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On the Cover
We’re celebrating veterans in this issue of the Journal.
Brothers and Sisters,

As we move towards the end of the year, in addition to health and happiness, on behalf of my family and everyone here at the CSA Home Office, I’d like to wish our membership a happy and enjoyable holiday season!

This is always a wonderful time of the year, from the weather changing, in not too bad of way (yet!), to the beauty of the colors changing, to all of the events that are available. It’s truly a great time.

From a business standpoint, things are going well here at CSA. We’re, again, on pace to make a profit, which will add to our surplus and capital. The Governance of CSA, with our Board of Directors and our great Home Office staff, is strong. Of course CSA Fraternal Life has a number of wonderful Fraternal benefits and programs that we’re always working on improving. We’ll continue to strive daily to keep CSA strong and continue the 165-year tradition that has been built.

In the weeks ahead, I’m looking forward to attending a number of lodge meetings, holiday parties, and other cultural events. We’ll also have a number of our CSA-ers out there, from Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski, to Sales Manager Julie Souza, to Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell, and, of course, our Miss National CSA, Hunter Yurkovich. One way or another, we hope that we’ll see you out and about this holiday season.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Fraternally,

John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
President

John Kielczewski with Lodge Empire State No. 448
Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 3, 2019
83rd Annual Banquet with the First Czechoslovak
Garden Club of America
Alpine Banquet House, 11141 W. Roosevelt Rd., Westchester, Illinois
Doors open at 12:30 p.m., dinner at 1 p.m.; $30 to attend.
RSVP at 708-484-8242 or firstczechgardenclub@yahoo.com
www.firstczechgardenclub.com

Sunday, November 14, 2019
Annual St. Cecilia’s Dinner Dance
Czechoslovak American Musicians Club, Mayfield Banquet Facility
6072 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, Illinois
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.; $32 ticket
RSVP with Ed Sasin at 312-806-0708 or mredsins@netzero.net

Saturday, November 23, 2019
CCACC Christmas Bazaar
Chicagoland Czech American Community Center
6635 Cermak Rd., Berwyn, Illinois
Save the date; Fun for the whole family! www.chicagocacc.org

Sunday, November 24, 2019
D.C. 12 Family Holiday Party
Safari Land, 701 W North Ave., Villa Park, Illinois
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See page 16 for details.

Saturday, November 30, 2019
78th Annual Christmas Around the World
Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago
5700 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois
11 a.m. – Program included with general admission to
the museum. The Czech tree will be on display until
January 5. Hosted by the Moravian Cultural Society
www.moravianculturalsociety.org or www.msichicago.org

Sunday, December 1, 2019
D.C. No. 12 Cultural Division Christmas Party
Crystal Sky Banquets, 7941 47th St., McCook, Illinois
Doors at noon, dinner at 1 p.m.; $25 to attend.
D.C. No. 12 Lodge Officers will be honored
(They must be in attendance to be honored.)
Raffle to be held and Cultural Division cookbooks for sale.
RSVP with your Lodge Secretary or call
Caroline Johnston at 708-387-9423.

Sunday, December 1, 2019
St. Nick Pancake Breakfast
American-Czech Educational Center
4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Breakfast is served
10:30 a.m. – St. Nick arrives
$6 for adults; $4 for children 12 and under
Admission includes meal, games, craft, and a gift
from St. Nick. The Christmas Boutique will have
items available for purchase.

*All Journal articles are due the 12th of the month prior to publication
(Ex: Articles for January would be due December 12.)
We Owe Our Veterans a Debt That We Can Never Fully Repay

Hello, Brothers and Sisters,

In this annual military Journal issue, again we have featured the names of various CSA Fraternal Life members who have served, or are currently serving, in the U.S. Military. We tip our hats to you. The lucky ones are those who come back healthy and mentally sound, with opportunities and a loving support network waiting for them. Though, we know that not all veterans are so fortunate. Many return injured, and some don’t return at all. Many have a hard time coping with what they saw and can’t deal with the trauma they endured.

Thus, it is imperative that we continue to support those who gave their all during times of war. The National Veterans Foundation (NVF), the American Veterans Foundation (AVF), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation (VFW) are just a few of the various organizations that do their part to assist those who sacrificed so much for our freedoms. If you or someone you know is a veteran and needing support, please call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, or you may text 838255. Please remember that although November is when we officially honor our military heroes, we must not forget them during the other eleven months of the year. Their service and sacrifice should always be commemorated.

The Fraternal Department had a lot going on in October! I was able to attend the 2019 CGSI Genealogical and Cultural Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska for the third time in a row. The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) organization holds this event every two years, and hundreds of guests come each time to listen to speakers discuss genealogy, history, and culture. I spent the week with Board Chair Irma Farrell, Sis. Maryellen Vialpando, and Sis. Beth Egan. CSA Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski joined in on the fun for a bit, then quickly headed off to Prince George, Virginia for the Virginia Czech & Slovak Folklife Festival with 2019-20 Miss National CSA Hunter Yurkovich.

I always look forward to networking with other passionate Czechs and Slovaks who are eager to learn about what CSA Fraternal Life has to offer to the community. Some visitors are long-time CSA members just stopping by the table to say “hi”, but others are learning about us for the first time. Not only do we spread knowledge of our organization’s fraternal benefits and good works, it’s always fun to reconnect with members that we don’t get to see very often. It was great meeting the 2019-20 Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant winner, Anna Tombazzi. We spoke about scholarships, pageants, kroje, and all things CSA. It was also nice to visit with Anna Cookova, Owner and Founder of www.czechtalk.com, a language and translation service. Last but not least, I would like to thank CGSI Conference Chair Paul Makousky for all of his hard work, and we look forward to future events!

