-old should pay the same death fees as a 60-year-old), John Rosicky became one of the founders of the West Czech-Bratrské Jednota (Z.Č.B.J.).

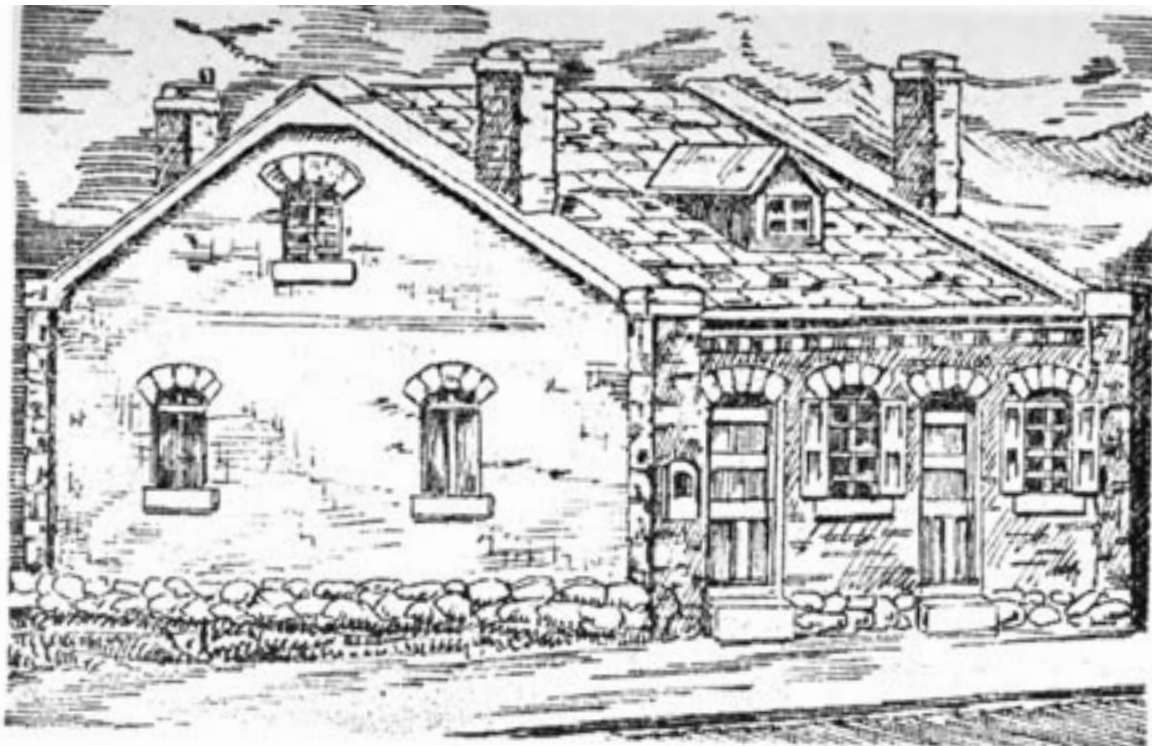
By 1932, there were many Czech fraternal across the country. On January 1, 1933, the parent body of the CSPS was joined by four others: the Society of Taborites, the Bohemian-Slavonic Fraternal Benefit Union, the Bohemian-Slavonic Union, and the Bohemian American Foresters. At this time, the Czecho-Slovak Protective Society adopted a new name – Czechoslovak Society of America – and maintained the original Charter of the CSPS, thus continuing as the oldest fraternal benefit society in the United States.

In 1982, the Czechoslovak Society of America adopted a new name, CSA Fraternal Life.

In 1995, CSA Fraternal Life relocated to Oak Brook, Illinois.

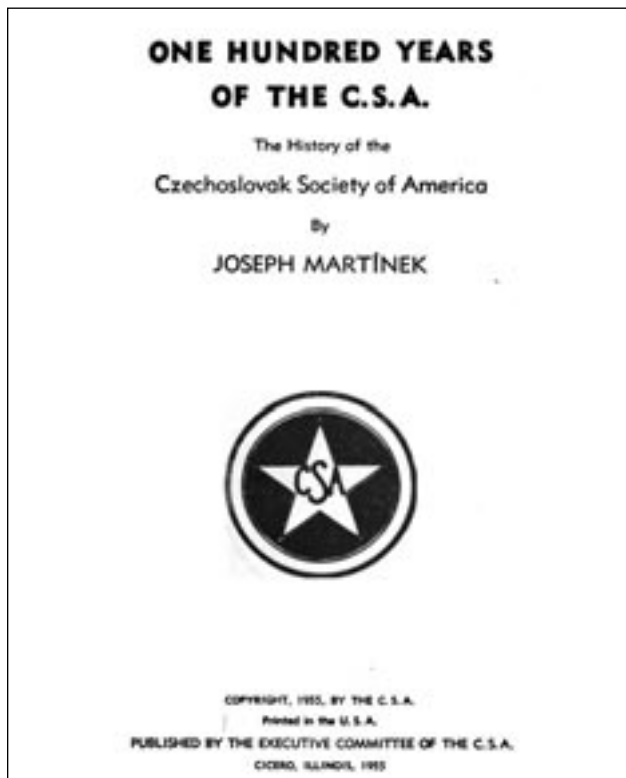
In 2013, CSA Fraternal Life relocated to Lombard, Illinois.

