On the Cover...

Featured on the cover is the photo contest submission of Carla Strnad, Lodge Missouri No. 1. The photo won Best of Contest!
Brothers and Sisters,
I hope the month of May finds everyone well. Spring is finally here...although it took a while for most areas to actually get warmer this year.

Every now and then, we here in the Home Office like to remind members to look into your CSA Life Insurance Policy or Annuity (and any other insurance policies that you have for that matter), to make sure that they are up to date.

Specifically, it’s always a good idea to verify who you have listed as your beneficiary. Many times, one of the beneficiaries listed may pre-decease the insured. Unless you have other beneficiaries listed, and specified as to who and how much they should be paid, confusion (at the least) could be the result when your loved ones submit the claim. Feel free to contact our office at your convenience to verify that your wishes are properly documented within your file(s). We’re here to help.

Another friendly reminder to pass along, that I personally benefited from when my father passed, would be to let your loved ones know where your important paperwork is. In addition, making a list of your bank accounts, any outstanding loan or pension accounts, and who to call to begin the claim process will be very helpful to your loved ones.

It’s obviously a horrible time in one’s life when a loved ones passes away. It’s truly very helpful to a survivor when there’s less to worry about, such as dealing with potential probate issues, or going through paperwork back and forth with a bank or an insurance company. So, when you have time, take a few minutes to verify that things are set how you want them to be. It’ll give you peace of mind, and will be a godsend for your loved ones.

In our next few issues of the Journal, we’ll be communicating more about our Get-Together and Convention that aren’t too far away. Many of you are set as delegates to the Convention. We look forward to seeing you here in the Chicago area in August. For others out there, there’s more than enough time to make plans for the Get-Together portion of that weekend. It’s always a very fun time, so see if you’re available in early August and join us.

Until next month...
Fraternally,
John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 6, 2018
Join Hands Day
A national volunteer day sponsored by America’s fraternal benefit societies.

Saturday, May 5 – Sunday, May 6, 2018
71st National Bowling Congress
Saturday start, 11 a.m., Sunday start, 9 a.m.
Plaza Lanes, Plymouth, Michigan

Sunday, May 7, 2018
Constitution/Bylaws Changes
All proposed changes to the Constitution/Bylaws are due to Matt Koski, CSA Executive Secretary

Saturday, May 12, 2018
Join Hands Day – D.C. No. 12
Bohemian National Cemetery
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. – Coffee/Donuts at Gate House
10 a.m. – Clean-up – bring brooms, cleaning supplies

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Annual Central District Sokol Day
Ehlert Park, Brookfield, IL www.american-sokol.org

Monday, May 28, 2018
Memorial Day at BNC
Bohemian National Cemetery
9 a.m. – Meet at the Gate House. Parade to Columbarium to follow.

Saturday, June 9, 2018
Česky Den - Czech Heritage Festival
815 Water Ave., Hillsboro, WI 54634
11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Information: 608-516-3994

Sunday, June 24, 2018
United Moravian Societies Annual Picnic
Kiwanis Park, 8820 Brookfield Ave., Brookfield, IL
More details to come.

Sunday, July 8, 2018
95th Česky Den (Czech Day)
DTJ Taborville, Auburn, Ohio
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; rain or shine, $5.00 admission

Sunday, July 29, 2018
Czechoslovak American Congress Picnic
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Ehlert Park, 4400 Elm Ave., Brookfield, IL
Music, arts, crafts, and food. Bring chairs.
Information: 708-485-3357

Friday, August 3 – Sunday, August 5, 2018
82nd Annual CSA Get-Together
Holiday Inn William Tell
6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525

Sunday, August 5, 2018 – Monday, August 6, 2018
41st Quadrennial CSA Convention
Holiday Inn William Tell
6201 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois 60525

CSA MISSION STATEMENT
CSA Fraternal Life is a fraternal benefit society that provides families with financial security while promoting community involvement with volunteerism.

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Hello All,

I hope that by the time you are reading this, the weather has finally warmed up a bit. Even I’ve gotten sick of the cold, and I’m not a heat person!

By now your lodges should have received your 2017 Lodge Recognition Awards. Congratulations! Have you begun working on the newest program for 2018? Let me know if you have any questions.

April was Bowl-o-Rama month and a lot of you have submitted articles and photos from your events. From what I’ve seen so far, it looks like you had a lot of fun!

As per usual, our annual May magazine issue is packed with a lot of information – the Lodge Directory, Agent Listing, and Photo Contest winners. In recent months, the Journal has been bursting at the seams with articles, photos, information, and events. This month was no different. A big thank you goes out to all our Scribes for doing such a good job!

Good news! We have a new article from a lodge that we haven’t heard from in a while – Lodge Independence/Liberty Bell No. 408. I’m happy to see that you remain active and continue to give charitably.

In the pages ahead, we feature the winners of our Photo Contest. This was a very difficult choice, as we received well over 500 entries this year. We thought we had a lot of entries last year (424), but wow, were we wrong! As we did last year, we have listed all of the members who submitted photos to us. Remember, by submitting photos to us, your lodge can receive up to four points (one point per submission per member) in the Lodge Recognition Program. If your lodge has members who submitted photos for the Photo Contest this year, feel free to send us a copy of page 19 with your LRP packet as documentation.

May is also the month where fraternal benefit societies participate in Join Hands Day, the annual, national volunteer day sponsored by the American Fraternal Alliance. These events are usually held on the first Saturday in May. For the fourth year in a row, I assisted D.C. No. 12 in cleaning around the Bohemian National Cemetery. We were informed of the improvements and repairs that were made around the cemetery in recent months, and everything looks really nice.

In closing, I would like to wish all moms, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and so on a Happy Mother’s Day!

A Mother’s Love
Of all the special joys in life,
The big ones and the small,
A mother’s love and tenderness
Is the greatest of them all.
~ Anonymous

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

Thank You for Filling Our Pages

Read the Journal online at: www.csalife.com
Brothers and Sisters,

May has arrived, and with it brings a flurry of activity within CSA. Just take a moment to flip through this issue and see for yourself! The Fraternal Committee’s changes to the Photo Contest for this season resulted in a bumper crop of submissions. The fraternal area had their hands full logging all the entries. Thanks to all who took the time to send in a photo. The judges really had a tough time. Congratulations to our winners!

This edition of the Journal keeps the information coming with a list of the Lodges and assigned Sales Agents. Why not attend a Lodge meeting and get involved as much or as little as you choose? Lodges are always looking for fresh ideas and people. If you are already active, take a moment to consider nominating a fellow member for Fraternalist of the Year.

CSA continues to strive to earn our members’ trust by offering products that serve your needs and provide responsible performance. We at the Home Office understand that we are but the current stewards of your society, bringing forward some of the solid business practices of those who came before us for an astounding 164 years. Once you have finished with this issue, consider passing it on to someone who is not familiar with a Fraternal Benefit Society like CSA, or go one further and try explaining it to them. I would bet you know more than you think you do.

The Get-Together is getting closer with each passing day. Registration materials can be found in this issue, too. Take a look and consider attending this year. If you are a delegate to the Convention, thanks for helping CSA progress into the future. Everyone on the Get-Together Committee is busy planning activities for all to enjoy. Keep reading the Journal and checking the CSA website and Facebook page for updates. I look forward to seeing many of you in August.

In closing, thanks to all our members who help themselves and others through fraternal volunteerism.

Fraternally,
Matthew A. Koski

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.

You asked. We answered.

