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On the Cover

This month’s issue is dedicated to honoring those who served or are serving in the Armed Forces. See pages 8 - 14.
Brothers and Sisters,
Hello to all. I hope everyone is well as we move into the Fall and (soon to be) Winter seasons.

All is well here at the Home Office. We’re prepping for our next Board Meeting, which we’ll have in November, as well as planning for the end of the year and all that goes with that.

As I’ve mentioned a number of times, one of my favorite things about my role is getting to get out and about traveling, visiting with our members, as well as meeting with CSA’s Fraternal peers.

Over these past few weeks, since our Convention that was in early August, I’ve been fortunate enough to get that chance again. In early September, our Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski and I attended an American Fraternal Alliance conference in Washington, D.C. This is the conference that we’re able to meet with members of Congress (or their staff) to pass along the knowledge of all of the good deeds that we, as Fraternals, do.

Later in the month, there was another conference put on by the Life Insurance Council (LIC) in which I was able to meet with peers and glean a few things from them.

As I write this article (in mid-October) I’ve just returned from attending our CSA Sales Leaders meeting with our Sales Manager Julie Souza. I also enjoyed spending a few days in Texas as a guest of one of our “sister” Fraternals.

Regarding that last item, that “sister” Fraternal, SPJST, is celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year, as they were founded in 1897. As many of you may know, SPJST was a part of CSA, or CSPS, as we were known back in the 1800s. Even as SPJST split away more than a century ago, our two Societies are very similar. In early October, in conjunction with their annual Czech Heritage Festival, they also had a 125-year Anniversary celebration. I’d like to thank my counterpart there, Mr. Brian Vanicek, who was gracious enough to have me (and CSA) down there for the event.

Prior to the end of the year, there will be a few more events that I, or other CSA representatives, will be at. Hopefully, we’ll run into you at one of them.

And, I can’t forget, as this is my November article, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Be well. Until next month,
Fraternally,
John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 6, 2022
1st Czechoslovak Garden Club Annual Banquet
Alpine Banquet House
11141 W. Roosevelt Road
Westchester, IL
Sponsored by 1st Czechoslovak Garden Club of America
Call Jan Sowinski at 708-484-8242
Call Carol Kala at 708-484-3729

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Opening!
80th Annual Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light
Experience Christmas with different cultures in a forest of 12 foot trees decorated to represent countries around the world. The Czech Christmas Tree will be on display through 1/8/23. Included with museum admission.
Museum of Science and Industry
57th St. & Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL
Sponsored by Moravian Cultural Society
www.msichicago.org
www.moravianculturalsociety.org
moravianculturalsociety@yahoo.com

Thursdays, March 24 through May 26, 2023
Beginners Czech Class
Group Online Courses
Language and Culture 1
Anna Cookova - CzechTalk
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (CT)
Course materials included.
Maximum 20 students.
A systematic approach using parts of speech
Czechoslovak Genealogical Society Intl.
CGSI Member: $220 / Non Member $245
Easy online access
10 weeks/15 hours
Learn to read, write, and speak in Czech
CzechTalk.com
annacookova@gmail.com
715-651-7044

Happy Thanksgiving
Volunteering... It’s What We Do!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We’re all familiar with our tagline, “Volunteering... It’s what we do.”

We have a fantastic group of members at CSA who selflessly give their time to worthy causes. There are cemetery clean-up days, visits to our members in nursing homes, and packing items for deployed US Armed Service soldiers. Those are just a handful of the things we do for other people, and we should certainly be proud!

This issue of the Journal features a group of CSA members who served to keep the United States free from harm. The men and women who serve and have served in the Armed Forces would lay down their lives for us if necessary. So, on November 11, make a point to thank a veteran for their sacrifice. After all, they are and were the group of people who ensure our freedom.

In October, I attended the Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival. It did not disappoint. I enjoyed the music, food, and vendors. I especially enjoyed watching all the festival attendees ask to take photos with Miss CSA Aubrey Suttelle. She sure is a good sport! I look forward to attending more festivals in the future.

If you would like Aubrey to attend any lodge activities or festivals, don’t hesitate to get in touch with me at: kdeegan@csalife.com. We will do our best to make your request happen. Also, if you have any ideas for the Fraternal Department regarding volunteering activities, please feel free to call or email me. All suggestions are appreciated.

I hope you and your friends and families have a warm and Happy Thanksgiving. Before you know it, Santa will arrive!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,
Kelly Deegan
Fraternal Programs Manager
Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409

Please send lodge articles to: csajournaleditor@gmail.com by the 12th of the month prior. (You will receive a confirmation email.)

Please address all Fraternal inquiries to: Kelly Deegan at kdeegan@csalife.com 1.800.543.3272 x 4307

2022 CSA Fraternal Calendar

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**Deadline for Journal articles – 12th of every PRIOR month**  
(for example: your article for February should be submitted by January 12 etc.)

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

The November Journal is always one of my favorite issues each year. It is the issue where we thank the veterans who are CSA members. We honor those exceptional individuals who risked their lives, put their personal lives on hold, and put their country first. Veterans Day marks the recognition and acknowledgment of military veterans and their services. We pause and take a moment to thank them for their bravery and courage.

On November 11, take the time to thank a person who is actively serving or is a veteran. Perhaps you can fly an American flag, attend a patriotic concert, or attend an event honoring our veterans.

October was another busy month. Kelly Deegan, Fraternal Programs Manager, Miss CSA Aubrey Suttell, Director Carol Tranter, and I attended the 8th Annual Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival. We enjoyed the festivities, the food, and the fellowship with old and new friends. Don’t forget, if you would like Aubrey to attend one of your activities, don’t hesitate to contact Kelly at kdeegan@csalife.com.