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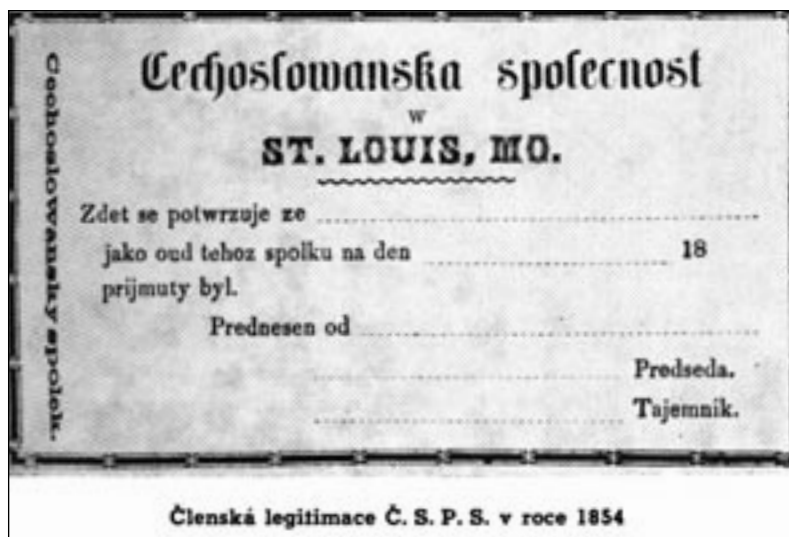


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kolébka a domov jednoty v roce 1854**

CSA – The First Hundred Years



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CSA – The First Hundred Years



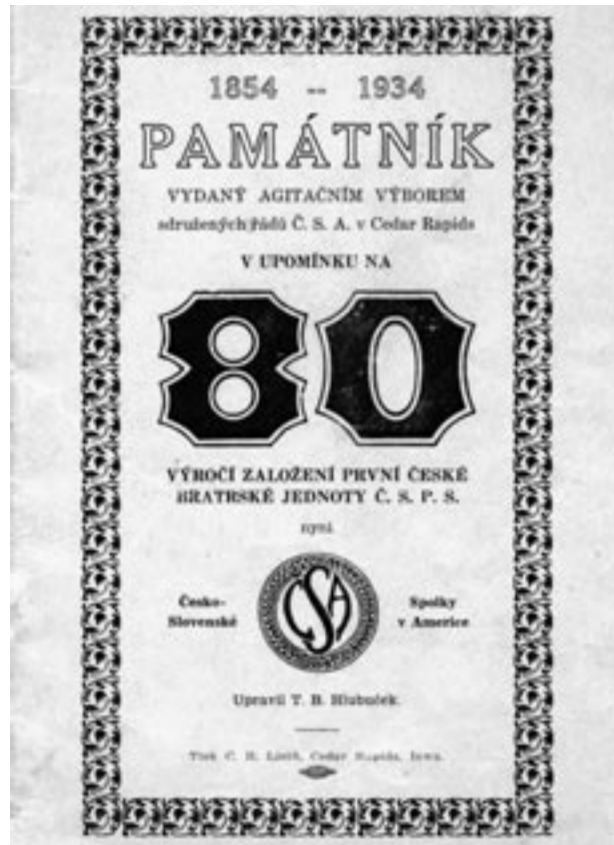
První výkonný výbor spojené jednoty Č. S. A. v roce 1933

CSA – The First Hundred Years



Alegorický vůz jednoty Č. S. A. na národní slavnosti v Chicagu v roce 1945

CSA – Early Get-Togethers



**PRVNÍ GET-TOGETHER ANGLICKÝCH ŘÁDŮ Č. S. A.
v Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1937**
**Stojící: Sestra Marie Vokounová, tajemnice; bratr Hugo Šindelář,
místopředseda; bratr Dr. Leo B. Sedláček, předseda**



2025 CSA FRATERNAL LIFE GET-TOGETHER REGISTRATION FORM

CSA Get-Together
c/o Diane DiBianca
213 Best St
Bedford, OH 44146

PLEASE FILL OUT AND POSTMARK BY JUNE 1ST, 2025 TO:

PHONE: 216-392-9074

EMAIL: ddibianca.csalife@gmail.com

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

DISTRICT COUNCIL #10 CSA

(Please write "Get-Together Registration" in the notes on payment form.)

PLEASE PRINT BELOW:

One form per guest

NAME: _____ LODGE (if applicable) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CSA GET-TOGETHER? _____

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ROCK SONG? _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

MEMBER (\$150) _____ GUEST (\$150) _____

YOUTH MEMBER OR GUEST UNDER 18 (\$125) _____ YOUTH AGE: _____

DINNER ONLY FRIDAY (\$30) _____ SAT. (\$60) _____ SUNDAY (\$60) _____

SATURDAY DINNER: (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE)

BRAISED SHORT RIB _____ LAKE ERIE WALLEYE _____ VEGETABLE STRUDEL _____

DAY TRIP (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE)

ROCK HALL MUSEUM (\$30) _____ AGES 6 -12 (\$20) _____

GOOD TIME III LUNCH CRUISE (\$55) _____ AGES 5 -12 (\$45) _____

TOTAL (\$) _____ PAID: _____ CHECK # _____

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CSA Get-Together 2025



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Roasted Smashed redskin potatoes

with fresh herbs (GF DF)

Buttered whole top baby carrots (GF)

Fruit Cup

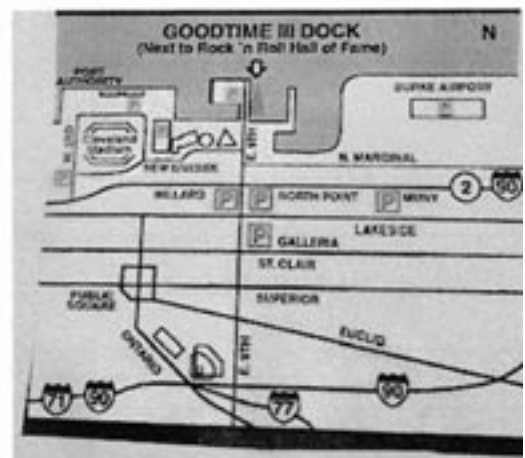
House baked Cookie assortment

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Reconnect with Your Slovak Heritage and Homeland

Let 2025 be the year you discover your Slovak homeland and reconnect with your family roots. Travel through the ever-changing landscapes. Rediscover the traditions you remember from childhood. Learn about Slovakia's history and why so many families left this beautiful country to settle in America. Walk your family's village streets and reconnect with the family who stayed behind.

