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Alex Schulz of Lodge Rovnost No. 53 was the Best of Contest winner in this year’s Photo Contest.

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Brothers and Sisters,

Happy May to all CSA members out there. I’m glad we’re finally in the full portion of the spring season!

Springtime brings a number of events here at CSA Fraternal Life that many of us have been a part of over the years. This year is no exception. We have a lot going on!

Early in the month of May is the annual “Join Hands Day” event, in which CSA members, as well as members of other Fraternals, get together to “join hands” and help out a local entity in the community. Here in the Chicago area, a number of us meet at the Bohemian National Cemetery to help clean up. I’m looking forward to hearing where some of our other members will be helping out.

Also early in the month is the 72nd Annual National Bowling Congress Tournament, which will be in the Chicago area this year. It’ll be great to see many of you at the event.

Of course, you can’t talk about the month of May without mentioning Mother’s Day. I hope every mom out there enjoys your day…no doubt you’ve earned it!

A little later in the year, there are a number of important deadlines that you should be aware of. June 14 is the deadline for two significant CSA happenings - applications for this year’s National Miss CSA Contest, as well as applications for this year’s Fraternalist of the Year. As you know, we’ll crown a new Miss National CSA and announce our Fraternalist of the Year at the 83rd Annual CSA Get-Together. This year’s Get-Together will be in Cedar Rapids on August 2, 3, and 4. I highly encourage you and your family to be a part of the Get-Together. It is always a bunch of fun…you won’t want to miss it! June 28 is the deadline to register to be a part of the Get-Together. There is sign up information on pages 8 and 9, as well as through your local lodge.

Finally, July 5 is the deadline to apply for the Kropik Scholarship, which is a financial award, sponsored by two longtime CSA members, Stan and Candy Papuga. This scholarship is named in honor of Charles Kropik, a longtime CSA member, and Candy’s father.

Thank you again to the Papugas for their kindness in sponsoring this scholarship.

As always, we have a bunch of things going around here. Be safe and healthy. Until next month,

Fraternally,

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

Saturday, May 11, 2019
District Council No. 12 Join Hands Day
Bohemian National Cemetery
5255 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630
Meet at the Gate House at 9:00 a.m.
Please bring gloves and any tools you find suitable.
Wear your blue CSA shirt!
*PLEASE NOTE: This event date differs from the national Join Hands Day date.

Monday, May 27, 2019
Home Office Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Deadline for:
Kropik Scholarship Applications
Recipient Information for CSA Scholarship

Friday, June 14, 2019
Deadline for:
Bowl-o-Rama Scores
Miss CSA Application
Fraternalist of the Year Nominees
Miss CSA Photos

Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, 2019
Home Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday

Friday – Sunday, August 2–4, 2019
CSA 83rd Annual Get-Together
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
See page 8 and 9.

Monday, September 2, 2019
Home Office Closed for Labor Day

Saturday, October 12
Deadline for Veterans Names/Articles for Journal*

Monday, October 14, 2019
CSA Closed for Columbus Day

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

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2019
Home Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

*All Journal articles are due the 12th of the month prior to publication (Ex: Articles for January would be due December 12.)
The Most Popular Types of Photography

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

Of course, as we do every year, this is the magazine issue where we feature our winners of the CSA Photo Contest. The best thing about being a beginner photographer is that you are free to explore virtually every photography niche there is. The following are some of the most popular types of photography and how to excel in each:

• **Still Life.**
  The art of taking photos of objects, which can cross over into product photography, through which advertising agencies brand items photographed for catalogs, magazines, and even billboards. The key to taking a successful still life photo is to have great lighting or use a light box.

• **Landscape.**
  Contrary to popular belief, this genre is not limited to horizontal photos, as it may be necessary to shoot vertically when capturing tall trees, mountains, or other tall objects that are outdoors. For dramatic shots, consider investing in an aerial drone.

• **Food.**
  If I was writing this article about a decade ago, the food photography niche would be a lot harder to break into. Though, social media has influenced us to keep sharing photos of our food with friends. A smartphone camera can take great food photos as long as the lighting is decent.

• **Sports.**
  Sports photography is a competitive, professional niche that involves a lot of high-speed shooting, involving long and heavy lenses and fast shutter speeds.

• **Wildlife.**
  Aside from the obvious challenge of capturing good and clear images of wild animals without intruding on their natural habitats, a job in this niche requires some major upgrades in camera equipment.

• **Events.**
  This is a popular niche that includes concerts, birthdays, corporate meetings, and weddings. What makes a good portfolio for this genre is knowing how to tell a story with your pictures, rather than just covering the event itself. Bring your people skills!

• **Fashion.**
  For decades it has remained quite lucrative, thanks to the demand for it in advertising and marketing. Shots include full body and portraits, with focus on the clothes, shoes, and accessories.

• **Newborns.**
  Newborn, baby, and infant photography is similar to portrait photography though it deserves its own designation due to the unique challenges that come with it. Babies are fragile, sensitive to light, and occasionally fussy. Best of luck, here!

• **Street.**
  For those who bring their camera everywhere and enjoy exploring their artistic freedom, street photography is particularly appealing. You’re capturing unplanned events as they unfold, usually with no central theme or topic. Subjects include street vendors, street food, children, graffiti artworks, and a lot of concrete.

• **Photojournalism.**
  Not to be confused with street photography, photojournalism is a vocation that typically covers specific scenes and stories for the news. Because these photographers tend to get published in newspapers, professional photojournalists get paid a good amount of money for their photos, particularly if they are affiliated with newspapers, magazines, book publishers, or certain agencies and organizations.

When you’re armed with a camera, you can try it all out while improving your skills at the same time. As you gain more experience in photography, you’ll find that it’s hard to master a specific style if you don’t stick to one. In fact, it may be the very thing that could be holding you back from being successful in a particular niche.

So, which is right for you, especially if you plan to profit from your hobby? Well, after taking the time to dabble in various kinds of photography, ask yourselves these questions:

- What do I enjoy doing?
- What am I actually good at?
- Will I need additional equipment?
- Does it suit my personality and lifestyle?
- What’s the competition like?
- How much does it pay?
- Can I work locally?

Maybe we’ll see your submissions in the CSA Photo Contest next year!

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

“If your photographs aren’t good enough, you’re not close enough,” said photographer Robert Capa (1913-1954). These days, the cameras on smart phones excel at focusing on your subject. In my case, if I am taking a picture of something, it is usually because I want to see how that item looked before I decide to take it apart – car parts, electronics, etc. You can actually watch as the camera on smart phones adjusts itself for the best possible focus. Many things in life work that way – it is important to keep your focus.

I like to think that Fraternal Benefit Societies can be looked at similarly. It may be easy to look to the large, publicly-traded life insurance companies to handle your annuity and life policy needs. Their focus goes as it should, to wherever the maximum benefit to shareholders can be achieved. However, when you decide to put your trust in a fraternal benefit society, you benefit from a quality company model, with modern products that you can trust in. Yet at the same time, whose focus is close enough to yours, through a common bond, often being ethnic or religious. Membership in such societies can help to preserve traditions for generations to come.