Visit www.csalife.com to pay your bill online.
**Happy May!**

As the spring weather settles in, I am hoping you are all doing well. After my exciting spring break, I am settled back in and enjoying my new classes. Specifically, I am taking a class which examines the aspects that complicate decision-making processes. I’ve found this topic to be incredibly interesting, especially in its application to the realm of foreign policy.

I have also been busy with activities outside of academics. To begin, my sorority recently went through recruitment, and we are now welcoming a group of incredibly kind and passionate new members. Soon I will adopt a “little,” which is an incoming member who I will help mentor and welcome into our sorority. I can’t wait!

Additionally, I have been staying busy with my job this quarter. My company has a lot of exciting changes going on at the moment, and I am so grateful to be able to be a part of this process of innovation. In addition, I have been very involved with my family’s popcorn and ice cream company over the past few weeks. We recently decided to change our name to “Almost Famous” and have been working hard to promote the new brand.

If these things weren’t keeping me busy enough, my campus is also providing me with all sorts of fun opportunities. Each year, students come together to celebrate “Camp Stanford,” a quarter-long celebration of our beautiful campus and the lovely spring weather. From pool parties, BBQs, beach trips, and hikes, Camp Stanford definitely gives students something to do in their free time. Of course, our homework gets done, too, just at a picnic table rather than in the library.

With that, I’m off to the beach!  

*Best,*  
Sydney Reickhoff  
Miss National CSA 2017-2018
It is time to “Wind Down in the Windy City” at the 82nd Get-Together in Countryside, Illinois on August 3-5, 2018.

The cost is $125 for adult delegates or guests. This includes the Friday night banquet, the Saturday night banquet, and the brunch on Sunday morning.

On page 9 is a registration form that can be duplicated. Attendees can call the hotel directly at 708-354-4200 or Central Reservations at 877-499-3005. The passcode for the group rate is “CSA.” You can also use the website: http://bit.ly/holidayinncsa2018.

Our group rate (for standard rooms) is $129 + tax.

Any checks sent for registration, the trip, purchased raffle tickets, or to purchase items for the service project, should be made out to “District Council #12.”

There will be an exciting trip on Saturday to the Windy City. You will get to see for yourself some of the world renowned architecture along the Chicago River as you travel in air-conditioned comfort, enjoying your boxed lunch. Various liquid refreshments will be available for purchase on the boat, though water will be furnished with the boxed lunch. The trip’s cost is $50, which includes lunch, though seating is limited.

Since this is also a Convention year, the ‘ad book’ will be 8.5 x 11 in. The cost is very reasonable, considering how many members, lodges, and organizations will be seeing your congratulatory ad or name in print. The deadline for the ad book submissions is May 25, 2018. The checks for the ad book are to be made out to “CSA Fraternal Life.” As stated in our April article in the Journal, our service project will be on Friday morning. We will be putting together bags for a transitional living program, which will include personal care items, small cleaning supplies, etc. This helpful, active organization is called “BEDS Plus” and is located in our area. If you cannot bring any items with you or you do not want to bring them in on the plane, we will be accepting monetary donations during the months prior to the Get-Together. We will do your shopping for you! Deadline for us to do the shopping is June 29, 2018.

The 82nd Get-Together email address is csagettogether2018@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Fraternally,
Helenka Gaydusek and Kenneth Dvorsky
2018 CSA Get-Together
“WIND DOWN IN THE WINDY CITY”
REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out form and postmark by June 30, 2018 to:

CSA Fraternal Life
Phone: 800-LIFE-CSA
2050 Finley Rd. Ste. 70
Fax: 630-472-1100
Lombard, IL, 60148
Email: csag ettogether2018@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: District Council #12

PLEASE PRINT BELOW (Duplicate as necessary)

NAME ___________________________________ LODGE (if applicable) __________

ADDRESS ___________________________________________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP ____________________________________________________

PHONE ______________________ EMAIL _________________________________

Is this your first CSA Get-Together? __________

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, THEN ADD YOUR TOTAL:

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

Adult Trip (ages 18+) on Saturday, August 4th
Youth Trip (ages 0-11) on Saturday, August 4th
Youth Trip (ages 12-17) on Saturday, August 4th

Are you attending a banquet dinner only?

Friday Night ______ $35.00
Saturday Night ______ $35.00
Sunday Brunch ______ $35.00

TOTAL: $ ___________________

List any food allergies or dietary restrictions/requirements here:

______________________________________________

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Put on your dancing shoes!

Get ready for a night of live music featuring Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen. This popular group will be performing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 2, 2018. The concert will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on the lawn of the Newbo City Market, located at 1100 3rd Street SE.

Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen have been performing throughout the United States since 1988. The group is based out of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and their performances combine German and Czech-style polka music with country, big band, and party favorites. In addition, Becky Livermore, featured on the accordion and vocals, is well-known for performing in her bare feet!

The event is a collaborative project between the Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival, CSA Fraternal Life, Lodge Prokop Velky, and Lodge Karel Jonas members in Vining, Iowa. For more details, please visit www.freedomfestival.com.

Fraternally,
Sis. Robyn Rieckhoff
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July 2018 Freedom Festival in Cedar Rapids

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*** Deadline for Journal articles – 12th of every PRIOR month ***
(i.e. February articles need to be submitted by January 12th)
Tips for Hanging a Gallery Wall in Your Home

You know all those perfect, artsy living rooms you see on Pinterest and in those home-and-garden magazines... the ones with the family photographs and art all hung in such a clean, pristine way? You can have pretty wall art, too! It’s a myth that hanging a gallery wall is challenging, because it’s actually not. The key: preparation!

1. **Choose your gallery wall layout.**
   What’s your style? Do you like randomness or a defined grid? Aesthetically similar artwork or varied styles? Matching or mismatched pictured frames? The sky’s the limit!

2. **Plan it out.**
   Before hanging, lay a large sheet of craft paper on the floor. Trace all of your frames onto the craft paper in the arrangement you prefer. Tape the sheet of craft paper to your wall. Nail your frames onto the wall, right on top of the paper. When you’re finished, the craft paper can be torn away. Viola, your wall is complete!

3. **Use a level.**
   This will help you a lot, and who wants to look at constantly crooked frames? A tip to keep frames forever in place: place tiny pieces of Velcro strips behind the bottom edges of the frames. It will keep the movement to a minimum.

4. **The spacing between your pictures (on all sides) is important.**
   It’s sort of a Goldilocks situation, because you don’t want the frames too close or too far apart. Two inches is a good place to start. Though, if you do want to use a different measurement, keep it consistent on all sides.

5. **Find your common theme.**
   Whether it’s your frame colors or your imagery (black and white images, similar landscapes, family photos, etc.), find something that ties your gallery wall all together.

6. **Add 3-D components.**
   Incorporate different types of art that aren’t placed in a picture frame, such as a detailed necklace, large clock, papier-mâché animal head, vintage sconce, or plant holder. There are tons of options!

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**Bunny Brunch**

The District Council of Missouri and Southern Illinois – Lodges Missouri, Washington, and Spirit of St. Louis hosted the annual Bunny Brunch for members of CSA Fraternal Life and the American-Czech Educational Center. The morning included breakfast, crafts, a visit with the Easter Bunny, an Egg Hunt, games, prizes and a piñata filled with candy to break open. There was something for all ages to enjoy. The kids especially had a great time and went home with a sack full of holiday goodies. Thanks to all the District Council members who make this event happen.

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**District Council**

Director Connie Wolf visits with her Easter Bunny

Colby Breidenbach loves the Easter Bunny

Olivia Macan takes aim at the piñata.

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Like us on Facebook
“Gary the Great” and the “Excellent Eight”!