Enjoy all of this and more – festivals, castles, outdoor heritage museums, the Tatry mountains – as a part of the popular fall Slovakia Heritage Tour, September 12-21, or the new spring Slovakia Heritage Tour, June 20-29, 2025.

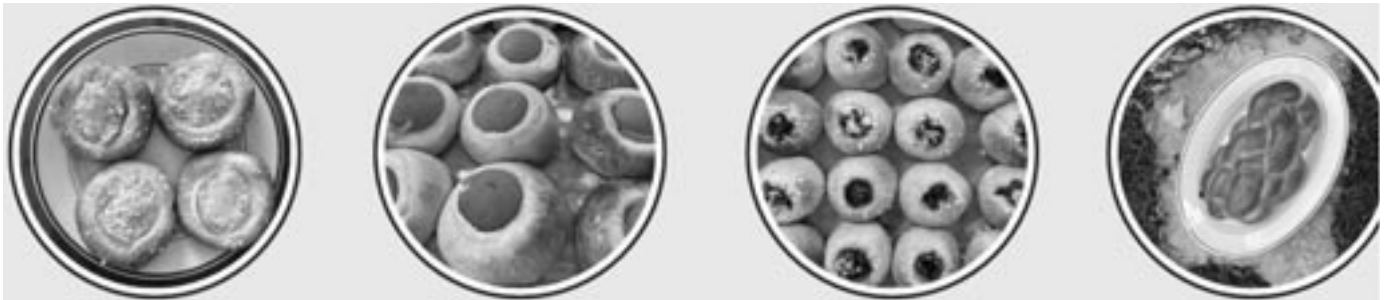
“No matter how many generations their family has been in the States, Americans still have a longing to reconnect with their roots... the people, places, and lives that came before. It's in our DNA,” said Judith Northup-Bennett, a Slovakia travel consultant who helps people with their Slovakia travel plans.

Northup-Bennett founded the Slovakia Heritage Tour in 2011 with Peter and Jane Blazicek of Best Slovakia Tours, who now operate the tour.

Northup-Bennett said people love the relaxed pace of the small-group tour that people can personalize to meet their own travel plans. They have a very good success rate in working with travelers before the tour on genealogical research and reconnecting with relatives who stayed in Slovakia. “People like getting off the beaten-track where they can experience their own family history as well as tour Slovakia and meet Slovaks today.”

For more information on these tours operated by Best Slovakia Tours and to discuss your personal family travel plans, please contact Judy Northup-Bennett at Slovakia Heritage Tours, 978-544-5144, or text 978-894-6622. For a day-by-day itinerary and photos of past tours, visit: www.slovakiaheritage.com.

Treats for a Cause



Most Saturdays, Masaryk School transforms into a bustling bakery booth. The bakery sale features an array of Czech “pečivo” and more! Indulge in the rich flavors of sourdough bread, bread rolls, various kinds of koláče, vianočka, dumplings, and some tasty weekend specials.

If the bakery sale is happening, an email will be sent on Wednesday with a Google Form to place your order. To receive these emails, kindly provide your email address to the Parčí baker family at parci@yahoo.com.

How It Works:

Once you have provided your email to the baker family, you will receive an email on Wednesday with an attached Google Form if the bakery sale is happening that week. If you do not receive an email, it means there is no bakery sale for that Saturday. Open the Google Form and sign up for your desired treats by Thursday at midnight. Then, go to the school on Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to pick up your order.

Please note:

The weekly selection will be reflected in the Google Form, so be sure to choose from the options provided for that week.

Order By:

Thursday, midnight

Pick Up:

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at T. G. Masaryk School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero, Illinois.

Proceeds:

The bakery sale supports the second phase of the 2025 yard and garden maintenance and upgrade project. All of your tips go directly towards this initiative.

Payment:

Cash only, on the spot.

Questions?

Please email the baker's family at parci@yahoo.com!
Dobrou chuť!

Support the UMS Dancers' Journey to the Strážnice Festival

Hello or ahoj!

The United Moravian Societies (UMS) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1939 that promotes Czech, Slovak, and Moravian folklore by teaching the ethnic customs of folk dancing, singing, language, storytelling, and crafting. They are also involved in benevolent work and the observance of memorials.

They are thrilled to announce that one of five dance groups, Omladina, has been invited to perform at the prestigious 80th Strážnice International Folklore Festival in the Czech Republic, from June 26 to June 29, 2025! This incredible invitation fills them with honor and excitement. The chance for dancers to experience and immerse themselves in such authentic culture is an opportunity they'll never forget—and it's truly beyond what UMS could have ever imagined!

This is why they've launched a GoFundMe campaign! The upcoming trip is an incredible opportunity for the 14 talented dancers from the UMS Omladina Dance Group, but it comes with its challenges. Between airfare, housing, transportation, and costume preparations, the costs can quickly add up.

To ensure this experience is as unforgettable as possible for the dancers, UMS will be hosting several fundraising events to cover out-of-pocket expenses and they need your help to make this dream a reality.

Any donation, big or small, will make a huge difference in supporting these young dancers on their journey. Your generosity will not only help cover the trip's costs but will also give these incredible performers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shine. UMS is deeply grateful for your support and can't wait to see the impact it will have!

To stay updated on this amazing journey, connect with them on social media!

Website: unitedmoraviansocieties.org
Facebook: [UnitedMoravianSocieties](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedMoravianSocieties)
Instagram: [@united.moravian.societies](https://www.instagram.com/united.moravian.societies)

Thank you for being part of something truly special!