Adding to a busy October, the Get-Together Committee finalized the hotel for next August and started working on the plans. Committee Chair Irma Farrell will share those plans via Facebook and the Journal as they develop. As we are in the fourth quarter of the year, you should have received your lodge election forms a few weeks ago. Please give us a call if you did not receive them, or if you have any questions.

Since we are well into the fourth quarter of the year, we will soon close and audit the books for the year. Rest assured that we are taking care of your society so that we can reach the 200th Anniversary. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me at: mkoski@csalife.com.

We wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving. Christmas is just around the corner!

Fraternally,
Matthew Koski
Executive Secretary/COO/CRO

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Thank a Service Member or Veteran

The Ukrainian people are in the midst of a war, which is taking its toll on everyone around the world.

There is an organization in need of our support. Therefore, any donation made to the Ukrainian Youth Camping Organization, Inc. or any other organization that is a 501(c)(3) making donations to this ‘disaster’ would qualify for a 50 percent match with the CSA Serves Program. Your lodge will earn a point for your donation (LRP Page 5, item #7. Maximum two points, two separate donations. Maximum limit of $1,500.00 per lodge does apply.)

Please send your donation to the Home Office, Attention: Fraternal Department, so you are given credit and your lodge is listed in the Journal. Please use the standard donation form that you would use when sending a donation to any organization, with the check made payable to:

Ukrainian Youth Camping Organization, Inc.
2118 W. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Once your donation is received, we will process the matching funds and forward a copy to your lodge.
Hello everyone,

Wow, another month has already passed! I don’t know about you, but time is going by really quickly for me. I have been getting involved in a lot of activities at school and am doing well in all of my classes. I joined a few clubs like the pre-med club, knitting and crocheting club (I can knit but am still learning how to crochet), a community service club, and two Bible study groups. Aside from that, I recently got a campus job, working in one of our gyms. That’s been really great for me because I basically get paid to exercise and make sure everyone is using equipment properly! I have also been very fortunate to be making a lot of good friends that I get to spend time with. We like to go out to eat together, see movies, and are part of many of the same groups on campus so I have really been enjoying building these relationships with people. I know, you’re wondering when I actually study. Don’t worry, I do a lot of that, too! Ha ha, it’s all about balance.

I’m so happy because the weather has been getting a little chillier and the leaves are changing colors. Fall is my favorite season so, of course, I’m drinking lots of pumpkin spice lattes, baking at home (eating a little too much of what I bake!), and wearing all of my sweaters and flannels! I’m really grateful that I have the option to go home on the weekends and be with my family, being that my college is only about 45 minutes away from my house. I’ve gone home a few times now and it’s so nice to take a step away from the busyness of things to just unwind and relax.

I’ve been going home more the past few weekends because my dad and I like to hunt together and deer season just started a couple of weeks ago. It’s definitely a special thing that we do and I’m really thankful for the time that I get to spend with him in the woods. It means a lot to both of us. Maybe, in next month’s article, I’ll have a hunting picture to share with you all!

My younger sister, Ashlyn (16), and I also love this time of year because it’s spooky season! She’s a huge fan of scary movies (me, not so much) but we enjoy watching them together and preparing for Halloween. We also take advantage of all the candy sales at the store. I still need to figure out what my costume is going to be. That might be another picture that I share with you all!

In terms of CSA events, I have been unable to attend any lodge meetings due to school conflicts. However, I am planning on trying to attend a few local events during my winter break in December and January. Additionally, I recently traveled to Richmond, Virginia to attend the Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival. I’ll be sure to write about my experience in next month’s publication.

Until next time, thank you so much for your support and kindness. I have really enjoyed getting to know so many of you and am excited for what lay ahead this year for me! Enjoy this fall weather because winter is on its way (not that I don’t like winter. I just don’t like being cold!)

Sincerely,
Aubrey Suttelle,
Miss CSA 2022-2023
World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations…”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday:

Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA’s General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee’s chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations, and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

https://www.va.gov/opa/vetday/vetday-history.asp
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Thank You All For Your Service
Czech Festival Returns!

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – Our October meeting included, as usual, some of Gail Petelik’s collection of Halloween decorations, with our favorite, Caspar the rolling ghost, making his annual trek around the head table in the meeting room. While enjoying dessert, we made some dog chew toys by braiding lengths of fleece in different patterns. When we put in some volunteer hours at the Humane Society in St. Louis last year, we noticed that these seemed to be a favorite of the dogs there. It was an easy project, and a total of 17 toys were dropped off at the Humane Society in St. Louis. Nice work, everyone!

Big news from the ACEC Board of Directors – it’s official … our Czech Festival returns on Saturday, April 15, 2023 (that’s the Saturday after Easter), with all the Czech food, music, pastry, and libations you could want, plus the booths and activities we’ve had in the past and that everyone’s been missing the last few years. I’ll let you know more as plans are solidified.

If you’re a member of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society, International, I hope you were able to watch the Symposium of Czech, Slovak, and Carpatho-Rusyn cultural sites in the U.S. in October. I was pleased to give a “virtual tour” of the Czech cultural sites in St. Louis that focused on the original National Hall, our Czech Center, Sokol Camp, and St. John Nepomuk Church. If you’re not yet a member of the CGSI, consider joining. They provide educational, cultural, historical, and most importantly, genealogical resources, such as research databases, a digital library, and a quarterly magazine. CSA has been a supporter of the CGSI for many years, helping to sponsor their biennial conference and bringing info on us to everyone in attendance. You can learn more at cgsi.org.