It has been quite an eventful fall season so far. I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes preparing for the Christmas season. What do you want Santa to bring you this year?

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

The other day, my eldest son picked up a notice of TSA’s random baggage search that had fallen out of my suitcase onto the floor at home after I had returned home from a visit to New Jersey. My wife explained how much air travel has changed since we were young. We discussed how early you need to be at the airport now and how to dress so you can get through security faster. Heather mentioned that when she was a child, anyone could go into the airport and escort a passenger all the way to the gate. Many people would dress up for a plane ride, and smoking aboard a flight was common. My son was shocked. You see, AJ was born about six months after 9/11. Our children have always lived in a society with heightened security. Balancing freedom with security is a moving target, to be certain.

We should be proud of the freedoms that our country provides us. If we did not have the military being ever vigilant and prepared to defend us, we would not have the freedom that we enjoy today. We should take a moment and remember those families that have sacrificed to keep us safe and those countries that we have alliances with. Veteran’s Day reminds one to take the time to thank those that have served and continue to serve. This year, let’s strive to be thankful every day for those who have served our country to preserve our freedoms, and let’s appreciate those freedoms.

As mentioned above, I was recently out east. In October, I enjoyed my first visit with Lodge Bratri od Sazavy No. 211 with Director Carol Tranter. I always enjoy attending lodge meetings throughout the country. It is interesting noticing the differences in lodges and how they operate, however it is also comforting seeing the fraternal bond that each lodge shares. I had the pleasure – along with Director Ledvina, former Director Ditch, and a number of Iowa members – of participating in the Especially For You Race Against Breast Cancer 5k event in Cedar Rapids for the fifth year. We enjoy joining the Iowa members for that worthy cause.

The next time I’m held up in a long TSA line, I will stop and reflect on my freedoms and those who have fought hard so that I can continue to enjoy them. Take a moment to thank a veteran!

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.
Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is enjoying the autumn season! October and November have been busy with school. I spend most of my days in the library studying for exams or completing practice NCLEX questions. However, I do take time to live a little! Recently, my Love Your Melon Campus Crew attended the Light the Night Walk on the North Shore in Pittsburgh. The annual event is sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which is the largest health agency dedicated to blood cancer. It’s a great opportunity to advocate for lifesaving treatment, raise money for promising cancer research, and remember and honor those touched by cancer. My favorite part of the night was watching the Circle of Survivors light their lanterns and lead us into our walk!

In October, I had the opportunity to attend a couple CSA activities. First, I was able to meet a bunch of members at the Penn/Ohio Bowling Tournament. I found out that I’m a terrible bowler, but I still had a great time! I also travelled to Virginia to attend the Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival. I was able to experience traditional music and dancing, as well as try new foods!

Lastly, November is the month where we officially honor our military heroes. On Veterans Day, we honor all current and former members of the Armed Services. To all those who have served and those who continue to serve, thank you for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for us all.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Fraternally,

Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich
2020 CSA Get-Together

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for: “Seeing Clearly in 2020!” We are a family and volunteering is what we do! Clearwater Beach Florida, July 31, 2020 – August 2, 2020.

Information for our 2020 Get-Together has been mailed out to all the lodges. Please share this information at your holiday parties and remind everyone to get their registrations in as soon as possible. Registration packets will also be available to download on the CSA Fraternal Life website. You can also visit our Facebook page: “2020 CSA Fraternal Life Get Together – Clearwater Beach Florida”.

Each month, I would like to highlight a part of our upcoming Get-Together so you can feel our excitement, too. This month, I would like to highlight the 2020 Get-Together Cash Raffle: Over $500 worth of cash prizes will be given out at the 2020 Get-Together, as we do every year. There will be six different cash prizes: $150, $125, $100, $75, $50 and $25. Tickets are one for $1 or 6 for $5. We are sending 20 tickets to each Lodge. More can be provided. Here is the best part: The winners need not be present! Wow! We will send you the money! Fill out your name, address and phone number on each ticket and send them with your check to: CSA Lodge Slunce No. 374, 19175 SE 44th St. Ocklawaha, FL 32179. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward the CSA Scholarship Fund.

A very special place in Clearwater, Florida, is the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. They are a non-profit organization with the goal to rescue, rehab, and release marine wildlife found along the Florida Gulf coast. I hope that you will plan to visit there with us during the 2020 Get-Together. Their work is really amazing and they are making such a positive impact on our marine wildlife!

We are in the midst of celebrating two special birthdays at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium: Winter, the dolphin from the “Dolphin Tale” movie, is turning 14. Hope, who also lives at Clearwater Marine Aquarium, is turning 9!

Winter the Dolphin has an incredible story of survival and determination! Let me tell you more about her story as shared by Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

**Winter’s Survival Story**

Winter was found stranded in Mosquito Lagoon, near Cape Canaveral, Florida when she was only two months old, entangled in a crab trap line which cut off circulation to her tail flukes. After disentanglement, she was transported to Clearwater Marine Aquarium for treatment of her extensive injuries. However, despite exhaustive efforts to promote healing, her tail deteriorated and could not be saved. Her story is unusual – most dolphins trapped in monofilament and crab trap lines do not survive. Despite overwhelming odds against survival, Winter’s energy and ability to adapt to her new physical form surpassed expectations. She recovered completely, adapted to a new swim pattern and learned to eat fish on her own... about 12 pounds a day!

**Lasting Lesson to Protect Marine Life**

Winter’s case was one of the most difficult for CMA. Her story is a bittersweet realization of the dangers faced by animals as a result of human activities in the wild, such as fishery interactions. Through these types of interactions, dolphins and other marine life often become susceptible to entanglement and ingestion of fishing line or other gear that can cause them to become injured, ill or potentially lead to their death. In order to mitigate these impacts and conserve these species, it is critical for us to do our part and keep our oceans clean and recycle and promote laws and regulations that improve upon fishing practices. Together, we can make a difference!