District Council

District Council No. 9 Southeastern Ohio – Cheers for Gary (the Great!) Holubeck of the St. Clair Lanes in St. Clairsville, Ohio for hosting the youth of Lodges No. 121 and No. 310 for the 2018 CSA Youth Bowl-o-Rama! As usual, Gary and the entire Holubeck family and staff were most welcoming and accommodating this year. Heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for ensuring that we had a great bowling experience!

Bowling... all the cool kids are doing it! Our “excellent eight” bowlers this year were: Bailey Ebright, Skyler Ebright, Christopher Ebright, Domenick Panepucci, Derrick Panepucci, and Elijah Lovell – all members of Lodge No. 121, and Casara and Samantha Orr – guests of Lodge No. 310. We are so proud of our kids! They made great efforts and didn’t give up!

Our youth bowlers, their families, and members of D.C. No. 9 all enjoyed pizza and refreshments during our little “intermission” after the first two games. After re-energizing, our kiddos finished strong and posed for some photos. We hope you enjoy them!

A big thank you goes to the Home Office for the souvenirs, as well as for encouraging and arranging this yearly event. Thanks again to “Gary the Great,” the entire Holubeck family and staff, the members of Lodges No. 121, No. 251, and No. 310 for their support, and especially our youth bowlers.

Well, I “gutter” get this article done for now. I don’t have time to “spare”! Until next time... Roll a Strike!

Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Vice-President, D.C. No. 9
District Council

Memorial Programs Planned

District Council No. 12, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana – May is a very interesting month. Let’s start with the first of the month – May Day. In ancient times, this was the day when the rituals connected with fertility and growth were celebrated. No wonder that Maypole Spring Dances popped up in the 15th century. In 1889, the 2nd Socialist International designated May Day as a day to honor all workers and labor unions. May 3 is a day of prayer in the United States. The Polish celebrate this same day as Constitution Day, as their document was patterned after the US Constitution.

Following right along comes Cinco de Mayo on May 5, a day for Mexican pride and festivities. National Teacher’s Day arrives on May 8, as well as Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) that occurred in 1945.

District Council No. 12 will be doing Join Hands Day activities at the Bohemian National Cemetery on May 12. Bring gloves, work clothes, and whatever else you feel is needed. Mother’s Day is the following day, Sunday, May 13, and the newly-cleaned Bohemian National Cemetery will feature a special program to honor mothers.

Ramadan begins May 15, and at this time, Muslims begin fasting and making atonement for transgressions. Armed Forces Day is on May 19 and Memorial Day is on May 29. These dates have a lot in common, as we honor our valiant soldiers for defending our country.

Why not come out to the Bohemian National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28 and join the many Czech organizations, Sokol groups, and friends on this day of remembrance? Come to the Gate House at 9 a.m. and join the parade to the Columbarium. Be on the lookout for some improvements, such as the newly painted sections of the Columbarium, repaired administrative buildings, the garage, and more.

Now is the time for all of our lodges to discuss and prepare for the 82nd Annual Get-Together and 41st Quadrennial Convention.

Lastly, the Lidice Memorial program will take place on June 10 in Crest Hill, Illinois at the monument. Join the Czechoslovak American Congress, the TG Masaryk Czech School, the students, and many of our lodge brothers and sisters as we remember the brutality inflicted on this Czech village in 1942.

Fraternally,
 Edward Slavik

Picnic in July

District Council No. 10, Northern Ohio – Our first meeting of the year was on April 5, with 12 members in attendance. Mary Ann Toncar swore in our officers. They remain the same: President/Vice President Diane DiBianca, Secretary/Scribe Annette Reichman, Treasurer June Karecki, and Guide Mary Ann Toncar. Everybody said they enjoyed the Christmas/Pin Party and liked Ed Klimczak, the One Man Band. Plans are being made for this year’s Christmas/Pin Party. The entertainment has already been booked.

If you haven’t attended the Christmas/Pin Party in a while, please consider coming this year. It’s always a great time to catch up with members you haven’t seen in a while.

The Junior Bowl-o-Rama was held on April 22 at Yorktown Lanes in Parma, Ohio.

The Lodges are all busy with their charity work and working on their LRP’s. Diane would like to remind the lodges to get their lists together of eligible 50/75 year pin recipients. Make sure to check your policies to see if you or someone you know is eligible to receive a 50 or 75 year pin! We enjoyed bakery brought in by June Karecki.

The next meeting will be June 7 at 10 a.m. at the Parma/Snow Library. On July 25 at noon, there will be a picnic at Hemlock Park in Bedford. The September 6 meeting will be at the Garfield Heights Library. The December 6 meeting/Christmas luncheon is tentatively at the Club House in Parma, Ohio.

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman
Czech Summer School Coming

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois — At our last meeting, we received some Easter candy treats to enjoy. Our auditors conducted their audit of our lodge’s finances, and the Annual Report was completed during the meeting.

The TG Masaryk Czech School will have a Summer School this year. The subject will be “Czech as a Second Language.” It will be taught by the students from Charles University in the Czech Republic. Call the school for information at 708-656-9810.

Our lodge conducted their Easter Bingo at Tabor Hills in Naperville, Illinois on March 29. Attendees were given a small bunny rabbit and an Easter card with a dollar inside as a gift from our lodge. Prizes for the bingo games were some larger Easter stuffed animals, boxes of Kleenex, and various other prizes. Also a raffle was conducted for several large afghan blankets. Refreshments were served.

On March 22, our lodge attended the Installation of Officers for District Council No. 12. Many other lodges from the district were present. We all enjoyed a very tasty boxed supper of Czech food.

On Wednesday, April 11, CSA member Elaine Tejcek was presented with her 75-year pin of membership recognition. Ken Dvorsky, National Director for Illinois Indiana and Wisconsin, read a letter from John J. Kielezewski, President, and Amanda Lovell, Fraternal Director. The presentation was made during the monthly meeting of the Lodge.

Come join us at our next meeting!

Fraternally,
Loretta Paulus

Bean Bag Toss

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois — We held our April meeting amid gray skies, cold temperatures, and snow! Eleven members enjoyed fraternal camaraderie and got down to business! We were happy to see members Jim and Judy Wozniak returning from their winter home in sunny climates and Helene Schaefer back.

President Jerry Gaydusek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the pledge, roll call, and reading from last month’s minutes, Secretary John Nekolny read correspondence regarding registration and social events for the upcoming 82nd Get-Together here in Illinois. Members approved the inclusion of a ¼ page ad in the GTG Program book.

Jerry and Helen Gaydusek, Matt and Heather Koski, Lillie Nemec, Lyn Burton, Gerri Romanelli, and Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell, attended the annual Tabor Hills Delegates Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 14. All enjoyed the meal and entertainment provided. Tabor Hills continues to be a thriving and welcoming community for seniors. Delegate Helene Schaefer reported that Tabor Hills is on sound financial footing and regularly receives high ratings from health care inspectors.

President Jerry reported that repairs are in final stages on the Main Office and garage roofs at the Bohemian National Cemetery. Local Oddfellows will lend a hand in completion of the Donations Honorarium in the Columbarium. Gerri Romanelli reported that the Cultural Division continues to plan its Holiday Party and will decide at their next meeting which CSA brothers and sisters will be honored. We wished John and Joann Nekolny success in their Autism Walk with donations to their cause. John and Joann have been participating in this event for years and its just one of their fraternal activities. We sent the Gayduseks “safe journey wishes” as they were leaving for a visit to their son Jim and family in Shelley, Idaho.

We settled on Tuesday, July 17, for our outing to Cantigny Park to visit their newly improved Military Museum and tour the gardens. Lyn and Dale Burton will check out possibilities for lunch.