The Get-Together is getting closer with each passing day. Registration materials can be found in this magazine issue. Take a look and consider attending this year. Everyone on the Get-Together Committee is busy planning activities for all to enjoy. Keep reading the Journal, checking the CSA website, and browsing our Facebook page for updates. I look forward to seeing many of you in Iowa’s “Bohemian Alps” this August.

In closing, thanks to everyone who submitted a photo in this year’s Photo Contest. Your CSA Fraternal Committee is delighted, seeing the 600+ entries that we received.

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

Do you know a CSA member who deserves recognition? Are they active in the community; do they volunteer often or donate money to charitable organizations?

Send us their photo, a brief description of who they are and what they do, and we will publish them in the Journal.
Fellow Brothers and Sisters,
For the past few weeks, Chicago weather has been fluctuating between sunny days with warm temperatures and cold temperatures with snow. On April 14, it was noted that Chicago was 25° and snowing. Then the next day, Chicago was 67° with sunshine! However, now the weather is stable and definitely feels like spring. April was a very stressful month considering how close I was to finishing school. I definitely felt the pressure, but now that it’s over, I can finally be in peace and enjoy my summer. Recently, I completed my Confirmation at my school’s church and chose my closest two friends as my sponsors, which I was very fortunate to have them do.

In addition, during the last couple of weeks of school, my classmates and I attended our very first clinical at Smith Village Senior Assisted Living Home in Beverly, Illinois. During the clinical, we were expected to take vital signs and do a full head-to-toe assessment on the patient we were assigned to. Attending Smith Village was definitely an experience that I enjoyed and it was nice to speak to the patients who aren’t able to see their families often. It also helped me gain a sneak peek into what working and interacting with patients actually feels like, since all we’ve done is classroom work so far. In addition, I have already registered for classes next semester, and I’m very excited to finally start clinical rotations.

May has always been my favorite month because of the beautiful weather and events it brings, such as my birthday, the end of the school year, and this year, an upcoming short trip to the Indiana Dunes with my friends. This summer, I plan on keeping myself busy before I start to get bored. After being so used to the semester and having a routine, it feels so weird not to have anything due, which is why I have decided to work two jobs: being a CNA and working as a bank teller. I also have a list of books I plan to read, since I never make time for it anymore during the school year. If anyone has book recommendations, please feel free to share!

My friends and I were so happy to end the school year that we celebrated with a little get together to celebrate our last day of school! It was a great way to start my summer and I can’t wait to have more nights like these. I hope everyone has a wonderful May.

Cassandra Stone
Miss National CSA 2018-2019
2019 83rd CSA Get-Together

Please fill out and postmark by June 30, 2019 to:
District Council #14
c/o Get Together
2940 U Avenue
Elberon, IA 52225

Phone: 319-479-2202 or 641-485-1738
Email: csagetgether2019@gmail.com

August 2-4, 2019

Bohemian Alps... Iowa

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

PLEASE PRINT BELOW (Duplicate as necessary)

NAME __________________________________________ LODGE (if applicable) __________

ADDRESS _______________________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP _______________________________________

PHONE __________________ EMAIL ___________________

Is this your first CSA Get-Together? ______

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, THEN ADD YOUR TOTAL:

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

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

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

*Coffee Mug

_________ $18.00
_________ $12.00
_________ $10.00

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

Are you attending a banquet dinner only?

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

TOTAL: $ ___________

List any food allergies or dietary restrictions/requirements here:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is time to “Ride in the Bohemian Alps” at the 83rd Get-Together in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 2-4, 2019.

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. View the Registration Form, which can be duplicated. Attendees can call the hotel directly at 319-313-6600 or 800-396-2153. Our group rate is $116.25.

Any checks sent for registration, purchased raffle tickets, mugs, T-shirts, or to purchase items for the Service Project should be made payable to “83rd Annual Get-Together”. There are also 4 raffle ticket booklets, which consist of 5 tickets for $5.00. If your name, address and phone number is listed on the returned stub, you need not be present to win.

The deadline for the ad book submissions is May 24, 2019. The checks for the ad book are to be made payable to “83rd Annual Get-Together”. Our Service Project will be on Friday morning. We will be putting together backpacks for a program that distributes packages to homeless children. This helpful organization is called Project Night Night and services 17 Iowa counties. 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 28, 2019.

Remember to bring your “Bohemian Alps” card from last year’s Get-Together to be entered into the drawing Friday night. The 83rd Get-Together email address is: csagettogether2019@gmail.com.

The Get-Together packet in its entirety will be available at www.csalife.com. Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Fraternally,

Loretta Ledvina, Janice Ledvina, and Committee

Due Dates and Payments:

**Ads for Ad Book are due: May 24, 2019**
Make checks payable to: 83rd Annual CSA Get-Together
Mail graphics, ad order, and checks to:
Janice Ledvina, 2940 U Avenue, Elberon, IA 52225
or email graphics and order to:
csagettogether2019@gmail.com

**Registration Forms are due: June 28, 2019**
Make checks payable to: 83rd Annual Get-Together
Mail checks and forms to:
Janice Ledvina, 2940 U Avenue, Elberon, IA 52225
or email forms to: csagettogether2019@gmail.com

**Raffle Tickets are due: August 3, 2019 (day of raffle)**
Make checks payable to: 83rd Annual CSA Get-Together
Mail checks and raffle tickets to:
Janice Ledvina, 2940 U Avenue, Elberon, IA 52225

All online correspondence, questions, and concerns can be sent to csagettogether2019@gmail.com.

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

The Maytime days are pleasantly warmer, brighter, and more cheerful than the months prior! This is one of the loveliest times of the year. It’s the time for celebrations like Cinco De Mayo on May 5, Polish Constitution Day on May 3, and Mother’s Day on May 12. Remember, when you do something special for mom, you do it for yourself, too.

During this month, the National Bowling Congress meets at the Suburbanite Bowl in Chicagoland. Many District Council No. 12 lodges and guests will take part in our annual Join Hands Day activities at the Bohemian National Cemetery on Saturday, May 11 at 9 a.m. Why not come out and help us tidy up the grounds, fence areas, Gate House, and Columbarium?

With the coming of Memorial Day, many lodge members, Sokol groups, and friends will take part in the special parade and program at Bohemian National Cemetery on May 27 to honor our military service heroes, both living and deceased. Meet at the Gate House at 9 a.m. for light refreshments, then join the marchers at 9:15 as they make their way to the Columbarium.

Some other items of interest include the upcoming Czechoslovak American Congress Festival Picnic. It will be held on Sunday, July 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Archer Park District located at 5700 South Archer Avenue in Summit, Illinois. This is a new location featuring a polka band; arts and crafts; dance groups; and foods such as sausages, potato pancakes, and bakery. Bring your folding chairs and blankets. Admission is free. For further information, contact Richard at 708-485-3357.