OMLADINA



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Fraternnal Calendar

March	15	Deadline - CSA Scholarship Applications and Transcript
	31	Deadline - Lodge Financial & Election forms due in the Home Office
April	18	Home Office closed for Good Friday
May	3	Join Hands Day
	26	Home Office Closed for Memorial Day
June	6	Deadline - Miss CSA Application and Photos
	27	Deadline - Fraternalist of the Year Nomination Application
July	2	Deadline - Kropik Scholarship Application
	2	Deadline- Receipt information form for CSA Scholarship
	4	Home office closed for 4th of July
August	1-3	88th Annual Get-Together in Cleveland Ohio
September	1	Home Office closed for Labor Day
	26	Deadline - Photo Contest Entries
	26	Deadline - Bowl-O-Rama Entries
October	13	Home Office closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day (Columbus) Day
	15	Deadline - Veterans Names/Articles for November Journal
	31	Deadline - Bowl-O-Rama Scores
November	27-28	Home Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
December	1	Deadline - CSA Serves Matching Funds Request
	24-25	Home Office closed for Christmas Holiday

**Deadline for articles - 13th of every PRIOR month; ex: articles for February Journal should be submitted by January 13th.



LODGE HAPPENINGS

Lodge Qualifies for Platinum Award

Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois – On January 12, 2025, Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434 held their meeting. After a moment of silence, we returned to lodge business. The Lodge Recognition Program for 2024 was discussed, and President Bultas informed the members that we qualify for the Platinum Award, which would qualify the lodge for \$500.00. After the lodge business was done, the lodge then celebrated our Vice President's wife's birthday. Everyone present had a good time.

On February 16, Lodge Sokol Pilsen held their monthly meeting by Zoom. President Bultas discussed the proposed merger between CSA Fraternal Life and BetterLife, a Wisconsin domestic Fraternal Benefit Society. The State of Illinois had notified CSA Fraternal Life that they should look into merging with a larger insurance company due to econom-

ic and regulatory challenges. BetterLife is a 125-year-old company with over 160,000 members with a \$70 million surplus. It had already merged with Western Fraternal Life. CSA's policies and annuities will not change and none of its functions will change. After much discussion, the lodge approved supporting the merger. The meeting was then adjourned.

*Fraternally,
Andrew Bultas*



LODGE HAPPENINGS

February Flowering



Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado – We Czechs waited to bloom ‘till February like the Christmas amaryllis purchased by Maryellen Vialpando! We skipped our January meeting.

Then we put on our February “red” and gathered at the home of Irma and John Farrell for the Installation of Officers. CSA Fraternal Program Manager Kelly Deegan joined us for a feast before the swearing in. We also had the pleasure of Irma’s sister, Ann. Present were Maryellen and George Vialpando, Irma and John Farrell, Sandra Maresh Doe and Ed Maresh, Dot and Ron Fox, Mary Campe, and Janet Farrar.

To contribute to our first February flowering, Irma roasted a pork loin, made potato dumplings, seasoned sauerkraut, conjured gravy, and topped off our repast with her homemade applesauce. Maryellen made bread dumplings. Before the swearing-in cere-

mony, Kelly Deegan told of her relocation to Illinois as we munched on Irma’s Kolaches and Maryellen’s apple strudel. We were well-bloomed and rooted in Czech culture after such a feast and prepared for our duties.

Photo from right to left is President Irma Farrell, Vice President Mary Campe, Secretary/Treasurer Maryellen Vialpando, and Guide Sandra Doe, sworn in on February 6, 2025 by CSA Fraternal Programs Manager, Kelly Deegan.

*Fraternally,
Sandra Maresh Doe and
Maryellen Hruska Vialpando*



Decorate Your Way to a Festive St. Patrick's Day



(Family Features) Pairing Shepherd's pie and potato soup with green pints and Irish delights are surefire signs of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Food and drink may be the stars of the show, but a little festive ambiance can transport guests from your dining room table to the streets of Dublin.

A few seasonal touches are all it takes to complement a menu of corned beef and cabbage. Consider these DIY decorations for this year's St. Patrick's Day party.

- Set a St. Paddy's Mood – Show off your holiday spirit for all to see with a homemade wreath that gives your front door a perfect welcoming touch. Cut shamrock shapes out of green construction paper, then glue together, edge to edge, to your desired size. Punch a hole in the top shamrock and run string or ribbon through to hold up your work of art.
- The Gift of Green – Lend a helping hand to guests who forget their green with shamrock-shaped pins they can attach to shirts or hats. Wooden shamrocks tend to work best with small pins glued to the back. Arrange these easy

party favors near the door so your friends and neighbors can grab one as they enter.

- A Homemade Pot o' Gold – Send guests chasing the rainbow and reward their adventures with canning jars filled with candies wrapped in gold. Simply spray paint jars green, fill with gold-wrapped candies and place in various gathering areas for easy-to-reach treats.
- Custom Cups – Upgrade boring drinkware with a leprechaun look. Find green cups (plastic or paper) and wrap with black ribbon using hot glue to secure. For a final touch, add a gold sticker as the belt buckle.

Visit eLivingtoday.com for more at-home decor ideas.

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LODGE HAPPENINGS

Plans in Place for Bus Trip

Lodge Paramount Southgate No. 372, Maple Heights, Ohio – Our meeting was held on a very crisp 15 degrees day on January 23, at the DTJ in Taborville, Ohio.

We talked about the upcoming merger with BetterLife and we also feel it will be a good thing for the CSA.

Thank you, Diane, for getting the Bus Trip information. We will be going to the Rivers Casino on Wednesday, June 11. The trip cost will be \$45. As always, the bus will leave the Levin Furniture lot at 8 a.m.

We sang "Happy Birthday" to April, Donna, Johnny, Mary Ann, and Melissa. Congratulations to Donna, Bruce, and Johnny who were our lucky 50/50 winners!

Remember to save the date, August 1-3, for the Get-Together 2025! The hotel will be the Double Tree in downtown Cleveland. A reservation link is in this *Journal* (page 14). Remember to have your favorite band or concert T-shirt when you come!

Mary Ann swore in our Officers:

President Mary Ann Toncar, Secretary Kris Merak, Treasurer Diane DiBianca, and Vice President Annette Reichman.

Thank you, Mary Ann, for our snack of Sloppy Joes, potato chips, and the delicious desserts – cupcakes, brownies, and pistachio pudding. Thank you to Diane for the tasty pasta salad.