Our Penny Social, or alternatives, were discussed. We considered viable changes to the Social, or possible new events, and are close to a final decision. The event will remain on our October agenda with hopes our neighboring lodges can attend. We discussed attending upcoming Lodge Brookfield’s Yahtzee Night and the annual card-making program by Lodge Yankee-Jungmann.

Our monthly raffle raised $65 for our treasury and all members took home at least one “treasure” from the prize table. The raffles are fun, offer a variety, and sometimes surprising, array of goods, and help us with our charitable and social activities.

After President Jerry closed the meeting, we enjoyed the “Bean Bag Toss” provided by the Burtons. After a rousing competition, Lyn Burton earned the top prize by sinking two winning bags! Runners-up were Jerry Gaydusek, Helene Schaefer, and Dale Burton. Having fun at meetings is important, and this game provided a lot of laughs. After the game, we enjoyed treats provided by the Wozniaks, the Burtons, and Gerri Romanelli. Thanks to all!

We look forward to our annual Mother’s and Father’s Day dinner at Steven’s Restaurant on Monday, May 21 at 6 p.m. Lodge 409ers, see you then!

Fraternally,
Gerri Romanelli
Lodge Happenings

Lodge No. 408 Remains Active and Generous!

Lodge Independence/Liberty Bell No. 408, St. Louis, Missouri – Hello fellow lodge members! It’s been a while since our last article.

Our Lodge was busy this month with several different activities taking place. We started out on March 10 with a group of parents and faculty planning the “Senior All Night Party” for our graduating seniors of the St. Louis High School. On March 17, the Sports Boosters for the St. Louis Schools held a euchre party fundraiser at our Lodge. Attendance was good, and both the Sports Boosters and our Lodge benefited.

We hosted a gender reveal party on March 24. Josh and Melanie Brzak will be welcoming a baby boy in July. Josh hit a golf ball outside, while a crowd of anxious onlookers watched carefully to see what color of smoke the golf ball would emit. Of course, that color was blue!

March 24 and April 21 were our monthly euchre parties. They were very well attended and we had a great time. We had 13 tables of players! May’s Euchre party will be held on May 19 at 7 p.m. Bring a snack to share if you wish!

Our club has been well-attended this past month by our members and friends who have been interested in March Madness. We had an especially good time on March 31 when Michigan played Loyola. Matt Clark smoked a beef brisket and made homemade minestrone soup. He had all the fixings for it, too! It was absolutely delicious. Thank you, Matt!

We have two benefit fundraisers this year that are soon approaching. The money from each fundraiser will be used to offset costs for two people who are battling cancer. We have two different committees that have been meeting to make these benefits successful. Dates and times will be forthcoming. We are also supporting our local Little League again this year. The money we donate goes to new shirts for the children and equipment.

We are joining in to support other Fraternal Lodges. Members of the Moose Lodge are playing cards each Friday night at our Lodge. We are also collecting pop can tabs to support the Alma Elks Lodge. These tabs generate money for handicapped children.

Employees of Tim Horton’s have been using our Lodge as a meeting place for employee birthdays and social events. They have been meeting approximately twice a month. Welcome!

We are always looking for new members to join us. We currently have a few people who are interested. Come one, come all!

Fraternally yours,
Mary Anderson

Miss CSA Meets With Emerging Entrepreneurs

Miss CSA, Sydney Rieckhoff, recently spoke with some 8th grade students at Freedom Middle School, where Alix Wilt is an 8th grade math teacher. This group of students consisted of members of an “Emerging Entrepreneurs” course and Alix connected the teacher with our very own Miss CSA who is a young entrepreneur herself. Sydney was nice enough to video chat with this class of students to tell them about her experiences creating a popcorn and ice cream company. She even sent the students some samples of her delicious popcorn. This was an unforgettable experience that would have never happened if it weren’t for the amazing fraternalism CSA provides! Check out the picture of Sydney chatting with the class!

Fraternally,
Alix Wilt
Lodge Happenings

Charities Chosen

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – Spring is here! Or is it really? We’ve had snow off and on for the past few weeks!

We had 13 members at our March meeting. After a long discussion, we have picked the DTJ Farm and the Ronald McDonald House as our charities. We will donate clothing and such to the Providence House two times a year. If any of our members who cannot come to our meetings would like to donate to these charities, please contact June Karecki, our Treasurer, at 216-941-6969 and she’ll advise you where to send your checks. Thank you.

We got three thank-you notes from the Veterans Administration thanking Dolores Clark for 32 lap blankets that she made and donated to them. Thank you, Dolores!

We discussed that our Christmas pin party will be on December 9 this year at St. Michael’s Woodside. There was discussion about raising the price to $5.00 a plate for non-members, due to rising costs. There was also discussion about seeing if at the Pin Parties, we could start giving out 25-year pins. That will be presented to the Home Office in Chicago by our District Council President.

There will be a Christmas luncheon hosted by our District Council on December 6 at the Club House Restaurant on Pearl Road in Parma Heights at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend.

The last day of bowling was on April 11 followed by a bowling banquet on May 2. We always need more bowlers, so please contact June Karecki if you are interested. Two teams of four, from our bowling league, are going to the National Bowling Tournament in Plymouth, Michigan on May 5 and 6. Wish us luck!

There will be a District Picnic on Wednesday, July 25 at noon, at the Bedford Reservation Park. Lodge No. 219 members, please be there at 11 a.m. for a short meeting before the picnic. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

There will be a potluck lunch at our May meeting. Also, please bring in children’s clothing, etc. for the Providence House.

The Sokols are again having their Pork or Chicken Dinners. The dates are May 23, June 27, September 26 and October 24. The hours are 5 to 7 p.m. One dinner of chicken or pork, comes with bread, dumplings, sauerkraut, coffee and a pastry. It’s $12 for an adult dinner and $6 for a child dinner. Please call Don Kotlan at 216-228-0027 for reservations. They must be made by the Friday before the dinner. The dinners are held at the Ceska Sin Sokol Hall, 4314 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

We wished Freddie Shima a happy birthday. She and Camille Shima provided us with a fabulous lunch of lasagna, garlic bread, salad and desserts, and a box of Cracker Jacks to start out the baseball season! Thank you, Freddie and Camille!

Tony Genco and Jan Russell won our 50/50 raffle. Jan is back from Florida – yeah!

Wishing everyone a warm Spring!

Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco

Going for the Platinum Award

Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – Our Lodge members discussed the CSA Lodge Recognition Program for 2018. We discussed each of the four categories and came up with ideas on how to achieve the Platinum Award. We are going to work hard to attain this award.

Many of our members have expressed interest in attending the Get-Together August 3 through 5, 2018. We have three delegates attending the National Convention: Eunice Semple, Frank Michalek, and Cindy Bueneman.

At our meeting, members brought in eight bags of groceries for St. Barbara’s food pantry. In memory of Bill Hosna, our Lodge made a monetary donation of $100 to the pantry. The pantry was so thankful to our Lodge for the food and money, with Easter just a few days away.

The weather was unseasonably cool in March. We’ll have to wait to plant our flowers and vegetables. A very happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers and grandmothers.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda
Night with Anderson

Lodge Sokol Plzen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois – Our lodge members were really involved in the Men’s Basketball Final Four. We were all rooting for the Loyola Ramblers, as our lodge member and former Miss CSA contestant, Nicole Jaros, attends Loyola School of Nursing in Chicago. She – and almost the entire lodge – was watching and cheering for Loyola throughout the entire Tournament.

It was an exciting run for the Loyola Ramblers, as they were the underdogs throughout the entire NCAA Tournament. However, even with the help of Sister Jean, they lost in the first round to Michigan. They didn’t win, but at least they did make it to the Final Four. Everyone in the Chicagoland area is proud of what they accomplished.