Remember to turn in Miss National CSA and Fraternalist of the Year applications by June 14. Time to complete your travel plans for the upcoming Get-Together in Cedar Rapids during August 2-4.

Enjoy the beautiful spring days ahead.

Fraternally,

Ed Slavik

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Read the Journal online at: www.csalife.com
District Council

Big Plans and Parties Ahead

District Council No. 10, Northern Ohio – The April meeting was held at the Garfield Heights Library with 12 members present.

Everybody had a great time at last year’s Christmas/Pin Party - food was good, people stayed to dance, and the $2 & $1 boards went well. Planning for this year has begun.

Mary Ann Toncar installed the officers for this year: President Diane DiBianca, Treasurer June Karecki, and Vice President and Secretary Annette Reichman.

Our next meeting is June 6 at 10 a.m. at the Parma/Snow Library where we will have Rocky’s Pizza.

The District Picnic will meet July 24 at 11 a.m. at Hemlock Park in Bedford where we will have cheeseburgers. We will decide what people will bring at the June meeting. If you would like to attend, please let June Karecki or Diane DiBianca know so they can get a head count.

On September 5, we will meet at 10 a.m. at the Garfield Heights Library. On December 5 at 11 a.m., the District Christmas Party will be at The Clubhouse in Parma. December 8 will be the District No. 10 Christmas/Pin Party. It was discussed how to get more people to come to the Pin Party. Mary Ann suggested maybe calling or sending a letter to people who bowled or came to the party before.

Thank you, Diane, for the donuts!

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman

“Grab Your (Bowling) Balls, We’re Going Bowling!”

District Council No. 9 of Southeastern Ohio – I guess it’s possible that you may not have heard of it, but there really is a song called, “Grab Your Balls, We’re Going Bowling!” Written by Ray Miller in 1995, the catchy and fun polka has been played and enjoyed in bowling alleys nationwide. I also remember it being one of the most requested songs on my mother and grandmother’s Czech radio show, giving listeners a little chuckle or two to start off their Sunday mornings! The song’s refrain goes like this:

Grab your balls. We’re goin’ bowling.  
Grab your balls. We’ll have some fun.  
Grab your balls. We’re goin’ bowling.  
Grab your balls, everyone.

Are you chuckling, yet? Miller actually took some criticism for the song lyrics, but its origin comes from the fact that he was a successful league bowler who always carried more than one bowling ball to his matches. He also credits the song with a comparison to the Indy 500 when they say, “start your engines.” Regardless of how it came to be, it’s a fun polka that continues to liven up our bowling alleys. Check it out on YouTube!

This year, our “sensational six” Bowl-o-Rama bowlers were: Casara and Samantha Orr (guests of Lodge No. 310); Bailey, Skyler, and Christopher Ebright; and Elijah Lovell (members of Lodge No. 121). As always, these teenagers had a fun time bowling, eating pizza, and enjoying each other’s company. They are all to be commended for their great efforts and perseverance. As you can see from the picture, it wasn’t all fun and games for Casara Orr and Elijah Lovell, who took some time out to work on Biology homework… ugh!

We are grateful to the entire staff at St. Clair Lanes in St. Clairsville, Ohio for their hospitality and generosity. We would like to recognize Gary Holubeck and his mother Betty (pictured) for always making us feel welcome and wanted at their establishment. We really appreciate you!

As the last verse in Miller’s song goes…

We’ll add up all our scores in just a blink.  
Then we’ll buy ourselves another drink.  
We’ll spend an hour trying to explain.  
Why we didn’t bowl a better game.

Our bowlers all bowled great games this year—and the only drinks they had were soda! Thanks again to all our members who helped make a fun day for our kids! Here’s to Rockin’ Ray Miller, fun polkas, and happy bowlers everywhere!

Smiles,
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Meet the Member

Memorable Event: Elaine Tejcek

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois – Lodge members met during a gloriously sunny day on March 13. We are honored and proud to be able to meet at the historically unique T.G. Masaryk School in Cicero, Illinois. The Audit Committee completed the audit for 2018. Reports by committees were presented and accepted, including the Secretary’s Report and the Financial Report. A report from the District Council No. 12 representative announced upcoming activities which are generally published in the CSA Journal at a future date. Our Lodge officers sent 27 Valentines containing a small monetary gift to juvenile members. We were pleased to receive thank you notes from Caroline Veselak and Ryan Ludo. Following the meeting, members of the Lodge brought donated food to St. Barbara’s Food Pantry in Brookfield, Illinois.

Further to our member life’s “Memorable Event” series, Elaine Tejcek read a letter she wrote to herself following her mother’s (May Tejcek) death in November 2011 because she found herself going to the phone every day to give her a call—and occasionally still does after eight years!

WRITTEN IN DECEMBER 2012: Mom died on 11-11-11 and I am missing her terribly. Many times I still reach for the phone to call her; to tell her of my latest painting; to tell her that I’m not feeling good and what should I do about it; to let her know that I am going to order a new car; to ask her how she’s feeling today; to find out what she needs from the store; that I’m going to bring her some Hostess Snowballs and chocolate covered marshmallows; to tell her not to call because I was playing golf today; to ask her when the next CSA Lodge meeting was.

I reached for the phone to let her know that I went to Sun City, Arizona in February 2012 to visit one of my golf buddies and that I flew first class because I had enough earned miles to do so; to let her know how great it was; to let her know about playing golf with short golf clubs, borrowed from a gal who was several inches shorter and had to stoop low to hit the ball (a funny, funny sight to see).

I reached for the phone to tell her that, for my birthday in March, I was going to visit my best girlfriend in California; to tell her that my birthday present from my friend was to visit the movie theater to view my favorite movie, Casablanca, on the big screen (those of my age were only able to view the movie on TV, the small screen); it was mind-blowing; to tell her that the California audience stood up and clapped and cheered loudly at the end; to let her know that both Arizona and California were colder than it was here in the Chicago area.

I reached for the phone to tell her that when I finally received the call from the car dealer, I thought they were going to tell me that I had a new car. Instead, they told me that the car fell off the delivery truck as they were unloading and that they had to order another one. The car was ordered in June; I didn’t receive it until September!

I reached for the phone in August to tell Mom that my Arizona friend and I decided to travel around Lake Michigan; to visit the site of my Aunt Mary’s sweet cherry orchard, now an asparagus farm in Hart Michigan; to hike the sand dunes at Sleeping Bear Dunes; to see the old fishing village on the Traverse Bay peninsula; to go to Mackinack Island; to capture as many artistic subjects on photos; to just get with nature in the beautiful and rugged upper peninsula; and most of all to visit Bayfield, Wisconsin and tour the Apostle Islands.

Here it is December, more than a year later, and still I reach for the phone to talk to her. I want to tell her that her Christmas Cactus is blooming gloriously again and that instead of pink, the flowers had turned white. I know it’s hard to believe, but now I know this must be a sign that she’s letting me know that everything’s alright with her and that she is happy, happy to be with her husband, mother and father again and happy to know that I am continuing my artwork, my golf and just getting on with my life!