I found another photo from the recent CSA Get-Together, showing members from Lodges Washington, Missouri, Spirit of St. Louis, and Estlian at the service project to benefit Ukranian children. What an important cause, and how great that we were able to provide some much-needed help.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman
Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio — Our September meeting was held on a very windy 57-degree day at the DTJ in Taborville, Ohio with nine members present.

Welcome back, Betty, who attended her second meeting this year. She said she is hoping be at more meetings.

Mary Ann brought some “Sunky” necklaces and pins (see picture) from past Get-Togethers and Conventions for us to see.

We sponsored a race and bought two horses: Fraternal Filly and CSA Stud for the October 8 “A Night at the Races” at the DTJ.

We will be holding the Election of Officers in November. If you are a member of our lodge and would like to vote or even be an Officer, please come to the November 17 meeting!

Please look at your policy(s) to see if you are eligible for the 50- or 75-year pin. Call Diane DiBianca at (216) 392-9074 to let her know if you are eligible and if you will be attending the Christmas/Pin Party to receive your pin.

Thank you to Bruce for bringing Kris, and to Diane for bringing Jan to the meetings. Thank you, Michelle W., for bringing meals to your neighbor, Cheryl, several times this year.

DTJ events coming up: Chicken & Duck Dinner, November 6; Roll Bakery pick up, November 20; and Christmas “Vanocka” Bread pick up, December 18. Go to: https://www.dtjtaborville.com/events.htm for more details.

Congrats to the 50/50 winners: Johnny (who won twice!), Donna, and me.

Mary Ann thanked Diane for the lasagna, salad, and bread for our lunch. Thank you, Mary Ann, for the desserts - Susie Qs and Lady Locks, and to Donna for the Cheetos as a snack. Everything was delectable!

Our next meetings will be at the DTJ at 10:30 on November 17 and December 1. Come to a meeting, reconnect with friends, and have a tasty snack.

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman
**We Need Your Presence**

**Lodge Pingree No. 366, Dearborn Heights, Michigan** – Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. I’m writing these notes in desperation. We recently lost Brother Jerry Vimr and that leaves Sister Marie Palmer and me to try and maintain our lodge. We need your presence! Our meetings are usually short and to the point, and are pleasant. We will hold off the Election of Officers until the end of the month, so that everyone will have a chance to read this and hopefully participate with us. The positions open are Sentry and Guide. All I can say is - please!

We still participate in the Food Pantry on the third Saturday of every month, at H.I.S. Church Anglican on Six Mile Road. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are done by 11:00 a.m., with our meeting immediately after. It is a very rewarding experience! Please join us.

_Fraternally yours,_  
_Jeff Teichman_

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**Looking Forward to Election of Officers**

**Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado** – It is beautiful here in Colorado. The air is crisp, the aspen leaves are turning gold and the sky is sapphire blue. Our sympathies go out to the Ian victims and our lodge will make a contribution to their reconstruction. My daughter spent the holidays a few years ago in Sanibel Island and is dismayed to see the destruction.

Our annual fall potluck was held at the lovely home of Irma Farrell, our lodge president. Attendance was wonderful - over a dozen people brought delicious dishes to share. A good time was had by all. Janet Farrar entertained as usual with her stories of good and bad hiking experiences. She spent several weeks this summer on a slow mail boat in the Norwegian Fjords, going from small coastal town to small coastal town. It is their only source of mail and supplies. There was time to do short hikes on the stoney paths with dazzling scenery.

Last but not least, Mary Lou Bennington and Bob Damerau had an exciting adventure in Colorado Springs. They took the Pikes Peak cog railway to the top of Pike’s Peak. They rode to the top of the 14,000 ft. mountain in the new cog passenger cars. At the top, they enjoyed a picnic lunch and explored the new facility, where there was a gift shop.

We are looking forward to our November meeting where we will hold elections for our faithful officers.

_Submitted by Pat Kenning_  
_Scribe_
Garage Sale for American Cancer Society

Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois – Lodge Brookfield held its annual garage sale in the latter part of September. We generally have been blessed with good weather for our events and this year was no exception. Our goal was to raise funds for the American Cancer Society towards our part of the CSA Serves project. Besides the sale of merchandise, we also received several generous cash donations from random walk-up customers to help our cause. Not bad for an event with no prior advertising.

Here’s something we learned: if you would like to meet your neighbors just hold a garage sale. So many super people whom we previously had never spoken with, but maybe saw around the neighborhood, stopped by to offer kind words of encouragement and wish us luck! Don’t be surprised if we sponsor another garage sale again next year.

For the 2022 Thank a Driver program, Sister Joyce Nemec acknowledged her postal carrier, John Vermillion, with a gift card. Jerry and Kimberly Silhan honored their carrier, Kurt Tokarski. We are happy to express appreciation to postal carriers across the country for a difficult job well done. Thanks!

Our regular Lodge Brookfield meeting times have been rescheduled to the first Tuesday of the month at the CSA Home Office. Be aware that our November meeting will be a special lodge event at a time and location to be determined. Contact President Barb Deig for details.

Fraternally,
Kimberly Silhan

The lodges of Region H are excited to announce that they will be hosting the 2023 Get-Together in Denver, CO. More information will be provided in the coming months.
Lodge Yankee-Jungman No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – After a long, hot summer, it was nice to meet and socialize at our September meeting. COVID still is affecting many events in our area. Hopefully next year things will be almost back to normal. Everyone enjoyed bingo and received a prize. Thanks to Ken for being our number announcer. We celebrated Eunice Semple’s birthday, a young 93, with a birthday cake. We also welcomed member Jodi Otzwirk to our meeting.