“Go Ramblers!”

A fundraiser was started at the T.G. Masaryk Czech School for Bill Hosna. Bill’s sister, Sharon, asked that anything raised be used at the school for the children. Contributions came from individuals of CSA Lodge Sokol Plzen, Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield, and Lodge Yankee-Jungmann. These donations exceeded the school’s expectations, and it was decided that the money be used to update a couple of classrooms. These will be used by the teachers in conducting their Czech classes. With these being installed, all classrooms at the school now have projector systems. I am sure Bill would be happy; he worked hard to make the school a good place for children to learn their Czech language and culture.

The projectors were used during T.G. Masaryk’s Night with Anderson. The Night with Anderson is when the children spend the entire night at school watching movies, reading, and listening to lectures about classic stories – both in English and Czech. As you can see from the picture, the children had a great night. Forty-five children were in attendance. I’m sure Bill would have been proud.

The three lodges mentioned previously, along with Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora, have been volunteering countless hours for a long time now and are happy to see how the school has grown and progressed in these last few years. It shows just what can be accomplished when fraternal lodges work together.

Fraternally,

Andy Bultas

Soon to Sponsor Detroit Tigers Game

Lodge Pingree No. 366, Dearborn Heights, Michigan – I hope that by now everyone has warmed up! Our spring has been a long time coming. By the time you are reading this, we have hosted the 45th Pingree Bowling Social and the 71st National Bowling Congress. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves! I would also like to thank all the members and friends who helped with all the arrangements. Bless you all! The results will be published in future editions.

Thanks also go out to our members who help with the Food Pantry of His Church Anglican and Trinity Church. Packing boxes, distributing them, and restocking the cabinets are all duties that we perform. We always need help!

Lodge Pingree will be sponsoring a Detroit Tiger game later in the summer. I will post the date and time soon.

That’s all for now folks!

Fraternally yours,

Jeff Teichman

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Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio – On Saturday, March 17, 2018, the Church of the Resurrection in Solon, Ohio, presented An Evening of Celtic Music presented by Fire & Grace - Edwin Huizinga (violin) and William Coulter (guitar), featuring special guests Brian Bigley (Uilleann Pipes and Irish step dancer) and Amanda Powell (vocalist and Appalachian clog dancer). This was part of their Music in a Sacred Space Concert Season. Donna Stupka, Jan Dembowski, Mary Ann Toncar, Michelle Wallette and I enjoyed a great evening of music and dancing by these amazing people who played some fast and slow tunes that had the audience toe tapping and clapping to the music. We also learned that the Uilleann Pipes are an Irish bagpipe with air supplied by a bellows held under and worked by the elbow and are different from Scottish Bagpipes. They are a wind instrument consisting of a reed melody pipe and from one to five drones with air supplied continuously either by a bag with valve-stopped mouth tube.

On March 22, Lodge members discussed upcoming events. Join Hands Day will be held at DTJ Taborville. Meet between 9 – 10 a.m. Bring a bucket and rags, if you’d like. The bus has been reserved for the June 27, 2018 Bus Trip to the Hollywood Casino in Columbus, Ohio. The cost is $35 (you’ll receive $5 back for slot play). The bus will leave Sam’s parking lot at 23300 Broadway Avenue, in Oakwood at 8 a.m. The bus will leave Columbus at 4 p.m. Contact Diane DiBianca at (216) 392-9074 for tickets. The bus fills fast and then there will be a waiting list. The Lodge had an Easter Basket Decorating Contest. Members of the Maple Heights Senior Center voted for the best basket out of the seven entered. The winner was No. 4, Jan Dembowski’s basket. After the winner was picked, the baskets were raffled off to the seniors, who enjoyed the event.

Our next meeting is May 24 at 10 a.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road in Cleveland, Ohio. We’d love to see our members. For $1.50 you can also have a nice lunch!

Fraternally, Annette Reichman
2018 Photo Contest

Thank you to all the lodge members who submitted to this year's contest:

Maria Breidebach, Lodge No. 1
Marla Breidebach, Lodge No. 1
Ryan Breidebach, Lodge No. 1
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Carla Strnad, Lodge No. 1
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Terry Placek, Lodge No. 4
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June Novalich, Lodge No. 7
Diane Rezabek, Lodge No. 7
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Photographer’s Choice
Maria Breidenbach
Lodge Missouri No. 1
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First Place Winners

Nature
Janet Farrar
Lodge Mile Hi Czechs No. 432

People
Maria Breidenbach
Lodge Missouri No. 1
2018 Photo Contest
Second Place Winners

Photographer’s Choice
Frances Riopell
Lodge Sionilli No. 170

Animal
Pam Waggener
Lodge Pingree No. 366
2018 Photo Contest
Second Place Winners

People
Cindy Bueneman
Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77

Nature
Cyndi Kourin-Schuette
Lodge Yankee Jungmann No. 77
2018 Photo Contest
Third Place Winners

Nature
Timothy Martin
Lodge Queensdale No. 422

Photographer’s Choice
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Lodge R.T. Crane Jr. No. 7
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Elaine Janik Donoghue, Lodge No. 469

Above three, Cyndi Kourim-Schueette, Lodge No. 77

Jamie Filburn, Lodge No. 479
Lodge Listing

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Golden Gate No. 252 – Meets first Fri. of the month at 10:30 a.m. at homes of members. Sec’y: Shelle Jones, 4112 Arezzo Pointe Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Treas.: James Martinek, 5829 Corumba Ct., San Jose, CA 95120. Agent: Home Office


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Laurel No. 452 – Meets 3rd or 4th Sun. of the month at 2 p.m., members’ homes; e-mail each month for information: Laurel452@msn.com. Sec’y: Marion Varga, 699 Wormwood Hill Rd., Storrs–Mansfield, CT 06268. Treas.: Stephen Varga, 6 Kodiar Dr., Windham, CT 06280. Agent: Home Office

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St. Petersburg No. 463 – Meets 3rd Tues. of the month at 1 p.m., except July & Aug., various restaurants in St. Petersburg, FL. Sec’y: Mary S. Koncak, 3615 Mainlands Blvd. #4, Pinellas Pk., FL 33782. Sec’y: Matilda A. Hanacek, 5265 – 23rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Agent: Bernadette Breiker

Slunce No. 374 – Meets the 2nd Saturday at 9 a.m. at Lake in the Forest Resort & Google Hang Out, 19115 SE 44th St., Ocklawaha FL 32179. Sec’y: Bernadette Breiker, 18297 SE 62nd Pl., Ocklawaha, FL 32179, Treas.: Inge Raha Govern, 19175 SE 44th St. Ocklawaha, FL, 32179 Agent: Bernadette Breiker

ILLINOIS
District Council No. 12 – Meets 4th Thurs. of the month at 6:30 p.m. except July, Aug., Dec., CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Sec’y: Helen E. Gaydusek, 816 Bonnie Brae Ln., Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Treas.: Gerri Romanelli, 9S224 Rosehill Lane, Downers Grove, IL 60516

R.T. Crane Jr. No. 007 – Meets 4th Wed. of the month at 6 p.m., North Riverside Library, 2400 S. Des Plaines Ave., No. Riverside, IL 60546 Sec’y: Vera Wilt, 8014 W. 27th St., North Riverside, IL 60546. Treas.: Patricia Thompson, 7121 Wirth Drive, Darien, IL 60561. Agent: James M. Thompson

Svobodny Rolnik No. 026 – Meets 3rd Sun. of the month at 6 p.m., home of Steven Sloer, 133 Forest Grove Dr., Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Sec’y: Ronald Sloer, 5134 N. State Route 159, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Treas.: Frank K. Slermer, 171 Sunset Ave., Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

Rovnost No. 053 – Meeting days vary, meeting places vary. Call Sec’y for date. Meetings begin at noon. Sec’y: Chris Lanzel, 6608 Cochise, Indian Head Park, IL 60525. Treas.: Caroline Johnston, 3209 Park Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin. Serv.