**Injured Veteran’s Family Met Their Inspiration at Clearwater Marine Aquarium**

U.S. Army Sergeant Eric Edmundson was severely injured during his deployment near the Iraq/Syria border in 2005. Though he survived, his brain was injured, limiting his ability to speak and walk. He would require years of determined rehabilitation, but his injuries did not stop him from living his life as a loving father.

Edmundson, his wife and their two children, Hunter (8) and Gracie (14) of New Bern, North Carolina, have bonded over the inspiration they found through Winter the Dolphin’s story in the “Dolphin Tale” movies. On Friday, April 12, 2019, Edmundson and his family visited Winter and Hope, the rescued dolphins at Clearwater Marine Aquarium for a special experience together.

In 2005 — the same year Winter was injured and rescued — Sergeant Edmundson was injured during his army deployment when the shrapnel of an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated under his vehicle. The explosion ruptured his spleen, broke his patella, fractured his vertebrae and caused him to sustain a traumatic brain injury. While waiting to be transported to a hospital, Edmundson was without a pulse for 30 minutes, causing him to also sustain an anoxic brain injury. The injuries left Edmundson unable to speak or walk, although his cognitive skills remained completely intact.

**Recovery Through Rehabilitation and Support**

Edmundson was determined to not only survive with traumatic and anoxic brain injuries but live his life to the fullest and make a difference for others. Through hard work and years of rehabilitation, as well as family and community support, Edmundson is able to communicate through a computer device and has regained some control of his hands now. He is also able to occasionally rise and walk a few feet out of his specially equipped wheelchair.

As a means for therapy and for providing support to his fellow wounded soldiers, Edmundson has learned how to paint with the help of a device that allows him to hold a brush. The proceeds from the paintings Edmundson creates are given to help his fellow vets have meaningful and healing experiences.

“Eric’s ability to be a loving father was not affected by the horrific incident overseas,” says his father Ed Edmundson. “The Dolphin Tale movies and Winter’s story has been an inspiration and a common bond for our family throughout our journey.”

You can see Winter, Hope, and many of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium residents on their Live Web Cam. It’s so cool! Visit their website: www.seewinter.com.

Fraternally,
Bernadette Bleiker
Honoring CSA Members Who Served Our Country

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District Council

Christmas Luncheon Scheduled for December 5

District Council No. 10, Northern Ohio - The September meeting was held at the Maple Heights Library with 13 members present. Diane and Jan R. said the Get-Together was very nice, they had a good time, and there was lots to do to keep busy. Everybody had a good time at the District Picnic. Diane asked for suggestions for the menu next year. We do not want to do burgers, as people ended up eating at different times, waiting for the burgers and dogs to cook. Suggestions included fried chicken, ribs, and pulled pork. Judy suggested that if we want to do burgers, we could precook them and put them in broth so they stay juicy. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

Diane asked for nominations for the officers for this year. President Diane DiBianca, VP/Secretary Annette Reichman, and Guide Mary Ann Toncar were re-nominated for their respective positions. Voting will take place in December for the Treasurer’s position. Nominated were June Krecki and John Weiss.

Our next meeting is December 5 at noon for the District Christmas Luncheon at The Clubhouse in Parma. On December 8, the Christmas/Pin Party will be at the Woodside Event Center.

Diane would like to remind the lodges to get their lists together of eligible 50 and 75-year pin recipients. Make sure to check your policies to see if you or someone you know is eligible to receive a 50 or 75 year pin! Please also check your policies to be sure the beneficiary is correct and update your address with the Home Office if need be.

Thank you, Diane, for the Baraona’s Donuts!

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman
Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament
District Council

The CSA Fraternal Life Home Office and District Council #12 are hosting the Family Holiday Party

Sunday, November 24, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Safari Land
Indoor Amusement Park
701 W. North Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181

Rides, Games, Pizza, and Santa!

RSVP Requested By:
Tuesday, November 19, 2019

RSVP by mailing the form to the CSA Home Office, emailing Amanda at alovell@csalife.com, or calling us at 800-LIFE-CSA.

Checks payable to: CSA District Council #12 (may be submitted at the party.)

Write Lodge Name or “Guests”:

Kids (Ages 0-17) FREE! Adults (Ages 18+) $5 EACH

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“Czech Me Out!”

Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Maple Heights, Ohio – Our September meeting had seven members present. Diane received thank-you cards from Project Night Night and from CSA for our Scholarship Fund donations. Members Mary Ann Toncar, Diane DiBianca, and Jan Dembowski attended Lodge Cleveland Chapter’s Crock Pot Cook-off on October 5. On October 12, DTJ Taborville held “A Night at the Races”. The lodge sponsored a race and bought a horse - “Czech Me Out!” As always, our lunch was tasty and Mary Ann provided a delicious dessert. After the meeting, Mary Ann, Diane, and I checked out the Hungarian Businessmen’s Club at 15805 Libby Road in Maple Heights for the Lodge Christmas Party. More details to be found at the end of this article.

The October meeting was held on a quintessential fall day. The leaves were changing to beautiful rust, yellow, and red colors, falling as the winds blew by. President Mary Ann Toncar decorated the room with fall placemats and Halloween tablecloths. John Weiss gave a report on the Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to our team, the “Corlett Movers,” which included Bill Miller, John Weiss, Ron Johnson, and Jeff Bardoun. They took 2nd Place! 1st Place doubles were won by Jeff Bardoun and Ron Johnson. Bill Miller won 4th Place and Jeff Bardoun won 5th Place in singles. In all events, 1st Place was won by Jeff Bardoun, and 3rd Place was won by Bill Miller. Looks like you guys were smoking hot on the lanes at the Meadows Lanes. John said Terry Placek did a fantastic job at organizing the event and had the checks mailed out to the winners in a quick manner.

