Representatives from CSA Fraternal Life enjoy the 2018 Czech Centennial Gala in Chicago, Illinois.
President’s Piece

Happy Holiday Season!

Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the end of the year, in addition, of course, to health and happiness, I’d like to wish our membership a happy and enjoyable holiday season!

Over the years, as I have written these Journal articles, I’m sure that I have brought up that this is my favorite time of the year. The weather is starting to change, it’s not too cold (yet), and the leaves are starting to change. If you’re a sports fan, we’re transitioning from baseball to football and, of course, the holiday season is upon us. All in all, it’s just a fun time of the year. Hopefully, you get a chance to enjoy the season, whether it is visiting a pumpkin farm, picking apples, or perhaps even taking part in a CSA activity.

Here at the Home Office, our year is trending well from a business perspective. We’re on pace to make a profit, which will add to our surplus and capital. As you know, CSA Fraternal Life has a number of wonderful fraternal benefits and programs, but our first and foremost duty is to protect your assets and give you, our member, the peace of mind of knowing that your financial security is safe with us. I’m happy to say that this continues to be the case. For nearly 165 years, CSA has been here for you, and we’ll continue to be as the calendar continues to turn.

We’re concluding a historic year with our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws being revised to further strengthen, among other things, the governance of our Society. Speaking on behalf of our Board of Directors, our Officers, and our Home Office staff, I know we’re all very excited about the future, and look forward to continuing to serve our membership in the years ahead.

Leading up to year-end, I’ll be heading out to visit a number of our Lodges. I look forward to seeing everyone out there, and hope to see some of you in the weeks ahead. If I miss you, hopefully I’ll catch you the next time around. In the interim, happy holidays to all, and as always, feel free to give us a call here at the Home Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Until then....
Fraternally,
John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI
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2018 CSA Fraternal Calendar

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 4, 2018
82nd Annual Banquet with the First Czechoslovak Garden Club of America
Alpine Banquet House
11141 W. Roosevelt Rd., Westchester, Illinois
$30 to attend.
Doors at 12:30 p.m., dinner at 1 p.m.
RSVP with Janice Sowinski by 10/1 at 708-484-8242 or firstczechgardenclub@yahoo.com.
www.firstczechgardenclub.com

Saturday, November 24, 2018
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 6. Call the Museum at 773-684-1414 and use discount code: CATW18-N241.
Hosted by the Moravian Cultural Society – www.moravianculturalsociety.org

Sunday, November 25, 2018
D.C. 12 Family Holiday Party
Safari Land
701 W. North Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
See page 15 for details.

Sunday, December 2, 2018
D.C. No. 12 Cultural Division Christmas Party
Crystal Sky Banquets
7941 47th St., McCook, Illinois
$25 to attend.
Doors at noon, dinner at 1 p.m.
Honoring Veterans in attendance.
Raffle to be held and Cultural Division cookbooks for sale.
RSVP with your Lodge Secretary or call Caroline Johnston at 708-387-9423 for more information.

Saturday, December 8, 2017
Great St. Louis Czech Beer Festival
2018 American Czech Educational Center
4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, Missouri

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Today’s Fraternal

All Gave Some, Some Gave All

Hello friends,
As of April 2018, there were over 1.16 million Active Duty Members in the U.S. Armed Forces, and there were over 780,000 in the National Guard or Reserves. Despite closing hundreds of military bases in recent years, the United States still maintains nearly 800 bases in more than 70 countries and territories abroad. To put that into perspective, Great Britain, France, and Russia, by contrast, only have about 30 foreign bases combined. What an impact.

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 are aware that not all veterans are so fortunate. Many return injured, and some don’t return at all. Not all can cope with what they saw or 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.

Although November is the time that 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 foremost in our minds and hearts.

If you notice the cover of this issue, you’ll see that we’re a bit more dressed up than usual. CSA Fraternal Life was invited to attend the 2018 Czech Centennial Gala on September 28. The night included a descriptive video presentation of Czechoslovakia’s history, speeches from various ambassadors, a brief concert, and dinner. The next day, I brought Miss National CSA, Cassandra Stone, to the 79th Annual Moravian Day Festival at the Lithuanian World Center of Lemont. There we saw Czech musicians and dancers perform while we dined on guláš and koláčky. What an eventful weekend!

At the time of writing this article, Cassandra and I are getting ready to attend the Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival in Prince George, Virginia. This is a first for both of us, and we’re looking forward to it! It has been quite an eventful fall season so far, and it’s only just getting started. Pretty soon we’ll be on the move again, seeing various friends from other lodges during the upcoming holiday season. Which reminds me, have you been naughty or nice this year?