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Sokol Pilsen No. 434 – Meets Sunday, as available, at 1 p.m., Papuga home in Oak Brook, IL 60523. Sec’y.: Candy Papuga, 29 Croydon, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Treas.: Stanley Papuga, 29 Croydon, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Agent: Mitch Jacobson

Brookfield No. 475 – Meets 2nd Wed. of the month at 5:30 p.m., CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Sec’y.: Barry Edmunds, 2919 Schultz Dr. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. Treas.: Dennis Hrabak, 1731 Hamilton St., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Agent: Ryan M. Fowler

Wayne Star No. 419 – Meets third day, 2nd week of each month at 5 p.m., Wooden Nickel, Main St., North Judson, IN 46366. Sec’y.: Betty K. Chesak, 3895 S. 650 W., North Judson, IN 46366. Treas.: Dwight Chesak, 4750 West 400 South, North Judson, IN 46366. Agent: Helen Y. Smith

District Council No. 14 – Meets 1st Wed. at 6 p.m. every third month, Hus Memorial Church Basement, 2808 Schaeffer Dr., Cedar Rapids, IA. Sec’y.: Barbara Edmunds, 2919 Schultz Dr. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. Treas.: Dennis Hrabak, 1731 Hamilton St., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

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District Council No. 11 – Meets Sun., October 30, at 10:30 a.m., Sec’y.: Dorothy Trgina, 419 S. Main St., St. Louis, MI 48880. Treas.: Marian Scarlett, 1530 Hiawatha Drive, St. Louis, MI 48867

Saginaw Valley No. 214 – Meets 1st Thurs. of the month at noon at Riverside Restaurant, 8295 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623. Sec’y. & Treas.: Patricia Holubik, 3145 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603. Agent: Home Office

Pingree No. 366 – Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., Sokol Detroit Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI 48127. Sec’y.: Marie Palmer, 4428 Vassar St., Dearborn Hts., MI. Treas.: Jeffrey W. Teichman, 7295 W. Frumin Ct., Westland, MI 48185. Agent: Bernadette Bleiker


Swartz Creek No. 459 – Meets when convenient, 5 p.m., home of president, 6310 E. M–21, Corunna, MI 48817. Sec’y. & Treas.: Shirley A. Vaseck, 6310 E. M–21, Corunna, MI 48817. Agent: Timothy M. Schafer

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Minnesota No. 210 – Meets 2nd Tues. of the month at 6 p.m., Pizza Ranch Meeting Rm., Broadway St., Owatonna, MN 55060. Sec’y.: Carol Rypka, 2944 Rose St., Owatonna, MN 55060. Treas.: Barb Demars, 6325 SW 62nd Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060. Agent: Home Office

Missouri No. 001 – Meets 1st Friday of the month at 7 p.m., American Czech Ed. Center, 4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116. Sec’y.: Connie Wolf, 10343 Jade Forest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123. Treas.: Michael Wolf, 10343 Jade Forest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123. Agent: Ronald Joseph Winker

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Spirit of St. Louis No. 157 – Meets 2nd Sun. of the month at 1:30 p.m., American Czech Ed. Center, 4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116. Sec’y.: Gail Petelik, 3841 Upton St., St. Louis, MO 63116. Treas.: Marcella Milcic, 5018 Potomac St., St. Louis, MO 63139. Agent: Ronald Joseph Winker

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Lodge Happenings

Getting Children in Uganda Ready for School

Lodge Slunce No. 374, Ocklawaha, Florida – As many of you may know, Lodge Slunce has been working on fundraising for a Ugandan orphanage that was founded by two of our members, Sister Angela Schreiner and Sister Joy Bleiker. In January, Sister Joy Bleiker returned to the orphanage, representing our lodge and all the fundraising we have been doing. During her time there, with the funds raised, she was able to get 30 students registered for middle and high school, she purchased and filled 27 backpacks for school children, and organized for a dentist to come and check each child.

This coming summer, Joy and Angela will be returning and again will represent our lodge with the goal of setting up the primary school at the orphanage and converting the storage areas into community rooms. This way, the children will have a place to eat and study. We are so excited about this project, and thankful that our fundraising has already had such a positive effect on these children.

At our April meeting, members brought their recipes and joined in on some Czech baking! Our Helping Hands event is scheduled for May 19 from noon to 4 p.m. at Lake in the Forest RV Resort. We will be making casserole dishes for nearby food kitchens. This event will be followed by a Luau dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. by the pool. Please RSVP with Bernie Bleiker at Bernie1bleiker@yahoo.com by May 5.

We hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
Sister Florence Schreiner
Lodge Happenings

Congratulations to Us!

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – Congratulations to us! We are so proud to receive the Gold Star in last year’s Lodge Recognition Program, and we thank all our members who provided support in front of and behind the scenes to help us attain that goal. By donating to the Bake Sale, attending the Lodge Christmas Party and bringing items for our “warm-up” collection, taking your kids to the Bowl-o-Rama, and volunteering at the American-Czech Center’s Festivals and at Sokol Camp, you added lots of points to make us one of the winningest lodges – we’ve received an award every year since the program began in 1991. Let’s keep it up this year!

We have something special planned for the summer months … we’ll be joining Lodges Missouri and Spirit of St. Louis for a combined Game Night and Social, starting on Friday, June 1, at our ACEC. There will be time for each Lodge to hold a short business meeting, followed by some fun and refreshments. Lodge Missouri will be taking care of the games for the first night, and we know from experience that they come up with good ones. Our turn to be host comes with the July 13 meeting and we already have a few ideas for everyone’s enjoyment. Join us, starting at 7 p.m. on June 1. This will take the place of our regular June meeting.

It’s just been announced that our Czech Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 27, at the ACEC. The date has been moved up a little bit because we want to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia. We’ll do that with a special display of historical items and information from the extensive archives at the Center. Lots more details are on the way.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman

Rooting For Raoul & Lucky Strikes!

Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121 Dillonvale, Ohio – Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the weather will have made a turn in the right direction and the sights and sounds of spring will be all around us! Our members have been busy recently with many activities including: volunteering hours at our churches, attending a musical at our local high school, interacting with our youngsters at the Bowl-o-Rama, and planning contributions to our Join Hands Day yearly project.

On March 17, our members attended Buckeye Local High School’s production of “Phantom of the Opera.” As the curtain rose, we were delighted to see our very own youth member, Elijah Lovell, in the beginning scene! Elijah portrayed the part of Raoul, the love interest of opera singer, Christine, and rival of the Phantom. As the story progressed, and the love triangle grew complicated, we found ourselves rooting strongly for Raoul to win Christine’s love, but feeling sincere compassion for the Phantom. Those of you who know the story are aware that Raoul won Christine’s love in the end. The singing, acting, staging and costumes were amazing and audiences were brought to their feet for three consecutive nights. We would like to congratulate Elijah on his first lead role and the entire cast and stage crew for their exceptional performances! We almost forgot we were sitting in a high school theater! Bravo! Bravo!

We were thrilled to have six young members of our lodge bowl in this year’s Bowl-o-Rama which was held Sunday, April 15 at St. Clair Lanes in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Bailey, Christopher, and Skyler Ebritt, Domenick and Derrick Panepucci, along with Elijah Lovell all represented Lodge No. 121. We were happy to cheer for all of you and enjoyed celebrating all those “lucky-strikes” …Alright, we really do know it’s not all about luck! (Please see the District Council No. 9 article on page 12 for more about our festivities.)