Our Sunshine Girl was busy sending out cards to our sick members. We’re thinking of you all and miss seeing you. Sympathy, wedding, and congratulations cards were all sent out to various members. Recipients included Jeff and Linda Bardoun and Courtney (Ou) and Max Sollisch. The Lodge Recognition Program was discussed and we are finalizing a few requirements in order to be on track to receive the Platinum Award. Fran Weiss and Virginia Dvorak are thankful to their children John Weiss and Diane DiBianca for bringing them to meetings. Without them, they would not be able to attend. If you are a member of our lodge but can’t drive to meetings, please let us know and we may be able to arrange a ride for you.

“Happy Birthday” was sung to Lou Sulnik. 50/50 winners were Fran Weiss and Diane DiBianca. Thank you to Mary Ann Toncar who raffled off fall and Halloween decorations to each member in attendance. We also thank you for always having a special homemade dessert for us at every meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on November 21 at the Maple Heights Senior Center at 10:00 am. RSVP with Mary Ann Toncar. Remember that December 15 is pick-up day for Christmas Vánočka at DTJ Taborville. Please place your orders in advance by contacting Kris Marek. While we discussed holiday baking, Lou Sulnik told us he used to make a lot of pies, and he has a good homemade recipe for flaky and delicious crust. At noon on December 15, we will meet at the Hungarian Business and Tradesmen’s Club located at 15805 Libby Rd. in Maple Heights, Ohio. The menu will include chicken paprikash, dumplings, and rolls with butter.

In January 2020, our meeting time will change to 10:30 a.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at the Maple Heights Senior Center. Don’t forget, for $1.50 you get a delicious lunch, too. Make sure to check up on your insurance policies. If the beneficiary needs changed or an address needs updated, contact the Home Office. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

“What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.”

~ Agnes M. Pahro

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman and Diane DiBianca
Lodge Missouri No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri – Members in attendance at our October meeting reviewed our good progress on this year’s Lodge Recognition Program. Plans were made for meetings for the remainder of the year.

Following the meeting, pumpkins were decorated and Halloween-themed games were played.

We welcome our newest Lodge member, Carson Schneid of Pensacola, Florida. Congratulations to Alex Wolf and Ashley Whittleaker who will be married on November 22.

Until next time,
Marla Breidenbach
Busy with Bowling

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – It was a beautiful fall day for our October meeting! We had 12 members who attended, including a returning member, Frank Svaty.

We received a thank you letter from Providence House for all the donations we gave them last month, a thank you from the Svaty family for our scholarship donation for their deceased mom, Betty Svaty, and a thank-you from the Home Office for our scholarship donation for our passed member, Marie Zanzano. We paused for a moment of silence for three of our members who recently passed away.

Many of our members attended a very fun Crock Pot Cook-off fundraiser on October 5. There was a lot of food, desserts, music, an “Ugly T-shirt” contest, raffle baskets, and a trivia contest. Everyone had a good time and they left with their tummies full.

Our bowling league is going well. We could use one more person to fill out a team, so contact June Karecki if you’re interested. Some of our members decided to get team bowling shirts. We have a great time, especially going out to lunch after bowling.

Some of our members went to the Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in October at the Meadows Casino.

Dolores Clark informed our lodge that she has crocheted 460 lap blankets for the V.A. since March of 2014! What a great and generous achievement, Dolores! Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Kathy Gawrilow and Jan Russell for their delicious lunch of cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, warm apples, donuts, and a beautiful cake. Kathy got the cake for our member, Camille Shima, who will be 94 this month!

Our Junior Bowl-o-Rama will be on April 19, 2020, so mark your calendars!

Our 50/50 raffle was won by Karen Buzek and Frank Svaty.

Fraternally,
Judy Genco
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Lodge Happenings

Getting Closer to the One Million Mark

Lodge Yankee-Jungman No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – A week before our September meeting, Lodge member Ken Dvorsky presented our Lodge with approximately eight pounds of pop-tabs from the vets for Vets American Legion of North Riverside, Illinois. Thank you for such a generous donation. It brings us closer to achieving our goal of one million pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald house.

I want to thank our Lodge members who so generously donated much needed items for the veterans at Hines Hospital. Don’t forget November 11 is Veteran’s Day. Take time out to remember them. Many of us had family members serving during war time or peace time. Thank them for their service.

After the meeting, we enjoyed conversing about the CSA Get-Together and summer vacations, with pizza and desserts that members brought to the meeting.

It will be election time at our November meeting. Any member interested in an office is welcome to attend the meeting.

A Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, and remember to put down the cell phones, stop texting, and have a fun day with the family.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda

Scholarship Fund Report

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IN MEMORY OF DECEASED LODGE MEMBERS
Lodge Empire State No. 448

IN MEMORY OF BEATRICE BAUMGARTNER DE LACY
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IN MEMORY OF FRANK & BLANCHE WENZEL
Shirley Claggett
Eddy & Abby Wenzel

TO CONTINUE CSA’S TRADITION OF ASSISTING YOUNG MEMBERS IN PURSuing THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Lodge Brookfield No. 475
Lodge Missouri No. 001
Donation Match/Lodge Empire State No. 448

IN HONOR OF ST. CLAIR LANES AND ALL DECEASED MEMBERS
Lodge Bellaire No. 310

IN MEMORY OF PAST LODGE MEMBERS
Lodge Queensdale No. 422

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS
Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378

TOTAL DONATIONS $4,000.00
Happy News and Happy Travelers

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Lombard, Illinois – Our lodge is delighted to announce an addition to the Dropka family! Baby girl, Kamila Rose, was born to Mike and Christiana Dropka on August 12. Grandmother Missy, great-grandmothers Mil Mentzer and Dorothy Dropka, and great-uncle Cary Mentzer, are just as proud and happy as can be to welcome Kamilka. Congratulations to all!