I wanted to submit this letter because I believe there are those of you out there who have had the same feelings about a loss. I hope the letter will give you some comfort and closure in knowing you’re not alone.

Fraternally,
Elaine Tejcek
Meet the Member

John Wallette

John Wallette, member of Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, is a graduate of Aurora High School class of 2016 and is currently a student at the University of Akron majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Mr. Wallette is a recipient of two scholarships from CSA Fraternal Life. Currently, John is an intern at the RoviSys Corporation for the spring semester. He will then go back to school this summer and will return to RoviSys for the fall semester to continue his internship.

John is the son of members Michelle and Michael Wallette and grandson of sister Mary Ann Toncar.

Lodge Happenings

Working Toward One Million Pop Tabs!

Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – The installation of officers was held in March. Ken Dvorsky did the honor of installing our team. Thank you, Ken.

Ronald McDonald House sent a letter confirming that they received 44 pounds of pop tabs from our Lodge. We are now 56 pounds away from receiving the certificate for donating One Million Pop Tabs to the House. Thanks to Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield and the T.G. Masaryk School for the donation of pop tabs. Their donation will go toward the 56 pounds.

My husband and I drove to the St. Barbara’s Food Pantry and dropped off three full boxes of canned goods plus five shopping bags of food items and a check. They were very grateful.

Our Lodge received a few more thank-you notes for the Valentine letter. The McDonalds said, “Thank you so much for the Valentine letters to my daughters: Adelaide (7); Harper (5); Lucy (2) and our newest daughter Margaret born February 17.” Allison Calek said, “Thank you so much for the money. You all are so thoughtful, I will be saving all the money for college.” Thank you all for the support throughout the years.

I am looking forward to warmer weather and flowers springing up in the garden.

I hope you all enjoyed a happy Easter with your family.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda

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**Lodge Happenings**

**Easter Baskets and Bowl-o-Rama**

**Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio** – Eight members brought their Easter baskets and candy to our March meeting. Before we started the meeting, candy was bagged (for the people who didn’t win a basket) and the baskets were taken out to where the seniors meet. They were told to write their name and which basket they liked on a piece of paper.

Mary Ann started the meeting. Diane said that the bus is full for the Bus Trip on June 26 and went over who was going to bring goodies, etc. On the bus, there will be the $1 and $5 bags, 50/50 and, of course, the horse race! The Lodge had five youth members bowling in the Junior Bowl-o-Rama on Saturday, March 31, and five of Virginia Dvorak’s great grandchildren also bowled as guests. Mary Ann went over the LRP; the Lodge is doing well to get to the Platinum Award. We had a nice ham lunch, and, as always, Mary Ann made some very tasty desserts!

We then raffled off the baskets and gave out the bags of candy. The seniors thanked the Lodge for all we did. There was some bargaining for baskets when we were done! The raffle papers were counted, congrats to Virg Dvorak who won!

Our next meetings will be: May 23, June 26 Bus Trip, July (TBA for Picnic) August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 12 (location TBA). Meetings are held at the Maple Heights Senior Center. Come to a meeting, enjoy a nice lunch for $1.50, and reconnect/connect with your Lodge members!

*Fraternally,*
*Annette Reichman*

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**Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio** – Twenty-five children bowled in the Bowl-o-Rama held on March 31, 2019. All members and guests had a fun day. They enjoyed pizza and hot dogs after bowling. The Lodge had five youth members bowling - three were Kris and Bruce Marek’s grandchildren and two were Jan and Gene Dembowski’s grandchildren. Five of Virginia Dvorak’s great grandchildren also bowled as guests. Everyone received a trophy, Hershey bar, and gifts from the District Council No. 10, and a goodie bag from the Home Office that included a piggy bank, bookmark, back scratcher, and pop can koozie.

*Fraternally,*
*Mary Ann Toncar*
Lodge Happenings

Biggest Bowl-o-Rama Ever!

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – We’ve had some really nice weather lately and our flowers and trees are all blooming! Our April meeting was attended by 10 members and a lovely lunch was provided by Freddie and Camille Shima. They made it a “baseball” themed lunch with yummy sandwiches and baseball designed cookies and they handed out baseball shaped stress balls. Freddie also raffled off two baseball hats filled with peanuts and caramel corn. Our members June Karecki and Joanie Sapp won the hats! Thank you so much, Freddie and Camille!

It was also Freddie’s birthday, so a round of “Happy Birthday” was sung to her.

Our members discussed the Get-Together. It was agreed to buy a ¼ page ad in the program and buy four books of tickets. The Get-Together is on August 2 to 4 this year in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The application is on pages 8 and 9 of this Journal. There is a possibility that four of our members may attend.

The Sokol pork or chicken dinners are starting. The first one was April 24, the next ones are: May 22, June 19, September 25 and October 23. These are at the Ceska Sin Sokol Hall on Clark Avenue. The dinners are $13.00 each – well worth the money. Please call Don Kotlan at 216-228-0027 for reservations. They must be made the Friday before the dinners. Serving time is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Our Junior Bowl-o-Rama was a great success! We had 25 bowlers and 40 family members attend! It was the biggest Bowl-o-Rama we ever had. The kids loved the bowling, the food, the trophies, and other gifts. Thank you to our Sports Committee members for all their hard work.

July 24 will be our District picnic at our usual picnic area, in the Bedford Reservation Park at noon. Our lodge meeting will take place before the picnic. More details later.

Our bowling league had a great year. Our bowling banquet was held on April 25 at noon. Trophies were handed out then. Anyone interested in bowling next season, please contact Tony Genco at 440-886-2420. We bowl at Yorktown Lanes every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. It’s a lot of fun!

Another event coming up is our District Pin Party on December 8, 2019. It will be at St. Michael’s Woodside Party Center.

We hope everyone had a nice Easter and the trees and flowers are blooming at your homes.

Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco
Lodge Happenings

Springtime and the Fun Times are Rolling

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Lombard, Illinois – Youth members had a terrific time at the recent Bowl-o-Rama, and each one represented us well. Whether they bowl at the local event, or submit scores after bowling remotely, we are proud and happy each year to support their participation. Thanks to each one for taking part in this annual event, and thank you to the family members for being there to cheer them on!

On Friday, July 5, instead of a regular meeting, we will celebrate our own brand of independence by gathering “off-site” for some tasty food and companionship. Come join us at Sawa’s Old Warsaw Restaurant (9200 W. Cermak Rd. in Broadview) for the all-you-can-eat buffet. Be prepared to enjoy a hearty and bountiful meal, all the way from soup and salad, through Polish and American specialties, to make-your-own sundaes! The cost is $25 per person. Reserve your spot with Larry Ebenroth, not later than June 27, by phone at (708) 535-8852 or mail to 15006 Parkside Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452 (checks payable to Lodge Woodrow Wilson).