Saturday, April 21 was very productive as we attended a “clean-up” day for the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. Lodge members and church members joined together to do light maintenance and general cleaning in the church sanctuary and social hall as well as all around the church grounds. Much work was accomplished, but most importantly, we all had fun! As a second Join Hands project, we will also be contributing to our town’s annual Memorial Day celebration with donations of manpower, food, and program leadership by CSA members, who also belong to the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

We think of all of you, our brothers and sisters across the United States, and enjoy reading about your activities in our Journal. Furthermore, we extend heartfelt thanks to all our veterans and active military men and women. May you all be blessed for the important work you have done and continue to do. On Memorial Day and always, we remember you and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Last, but not least, we wish to thank all the mothers and female role models who have touched our lives and made us better people! Happy Mother’s Day! My favorite children’s author, Robert Munsch, stated it best in his book about the love of a mother for her child: “I’ll love you forever. I’ll like you for always. As long as I’m living, my baby you’ll be.”

Smiles,
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois – In March, we enjoyed putting together Spring greeting cards to send to our youth members. Each card included a gift card for McDonald’s on behalf of the lodge. We hope all our youth members enjoyed their treat!

We had to change our meeting place for that meeting at the last minute due to major flooding in the basement of Sokol Spirit where we typically meet. After a huge Chicago snowstorm, later followed by excessive rain melting the snow, an old sewer drain gave out and led to over 11,000 gallons of water, saturating the floors of Sokol Spirit. The damage exposed very old flooring and dated flooring materials, requiring an extensive clean-up process. The picture of the damage in the basement kitchen just barely shows how much work needs to be done. Sokol Spirit is a special place to many CSA members and the meeting place of many different Czech and community organizations. The unit is currently fundraising to repair the damage caused by the flood. Please consider contributing to their efforts in making the building a place that can continue to provide fitness and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural, and social programming. Learn more and donate at:  https://www.youcaring.com/sokolspirit-1128547

Fraternally,

Alix Wilt

Happy Anniversary

May 6, 1967
Julius and Jeannie Dubcak
Lodge Svetlo No. 277

May 20, 1967
Eleonora G. Scholtz and Horst H. Kinscher
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219

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Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372

May 26, 1956
Loretta Kalata and Ronald Halcarz
Lodge Friendship No. 66

Proud of Lodge Renovations

Lodge Svetlo No. 277, Caldwell, Texas – We have been holding our regular monthly meetings with a whole lot less to discuss now that the 2017 81st Get-Together is “in the books.”

Since the 2017 Get-Together, our lodge has held a huge, successful fundraiser with SPJST Lodge #17 in order to raise funds for the renovations of our lodge hall. Lodge Svetlo has co-owned our lodge hall with SPJST for many years (probably since the first hall was built in the early 1900’s). Our current lodge hall (New Tabor Hall) is over 60 years old and was in need of a major upgrade.

In 2017, the old windows were covered up, both on the outside and inside. The old sheetrock was covered up with a beautiful wood siding. The outside got a new paint job, too. After the new water well was drilled, we started remodeling the restrooms, kitchen, bar, and storage areas. Both bathrooms were totally redesigned and new cabinets and countertops were put in the kitchen and bar. We are very proud of our lodge hall. It is a “landmark” in our little Czech community of New Tabor.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Get-Together and Convention in August.

Fraternally,

Susan Skrabanek

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Planning for Trip to Laboratory

Lodge Anton J. Cermak No. 99, Brookfield, Illinois – Our lodge meeting in April featured the Installation of Officers by Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell, who also offered advice regarding activities that could count towards a Lodge Recognition Award. She discussed her stay in the Czech Republic while she taught English as a second language a few years ago.

Lodge Anton J. Cermak plans another educational trip to visit the Argonne National Laboratory, led by our Chief Science Officer and computer guru, Dale Novak. We welcome new faces and ideas at our meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at Tony’s Restaurant in Brookfield, Illinois.

Fraternally,
Charles R. Courtney

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Happy 95th Birthday!

Lodge Bratri od Sazavy No. 211, Little Ferry, New Jersey – Our March meeting was held in Sokol Hall, Little Ferry, New Jersey. After regular lodge business was discussed, we discussed our progress in the Lodge Recognition Program for 2018. We will have a Czech heritage display in Sokol Hall, organized by Brother Frank Zabransky and Sister Blanche Bidnik.

It was reported that at least one member of our lodge submitted a photo for the Photo Contest. (See page 19.) We are pleased to announce that we have three delegates to Convention and Get-Together.

The April meeting was also held in Sokol Hall. After the regular business of the lodge, we had a lively and nostalgic discussion of Czech food. So many of us had fond memories of the foods our mothers and grandmothers made. Some of us still make these foods. Sister Carol Tranter brought a Czech potato salad, vlašský salát, for us to munch on.

We wished Brother Frank Zabransky a happy 95th birthday. Many of the members attended a birthday bash the previous weekend given by his family to celebrate this milestone.

Fraternally,
Carol Tranter
Lodge Happenings

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Lombard, Illinois – Last month in this column, you read about our ‘Dynamic Duo,’ Annabelle and Savannah, who have organized our Join Hands Day event. If you also read the special ‘Kids’ Korner’ section of the Journal, you may have thought you were seeing double! There was our Annabelle again, a red belt in Taekwondo, preparing to compete in the Illinois State Championships. We are proud to report that Annabelle placed third in poomsae for her age/belt. Poomsae is considered to be the traditional aspect of the Korean martial art of Taekwondo, and is defined as “a patterned series of offensive and defensive techniques performed against an imaginary opponent.” Yes, I “googled” it! Watched a video, too, and it’s really a beautiful thing to see. Along with her parents and sister, we are very proud that all the hard work and dedication that Annabelle put into training for the past few months brought her to this exciting culmination. She is a total champion to us!

Our April meeting included a special treat to celebrate birthday boy, Larry Ebenroth. Larry tells us that he is 39 this year! Perpetually young, and always doing what he can to contribute to lodge projects, Larry makes it easy for us to celebrate him as a member of our lodge. Happy birthday again, Larry!

Graduation season is upon us – do you have any family milestones to share with the rest of the lodge? Please let me know – and send a photo. You can be one of the next members highlighted in this very space!

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“How Your Body Works... Or Doesn’t”

Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado – Springtime in the Rockies never lets us down. For those who are natives and “almost natives” to the region, you know enough not to get too excited about planting until after Mother’s Day. It’s a sheer joy to wake up to 4 to 6 inches of snow in the morning and enjoy balmy sunshine in the afternoon.

Our lodge meeting in early April was attended by 13 members who enjoyed guest speaker, Kelly Andis, Certified Nutritionist. Kelly is a Nutritional Health Coach at our local Mission Trace Natural Grocers. She spoke about “How our Body Works... or Doesn’t.” The focus was on the benefits of using dietary supplements, along with eating a proper diet of organic food. We each received a $5.00 coupon and an invitation to meet with Kelly, free of charge, for a personal consultation. After our business meeting, refreshments were provided by Pat Kenning, Mary Campe, and Maryellen Vialpando.

The Beautiful Junk Sale netted $54,000.00 for the Action Center. Mary Campe headed up the lodge’s part of the project by recruiting volunteers: Pat Kenning, Janet Farrar, Irma Farrell, Irma Wolf, Maryellen Vialpando, and Dorothy and Ron Fox. Much appreciation to those who worked the sale. The next Beautiful Junk Sale is slated for September 28 and 29.