Several lodge members have spent time this month traveling to the ‘homeland’: Anna Ramirez just completed a 6-country tour, including Slovakia and Czech Republic. Coincidentally, my cousins Elaine Hemzacek and Fe and Bill Petterson enjoyed traveling through the Czech Republic, including connecting with a number of family members and visiting the ancestral home and the hometown of our grandmother.

Don’t forget December’s holiday potluck and toy drive! Join us for this annual celebration of a year of good works, friendship, and fun. As always, entrées will be provided; please bring dessert or side dish to share. Toy collection includes not only toys and games, but books, winter accessories, gift cards, and more to brighten holidays for children in our community of a range of ages – toddlers to teens. Help us to make this the best collection ever! Remember: if you cannot attend the December meeting, give me a call and we can arrange a pick-up. Hope to see you soon!

Fraternally,
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Lodge Happenings

Many Events Ahead!

Lodge Independence-Liberty Bell No. 408, St. Louis, Michigan – Wow, this summer has certainly flown by way too fast and it looks like fall weather is here to stay! But Michigan is beautiful this time of year with all the gorgeous fall colors.

Our monthly Euchre Tournament was held on Saturday, September 21 with 52 players and, as usual, lots of fun and yummy food. Our next Euchre date is Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 sharp. Bring a dish to pass and come join us.

We are having a Decades Party on Saturday, November 9 at 7:00. Come early and dress up in your favorite decade. It will be a night full of surprises. Food will be provided. There will be music from 8-11 by the band “Count and Change” from Saginaw.

We are also planning a Trivia and Soup Cook-Off for sometime in January. Keep watch for more details. Trivia night is so much fun.

We would like to give a special thank you to Scott Wood, Lenny Anderson, Mike Naperoski, and their committee for all the hard work and dedication they have done on the Benefit Rides! The latest benefit held on June 22 for Michelle Tryon was the biggest one ever, with over 100 motorcycles and raising over $1400.00. This was the third Benefit Ride and more are being planned.

We now have special plaques displayed on our CSA wall commemorating each event.

Fraternally yours,
Mary Anderson

The Yacht Game

Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois – We held our annual Yahtzee Tournament following an abbreviated October meeting. Yahtzee is played with five dice and can trace its roots to several earlier dice games. A player needs to understand the basic probability of rolling certain patterns of numbers but a degree of luck is required to roll a high score.

Dice may be rolled up to three times in a turn to make various scoring. After each turn, the player chooses which scoring category is to be used for that round. The scoring categories have varying point values and once a category is used in a game, it cannot be used again. A Yahtzee is defined as five-of-a-kind and scores 50 points, highest of any category.

The game was invented by an anonymous Canadian couple who called it the “Yacht Game” because they played it on their yacht with friends who enjoyed the game. Later, an entrepreneur realized the possibility of marketing the game and acquired the rights from the couple in exchange for 1,000 gift sets. Yahtzee was first copyrighted and marketed in 1956.

This year’s fabulous tournament winner was Dale Burton, visiting from Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison. After the games, we all enjoyed some light snacks and fraternalism.

Next month, we will conduct our Movie Night on November 13. The movie will be “Green Book,” about a sophisticated pianist and his crudely practical chauffeur touring the deep South in 1962. Members and guests are welcome. Our December Christmas meeting is planned for Stevens Restaurant in Downers Grove on December 11.

Lodge Brookfield meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at CSA Home Office in Lombard, Illinois. See you there!

Fraternally,
Kimberly Silhan
Lodge Happenings

Donations Recognized

Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois – A nice fall day greeted our members for our October meeting. We started off the meeting by reading a letter from the CSA Fraternal Department, acknowledging our CSA Serves donation to the T.G. Masaryk Czech School, as well as the CSA Home Office’s 50 percent match contribution. As we’ve said many times before, our members support the efforts of this Czech school.

At our meeting, reports were given by delegates. Andy talked about the school and the completion of their new roof. At this time, there are 90 students enrolled. I reported on the Bohemian National Cemetery. Gladys discussed the recent Moravian Day festivities and how she and Emil really enjoyed the band that performed. Norma told us about the Houby Day Parade on Cermak Road. Roy mentioned the recent Sokol Spirit Oktoberfest. The lodge decided that we will donate to the CSA Scholarship Fund and to disaster relief efforts with the Salvation Army and Red Cross.

A special birthday was celebrated for Gloria Schultz. Thank you, Rosemary, for the cake. Our Christmas Party will be held on December 14 at the Czech Plaza Restaurant. Contact me if interested. Remember, November is the month where we hold our Annual Meeting.

Fraternally,
Ken Dvorsky

Thanks for Joining Us!

Lodge Bratri od Sazavy No. 211, Little Ferry, New Jersey - Our lodge thanks CSA Executive Secretary/Treasurer Matt Koski for joining us at our lodge meeting at the Little Ferry Public Library in October.
Otto Kenning, 3, welcomed his brother Hugo into the world on August 15, 2019. They are the great grandsons of Pat Kenning and great nephews of Mary Campe.

The program for our October meeting was about “Bohemian Diamonds,” otherwise known as garnets. Members brought pieces of their jewelry to show the wide variety of cuts and settings.