Our next meetings for 2025 will be: March 27, May 22, June 11 – Bus Trip,

July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 20, and December 18 will be our Christmas luncheon. Come to a meeting, have a tasty snack, and reconnect with friends. We would love to see you!

*Fraternally,
Annette Reichman*



LODGE HAPPENINGS

Mystery Guesses

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – Following a tradition that goes back several generations, members of our District met in February for the Annual Installation of Officers. We started with dinner provided by the District Council (and some desserts donated by members), with Director Connie Wolf taking care of the business side of the evening. She gave a report on behalf of the Home Office, providing more details about the merger proposal and answering some questions. We then had a memorial service to honor

deceased members from 2024, plus the announcement of 50-year pin recipients for the year. She also presented the Lodge Recognition Program results, and we were very pleased that our work throughout the year brought us another Platinum Star! It's very nice to be recognized for everything we do as a lodge, and we appreciate the Home Office's generosity in this program.

All our lodge officers were re-elected at our December meeting, and all were in attendance to take part in the Installation. We were very thankful that Connie gave us short phrases to repeat! District Council President Mike Wolf announced the recipient of the Humanitarian Award, and it was – all of us! We received the honor to thank the lodge for our untiring work to maintain and support the ACEC and continue the traditions like the Installation. We're looking forward to doing so in the future.

We ended the evening with games organized by Marla Breidenbach, and the first one brought a lot of laughs. It was called "Mystery Guesses," and it consisted of 15 small bundles of individual items wrapped in different colored bandanas so that we had to guess what they were by touch. All of them were things that CSA had given out over the years, and some of the guesses were

a little off! How many of you remember the small shoe shine kit given at a Bowling Tournament, or the šunky stress reliever from a Get-Together? Ericka Ryals received a few extra points for describing her answers in more detail and she was named the winner. We also played a few rounds of a dice game trying to roll three of a kind – which Marcella Milcic did – and she, Jenny Zeman, and Marla Breidenbach were the winners. It was a very nice evening, and we thank the District Council for organizing it!

Our lodge held a short meeting to discuss our choice for this year's CSA Serves project, and there were a few great ideas presented. We'll make that decision at our next meeting. We also decided to switch our Annual Bake Sale to September 7, and we'll have details on that later.

If you'll be in the area on Saturday, April 26, make plans to join us at the Czech Festival at our Center. CSA's Secretary-Treasurer Nick Kosmas and his wife Lisa will be in attendance, and we hope to have Miss CSA Delaney Schretter with us as well. The fun starts at 11:00 a.m.

*Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman*



Do you recognize the CSA items from the past?



Lodge Treasurers Karen Ditz (Washington) and Mike Wolf (Missouri) accepted the Lodge Recognition Program awards – both Platinum.



Ericka Ryals concentrates on her guessing game answers.

LODGE HAPPENINGS

BetterLife Merger Discussed

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Our meeting on February 10 was called to order by Pres. Linda Burton with the Pledge. Nine members and two guests were present.

Of course, the big topic of the meeting was CSA's merger with BetterLife. Bros. Dvorsky and Kosmas explained the merger and how it would affect CSA's future, its insurance and annuities, and its members. Members asked many questions and Ken and Nick did their best to assure that CSA's future is protected and its identity would continue. All agreed this future path for CSA was necessary and best.

Brothers and Sisters discussed plans for charitable giving and activities for the year. We agreed to continue with the

same donations and amounts as last year. Activities like a Jigsaw Contest, collection of personal items for the Elgin Crisis Center, lunch for Mothers/Fathers Day, a Bake Off, and a Holiday Celebration were planned for April, May, June, September, and December. Hopefully, other lodges will join us to have some fraternal fun and engagement.

Sis. Linda reported on renovation efforts at Bohemian National Cemetery. The Civil War Monument has been refurbished and cleaned. Also revitalized are the monuments honoring veterans of World War I and World War II. Cleaning, clearing of trees, and restoring efforts continue at the Cemetery on a regular basis by many dedicated volunteers. They are invaluable!



*Looking forward to Spring,
Gerri Romanelli*

Operation Support Our Troops

Lodge Lincoln No. 7, Berwyn, Illinois – Lodge Lincoln's January meeting was held on January 16 as a Zoom meeting. Our President Matthew Schultz invited Nick Kosmas, the current Secretary/Treasurer from the Home Office of CSA Fraternal Life to officially install our lodge officers. Congratulations to Matthew Schultz, President; Christine Lanzel, Vice President; Vera Wilt, Secretary; Stanley Smolucha, Treasurer; Joseph Hartzel, Guide; and John Pritisil, Sentry. Patricia Smolucha will continue to be our Scribe.

Nick gave a presentation informing our members of CSA Fraternal Life's proposed merger with BetterLife, located in Madison, Wisconsin, and Iowa. They have communities which are similar to our lodges and a significant Czech and Slovak heritage. By combining these companies, they hope to become financially stronger. The plan is to continue many of our Czech and Slovak traditions and activities throughout the year.

The February meeting was held at Vera Wilt's house. Homemade chili was served.

We will be volunteering at Operation Support our Troops America on Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Their warehouse is located at 1989 University Lane, Suite A, Lisle, Illinois. As soon as we are finished volunteering at OSOT America, we will have our March business meeting and lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Bavarian Lodge located at 1800 Ogden Avenue in Lisle.

Wishing you all a very Happy St.

Patrick's Day!

*May the sunshine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

~ An Irish blessing.

*Fraternally,
Pat Smolucha
(s.smolucha@sbcglobal.net)*



Scholarship Fund Report



January 10, 2025 – February 10, 2025

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Total Donations **\$375.00**

Bowling and Other Events

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – It was another chilly day in the Cleveland, Ohio area. We had nine members attend our meeting at the Parma Heights Library on February 11, 2025. Remember, we meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. If there are any changes of venue, we will let you know.