Please come out and join your lodge friends for a fun evening – we can even do the driving!

We also are working on plans for a special guest presentation at an upcoming meeting. As of “press time”, the details are not yet confirmed, however, there are several ways for you to stay informed. If you are connected to Facebook, check out our lodge’s group page for up-to-date news, announcements, and photos. You also can ask me, by email or phone, to be alerted about details. I am happy to oblige. The best option: you can start to attend our monthly meetings – that way you won’t miss a thing! We meet the first Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the CSA Home Office; we provide transportation if needed.

Hope to see you soon,
Jean Hemzáček Laukant
hemzacek.j@gmail.com, 630-279-7894

Card-Making

Lodge Missouri No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri – Our lodge’s April meeting featured our card-making get-together, where our members assembled a few cards and were able to take them home for their use. We also held an Easter Egg Hunt, complete with pictures of eggs hidden around the American Czech Education Center (ACEC). After looking at the pictures, members were asked to identify the location of the eggs. Brother Mike Wolf was the big winner.

Several of our members were able to participate in the reception last month for two representatives of Czech TV, along with Honorary Consul Sharon Valášek of Kansas City. They were visiting us to prepare a story on the preservation of Czech culture and customs in our area. We were happy to show them what we do in the St. Louis area at the ACEC, Sokol Camp, and St. John Nepomuk Church. We are all anxious to view the finished story.

Until next time,
Marla Breidenbach
Lodge Happenings

Photo Montage of Flea Market

Lodge Karel Jonas No. 279, Vining, Iowa – Flea Market Photo Montage

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Lodge Happenings

Getting Ready for the Get-Together

Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – At our meeting on April 3, we had 40 members present. Everyone enjoyed a nice potluck and lots of fellowship, since we have missed seeing our members due to the bad weather. The meeting was conducted by our 2019 Lodge Officers, who were installed at the March meeting by Tom Ledvina, our National Director of the Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska areas. It was nice to have Tom and his wife Loretta attend our meeting. Loretta filled us in on updates regarding the 83rd Annual CSA Get-Together in Cedar-Rapids from August 2-4. Please mark your calendars, as this will be a fun weekend. Remember, we’ll need the help of many hands to put this event together!

Our lodge has many fraternal projects going on this year. Our lodge youth members and their friends attended the Bowl-o-Rama on Sunday, April 7. We had 11 children in attendance. At our May meeting, we have our spring trip to the presentation, “Cirque du Soleil”. This trip is open to all members who attend our regular monthly meetings. We are excited to see this class performance right here in Cedar Rapids.

Join Hands Day will be held on Saturday, May 4, when members, friends, and children come together to help with work projects at the Czech National Cemetery located at 2200 C. St. SW in Cedar Rapids. Houby Days will be celebrated the third weekend of May in the Czech Village. There will be a parade on Saturday, May 18 with a CSA float, which members will be riding to promote CSA.

During the month of June through the July 4th weekend, the Freedom Festival will hold many activities throughout the city. On Monday, July 1 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., there will be a chance for CSA members to shine. Both our local lodges and the CSA Home Office have joined together to sponsor a great polka concert at the NewBo City Market stage. Just as they did last year, the famous band, Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen, will perform. In 2018, several hundred people came out on a beautiful evening to support the concert. Grab some comfortable folding chairs, your blue CSA shirt, water, and a Freedom Festival button to get in and enjoy some great music.

The March membership winner was Irene Hamous, who donated her winnings to the Boy Scouts of America and Sokol Cedar Rapids. At the April meeting, our winner was Annie Kloubec, who gave her winnings to the Czech National Cemetery and the Dámská Matice Školská ladies group. A big thank you goes out to Irene and Annie for their charitable donations.

The next two meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, July 3 at 6 p.m.

We miss you when you are not at our meetings. Please join us on the first Wednesday of each month. If you need more information, call any Lodge Prokop Velky member.

Have a wonderful summer and stay healthy!

Fraternally,
Barbara Edmunds
Lodge Sokol Plzen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois – On March 17, our lodge held our meeting at Frank Francis’ home. Being that it was St. Patrick’s Day, we had a little celebration. The meeting began after the celebration. After the regular lodge business was discussed, we talked about the Lodge Recognition Program Award Night for District Council No. 12, which was held at the CSA Home Office. I mentioned that our lodge worked hard in 2018 and we applied for the Platinum Award. We then planned how we might earn enough points to earn the Platinum Award for the 2019 program.

We also went over the up-and-coming CSA events, such as Join Hands Day. District Council No. 12’s Join Hands Day volunteer project will be held at Bohemian National Cemetery on May 11. Please note that this date differs from the national date for Join Hands Day, which is held annually on the first Saturday of May. Also, there’s Mother’s Day on May 12 and Memorial Day on May 27, with events at the Bohemian National Cemetery being held on both dates.

We congratulated our lodge member Nicole Jaros on her recent 21st birthday on March 19. The family celebrated it at the Oxford House in Chicago. We also acknowledged Matthew Bultas for leaving his coaching position at the Lyons Township High School Girls’ Lacrosse Team. He is now the coach of the Girls’ Lacrosse Team at Riverside Brookfield High School. To date, the team is undefeated. Congratulations, Matt!

Last, but not least, Jenny Jaros and Michael Malusa participated in the “freezin’ for a reason” Polar Plunge fundraiser at North Ave. Beach in Chicago on March 3. Awesome job!

Fraternally,

Andy Bultas

Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois – We’ve been enjoying alternating our meetings over the past few months between traditional meetings and activities such as social events, volunteering, or going out to eat. Our most recent volunteer day at Operation Support Our Troops America was a success. We spent four hours packing 100 boxes to send to soldiers overseas. We also packed small toiletry bags and prepped supplies to go into future care packages. Afterwards, we went to one of our favorite restaurants, Bavarian House, for a delicious German meal.

At our most recent meeting, we signed cards for our youth members that we will send out along with a $5 McDonald’s gift card. We are hoping to see more new faces join in on our monthly gatherings in the future. We always have a blast and welcome new and old faces!

Fraternally,

Alix Wilt

Freezin’ for a Reason
On the cover is the “Best of Contest” winner in the 2019 Photo Contest

Congratulations to Alex Schulz, Lodge Rovnost No. 53.

Special thanks to all the members who participated in this year’s contest:

Lodge No. 1, Donald Breidenbach
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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 Kodiak Dr., Windham, CT 06280. Agent: Home Office

FLORIDA

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. Koneck, 3615 Mainlands Blvd. #4, Pinellas Pk., FL 33782. Treas.: Matilda A. Hanacek, 5265 – 23rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Agent: Bernadette Bleiker

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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: Mitch Jacobson

Svobodny Rolnik No. 026 – Meets 3rd Sun. of the month at 6 p.m., home of Steven Slemer, 133 Forest Grove Dr., Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Sec’y.: Ronald Slemer, 5134 N. State Route 159, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Treas.: Frank K. Slemer, 171 Sunset Ave., Glen Carbon, IL 62024. 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 60525. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin. Serv.