Congratulations are in order for Barbara Tobiska who celebrated her 95th birthday on March 2 at the Lakewood Arts Center, amid the beautiful paintings hanging on the walls. The event was hosted by her lovely family and friends. She continues to inspire us all by teaching art a few days a week. Barbara recently visited south of Tucson, Arizona where her son’s business is located. It is affiliated with the NASA Ames Research Center and Space Environment Technologies, where the Stratollite balloon was launched 160,000 ft. into space from the World View Spaceport. The vehicle studies radiation detection and its energy levels at different altitudes. The Stratollite offers research applications at a fraction of the cost of traditional space launches. It was the fourth such mission since October. Barb and her family are the first non-science visitors to be allowed for such an event.

Sister Beth Egan traveled to Helena, Montana in March for a much enjoyed and well-attended family reunion on the Pokorny side.

In closing, our lodge wishes you all good health and happiness.

Fraternally yours,
Sister Adella Schulz

Adella Schulz introduces Kelly Andir from Natural Grocers/Vitamin Cottage as our guest speaker.

Standing: Pat Kenning, Janet Farrar, Dot Fox, Irma Farrell, Maryellen Vialpando, and Irma Wolf. Seated: Ron Fox and Mary Campe

Ann Farrar, Maryellen Vialpando, Donna Griffin, Jack Griffin, Sonny Wolf, and Irma Wolf enjoyed a luncheon and movie at the Clements Center. We saw “Victoria and Abdul.” Irma Farrell took the picture.
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In Memoriam

Anna Mae Micovsky (née Zahora), a member of Lodge Queensdale No. 422, passed away April 4, 2018. She was born on May 18, 1928 in New York City. She graduated from William Cullen Bryant High School in Queens. She was a member and gymnastics teacher at DA Sokol Winfield, New York. She enjoyed attending CSA lodge meetings and Sokol events with husband, Richard. Her father, Joseph Zahora, was a CSA Sales Agent.

Anna Mae spent many hours creating beautiful, intricate cross stitch designs – many to decorate the home, but even more to give to friends and family as gifts, each custom-made to one’s interests.

She is survived by husband, Richard A. Micovsky, son, Richard A. Micovsky, Jr. (wife, Linda), daughter, Barbara Helfst (husband, William) and daughter, Karen Micovsky (Michael Bouchard). She cherished her grandchildren, Christy Garcia (husband, Tomas), Justin Micovsky (wife, Erin), Kyle Micovsky, Jennifer Pasour (husband, Wess), and Annalie Bouchard. She leaves behind four great grandchildren – Jocelin Garcia, Grayson Pasour, Jacob and Nolan Micovsky.

Her funeral mass was held on April 9, 2018 at Our Lady of Mercy in Hicksville, New York with arrangements by Dalton Funeral Home. Cremation services were private.

Sincerely,
Sis. Karen Micovsky

Bro. Joseph F. Sedlar, long-time active member of Lodge Central Star No. 411, died peacefully in his daughter’s home on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, a few days before his 95th birthday. He was born in New York City in 1923 and was the son of the late Thomas and Anna Sedlar. Joseph married Pauline (Pavuk) Sedlar in Toledo, Ohio on July 18, 1942, and they remained happily married for 73 years. He served in World War II as a flight navigator and worked as an industrial engineer for the General Motors Corporation.

Bro. Sedlar is survived by his eight children, Judy (Ron) Galley of Clarkston, Paulette (Jim) Bennett of Troy, Ohio, Joseph, Jr. (Deana) Sedlar of Chesaning, James Sedlar of Traverse City, Joann Sedlar of Florida, John (Nancy) Sedlar of Florida, Jeffrey (Virginia) Sedlar of Howell, and Jolene (Frank) Gentile of Pennsylvania; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and various nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, one brother, and his daughter, Barbara Sedlar.

Joseph will be remembered for his generous dedication to and love for his family.

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Looking Forward to Fall Trip

Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Our meeting on April 4 was very well attended, with many delicious items for our potluck. Tom and Loretta Ledvina were able to join us for this meeting. The many thank-you notes kept Secretary Dorothy Ditch busy for the past few months. Committee members gave details on upcoming events for their members. We have several active members in many of the same organizations. The Prokop Velky annual spring trip will not take place this year due to these busy schedules.

We will continue to look forward to the fall trip, a boat trip on the Mississippi River, enjoying music by the Barefoot Becky Band, and we’ll hopefully see all the pretty fall colors. This trip will be on Wednesday, September 12 and is available through reservations from the members who regularly attend Lodge Prokop Velky’s monthly meetings.

The 82nd Annual CSA Get-Together was discussed. Members need to sign up if they will be attending this fun time in Chicago, Illinois from August 3 to 5.

The Czech Plus Band will be playing in Czech Village in Cedar Rapids this summer. What a wonderful time to enjoy the nice evening weather and listen to the Czech music this band is famous for! Lodge Prokop Velky will sponsor the final program on Sunday, August 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. This will be a good time to let the public know what a wonderful organization CSA is and how they can become members. Last year we had 21 or more members there wearing our blue CSA volunteering shirts.

Our lodge honored a 50-year CSA member, Joyce Netolicky. President Vern Rompot read the presentation letter from CSA and presented her with a nice pin. Congratulations, Joyce, on your 50 very eventful years with CSA and Prokop Velky. We appreciate all of your hard work that you put in!

Join Hands Day will be Saturday, May 5 at the Czech National Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. We hope to have a Boy Scout Troop there to work with us. Our lodge is still in the “recycling business” and we need your help. The items we are collecting are: pop tabs, eye glasses, empty amber medicine bottles, the front side of greeting cards, and any small travel items for the veterans. We also accept money that we can use to buy food, toiletry items, and gasoline gift cards. These items can be brought to our monthly meetings.

The attendance award was won by Barbara Edmunds, who will give her donation to the Czech National Cemetery. We hope spring has arrived in your part of the world. We are still hoping it will settle here in Iowa... someday! The next meetings are May 3 and June 6 at 6 p.m. at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church. Join us for a potluck dinner and meeting. Come one and all!

Lastly, happy Mother’s Day!

Fraternally,
Barbara Edmunds

Spring Lunch and Installation

Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois – Our April meeting was our spring lunch and Installation of Officers (see photo). Our guests were Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell and Executive Secretary/COO Matt Koski. After a brief meeting, we discussed the CSA Serves program, and it was voted that we once again support the TG Masaryk Czech School.

Discussion was held regarding the Get-Together and Convention and how our lodge is going to be involved. We decided that we will be raffling off a gift basket.

Dates of interest for our members are May 12 for Join Hands Day at the Bohemian National Cemetery. A Memorial Day program will also be held at Bohemian National Cemetery on May 28 at 9 a.m. The next lodge meeting is May 7 at the T.G. Masaryk Czech School at noon. Please join us for lunch.

A personal thank-you goes out to members of the Oskroba and Schretter families for the special birthday party.

Until next month,
Ken Dvorsky
In the Month of May

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květen.................................................................May (kvě-ten)
maminka............................................................mom (ma-min-ka)
Den Matek........................................................Mother’s Day (Den Ma-tek)
kytice.................................................................bouquet (ky-ti-ce)
vůně.................................................................fragrance (vů-ně)
učit......................................................................teach (u-čit)
maliř.................................................................artist (ma-liř)
muzeum..........................................................museum (mu-ze-um)
galerie umění..............................................art gallery (ga-le-rie u-mě-ní)
ředitel / umělecký vedoucí............curator (řed-i-tel) / (u-měl-ec-ký ve-dou-ci)

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