On September 19, Ken Dvorsky, Matthew Koski and Kelly Deagan from the Home Office, and I met at Ronald McDonald House. We donated 124 pounds of pop tabs. These will be used toward our lodge’s goal of another 1 Million Pop Tabs Club.

At our November meeting, we will hold the Election of Officers for our lodge. Anyone who is an active member is eligible to run for office.

The first weekend in October, my son and I drove to Western Illinois to partake in the Annual Scenic Drive. Autumn was in full gear with farmers harvesting corn and soybeans. It is a very different kind of life out in the country.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda

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Lodge Happenings

Election of Officers Meeting Notification

Lodge Kruh Osvojench Zen a Panu, Dillonvale, Ohio – Attention all members of Lodge No. 121, the Election of Lodge Officers will be held on November 13, 2022. The voting will take place during the business meeting of Lodge No. 121 at 3:00 p.m. in the social room of the Pizza Hut Restaurant in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Prior to the meeting for Lodge No. 121, District Council No. 9 will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the same location on the same date and their Election of Officers will also be held. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend!

Lodge No. 121 had their October meeting at the Golden Chopsticks Restaurant in Wheeling, West Virginia. Members enjoyed a variety of entrees including General Tso’s Chicken, Triple Crown Go Ba, and the House Duck - after a “pre-game” of egg rolls and Egg Drop Soup. We had some competition for our members’ attention during our meeting as the Pittsburgh Steelers were playing the Buffalo Bills on the restaurant’s big screen television.

We discussed our members’ volunteer work and charitable acts. We continue to transport each other to meetings, send cards to our shut-ins and youth members, and make phone calls and visits to neighbors, friends, and family members who can no longer get out and about. In our respective churches, some of us serve as ushers, greeters, choir members, church organist, session members, and communion servers. Members continue to collect medicine bottles and pop tabs in addition to donating gently used items to our local Salvation Army and homeless shelters. Some donate items to our local food pantries and often provide meals to ill, elderly, or disabled friends in our communities. We encourage each other to do whatever we can and as often as we can.

Congratulations are sent out to Elijah Lovell of Ohio Northern University. Elijah received his first official lab coat in ONU’s White Coat Ceremony held back in late September. All third-year pharmacy students were presented with their lab coats by professors in the pharmacy department. Elijah was able to celebrate the occasion with some family members who were able to attend the special event on campus. We wish Elijah all the best as he continues his course of study in pursuit of a PharmD certification. You can do it!

In case you didn’t know, the Steelers ended up losing to the Bills - 37 to 3. For life-long Pittsburgh fans like my husband, it was a great disappointment—to say the least. However, if the Bills are your team, you were probably on top of the world. Life is like that. At any given moment in time, someone on earth is truly elated, and someone is suffering. If we never struggled through bad times, we wouldn’t be able to fully celebrate the good things that come our way. Call it coincidence, but my fortune cookie (on the day of our meeting and football game) said, “No matter how tall the mountain is, it cannot block the sun.”

Here’s to some beautiful “unblocked” harvest sunshine. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Remember to check on someone you love today.

Blessings,
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Lodge Happenings

New Beginnings and 100 Years of Longevity

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Brookfield, Illinois – Happiest of wishes to newly-married Noah Hemzacek and his bride, Lauren (Yaussy), married on September 25 in Westminster, Colorado. A joyful representation of their love and commitment, the day combined long-time family and Czech traditions with unique elements crafted for the couple’s own style. The occasion was even more special for our lodge-family. The Hemzacek clan, gathered together after a long pandemic separation in a family reunion of sorts. On this beautiful sunny day, Noah’s parents Wayne and Beth, sisters Kate and Allie, and Hemzacek cousins celebrated family togetherness, especially for the couple. To Noah and Lauren, we wish you all the very best in your future together!

You already heard about Mil Mentzer’s recent milestone 100th birthday; wow - what a celebration it was! In 100 years, Mil wove a rich tapestry of life that includes a huge number of friends and fans, and many of them were present to officially celebrate the occasion with Mil and her family. Members of CSA, Sokol, and other circles were represented. We join all of them in wishing the best of everything to our dear friend. Mil, 100 looks very good on you!

Thank you to Steve Ramirez for once again this year serving as our lodge outreach to deliver gift cards to hard-working delivery drivers. As part of this year’s CSA ‘Thank a Driver’ program, Steve presented three delivery drivers with gift cards purchased by our lodge, and their happy faces reflect their gratitude.

The year is quickly coming to a close, and I offer another reminder that our holiday toy drive, other community outreach, and December potluck are all part of our annual traditions. Please reach out to me if you’d like to participate!

Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving and upcoming holiday season!

Fraternally,
Jean Hemzáček Laukant
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Lodge Happenings

Halloween Spirit

Lodge Missouri No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri – Our October meeting was brief, discussing plans for our November social with Lodge Washington and plans for our Christmas meeting/party. That left us plenty of time to get in the Halloween spirit, decorating pumpkin faces and making Frankenstein candle holders. The crafts were followed by delicious treats and a couple of games with Halloween themed prizes.

Until next time,
Marla Breidenbach

“Medieval”

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois – Our submission is always a month or two behind the publication date of the Journal, primarily because submission deadline is usually before our meeting is held. Therefore, I will report on the results of the Election of Officers in the December issue.