Maryellen Vialpando, Mary Campe, and Beth Egan worked at the Action Center’s Beautiful Junk Sale on September 27.
Lodge Happenings

Housing Forward

Lodge R. T. Crane Jr. No. 7, North Riverside, Illinois – The first weekend in October was a busy one for us! It began with us volunteering for Housing Forward on Friday, October 4. Many lodge members prepared food such as soup, sandwiches, and cookies. Vera Wilt, Mary Lee, and Jim and Pat Thompson served the meals to 39 people in need alongside the Mater Christi Parish Women’s Guild. We had prepared food for 50 people so the leftovers (cookies and grapes) were used for breakfast the next day.

Later that weekend on Sunday, October 6, some of our members met up to watch the Houby Day Parade in Berwyn and Cicero. It was a beautiful, sunny, fall day!

Charmaine Thorfeldt and her husband Dennis recently took a train to Multama Falls, Oregon. Their two day ride traveled along the Columbia River. They stayed in Oregon for a week and really enjoyed their road scholar tour!

Fraternally,
Alix Fron

Young Member Starts Letter-Writing Campaign

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – The month of October featured our traditional display of Czech artifacts at the St. Louis County Library, with ceramics, needlework, and a copy of a poster by Czech artist Alphonse Mucha, created to promote the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis. We’re always pleased to show off some of our collection to the public, especially since October is Czech Heritage Month!

Our young member Annabella Ryals organized a letter-writing campaign at her school, Wohlwend Elementary, on behalf of Honor Flight. Dozens of letters thanking our veterans for their service were gathered and delivered to the local organizer, to be handed out to those individuals on Honor Flights to Washington beginning next spring. Great job, Annabella – we’re proud of you!

We made more plans for our Lodge Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 8 at the American-Czech Educational Center. We’ll have a nice meal, a visit from Santa, a gift exchange, the ever-popular candy jar guessing game, and fun for everyone. Also on the schedule is a guest speaker from Operation Brightside to tell us about the group’s efforts to make St. Louis cleaner and greener, plus a special collection to benefit patients at the Jefferson Barracks Veterans’ Hospital. It’s going to be a busy day, and members should look for their invitations in the mail soon.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman
Lodge Happenings

Holiday Social

Lodge Rovnost No. 53, Indian Head Park, Illinois – Well summer is over including the picnics, the Get-Together, and many other things everyone did over the summer. Now it is time for Thanksgiving and the preparations for Christmas. We also have to face the cold and snow which is coming soon. We also enjoyed a visit from Alex Schulz and her son Gus who came in from Germany in September, where several members were able to visit with them at the Lanzel’s.

If you are not aware, the Cultural Division is having their Holiday Social on December 1, and we would love to have you join us at Crystal Sky Banquets for lunch. If you need more information and would like to join us, and have not been to your lodge meeting lately where the information was sent, please call Caroline Johnston at 708-387-9423 and I can give you all the information.

Fraternally,
Caroline Johnston

Subway Surprises

Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora, No. 231, Cicero, Illinois – Our meeting was called to order on September 11, 2019. The Minutes and Treasurer’s Report were read, approved, and accepted. We were informed of several communications requesting charitable contributions. Some were approved while other requests were tabled for future consideration.

Something more from the Get-Together! During dinner on Saturday evening, Marianne Slavik, sister to Ed Slavik and Delores Klejko, won coupons for the Subway restaurant in Cedar Rapids. Marianne, a resident of Puerto Rico, and in the Chicago area visiting her siblings at the time and a member of our lodge, knew the coupons would not be used. Therefore, she donated her coupons to a resident of the Cedar Rapids area. Several days later, Marianne received a letter in the mail from the individual thanking her for the coupons and enclosed with the letter was a check for the worth of the coupons.

Members of our lodge attended a picnic sponsored by the Czech American Congress on July 28. The picnic was well attended and included good food including potato pancakes. The Czech dancers were part of the entertainment and there was a swimming pool for the children. They also attended a fund raiser picnic on September 8 at Rosary Hill, a convalescent home for seniors run by the Dominican nuns. It was a family picnic with games for children, good food, raffles and music.

Lodge member Mary Lou Jirak has been taking it easy at home. We can’t wait to see you soon! Mary Lou is the widow of Vladimir “Jerry” Jirak who passed away on August 13, 2014. Many of you will remember Jerry as the host of the Czechoslovak Radio Hour on WCEV-AM 1450. He spent 30 years on Sunday mornings broadcasting Czech music and interviewing Czech celebrities. Mary Lou and Jerry came from Lodge Bila Hora to Lodge Century of Progress in a merger several years ago.

In searching the web, I found a short biography for Jerry. It seems he was born in Prague in 1925 where his family operated a restaurant in the Old Town area of the city. According to the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library website, both Jerry’s parents died by his 16th birthday so he worked as a waiter and his sister worked as a seamstress.

Following World War II, Jerry became active in the Boy Scouts. Later in 1947, while attending a Boy Scout jamboree in France, he met Clarence Beebe, the head of the drum and bugle corps from Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Beebe became his sponsor, after slipping out of Czechoslovakia in 1948 and bouncing around Europe and Australia as a refugee working various jobs, when he immigrated to the United States in 1959.

Fraternally,
Elaine Tejcek

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Lodge Groveton No. 4, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania – We are in the heart of fall at Lodge Groveton. That means the weather is getting brisk, leaves are changing, and are preparing for the upcoming winter months. Even though the beautiful weather is behind us, members of Lodge Groveton are still finding fun ways to entertain themselves. From bowling tournaments and volunteer projects to upcoming dinner parties and benefit walks, our lodge is looking to finish an event-filled 2019 in strong fashion.