Friendship No. 066 – Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 6:30 p.m., T. G. Masaryk Czech School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero, IL 60804. Sec’y. & Treas.: Richard Nowaczyński, 3145 Hillside Ln., Darien, IL 60561. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

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Sionilli No. 170 – Meets 2nd Thurs. of most months (subject to change) at 7:00 p.m., Riverside Town Hall, 27 Riverside Rd., Riverside, IL 60546. Sec’y: Vera Wilt, 8014 W. 27th St., No. Riverside, IL 60546. Treas.: John Smolucha, OS718 Myrtle St., Winfield, IL 60190. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin Serv.


C. H. Harrison/Jan Hus/Garfield No. 378 – Meets 1st Mon. of the month at noon, T. G. Masaryk School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero, IL 60804. Sec’y: Norma Knet, 1525 71st St., Darien, IL 60561. Treas.: Charles Valentin, 2535 S. Lewe Ct., North Riverside, IL 60546. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a/ Just Ins. & Fin Serv.

Young America No. 392 – Meets 3rd Wed. of the month at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Sec’y, Treas., William Hudecek, 2429 S. Harvey Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a/ Just Ins. & Fin Serv.

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Sokol Pilsen No. 434 – Meets Sun., as available, at 1:00 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 5:00 p.m., CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd. Ste. #70, Lombard, IL 60148. Sec’y: Jerry Silhan, 510 E. Harding Ave., La Grange Park, IL 60525. Treas.: Dolores Chiappetta, 2411 S. Grove Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402. Agent: Mitch Jacobson

INDIANA

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IOWA

District Council No. 14 – Meets 1st Wed. at 8 p.m. after Lodge No. 137 meeting at Hus Memorial Church Basement, 2808 Schaeffer Dr., Cedar Rapids, IA. Sec’y: Barbara Edmunds, 2919 Schultz Dr. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. Treas.: Dennis Habak, 1731 Hamilton St., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Prokop Velky No. 137 – Meets 1st Wed. of the month at 6 p.m., Hus Memorial Church, 2808 Schaeffer S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Sec’y: Dorothy Ditch, 9800 Spanish Rd., Ely, IA 52227. Treas.: Marjorie Nejdl, 5700 Kopecek Ln., Ely, IA 52227. Agent: Skogman Carlson Insurance Inc.

Karel Jonas No. 279 – Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 7 p.m., CSA Hall, 206 Main St., Vining, IA 52348. Sec’y: Janice Ledvina, 2940 “U” Ave., Elberon, IA 52225. Treas.: Marilyn Ledvina, 2940 “U” Ave., Elberon, IA 52225. Agent: Skogman Carlson Insurance Inc.

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Vesmir/Holding Lodge No. 273 – Address all inquiries to Home Office. Agent: Home Office

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District Council No. 11 – Meets Sun. October 30 at 10:30 am. Sec’y.: Dorothy Trgina, 419 S. Main St., St. Louis, MI 48888. Treas.: Marian Scarlett, 1530 Hiawatha Drive, St. Louis, MI 48867

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


Central Star No. 411 – Meets varying dates at 1:00 p.m. at the Junction Restaurant, 4136 Peet Red (M-52), Chesaning, MI 48616. Sec’y.: Loeta Hersch, 2240 E. North Ridge Rd., Chesaning, MI 48616. Treas.: James Yaklin, 7887 N. Vernon, New Lothrop, MI 48860. Agent: Home Office

Swartz Creek No. 459 – Sun. or when convenient at various locations or at the home of the President, 6310 E. M-21, Corunna, MI 48817. Sec’y. & Treas.: Shirley A. Vasichek, 6310 E. M-21, Corunna, MI 48817. Agent: Timothy M. Schafer

MINNESOTA

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

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District Council No. 13 – Meets 4th Wed. of every other month at 7:00 p.m., American Czech Ed. Center, 4690 Lansdowne, St. Louis, MO 63116. Sec’y.: Connie Wolf, 10343 Jade Forest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123. Treas.: Marla Breidenbach, 4937 Trailside Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128.

Missouri No. 001 – Meets 1st Friday of the month at 7 p.m., American Czech Education 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

Washington No. 030 – Meets 2nd Fri. of the month at 7 p.m., American Czech Ed. Center, 4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116. Sec’y.: Gail Petelik, 3841 Upton, St. Louis, MO 63116. Treas.: Karen Ditz, 1970 Telford Dr., St. Louis, MO 63125. Agent: Ronald Joseph Winker

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

NEBRASKA

Omaha/Holding Lodge No. 295 – Address all inquiries to Home Office. Agent: Home Office

NEW JERSEY

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Lodge Happenings

Hope’s Front Door

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Our meeting on April 15 was called to order by Pres. Jerry Gaydusek. All officers were present. After the Pledge, we welcomed our guests, Secretary/COO Matt Koski and Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell.

Minutes were read and approved and correspondence was shared regarding upcoming D.C. No. 12 events and Join Hands Day. It was reported that the Jr. Bowl-o-Rama was a success, with 27 children participating. All enjoyed bowling, refreshments, and a goodie bag to take home.

President Jerry reported that the Bohemian National Cemetery is in good shape after some road repairs were completed and a new boiler was installed in the Columbarium. The next project will be a new boiler for the cemetery’s office.

D.C. No. 12 held their March meeting at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant. All attending enjoyed a family-style dinner, after which Matt Koski installed officers for the coming year. The Get-Together and Join Hands Day were discussed, as well as the National Bowling Congress.

As finalized at our last meeting, a large basket filled with individual-sized toiletries was assembled to be donated to a local charity, Hope’s Front Door. Gerri Romanelli and Joann Nekolny will visit the charity for the presentation.

The Lodge received the Get-Together packet with all details of our upcoming August weekend in Cedar Rapids. For the Service project, we will be stuffing backpacks with books, stuffed animals, and blankets. These will be given to homeless children in an effort to bring them comfort during difficult days. A motion was made and seconded to donate $100 to this cause. The money will be sent to the GTG committee, who has offered to do the shopping for us. We also voted to purchase a half-page ad for the program book for $75.

We discussed and planned many events: the Mother’s and Father’s Day dinner at Sawa’s Old Warsaw on June 18 at 6 p.m.; a historical and ethnic lecture at the July meeting; prospective outing to the Naper Settlement in September; our first Chili Contest in October; and our annual Memorial Service and possible movie night in November.

Four members of our lodge attended the annual Spring Luncheon at Tabor Hills: Gerri, Lyn Burton, Helene Schaefer, and Lillie Nemec. Other CSA members in attendance were Bill Strejc, Caroline Johnston, Mary Bubenicek, Lorraine Cerny, Angie Bultas, Frank Michalek, and others. The meal was delicious, entertainment by Diva was wonderful, and large pots of blooming petunias were given as prizes. Lyn won at our table!