In the meantime, our meeting was held on September 14, 2022 in Cicero, Illinois, at the T. G. Masaryk School. The usual protocols were accomplished with both secretary and treasurer reports accepted. Replies to solicitations were acknowledged by votes by the membership with contributions going to the Salvation Army for the immigrants from Venezuela, and another contribution to the USO. During the lodge meeting, we were informed that there was an increase in membership in our lodge and that the T. G. Masaryk School enjoyed the addition of a new teacher.

We learned that many repairs at the Bohemian National Cemetery have become necessary and that some progress is being made. Ed Slavik, Dolores Klejko, and Ken Dvorsky attended a meeting at the cemetery and learned that at least 30 diseased trees have been removed from the property.

While leafing through the Chicago Tribune on September 9, 2022, I came across a critique of the movie, “Medieval,” by the journalist Katie Walsh. The headline read “Gory story of Czech folk hero suffers from an identity crises.” My curiosity took over. It seems Jan Zizka was a 15th century Czech hero. Katie reports that “….he was a skilled, ingenious, one-eyed warrior who led peasants and rebels into battles that he never lost.” The story is written and directed by Czech filmmaker, actor and stuntman Petr Jakl and, in part, his father, Petr Jakl, Sr. It appeared that they had “tremendous reverence for the man, his mission and for his brutal, bloody reputation.” Jan Zizka is played by intense actor Ben Foster.

The plague has encompassed Europe and the Catholic Church is in disorder. There are two popes, one in Rome and one in France. There are two brothers, one crowned and the other scheming behind his back to steal the throne. A Lord Boresh, played by Michael Caine, takes the bull by the horns and hires Jan as a mercenary to kidnap Lady Katherine, the fiancé of a Lord who is the scheming brother’s ally. She is also the niece of the King of France. Political games, seeding ambushes, “double crosses, mercenaries and peasants fighting to gain control of Katherine, who falls in love with her captor, Jan, and his honor” unfold. You can take it from here! “Medieval” is out now in the theaters. Check your schedules, whether newspaper or internet, because it is now playing somewhere near you. Oh, what wondrous tales we tell!

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. We meet at the T. G. Masaryk School at noon. We review volunteerism, benevolence, and other communal, individual and future activities of the lodge. The meeting is open to all members. And if you have ideas for other activities, we are open to any suggestions you may have. The meeting is the place to share. Consider this an invitation to attend our meetings. Please join us!

Fraternally submitted,
Elaine Tejcek
How to Make Your Own Bird Feeder

Lodge Minnesota No. 210, Owatonna, Minnesota – Lodge Minnesota met on Tuesday, October 11 at Owatonna Pizza Ranch. Our member Eunice Meixner demonstrated to our youth “how to make your own bird feeder”. First find a nice pinecone, cover the pine cone in shortening, then roll it in bird seed. Set in a refrigerator or somewhere cool to have the pinecone to firm up. Tie a string on the top and hang in your favorite tree to feed your favorite birds!

Fraternally,
Carol Rypka, Secretary

Remembering Members Who Have Served

Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois – On September 22, Lodge Sionilli’s business meeting was held at the McCook Family Restaurant. We enjoyed a delicious Czech dinner and the company of our members in attendance. Future meetings were discussed, and dates were scheduled to work around the active members’ schedules. Since we will not be meeting in November, our annual meeting will take place on Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Town Hall, 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, Illinois 60546. We plan to invite Lodge R. T. Crane and Lodge Rovnost to join us for dinner, which we will provide.

Veteran’s Day is November 11. We remember especially our members who have served and who are presently serving in the armed forces: Joseph Topinka, Major James Smolucha, and Major Michael Smolucha. To our courageous veterans, we are so grateful for your service and sacrifice to serve every American in this country and for preserving our freedoms. Thank you for your bravery, the risks you take, and the many sacrifices both you and your family make. Your service is greatly appreciated not just today, but every day!

Fraternally,
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Honor Flight!

Lodge Estlian No. 404, Fairview Heights, Illinois – Hello, members. Our member, Adolph Choura, recently visited our nation’s capital as a distinguished member of an Honor Flight. Adolph Choura, Army, Korea served from 1951-1953 as a PVT 1st Class. He was stationed in Germany and protected the borders.

The Greater St. Louis Honor Flight #99 was named “99 is Divine” There were 58 veterans on board: 2 WWII (one was 97), 19 Korea, and 37 Vietnam. In addition to the veterans and their guardians that accompanied each of them, there were 20 Honor Flight Team member chaperones to make sure all were well taken care of throughout the long day. Adolph’s guardian was his niece, fellow member, Carole Middendorf.

Everyone checked in at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13 at St. Louis Lambert International Airport. While in Washington D.C., the Honor Flight members visited six Memorials: Lincoln, Korea, Vietnam, WWII, Iwo Jima and Air Force; along with watching the changing of the guards at Arlington. The salute and slide of the shoe by the Sentinel approaching the changing of the guard to honor the veterans was impressive and very emotional – but the entire day was very emotional from start to finish. At Arlington, one of the Sentinels spoke to the group of veterans about his time protecting the tomb. The commitment and dedication these volunteers give in honor of our soldiers is remarkable.

The plane returned to St. Louis at 8:00 p.m. that same evening, and all were welcomed back by the St. Louis County Police Bag Pipers. There were also several military personnel in full uniform at full salute as all the veterans and their guardians walked through the line. Carole shared that it looked like 1,000 people were there to welcome them home with cheers, flags, and even the St. Louis Blues Hockey mascot and cheerleaders. What a way to end a remarkable day! Carole was able to surprise Uncle Adolph with his great nephew, Todd Choura, flying in from Grand Rapids, Michigan; just for the welcome home. Also there to greet them when they arrived back were cousin, Patty Begley; Carole’s best friend, Tami Schuette and her husband, Jerry. Only four people per veteran were allowed to come to the airport that evening for the welcome home. Adolph, please know we all would have been there if we were allowed in!