World Vision is an organization that Lodge Groveton has volunteered with numerous times. Their goal is to provide those less fortunate with the opportunity to receive necessities they may not have. Lodge Groveton was blessed to have an opportunity to send four of our dedicated members – Gigi, Barb, Vince, and Terry – to help pack and send boxes of clothing to families and children who need it. By spending a few selfless hours volunteering, not only did these four help those in need, but they exemplified what volunteering and CSA are about. Lodge Groveton looks forward to working with World Vision again in the future.

Sometimes our lodge members decide to take some time away from volunteering to unwind and have some fun. Lodge Groveton participated in the annual Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament with this year’s being held at the Meadows Casino Lanes. Lodge Groveton had about a dozen members participate and even though we did not all bowl at the top of our games, I can easily say a fun time was had by all. We are always looking for more bowlers and teams to participate in this tournament so please be on the lookout for information on the upcoming 2020 tournament being held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Visit our Facebook page, Lodge Groveton, to keep tabs on our upcoming activities for the rest of 2019. Lodge Groveton participated in an Autism Walk on October 26 that provided families that have children with Autism a chance to meet other families and have a fun experience. On October 27, Lodge Groveton sent eight members to a Racers for Tots Bingo event that benefits children in need. Feel free to inquire about joining Lodge Groveton in other upcoming events as we are always looking to help provide a better life for children and families in need. Until next time, take care and enjoy the crisp fall weather.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Gary Forrester
November activities for our lodge include: hosting the quarterly meeting for District Council No. 9, holding our own lodge meeting where we will elect officers for 2020, a fall craft project for members, and addressing holiday cards for veterans.

Our November meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17. This meeting will take place following the meeting of District Council No. 9 and will be held at Dillonvale Presbyterian Church Social Hall. At that time, our annual election of officers will take place and all members are invited and encouraged to attend. We will also be making plans for our annual post-holiday celebration which will be held in January of 2020—a great way to kick off the new year ahead!

Members recently gave their support to the Spaghetti Dinner held at Piney Fork’s American Legion Post #735, the Literacy Night/Fall Fair held at West Elementary School, Dillonvale’s Fall Fair where donations were given to the American Legion Auxiliary’s raffle baskets, and the Community Family Fellowship Night hosted by the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. Thanks to all of our members for their community involvement!

Congratulations are sent out to our Youth Director, Brother Elijah Lovell, who was a king candidate for Buckeye Local High School’s 2019 Homecoming Court. Elijah was also recently elected as a Co-President of the school’s chapter of the National Honor Society alongside his friend, Conrad Scheutz, a fellow senior.

We wish to send special thoughts, well-wishes, and prayers to all of our veterans and military personnel nationwide. We hold you in our hearts and honor you for the sacrifices you have made. This brings to mind the saying, “Blessed are those that can give without remembering—and receive without forgetting.” Most veterans are extremely humble about their service. Many do not even wish to speak of it in detail. However, for the rest of us, we cannot ever forget the ultimate gift we have received as a result of their service and dedication—the gift of peace.

To all veterans: Thank you for your service! To all our members and friends: Never, ever forget!

Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell
Lodge Prokop Velky’s Annual Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church. We will honor the 50 and 75-year members at this gathering. Money will be collected for the veterans for Christmas.

Our youngsters will have their Youth Christmas Party at Bender Pool on Saturday, November 30 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

We are still talking about the 83rd Annual CSA Get-Together that took place here in Cedar Rapids. We are so thankful that many of you came. You brought items for the Service Project, joined us in all of the events that the GTG Committee planned, and joined in the Hospitality Suite that was shared with all. It is always nice to see friends that we have met before and to meet new CSA family members. Thank you for your kind words in the September Journal articles and many thanks to Cynthia Hall for all of the great pictures.

Congratulations to Lodge Prokop Velky’s youth member Emily Nejdl who won the Charles T. Kropik Scholarship Award this year. We are so proud of Emily and all the work she has done for us and with us over the years. She is so deserving of this honor. Emily is a wonderful person and we have enjoyed watching her grow up to be a proud Czech and a great friend.

A discussion was held and a motion was made to change the starting time for the winter month meetings held in November, January, and February. We normally meet at 6:00 p.m., but during these months, we will hold the potluck meetings at noon.

For the month of September, the drawing for the attendance award went to Barbara Pulkrab, who donated her winnings to the Czech National Cemetery. Michael Papach’s name was drawn for October and he also donated to the Czech National Cemetery as well as St. John’s Cemetery. Thanks to both of you for your donations.

Here is a list of the upcoming events for your calendar:

- November 6: Lodge Meeting and Election of Officers at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church at noon
- November 30: Youth Christmas Party at Bender Pool from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- December 12: Christmas Party at Meadow View Nursing Home at 2:00 p.m.
- December 13: Annual Christmas Party at St. Wenceslaus Church at 6:00 p.m.
- January TBA: Lodge Meeting at noon
- February 5: Lodge Meeting at noon

*Note the time change during winter months.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Fraternally,

Barbara Edmunds
Lodge Happenings

Winning Chili!

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison, No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Our October meeting was called to order by our President Jerry Gaydusek with the Pledge and CSA password. Members welcomed Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. There were no bills or correspondence. Jerry then turned the meeting over to Vice President Lyn Burton.

D.C. 12 Cultural Division will meet on November 6 at noon at the usual place. We celebrated Helen Gaydusek’s birthday and Annmarie and Ken Antos’ anniversary. We discussed our November meeting and decided that we will hold our Memorial Service for passed members. Also, member Phil Arnone and friend Andre Gargano will discuss Rosencrantz, a program dedicated to high schoolers who are struggling with substance abuse and addiction. Due to their schedule, our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7. Light refreshments will be served.