Fraternally,
Amanda S. Lovell
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever stopped for a moment to consider the true meaning of the word “commitment”? There is the commitment of marriage when two people make a life together. There is the commitment of taking on the caring and nurturing of a pet. There is the commitment one makes to finish a home project. As this is the month of November, the commitment that stands in the forefront to me is the one that young people make when they join the armed services.

The reasons a young person joins the military are as varied as the people themselves. Maybe they want to be part of something bigger than themselves. Maybe they want to fund their college career. They could be having a hard time deciding which direction their life could go. Perhaps they are following in the footsteps of a family member. No matter what the reason may be, these young people are committing themselves to a job with a greater purpose. They will be assuring their fellow citizens of safety and freedom. They are risking their lives to preserve all that we hold dear. Can you think of a greater commitment than that?

Many members of CSA, as far back as the Civil War, have served. We at the Home Office are pleased to continue the tradition of honoring those members. Take a moment to flip through this issue and see if you spot a person’s name you may recognize in our lists of service members.

This November, show your commitment to CSA. Purchase that life insurance policy or annuity product for your child or grandchild. If you happen to bump into a service member or veteran this month, take the time to thank them for their service and commitment to our country.

Fraternally,
Matthew A. Koski

Matthew Koski
Executive Secretary/COO/CRO

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Greetings fellow brothers and sisters,

I hope everyone had a nice transition into the fall season. I know I did! The fall months are always the most exciting for me. This month, I am proud to congratulate my older sister, Marilyn, a former Miss CSA Contestant, on passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). She’s officially a Registered Nurse! I witnessed her studying for long hours while drinking several cups of coffee a day, so I’m happy to say it was all worth it. I can’t wait to follow in her footsteps.

Currently, I have been volunteering with my school’s Student Nurses Association for the past couple of weeks. We have done various projects, including making blankets for children in hospitals and holding blood drives at my school.

Perhaps the most exciting event I attended was the Czechoslovak Centennial Gala in downtown Chicago, Illinois. The gala was held to celebrate the 100 years since the creation of Czechoslovakia in 1918. There were special guests, a variation of both music and art, and special presentations. It commemorated fascinating stories associated with the creation of modern Czech statehood, as well as its recreation after World War II. There was also a focus on how Chicago became a prominent city where Czech immigrants settled.

The day after the gala, Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell and I attended the 79th Annual Moravian Day Festival that took place in Lemont, Illinois. We, too, were greeted with traditional food, music, and art. It was a successful weekend filled with wonderful memories.

By the time you receive this Journal issue, I will have traveled to Virginia to attend the Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival, where I will have tried new foods, experienced ethnic traditions, and seen some new faces. I can’t wait!

Best,
Sister Cassandra Stone
Miss National CSA 2018-2019
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Veteran’s Day
November 11
Honor all who served
District Council No. 12 of Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana – The cool days of Autumn have arrived and now we are looking forward to the excitement of the holiday season. November is one of our shorter months, with only 30 days – a great number of them headed our way are quite interesting. Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4 at 2:00 a.m. This date is also shared by Will Rogers’ birthday (the Oklahoma satirist). Elections take place on November 6, the U.S. Marine Corps’ birthday is on November 11, 1773, and both Veterans Day and Armistice Day are on November 11. Puerto Rico was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage to the New World on November 19, 1493. Thanksgiving Day is on November 22 this year, our annual Family Holiday Party for the local CSA youth is on November 25, and our last District Council meeting for this year will be held on November 29.

Some news for District Council No. 12: the Fraternal Family Division was disbanded due to declining membership. This year, Matt Koski and Amanda Lovell will be handling the children’s Family Holiday Party. The Bowl-o-Rama will be held in Spring 2019 and will be supervised by Richard Nowaczynski.

On October 25, all District Council members and delegates attended a delightful dinner and meeting at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant. Chuck Michalek was our guest speaker. He talked about the Columbarium Restoration Project at the Bohemian National Cemetery and other related concerns.

Finally, the Cultural Division will be having our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2 at Crystal Sky Banquets on the corner of 47th Street and Joliet Avenue. Plan to attend this fun-filled afternoon with good food, games, raffles, Christmas music, and a few surprises.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,
Ed Slavik
The CSA Fraternal Life Home Office and District Council #12 are hosting the

Family Holiday Party

Sunday, November 25, 2018 • 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Safari Land
Indoor Amusement Park
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Villa Park, IL 60181

RSVP Requested By
Tuesday, November 20, 2018

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IMPORTANT NOTE
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RSVP by mailing the form to the CSA Home Office, emailing Amanda
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Checks payable to: CSA District Council #12 (may be submitted at the party.)