Freddie Shima, our President, read a letter from the Home Office about our merger between CSA and BetterLife insurance company. It seems they have the same mind-set and values as CSA.

Our bowling teams are doing well. We still have a few CSA members bowling in the league. We bowl at Yorktown Lanes in Parma Heights every

Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. Yorktown Lanes even has a commercial on TV about their bowling facility!

We discussed some events that we will be holding this year, like having speakers at our meetings, having a game night, going out for Father's and Mother's day, etc. And, we spoke about the Get-Together that is taking place this August. Many of our members will be helping out with the Get-Together.

The photo contest's deadline is September 26 of this year. So get your photos into the Home Office by then. More information is on their website and in *the Journal*.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by Carole and June. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Kathy Gawrilow. Kathy provided wonderful tasting paczisz for dessert. Thank you, Kathy!

We hope Spring is around the corner bringing warmer weather. Good health to everyone!

*Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco
Scribe*



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LODGE HAPPENINGS

Marching 8 to 5

Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio — Some of my best memories from high school were of the many times spent marching in the band. It was something I truly valued and an experience I had in common with my mother. Mom played the bells in the Dillonvale High School Marching Band and I played the xylophone in the Buckeye South High School Marching Band. Both schools are not in existence today, so I guess that makes the memories even more special.

For those not familiar with the specifics of marching, “8 to 5” simply means that you take eight steps for every five yards on the field. This practice helps allow for preciseness of movement and uniformity while keeping lines and formations intact. I remember all too well the struggle of trying to march and play my instrument at the same time, while trying to maintain the “8 to 5” distancing. You would often hear the demanding calls of the well-meaning upperclassmen sternly yelling, “straighten those lines up, freshmen!” I can still feel the pangs in my stomach and the very strong desire to march well so the older students and our director, Mr. Bonnell, would be pleased. What great times we had in our marching bands! To quote my late mother, “Those were the days!”

While there isn’t any real “marching” for our members these days, most of us are kept busy with lodge and church-related activities as well as community organizations and volunteer work. We selected two of our local churches for our CSA Serves project this year. We will also contribute to the Annual GTG activities (raffle, ads, service project, etc.) coming up in Cleveland (go Ohio!) this summer and will consider any additional donation requests that come our way throughout the year.

We gathered at one of our favorite places, Golden Chopsticks, in Wheeling, West Virginia, for our February meeting. Representing Lodge Groveton No. 4 and the Board of Directors of CSA Fraternal Life, we were delighted to have Brother Director, Terry Placek, his wife, Kathy, and mom, Jean with us! Terry gave updates on the proposed merger with BetterLife Insurance out of Madison, Wisconsin. Additionally, he installed our officers for the new year. Brother Placek was the big winner of our “Guess the Number of Candy Contest” for Valentine’s Day. We had two jars of candy—one filled with none other than

Hershey’s kisses—and the other filled with a variety of Valentine’s candy. Terry very generously gave up his jar of candy to the second-place winner, Sister Bonnie Snider. We’re not sure if he was truly being a gentleman—or if the “stink-eye” from his beautiful wife, Kathy, had something to do with it! Wink! wink! (I did hear something to the tune of—“We really don’t need all that candy at our house!”) Thank you to the Placeks for always bringing the fun with them every time they join us! Also, a big congratulations to our awesome secretary, Sister Mariann Ebricht, for winning the second jar of candy! Knowing her, she will be sharing with hubby, Chuck, and their grandkids!

Our lodge recently completed the Lodge Recognition Program Report as well as our Financial Report and Election of Officers Report for review by the Home Office staff. We discussed our new password and distributed the password cards to the membership along with a listing of our 2025 meeting dates, times, and venues. We usually meet the second Sunday of the month at various meeting-friendly destinations beginning at 1:00 p.m., with a few exceptions for holidays, special occasions, etc. Please contact Sister Mariann Ebricht (740-733-8158) or Sister Wendy Lovell (740-769-7511) for exact information and to make a reservation if needed. We would love to visit with you at our next meeting!

We turned in our recent collection of pill bottles to Brother Placek who will transport them to Chicago the next time he makes the trip. We are thankful to Brother Placek and our members for their participation in this project. Our members also continue to transport each other to our CSA meetings, church activities, and various community organization meetings and events. This outreach goes beyond our membership as many of us reach out to our neighbors and friends who may also need transportation. As a reminder to our membership, the Bowl-O-Rama and Photo Contest will both take place in the fall. Check for future reminders in *the Journal* and check us out next month for some updates on our young adults. We wish good luck to all 2025 CSA Scholarship applicants!

While the days of “8 to 5” are sweet memories of the past, time continues to “march on” for all of us. And, you all know the saying, “The older you get, the faster time goes!” Enjoy every day, friends! In

closing, a very Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all and Happy Birthday, CSA! Remember to check on someone you love today.

“May good luck be with you, wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. May your days be many and your troubles be few, may all God’s blessings descend upon you, may peace be within you, may your heart be strong, may you find what you’re seeking wherever you roam.”

*Fraternally,
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell*



LODGE HAPPENINGS

Installation of Officers

Lodge Missouri No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri – The members of CSA Lodges Missouri No. 1, Washington No. 30, and Spirit of St. Louis No. 157 gathered together for our Annual Installation of Officers. The gathering began with a light dinner. District Council President Brother Mike Wolf called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and Sign of Courtesy were recited. Regional Director Sister Connie Wolf gave a brief update on recent events. A Memorial Service was held to honor those members who passed away in 2024. A donation was made to the American-Czech Educational Center in their memory. Fifty-year pin recipients were announced. Lodge Missouri No. 1 and Lodge Washington No. 30 both received the Platinum Award for the 2024 Lodge Recognition Program. Lodge Treasurers, Mike Wolf (No. 1) and Karen Ditz (No. 30) accepted the awards on behalf of their lodges.