Carole also shared, “It was an exhausting day but so very worthwhile and one I will never forget. Uncle Adolph was very happy to be able to go and see all the Memorials and especially the Korea. I would do it again in a heartbeat just to honor our veterans.”

Thank you, Adolph, for your service to our country!

We had a nice lunch in September and are planning our Christmas party luncheon for Sunday, December 4. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Libbyrich4@gmail.com or at 618-978-5869.

Fraternally,
Libby Rich
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – We had 14 members attend our October meeting. It was a lively meeting with lots of discussion.

We talked about the Pin Party on December 11 at St. Michael's Woodside Party Center at noon. It was decided the following: Non-attending members will pay $35.00 a plate, non members will pay $45.00 a plate, members attending one to seven meetings a year will pay $30.00, and members who attend eight to 12 meetings a year will be free. There will be music, open bar, betting on side boards, and door prizes. Freddie Shima generously volunteered to bring ten $5.00 door prizes. Please call Tony Genco at 440-886-2420 to get tickets. Please bring your family and friends to this event, as we need at least 50 people attending.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: It has been decided to not hold the Junior Bowl-o-Rama this year due to low attendance in the past.

We will hold the Ohio/Penn State Tournament next year (2023) on October 21 and 22. There will be more information at a later date.

Our Wednesday morning bowling league is doing well. We have a great time and go out to lunch afterwards.

We discussed changing one of our charities to the Red Cross for the damage caused by the hurricane in Florida. This will be decided in January.

We also talked about our upcoming elections. Since our long time Treasurer, June Karecki, will be stepping down, we will need a new treasurer.

Dusty Clark and his wife Bonnie celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Our 50/50 raffle winners were Joanie and Freddie.

We played a few games of bingo, with a lot of winners.

Freddie Shima provided a yummy dessert and passed out bags of Halloween candy. Thanks, Freddie.

Our meeting in November will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Parma Heights Library.

Fraternally yours,
Judy (Sevcik) Genco

Pin Party Planned

Lodge Groveton No. 4, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania – Hello Brothers and Sisters! We hope everyone had a delightfully spooky Halloween! Our October meeting involved a delicious Czech dinner followed by a presentation. Terry and Kathy Placek prepared pork and dumplings, salad, and a vegetable tray. Jean Placek made a couple of desserts for all to enjoy!

Wyatt Forrester, son of Dana Placek, gave a presentation on Countries Around the World by Size! It was a fantastic presentation and a great learning experience for all members at the meeting. Wyatt even answered questions from the audience afterward. Great job, Wyatt! We are so proud of our youth members and love their involvement in meetings and events!

As a reminder, Lodge Groveton meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Groveton Fire Hall. The November meeting will involve nomination and Election of Lodge Officers. It will also be pizza night! If anyone is interested in more information, please contact Terry Placek at: tffplace@verzion.net.

Lodge Groveton is also on Facebook. Any member can add “Lodge Groveton” as a “friend” to keep up with all lodge happenings! We wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,
Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich

Countries Around the World by Size
Miss CSA Visited the Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival

Lodge Virginia No. 230, Colonial Heights, Virginia – After two years of pandemic hiatus, the Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival returned during a picture-perfect weekend in Prince George County, Virginia. Our Lodge has supported the festival since its first incarnation, nearly a decade ago.

On Saturday, October 15, the CSA Fraternal Life information table was hosted by Dorothy Michalek, Ann Michalek, Chris Ault, and Shirley Franchok. We had a lovely location in the fall shade under the Pin Oak trees behind the historic courthouse building. Chris and her husband Bruce Ault also hosted an adjoining booth for Canine Companions, which provides therapy dogs for those in need. The two well-behaved Labradors were a hit with children and adults alike!

We were so delighted to be joined by national representatives from CSA Fraternal Life, including Miss CSA Aubrey Suttelle, Matt Koski, Carol Tranter, and Kelly Deegan. Carol and Matt have been supporters of the festival since its inception, and it was great to have them back.

CSA Executive Secretary and Treasurer Matt Koski said, “We’re always delighted to attend and help support the local Czech and Slovak festivals as they occur around the country. After 2020, many of them shuttered. Slowly but surely, they seem to be reappearing one at a time. This is the first one that’s come back for Virginia, and we’re glad to be here.”

CSA Region B Board Member Carol Tranter added, “I’m so very happy to be here after two years of not having the festival. It’s really very nice to be back again. The day is beautiful, the weather is great, the food, the people, everything is nice.”

Miss CSA Aubrey Suttelle and one of our youngest members Audrey Vlk were happy to see how similar their first names were. Miss CSA also shared some useful advice with the potential future contestant. We wish Miss CSA the best of luck with her studies and thank her so much for attending – she carries the crown very well and is a true ambassador.

Many of our members were in attendance and stopped by our table. Longtime member Emily Cerny visited with us for a while with her family members. We had fun CSA Fraternal Life giveaways for festival goers to take home, and we educated many people throughout the day.

The festival was an unqualified hit in its return year. Koláče, nut rolls, and pivo all sold out before the conclusion of the day. The festival organizers and volunteers did an excellent job with the logistics, scheduling, and the entertainment lineup. No one left with an unhappy face, it was smiles all around on a 73-degree fall day in Virginia.