Write Members’ Lodge Name (or Guest):

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

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Members of Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409 met at Cantigny Park on October 11, a cold, sunny day. Cantigny is a 500-acre park and museum donated to the public in 1958. It was originally owned by Joseph Medill and was eventually inherited by his grandson Robert McCormick. Medill was founder of the “Chicago Tribune” newspaper, later owned and operated by Robert.

McCormick House

Our first stop was the McCormick House, built in 1896 by Joseph Medill for his daughter Kathrine. At that time, the estate was named Red Oak Farm. Upon Kathrine’s death, the house passed to Robert McCormick who built additions and did extensive remodeling to the house. The McCormick family resided in the mansion until Robert’s death in 1955. Our tour took us through various rooms in the mansion including the kitchen, servants’ quarters, library, butler’s pantry, and long hallways filled with nooks and crannies and an amazing number of doors. Furnishings were reminiscent of the time with many artifacts and “souvenirs” from Robert’s military duty.

Especially unique was the elevator in the library which delivered wood for the fireplace from the floor below. For its time, the house was filled with numerous conveniences such as a silent butler, dish washer, and multi-refrigeration units, including one which produced hundreds of ice cubes. Many of Robert’s ideas to increase efficiency and comfort for his family and guests were revolutionary for its time.

Before Robert married his wife Amy, he was a decorated soldier of the Army’s First Division. He fought gallantly in World War I, earning the Distinguished Service Medal and later earning the rank of Lt. Colonel. Retiring to life on the farm, he and Amy were popular hosts, entertaining often and enjoying outings with friends and famous guests. Robert continued to run the estate as a farm. He experimented with different crops and the care and breeding of various animals. After his death, farming ceased and the estate became a public park three years later.

First Division Museum

After a shuttle ride to the far side of the property, our second tour was the museum of the U.S. Army’s First Division (The Big Red One). The Division was created in 1917 to serve in World War I. It is America’s oldest combat division seeing continuous action in America’s conflicts up to the present day. The only “war” they did not participate in was the Korean Conflict because the Division was stationed in Germany after WWII to keep the peace and coordinate the rebuilding of Germany. The Division’s motto is “No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great: Duty First.” Their service and sacrifice have been great with over 13,000 members lost during active duty.

The soldiers of this infantry division are tasked to clear villages, secure roads, and kill or capture enemies. Their training is on-going which alerts our enemies to its readiness to fight and defend the interests and people of the United States. The First Division also is trained to enforce peace agreements between opposing forces. This presents the difficult challenge of remaining neutral in hostile environments and never forgetting its primary directive – keeping the peace.
Cantigny Park and Museum in Wheaton, Illinois

The Museum at Cantigny is a fitting tribute to the heroic members of the Division. The first exhibit began with information and re-enactments of various battles of WWI. On display were uniforms, helmets, gas masks, backpacks, doughboy hats, and many weapons. WWI first introduced trench warfare with soldiers literally digging in for months at a time to fight the enemy. WWI was unique in that it was the first time lethal chemicals were introduced as a weapon. Our troops were outfitted with gas masks to protect against mustard gas, but Germans ultimately introduced poisons that would penetrate the masks to maim and kill US and European troops. One exhibit featured an actual tank with a depiction of soldiers fighting during the winter months. Following were exhibits of WWII, maps depicting the many famous battles, including D-Day at Omaha Beach, and recognizing the contribution of our soldiers who fought and died in Vietnam. The museum also offered an array of retired tanks, Jeeps, trucks and other military vehicles in service during WWI, WWII, Vietnam and Desert Storm. The entire exhibit was “visitor friendly” with lifelike reenactments, brief films, and a trio of tanks outside for the kids to climb on and enjoy.

The second exhibit was the Duty First Exhibit which explores new strategies, tactics, technology, logistics, and leadership models in the post-Vietnam era. An example of new strategies was the opening of all combat positions to women in 2016. Modern soldiers must be experts in counter-insurgency, finding and confronting hidden enemies in occupied territory. This action usually requires a long term commitment which is costly in terms of lives and resources. A show of our military might is necessary to maintain peace and stop the escalation of hostilities. To maintain this peace, US forces are committed to training and educating armed forces around the world in order to protect their territory and citizens. The role of US military trainers is complex and dangerous. Cultural norms and social customs must be considered to effectively train foreign troops.