All members present were awarded a

chocolate heart in recognition of them being the heart of our St. Louis CSA organizations. Sister Connie Wolf installed the officers for 2025. Brother Mike Wolf concluded the meeting with his remarks and announced all upcoming events of the American-Czech

Educational Center. The meeting was followed by a mystery guessing game with fabulous prizes.

*Until next time,
Marla Breidenbach
President, Lodge Missouri No. 1*



In Memoriam

Claim	Name	Lodge	Location	Date of Death	Age
55900	Smaus, Robert J.	002	BEDFORD, OH	01/21/2025	99
55872	Hudak, Phyllis	004	MT. PLEASANT, PA	11/25/2024	93
55895	Janik, Jane M.	004	MONROEVILLE, PA	10/22/2024	95
55883	Jarvis, Robert W.	007	DEKALB, IL	01/03/2025	78
55869	Rivoli, Lindalee A.	099	CICERO, IL	10/21/2024	78
55887	Pliml Jr., Frank V.	099	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	10/06/2024	82
55893	Musial, Carol	099	NAPERVILLE, IL	01/15/2025	80
55897	Crawford, Frances L.	121	DILLONVALE, OH	06/26/2024	82
55890	Sedlacek, Carolyn R.	137	IOWA CITY, IA	12/13/2024	81
55892	Krejci, Terry A.	137	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	07/28/2024	79
55877	Houkal, Eric A.	151	ST. CHARLES, IL	10/31/2024	74
55881	Wawrzaszek, John W.	151	OAK LAWN, IL	01/01/2025	72
55891	Wencl, Violet B.	210	LAKEVILLE, MN	01/29/2025	99
55880	Battle, Frances	211	CARTERET, NJ	01/02/2025	77
55885	Mita, Beverly J.	211	PINE ISLAND, NY	01/09/2025	82
55879	Peery, Joan E.	219	LITCHFIELD, OH	12/31/2024	74
55874	Chorvat, Lillian K.	231	WESTCHESTER, IL	07/14/2024	97
55867	Kaldor, George E.	310	BELLAIRE, OH	01/02/2025	81
55899	Studnicka, Kathleen M.	366	BRITTON, MI	11/26/2024	81
55870	Hajek, James I.	377	BROOKFIELD, IL	07/11/2024	77
55878	Kauck, Claude F.	377	TINLEY PARK, IL	01/08/2025	91
55894	Wagner, Andrew J.	377	LEMONT, IL	01/28/2025	94
55896	Lucke, Wendy L.	388	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	05/20/2024	75
55868	Smith, Larry B.	408	ITHACA, MI	12/02/2024	82
55866	Simek, Elsie	409	LOMBARD, IL	12/18/2024	99
55876	Turek, Dorothy M.	409	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	12/30/2024	94
55888	Glenn, Tonya	411	PRUDENVILLE, MI	01/11/2025	48
55873	Tate, Lenuel M.	419	MIDDLETOWN, IN	12/21/2024	81
55889	Nedelka, Jerome J.	469	MILLER PLACE, NY	12/08/2024	86
55882	Lafortune, Clement	481	ELIZABETH, NJ	12/31/2024	86
55865	Brady, Luke M.	484	KEARNEY, NJ	01/01/2025	76
55898	Payne, Anita L.	484	SHALLOTTE, NC	12/18/2024	87



In Memoriam

Anthony Faikus Jr, age 101, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Anthony is survived by his beloved wife, Lorraine (nee Likas) Faikus; his daughter, Cheryl (Michael Johnson) Capra; son, Glenn (Denise) Faikus; grandchildren, Leanne (John) Ostrander, Kenneth (Andrea) Faikus, Anthony Faikus, Leslie (Frank) Murphy and Amanda (John) Drews; many great-grandchildren; and a sister, Blanche Finn.

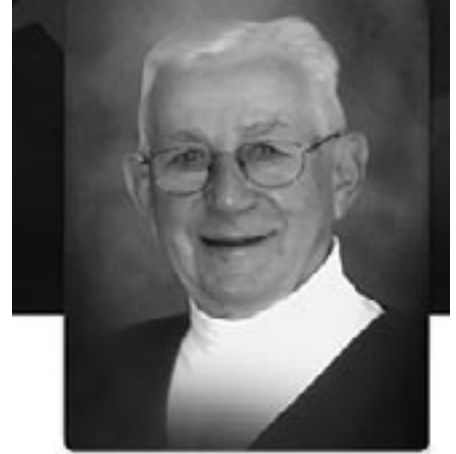
Preceded in death by his parents, Anthony Faikus Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty" Faikus (nee Karasek); and one brother, Miles Faikus.

A proud veteran of World War II, Captain Anthony Faikus Jr. served as a

fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Corps, where he demonstrated exceptional skill and bravery during his time in the skies. His service was not only a testament to his courage but also to his unyielding dedication to defending the freedom of others. Throughout his career, Anthony earned the admiration of his fellow service members and countless others whose lives he touched.

After the war, Anthony remained devoted to his nation and its safety. He served with distinction as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, contributing his expertise and passion for service.

A lifelong member of the American Sokol Organization, he was committed to preserving the cultural and community spirit of the group. He believed deeply in the values of physical fitness,



discipline, and camaraderie that the organization embodied.

In addition to his military service and volunteer work, Anthony was also a published author.

The T.G. Masaryk School shared the sad news of the passing of **Attorney Marvin Lanzel**, a dedicated leader and active member of numerous Czech organizations.

Attorney Marvin Lanzel, age 80, of LaGrange Park, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. Marv was an active member of numerous Czech organizations including CSA Fraternal Life where he had served as National Secretary and Secretary/Treasurer. He also was a Sokol Spirit and Sokol Chicagoland member and loved singing with the United Moravian Societies. Private cremation and a celebration of life at a later date when family can be present are planned. Memorials may be sent to the CSA Scholarship Fund.

Lodge Lincoln No. 7 was so fortunate to have celebrated his 80th birthday with him last June. Their sympathies go out to his wife Chris and his family. He will definitely be missed.



Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434 held a moment of silence for **Stan Papuga** who passed away in Decemeber 2024.