We celebrated birthdays for Jerry Gaydusek, Helene Schaefer, Phil Arnone, and Rose Thiel. The Gayduseks also celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary! Refreshments included koláčky and chlebíčky, both from Rose’s Catering. Our monthly raffle followed, which helps fund our charitable giving. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 20. Join us if you can!

Fraternally,

Gerri Romanelli
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Lodge Happenings

Bunny Brunch

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – There’s a new group at the American-Czech Educational Center in St. Louis, the Czech School and Cultural Club. It was created to increase knowledge of Czech heritage and culture by hosting monthly sessions with a different theme, speaker, presentation, or demonstration. In April, the club welcomed Jenny Zeman (with a little help from me) to show our family’s traditional Easter egg decorating technique taught to her by our dad, as well as one she learned from an instructor here in St. Louis. She showed the “drop-pull” method and the batik style, and we talked about straw designs and wire-wrapped eggs. It was interesting to learn that no one else at the ACEC does this particular style, and we were happy to share the knowledge that was passed down through several generations of our family. Thanks so much to the club for inviting us, and thank you to all in attendance for your nice comments. She does a great job!

This year’s Bunny Brunch, sponsored by District Council No. 13, was a big hit with all the kids (and some grown-ups) who came out to enjoy breakfast, games, crafts, a piñata, an egg hunt, and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself. Many thanks go to the members of D.C. No. 13 for sponsoring this annual event.

Since a few of our members attended the CSA Bowling Tournament, we’ll have only one Bake Sale this year, in November, when we hope to raise lots of money for this year’s CSA Serves project, Honor Flight. We’re planning to make the trip out to St. Louis International Airport to welcome back the veterans after one of their trips this summer, and we’re getting some support from some local elementary school students, who will be writing “thank you” letters for the Mail Call portion of those flights.

We’re also looking at a couple of other activities that our members can take part in, and we’ll spread the word through this column and through the ACEC Newsletter. Keep an eye peeled!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman

May Anniversaries

May 6
Julius and Jeannie Dubcak
Lodge Svetlo No. 277

May 20
Eleonora G. Scholtz and Horst H. Kinscher
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219
(Formerly Lodge Clark No. 371)

May 23
Diane DiBianca (Dvorak) and Mark DiBianca
Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372

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

May 31
Joe and Betty Konecny
Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137
Lodge Happenings

Best Buddies Friendship Walk
Lodge R.T. Crane No. 7, North Riverside, Illinois - Happy Spring! We have been very busy with travels, volunteer events, meetings, and more. Earlier this year, we showcased a beautiful display of Czech crystal at the North Riverside Public Library. It was an honor to get the chance to share the beautiful glassworkings made in the Czech Republic with the community.

On Sunday, April 14, we participated in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. We were happy to support this wonderful organization while also supporting our member Adam Wilt who is the Illinois State Director for the organization. We are looking forward to the warmer weather being here to stay so we can enjoy our summer meetings outdoors, along with some fun social events.

Fraternally, Alix Wilt

Ready... Set... Bake!
Lodge Groveton No. 4, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania – Hello once again, fellow CSA members. Spring is officially upon us, meaning warmer weather, outside activities and more importantly, the annual CSA Lodge Groveton Bake-Off. The meeting was held, as always, at the local Eat-N-Park Restaurant.

The April meeting was attended by 16 members with seven members baking delicious desserts. From cookies to brownies and strudels to cream puffs, no member left the meeting without their sweet tooth cured. Congratulations to Mary Arnold on winning the competition with a delicious and filling cream puff dessert that was enjoyed by everyone. Also, congratulations to Madison Bichler on winning the youth prize with her very fresh and flavorful strawberry cookies. We at Lodge Groveton are proud of both Mary and Madison for taking the time and dishing out two delicious desserts.

In what seems to be a recurring theme for one Lodge Groveton member, Sis. Hunter Yurkovich continues to rake in the accolades. On top of already receiving the Kropik Scholarship Award, being a two-time Miss CSA Contestant, as well as a two-time Miss Congeniality Award winner, Hunter has been rewarded for her hard work and dedication to the nursing program she attends at Carlow College. Hunter was awarded the prestigious honor of being inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. This honor is given for excellence in advanced world health and celebrates nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Hunter is a valued member of Lodge Groveton and we are proud to have her. This young lady has a very bright future ahead of her and we look forward to witnessing her accomplishing anything she puts her mind to. Great job, Hunter.

Check out our Facebook page, Lodge Groveton, to keep tabs on all the fun times we are having in Pittsburgh. Upcoming activities include a community cleanup project, Autism walk, and a few bowling events. Enjoy the warm Spring weather and until next time, best wishes to all of our fellow CSA Brothers and Sisters.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Gary Forrester
Lodge Happenings

Save the Dates!

Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois – At our April meeting, we held our annual spring luncheon and Installation of Officers. The Czech Plaza Restaurant in Berwyn hosted us, and all 14 of our attending CSA members ate well. We invited CSA Executive Secretary Matt Koski and Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell to perform the ritual of installing officers and to talk about CSA happenings to the members. We welcomed Gerri Coates, after not seeing her for a while.

Members were informed of the upcoming events happening at the Bohemian National Cemetery. The CSA Join Hands Day volunteer event is to be held on Saturday, May 11, starting around 9 a.m. The next day, Sunday, May 12, will be the Mother’s Day Celebration, beginning at 11:00 a.m. On Friday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m., volunteers will meet at the Gatehouse to help plant flowers and decorate the cemetery for the Memorial Day program. That program will be held on Monday, May 27, beginning at the Gatehouse at 9 a.m. for light refreshments, followed by a parade to the Ceremony Hall.

The annual Lidice Memorial program in Crest Hill is coming up on Sunday, June 9. Please save the date. The annual Czechoslovak American Congress Festival and Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 28. There’s a brand new location this year. It is to be held at the Summit Park District, located at 5700 S. Archer Road in Summit, Illinois.

New Faces and Ideas Always Welcome!

Lodge Anton J. Cermak No. 99, Brookfield, Illinois – Our lodge held an April meeting at the new Tony’s Restaurant located several blocks east of the old Tony’s. Dining at Tony’s is always a memorable experience.

Vice President Scott Cramer showed us a beautiful picture taken at dusk of the Fox River, which was his entry for the CSA Photo Contest. The lodge discussed plans to participate in the Bohemian National Cemetery’s spring cleanup, to travel to the Morton Arboretum, and to purchase raffle tickets for the CSA Get-Together.

The lodge meets on the second Thursday of the month at Tony’s. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

Fraternally,
Charles Courtney

Scholarship Fund Report

March 10, 2019 - April 10, 2019

TO CONTINUE CSA’S TRADITION OF ASSISTING YOUNG MEMBERS IN PURSUING THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Joan E. Shaffner
Matej Salon, Consul of the Slovak Republic

IN MEMORY OF EVELYN & DONALD FERGLE
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IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH ARNOLD,
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Thereza Stephan, 91, of Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432 was born in the “old country” on February 8, 1928 into a musical family, who fled to Canada in the 1940’s when the Russians took over.