Fraternally, 
Bruce Vlk
Scholarship Fund Donation Form

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

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

Enclosed is my donation of $ ___________

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

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Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois – Fall has told us it is here; leaves falling, temps dropping, and time to turn the heat on. Our October meeting was a celebration of the 71st anniversary of Gladys and Emil Zemanek, and a delicious meal from the Colonel was had. We had a busy meeting with donations made to Honor Flight Chicago, Salvation Army for disaster relief, the CSA Scholarship Program, CSA Serves, and the T. G. Masaryk Czech School.

We received a thank-you letter from CSA for our donation to the Ukrainian relief.

Members participated in a raffle with the lucky winner getting a huska. Then, the next half hour was spent talking about the old neighborhoods from Pilsen, Česká Kalifornie, and Berwyn.

Our meetings are at the Czech Škola if you want to join, call me.

Fraternally,
Ken Dvorsky

Thank a Veteran

Lodge Queensdale No. 422, Woodside, New York – With Veteran’s Day approaching, we want to acknowledge all lodge members who are currently serving or have served in the military. We thank you for your service and the sacrifices made by you and your families to secure our freedoms. Remember to thank a veteran this November 11.

Lodge Queensdale’s annual Election of Officers and convention delegates will be held on November 7, 2022 at noon at St. Jacobus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodside, New York. The District Council No. 2 meeting will immediately follow.

Fraternally yours,
Joanne Murnane
Welcome, Lisa!

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Our October 17 meeting was called to order at CSA’s Home Office. Nine members were present and D.C. No. 12 President Ken Dvorsky.

After the Pledge and reading and acceptance of the minutes, Pres. Linda Burton welcomed our new member, Lisa Cassai, a life-long member of CSA originally from Berwyn, Illinois. Lisa was active in juvenile activities like ballet, tap, Bowl-o-Rama, and her favorite, the District Council No. 12 Annual Christmas Party, where Santa always gave her the gift she wanted (courtesy of her grandmother!). Later she attended classes at Sokol Tabor. As an adult, she lived in Naperville and recently moved to Montgomery, Illinois. She claimed being able to attend a lodge meeting has been on her bucket list. Those present introduced themselves and told a little about past work and family life. We were thrilled to welcome her and, because she is still working, hope to see her when her schedule allows.

We also were very happy to welcome back Sis. Helen Gaydusek and daughter Karole. We’ve missed our Treasurer and she reported our lodge is in sound financial condition.

Bro. Ken reported classes have begun at T. G. Masaryk School with 60 students enrolled. Fifty adults are taking Zoom classes and many are located around the country. The school recently won an award for their work in promoting Czech culture.

Sis. Linda held our annual Memorial Service featuring a lovely poem accompanied by music by Dvorak.

Ken Dvorsky thanked officers Linda and Dale Burton for their delegate work during CSA’s Convention and Sis. Gerri for her Journal article praising D.C. No. 12 for a great Get-Together. Sis. Linda praised and thanked Sis. Helen for all her work in the Convention Office. Helen does a great job getting delegates registered and handling the many duties of the Office.

Discussion continues about our Lodge combining meetings with another D.C. No. 12 lodge. Gerri and Dale will approach the lodge to ascertain their interest and possible agreement.

After much discussion, it was decided the lodge would donate $100 to Feeding America. This donation will provide 2,000 meals to the needy. Too, the Lodge is donating $100 to CSA’s Scholarship Fund in memory of deceased members.

Pictured are members playing Hot Potato and Sis. Gerri attending a “Hopes and Dreams” night at her parish center. One hundred fifty people attended to express their wishes for the future of the parish.

Our November 15 meeting and Election of Officers will take place at Westchester Inn Restaurant. On December 11, our Christmas meeting will take place at McCook Restaurant. We hope we’ll see some members we haven’t seen in a while.

For fun we wished a happy birthday to Sis. Helen with the birthday song and played a game of Hot Potato which brought back a lot of childhood memories. Sis. Kelly Deegan won the game and the “grand” prize, which she donated back to the lodge treasury! Sweets and coffee followed the meeting with members discussing holiday plans.

Fraternally,
Gerri Romanelli
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In Memoriam

Mildred Calek, a long time member of Lodge Yankee Jungmann No. 77, passed away on June 19, 2022, one week before her 91 birthday. She was born in Chicago to parents Antonia and Frank Vasko.

Never content to sit still, Mildred volunteered at the PTA, as a leader in the Girl Scouts, and a member of a book club and quilting club. While working full time as a secretary, she earned an Associates Degree.

She went to Czech school for many years though she could speak it fluently. She wrote letters to relatives in the Czech Republic. After her husband suffered a stroke, she was his caregiver for 20 years.

Millie was an active member of Lodge Yankee Jungmann No. 77. She served as Treasurer and Sentry over the years. She took the Lodge’s pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House, made quilts for the veterans at Hines VA and always was donating to the St. Barbara’s Food Pantry. Her specialty at our meetings was her homemade desserts.

Being home bound because of her illness didn’t stop her. We kept in touch and always brought her the latest news of our lodge.

Millie was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Joe Calek, and her brother Jerry Vasko (Gloria). She is survived by her daughters Anne Calek (Dave Lochery) and Alice Dory (Rich), son Joe Calek, and grandchildren Matt Dory (Alyssa), Dan Dory (Morgan), and Allison and Andrew Calek.

Lodge Washington No. 30 is mourning the loss of bro. Charles D. Jerabek, who passed away on October 5, 2022 at the age of 77. Charlie was a life-long CSA member and represented the lodge on the Board of Directors at the American-Czech Center in St. Louis, where he served as its President three times, most recently from 2007 until his passing. He was also a lifetime member of Sokol St. Louis and held the office of Treasurer. Charlie was one of the hardest workers at the ACEC and at Sokol Camp, donating his time and talents on projects big and small. He bowled with the CSA Mixed League in St. Louis, and was part of the Friday Night Singers and the Beseda Dancers. Charlie is survived by his wife, Peggy, many nieces and nephews and their children, as well as cousins and friends throughout the Czech community in St. Louis. He will be greatly missed.