Helen and Jerry attended the wedding vow renewal ceremony of Jim and Sandy Gaydusek – their son and daughter-in-law – in Las Vegas. To add to the occasion, great-granddaughter Jada Hanson presented Jim Gaydusek with his 50-Year Pin.

Helen gave the Treasurer’s Report. Our lodge is in good shape financially and our treasury continues to grow at a modest level. Our Holiday Dinner Party will be at Sawa’s Old Warsaw on December 18 at 6 p.m. We will have a Christmas Raffle along with our traditional Christmas Card Exchange. Please contact Helen Gaydusek at the Home Office if you will be attending.

We discussed our charitable giving. Members voted to donate items to Hope’s Front Door for CSA’s matching gift in the CSA Serves program. Gerri Romanelli will contact them to see what is needed most for their clients and if anything special should be donated for the holidays. We are also donating $200 to the CSA Scholarship Fund.

Lyn gave the “rules” for our Chili Contest. All were given ballots and small taster cups. We were to give each of the five chili offerings a taste. Afterwards, we were to fill out a ballot reporting on taste, preference, and who was the favorite. Members definitely went back for seconds. Karole Gaydusek was the proud winner of the contest with a Tex-Mex style chili. Thanks to the Burtons, Karole, Gerri Romanelli, and Jim and Judy Wozniak for their offerings. The Wozniak chili was Cincinnati-style, served over spaghetti. Delicious!

Dale Burton cranked up the projector and we all enjoyed watching “Bewitched,” starring Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell. Lots of laughs and light romance!

Our monthly raffle followed and $55 was raised for our charities. Please feel free to attend our next meeting to learn about the Rosencrantz Program.

Fraternally,

Gerri Romanelli
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Greetings From the San Francisco Peninsula

Lodge Golden Gate No. 252, San Mateo, California – It’s hard to believe that it is autumn and we haven’t sent an article into the Journal this year. The member that did a wonderful job of corresponding for us is no longer attending meetings, and we miss him and his expertise. As the presiding officer, I wish to send greetings to you all from the San Francisco Peninsula. It is a beautiful time of the year with autumn colors forming and nighttime temperatures dropping. Daytime weather is sunny and temperatures are in the high 70s and above.

We meet once a month on the first Friday of the month in the morning at members’ homes, rotating on a quarterly basis. Lately we have been going to the Martineks’. Jim and Carol always have some delicious sweets to eat while we hold our meeting. We always go out to lunch and afterwards we play Bingo.

We are very proud of two of our youngest members who entered the 2019 Jr. Bowl-O-Rama. Charlie Dean entered the Boy’s Division #2 and with a score of 311, he won 1st Place. His older brother Jack entered the Boy’s Division #3 and with a score of 271, he won 3rd Place. They are the grandsons of Walt and Carol Strach. What more can I say but a big congratulations!

Other youth members participated as well. This year we have attended several plays—“Wicked,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” and the opera, “Rusalka.” I was not aware that Antonín Dvořák – who is known for his European music – had written this beautiful fairytale. Rusalka was first performed in Prague in 1901. It hasn’t been seen in San Francisco since 1995. The opera was said to be based on “The Little Mermaid.” English subtitles on the adjoining screen assisted us (with our meager command of the Czech language) so we could enjoy the opera.

Last December, we did go to see the “Nutcracker.” Several members went to the San Jose Giants game (farm team for the S.F. Giants). We always go out to dinner after a social event. We usually go to Golden Gate Park to visit the Rose Garden. Unfortunately, weather and other conditions did not allow us to do so this spring. For this event we are joined by Sokol San Francisco and sometimes the Czech School. The Sharks, a hockey team playing out of San Jose, have two Czech players and had a night when they were honored. We were proud to be among the several hundred Czechs who attended and will go again this year.

We are a traveling bunch! Carol celebrated her 80th birthday, taking all of the girls in the family to Hawaii. Joan Kemr is currently on a cruise. Albert Siebert visits the Czech Republic every year for three months. I, personally, travel within the United States visiting Masonic Organizations. The Jones and their grandma visited the big island of Hawaii. Several of the Martinek grandchildren are in college and Owen Mastalir is a sophomore at Cal Poly University, where he is on the triathlon team.

We do volunteer at the Sunnyvale Community Center as a group, individually I volunteer at the Masonic Home, and Jim volunteers with the city of San Jose. Albert volunteers daily at a Santa Cruz Senior Center. We also support the CSA charities and have voted to allow each member several hundred dollars to donate to charities of their choice.

In December, we will have our traditional Christmas meeting with roast pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, and strudel for dessert. Early in the month, my Christmas tree will be up and my house decorated. We hope that you will hear from us soon. We will try hard to keep in touch!

Sincerely,
Pat Mastalir

Lodge Happenings

Completely Moved From Our Past Building

Lodge Estlian No. 404, Fairview Heights, Illinois – The holiday season is rapidly approaching, so I will wish you all a blessed season now before it gets too busy. So from all of us to all of you, Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas.

Not a lot is going on here at Lodge Estlian, but we want to make you aware of a couple of changes in our lodge.

We’ve moved completely from our past building and now meet at restaurants. Our President, Michael Kupinski, will send emails to remind us of future meetings. Please notify Mike or me if you wish to be notified.

The Fourth of July party will be held as usual at Mike’s beautiful lake property. Invitations will be sent to your email address. Our Christmas party is scheduled for the second Sunday in December. Look for our invitations.

If you have news that you would like to share in our future Journal articles, please notify me by email at: ardnas210@aol.com or call me at 618-830-8532.

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