Landing in Toronto, she soon immigrated to Denver where she was second violin in the Denver Symphony Orchestra for many years. She also was an active member of the Mandolin Society. For years she volunteered at the Lutheran Hospital, playing her violin on weekends in the lobby accompanied on the piano by Joanne Hartman.

Thereza is survived by her son Mark Stephan and grandson Christopher Stephan.
Lodge Happenings

A Magnificent, Merry Month

Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen A Panu
No. 121 Dillonvale, Ohio – May is always such a busy month. Mothers’ Day, proms, graduations, Memorial Day, weddings, etc. are just a few of the special occasions we may celebrate this month. In addition, many students greatly anticipate May as it brings the end of another school year and most importantly – the beginning of summer! Whatever it is that you may be celebrating this month, do so merrily!

Recently, our members helped with the Annual Dumpling, Sauerkraut, & Pork Dinner held at the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. Donations of supplies, baked goods, and work hours were given to the project, which raised needed funds for building operations.

Members also attended the Bowl-o-Rama sponsored by D.C. No. 9 on April 7 to support our teenage bowlers: Bailey, Christopher and Skyler Ebright, and Elijah Lovell. Our bowlers had fun and would like to thank the Home Office for the souvenirs and Lodge No. 121 for the gift cards. They were greatly appreciated!

We would like to congratulate Brother Elijah Lovell for his induction into the National Honor Society. Elijah is the son of Gary and Wendy Lovell of Dillonvale, Ohio and the brother of CSA’s Fraternal Director, Amanda Lovell. He attends Buckeye Local High School and is pictured with his Chemistry and Physics teacher, Miss Jaide Brown, who is the advisor for the organization. We wish you the very best as you embrace your membership and prepare to serve the community in the name of the NHS.

We would like to send special greetings out to our member, Brother Gary Oblak, and his wife, Connie, of Tiltonsville. It was so nice visiting with you recently. We hope the promise of some warmer weather will lift your spirits and find you smiling. We think of you often and wish you well!

Brother Charles Ebright has been busy serving and volunteering hours as a member of the American Legion Post #529 in Dillonvale. In addition to representing the Legion at Veterans’ Day and Memorial Day services, he also honors fallen veterans by participating in their military funeral services. The men in his unit also participate in many community outreach projects. Thank you, Brother Ebright, for your continued service.

Lodge No. 121 will be joining hands with Legion Post #529 and their Auxiliary Unit regarding the Memorial Day Program on May 27, 2019 at Knight Rider Park in Dillonvale. We will be sharing pictures and highlights of the activities in the June issue of the Journal.

Our members would like to wish all of you a very happy summer! Remember, enjoy this merry month of May and all of the magnificent celebrations it brings!

Fraternally,
Sis. Wendy Kurtz Lovell

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Bailey, Skyler, and Christopher Ebright

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Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado – We welcome our capricious springtime in the Rockies! Yes, the avalanches have come and gone, only to be followed by rock slides, then followed by flooding from the melting snow, and we could also see some wildfires, possibly! However, our blazingly beautiful days and skies make up for the April (and May!) snow.

Ten of us met on a mild spring day to hear “Master Gardener” Sally Blanchard give us a motivational talk, with hand-outs, regarding container gardening. Many of us have had to curb our enthusiasm for digging and weeding. She was most helpful and encouraging when speaking about pot sizes, preparing soil, long tomato plant roots, etc. Lettuce is probably the easiest crop to grow, so give it a try! The bottom line: make friends with a local gardener who likes to give away their overflow of produce.

At our lodge meeting, we read thank-you notes from Jack Strunc for book money and appreciation for the help over the last five years. He will graduate from Creighton University in May with a business degree. His mother also sent a thank-you note for helping her three sons over the past 12 years!

Intrepid traveler, world hiker, and now tour guide Janet Farrar visited Ethiopia in January. She attended the Timkat Festival in the north, along with various former capitols and the rock cut churches in Lalibela, ending with seeing the primitive tribes still left in the Omo Valley, a tour lasting several weeks. Wow!

A more relaxing two weeks was spent in the Caribbean by Beth Egan and her husband on a Celebrity cruise of the southern and eastern islands, ending in New Orleans for Mardi Gras! But wait, there’s more! In March, the indefatigable Janet cruised from Florida to Italy, visiting many islands along the way, and ended up in Venice with four days in Rome touring the Vatican, Coliseum, and Forum. We enjoyed her company at our April meeting.

CSA member Anne Farrar sent me the following information about the Action Center.

How the Action Center serves the community:
* The Action Center serves 25,000 clients annually
* 5628 volunteers and 30 staff members keep it running
* They provide a food bank and clothing bank
* Provide school supply drives, food drives, holiday drives and backpack programs
* Work with a growing number of homeless people, those at risk of being homeless, or those in severe poverty.

On a personal note, CSA member, Aaron Schulz, son of Keith and Melinda Schulz and grandson of Bob and Adella Schulz, has accepted an academic scholarship to attend Washington State University in Pullman, Washington this coming fall.

Pat Kenning

Lodge Bratri od Sazavy No. 211, Little Ferry, New Jersey – We had a great start to the new year. At our January meeting, we celebrated Sister Anne Schiring’s birthday. In February, we began setting up for the 2019 Lodge Recognition Program and we celebrated the birthdays of Brother Peter Kleskovic and Sister Carol Tranter. During our April meeting, we all had a fun time playing a guessing game provided by Sister Jasmin Russo. The winner of the jar filled with jelly beans was Sister Blanche Bidnik. Now, as we enter the second quarter of the year, we are in full swing. We celebrated Brother Frank Zabransky’s 96th birthday, singing “Happy Birthday” to our beloved “Piano Man.”

At our upcoming May meeting, we will be discussing Bohemian garnets. Members are encouraged to bring in their garnet jewelry to be part of the discussion. We hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,
Carol Tranter
Kids’ Korner

A Force to be Reckoned with...

Jackson Ehrenbeit

Bro. Jackson Ehrenbeit, youth member of Lodge Paramount Southgate No. 372, is a wrestler in the Bomber Wrestling Club and recently placed 5th in the state at the Ohio Athletic Committee (OAC) Grade School State Championships. What a showing by this young man. Jackson is a beginner to the sport but showed that he’s going to be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. This season he was a Novice State Champion and didn’t yield a point against him in the tournament.

He went on to the OAC Districts and won the entire thing! Jackson wrestled his way to the Quarterfinals before losing a tough match. He bounced back on Day 2 in the infamous “blood round” and claimed his status as All Ohio in his first attempt. Jackson finished (5-2) and won 5th Place in the State. Congratulations to Jackson and to his proud parents, Ben and April. He is also a 3rd grader at Timmons Elementary School in Bainbridge Township, Ohio.

Submitted by,
Bruce N. Marek
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