Stan was the Lodge's Treasurer. He had been a member of Lodge Sokol Pilsen for many years he also was the attorney

for CSA Fraternal Life for years. Stan will be missed by both Lodge Sokol Pilsen and CSA Fraternal Life.

LODGE HAPPENINGS

Christmas Party and December Meeting, January Meeting



Lodge Laurel No. 452, Ashford, Connecticut – We held our Annual Christmas party on December 15 at St. Philip’s Hall in Ashford. After a luncheon of make-your-own sandwiches and delicious desserts made by members, we delved into making a variety of crafts. This was followed by a very challenging game, as you can see in the pictures. The goal was to get the character in front of the cup of water back to the beginning of the roll of toilet paper. We played several rounds of the game. In each round, one person was able to reach the goal. Small prizes were

awarded to the winners.

We had a surprise visit from Santa, who distributed gifts to our youth and candy canes to everyone. All had a great time, including Santa!

We held a brief meeting to tie up end of the year Lodge Recognition Program activities and to schedule the next meeting and installation ceremony.

Our January meeting was held on January 12 at the home of Marion Varga. We postponed our installation ceremony to February since our Installation Officer was unable to attend this meeting. We had several thank-you notes and letters. We briefly discussed some ideas for activities in the new year.

Fraternally,

Marion Varga and Bob Zaicek,

Co-scribes



LODGE HAPPENINGS

Installation of Officers

Lodge Groveton No. 4, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania – Hello, Brothers and Sisters. Our lodge held the Installation of Officers at our February meeting. Thank you to all who have agreed to continue their roles within our lodge.

We also had a Bake Off Contest with six entries. Terry Placek won first place. Madison Bichler and Jourdyn Forrester

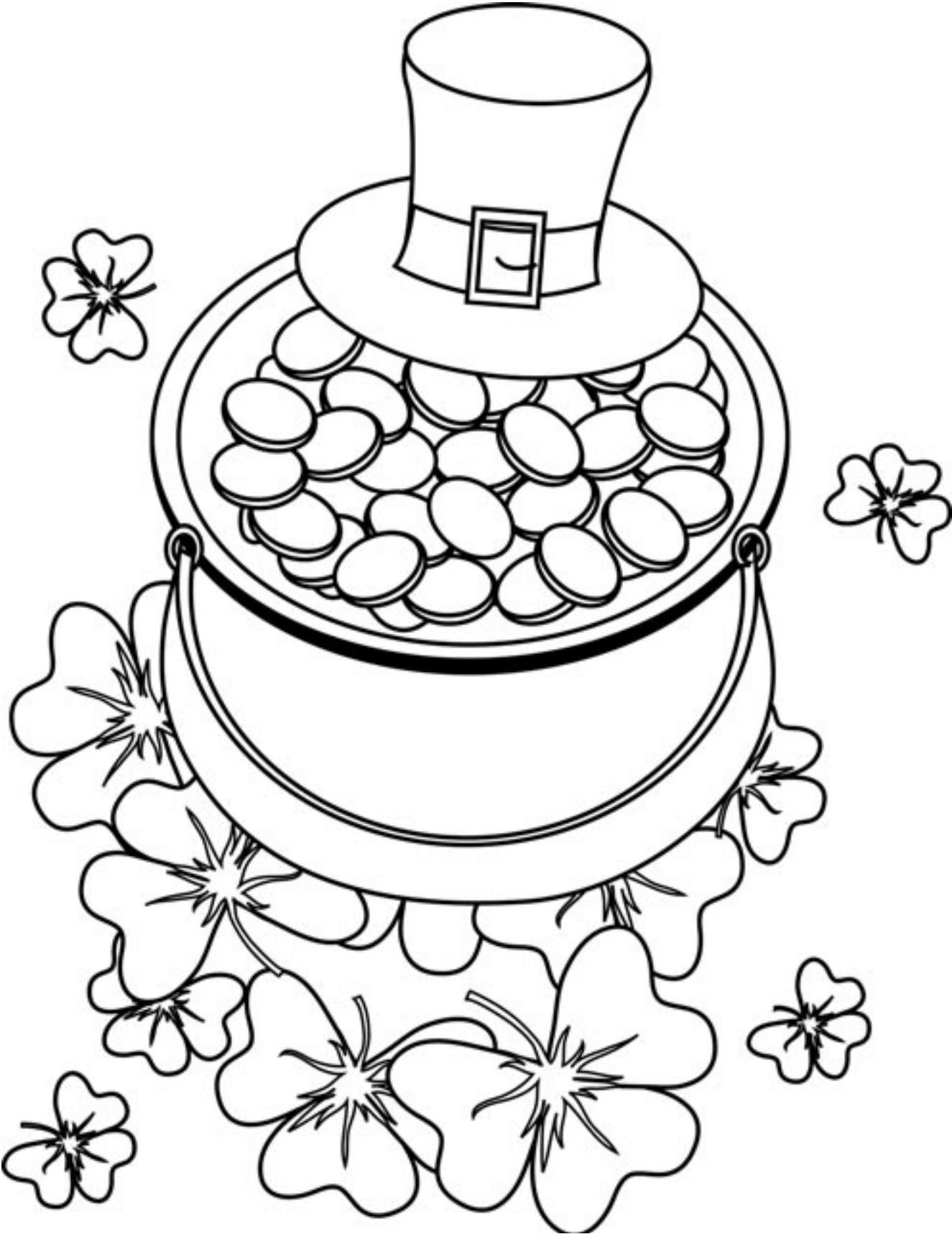
are tied for second place. Our next meeting is March 5.

Krystle Roosa celebrated her 40th birthday! Her husband, J.R., along with other family and friends, had a surprise party for her. We wish you the best year ahead and hope you had so much fun, Krystle!

Lodge Groveton meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Groveton Firehall. There will be food and refreshments, as well as an attendance drawing. Join us for a meeting!

*Fraternally,
Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich*





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