Nadia Slama, member of Lodge Queensdale No. 422, passed away May 10, 2022. She was born on July 12, 1941 in Veltez, Czechoslovakia. She emigrated to the U.S. in early 1969. She was a long time member and served as Lodge President for several years. She always brought laughter and fun to the meetings. At Christmas time, she would bring lodge members homemade cookies. Nadia was an amazing woman who loved others beyond measure. She had many friends and enjoyed entertaining. Nadia is survived by her children Vladimir and Jane Slama. A memorial mass was held in June at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Astoria, New York. Rest in peace, Maminko Zlata.
Super Busy Month!

Lodge Svetlo No. 277, Caldwell, Texas

August was a super busy month for members of Svetlo No. 277. August started off with members Susan Skrabanek and Carolyn Doonan attending the 42nd CSA Convention and the 2022 Get-Together. We had a great time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I was honored to be a judge for the Miss CSA contest. Both contestants did an amazing job. Congratulations to Aubrey Suttelle.

Carolyn and I both participated in the service projects, bringing clothes to support the people of Ukraine and school supplies for the backpacks.

Besides the activities of the Convention and Get-Together, we ventured out and visited the Graue Mill and Museum in Oakbrook on Friday morning then went to Elmhurst for lunch and shopping. We enjoyed visiting the Navy Pier and the sailboat outing on Saturday. Sunday, we headed to Wrigley Field and watched the Chicago Cubs play the Seattle Mariners. (I had the Chicago dog.) After the game, we went and enjoyed some Chicago style deep dish pizza. Thanks to Terry Placek for driving us to the game.

After a six hour flight delay, we finally made it back to Texas. The next day, August 9, we had our monthly meeting at the Steak/Seafood Restaurant in celebration of my birthday. A big thank you to my sister, Carol Petty, for making the birthday cake for all to enjoy, and to Shirley Vavra for the sweet birthday present. While at the restaurant, a former student of mine that had just lost his home in a fire came up to our table to say hello. After hearing of his loss, several members of our lodge blessed him with a monetary donation. Later that week, several members enjoyed a bus trip to watch the Houston Astros baseball game. A fun time was had by all.

Since my last report, I have been appointed as a sales agent for CSA and wrote my first two policies, which I hand delivered at the Convention. Lodge No. 277 welcomes Gary Skrabanek and Mikaela Pyron (now Skrabanek) to our lodge.

Susan Skrabanek
**Lodge Happenings**

**Baby Shower!**

**Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois** – Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434 met Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Manzo’s Banquet Hall in Des Plaines, Illinois. A short meeting was held, as following the meeting a baby shower was held for Nicole Malusa.

The topic of our meeting was about our Vice President Frank Francis and his wife Mary Lou and their daughter and son-in-law Catherine and Mike Malusa. They survived the hurricane while they were in Naples, Florida. They were without water and electricity for five days. Their condo survived the hurricane but Mary Lou’s car was destroyed. They are back home safe and sound. God watched over them.

We then went over lodge business.

We discussed the up and coming lodge elections in November. We were trying to find out who would be willing to want which office. After discussing this, we couldn’t decide on a date in November to hold the elections. We finally agreed that the elections could be held on either November 6 or 13. Once we decide which date, the members will be notified.

The meeting was then adjourned and Nicole’s baby shower began.

**Andy Bultas**

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**Planning Underway for 2023 GTG**

**Lodge Betsy Ross No. 151, Lombard, Illinois** – Brothers and Sisters, Lodge Betsy Ross met on October 18 via a hybrid meeting.

After discussing and approving the financials, the lodge members discussed the 2023 Get-Together. Irma Farrell, Matt Koski, Anna Trush, and Heather Koski visited the hotel in Denver, Colorado, at the end of September. The hotel is very accommodating and is in a great location! Anna and Heather are the Get-Together Committee members and have started the planning process. In addition, Nick Kosmas is investigating the possibility of having a group of CSA members travel to Denver via train. As the Committee finalizes the plans, all will be shared via the Journal and Facebook.

Kelly Deegan, Fraternal Programs Manager, attended our meeting and informed our lodge of possible Lodge Recognition Programs. Her ideas were great, and we can’t wait until she shares her ideas with the whole Society.

We then agreed that the Officers of Lodge Betsy Ross would remain the same for 2023:

- Nick Kosmas – President
- Matt Koski – Vice President
- Nancy Reagan – Treasurer
- Anna Trush – Secretary
- Heather Koski – Scribe

We will continue having hybrid meetings. Nick will email everyone the meeting invites. If you are a member of Lodge Betsy Ross, we would love to have you attend. Also, if you are a lodge member and haven’t participated in a meeting in a while, let us know how you are doing.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Heather Koski**

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Czech to English

Listopad……………………………November (Lis-to-pad)
Veterán……………………………..veteran (ve-te-rán)
Válečný vězeň………………prisoner of war (vál-eč-ný vě-zeň)
Padák……………………………parachute (pa-dák)
Vojáci helmut………………soldiers helmut (voj-á-ci hel-mut)
Dopisy z domova………………letters from home
……………………………………(do-pi-sy z do-mo-va)
Stojící stráž………………standing guard (stoj-i-ci strá-ž)
Být povolán do armády…being drafted into the army
……………………………………(být-po-vo-lán do ar-má-dy)

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