The role of the First Division throughout the last 100-plus years of active duty has been noteworthy and exemplary. No division is older or more accomplished in infantry warfare, training, educating, and keeping the peace. Its members have much to be proud of and, hopefully, will use their training to accomplish their goals of establishing and maintaining peace.

Our visit to Cantigny was surprisingly educational, entertaining, and thought-provoking. We recommend spending a few hours touring the mansion and museum, the beautiful grounds, and the gardens.

Submitted by Gerri Romanelli

Reference: Brochures from Cantigny Information Center; “First Division Museum and Modern Warfare Framework;” Cantigny.com; fdmuseum.org

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What makes your St. Nick’s Day special? This is how our stocking tradition started, which has spanned over four generations.

Back in September 1951, my parents, Stanley Sitta and Zdenka Vrla of Lodge Friendship No. 66, were married at St. Mary of Celle Church. They began their new life residing in my grandmother’s newly remodeled bungalow basement on Gunderson Avenue in Berwyn.

Zdenka soon became pregnant, which meant baby needed knitted booties, sweaters, hats, and scarves...and maybe Dad needed some argyle socks. Mom signed up for a local knitting class, whose project was a knitted Christmas stocking. During the next few months, Mom knitted her first stocking for first-born baby, Ellen. Over the next five years, she knitted stockings for me and my brother, Stanley Jr.

Life got very busy as the family grew. Zdenka eventually taught me how to knit a stocking. Over the next 40 years, I have knitted over 20 stockings, one for each new family member, as well as spouses, children, and grandchildren. Even Mom and Dad got a combined stocking to share! It is a wonderful family tradition, as we hang up our stockings and await St. Nick’s arrival on December 6.

As you can see by the size of the stockings, we are hoping for lots of goodies from Old St. Nick!

Submitted by:
Janet Schraer
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Western-Themed Meal and Presentation

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois – Eleven members and five guests from Lodges Brookfield No. 475 and Yankee-Jungmann No. 77 gathered on October 15 for our Autumn meeting. All enjoyed a wonderful buffet of western-themed dishes provided by members and guests – Director Ken Dvorsky, Sis. Cindy Bueneman, Bro. Jerry and Sis. Kim Silhan, and Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell. We all chowed down on Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, snacks, chips, and a whimsically decorated birthday cake for our wonderful Sis. Helen Gaydusek.

President Jerry Gaydusek called the meeting to order.

Following minutes reported by Secretary John Nekolny, we heard about District Council No. 12’s November meeting being held at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant on November 25 at 6 p.m. Diners will donate $5.00 for a delicious and plentiful family style meal. Helen reminded those present of the Cultural Division’s Holiday Party on December 2 where military veterans will be honored. Wishes for a happy birthday to Sis. Helen and a happy anniversary to Sis. Annmarie Antos were given by all present.

Remaining items of business were waived for our Western Presentation. Sentry Dale and VP Lyn Burton had recently completed a cross-country trip out West. Unfortunately, Dale was unable to attend our meeting. Still, his memorable photos were front and center during Lyn’s interesting and informative recounting of their trip that fulfilled a long-time bucket list wish for Dale’s 70th birthday! Flying into Omaha, they started their journey by visiting the famous Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota. Sticking to their tight schedule, they drove through the Badlands, visited the legendary Wall Drugs, arrived in Rapid City, South Dakota and the next day saw magnificent Mt. Rushmore. Next up was the city of Deadwood, established during the Gold Rush days.

Then a brief stop at Mt. Moriah Cemetery where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. Their next destination was Devil’s Tower, Wyoming, made famous in the film, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.” In Yellowstone, Lyn happily saw bison in their natural habitat. They enjoyed beautiful sites in Yellowstone and drove on to the Grand Teton National Park. Dale’s childhood dream of seeing the majestic Grand Tetons came true! They finished their trek in Salt Lake City, Utah, with the Mormon Tabernacle and Red Butte Gardens. The flight home from Salt Lake City was the finale of their memorable celebration of Dale’s birthday!

The Lodge’s educational outing to Catigny Park, McCormick House, and the First Division Military Museum took place on October 11. Please see our separate article (page 16) on this incredible property donated to the public by the Robert McCormick Foundation.

On October 10, Sis. Helen and Bro. Jerry Gaydusek, Sis. Gerri Romanelli, and Sis. Lyn Burton along with two guests joined Lodge Brookfield members at The Westchester Inn for a delicious Czech ethnic dinner. One of the guests turned out to be a Morton High School buddy of Bro. Jerry Gaydusek! We all had a very good time and enjoyed the ample servings of Czech dishes and dessert. Thank you, Lodge Brookfield, for extending your gracious invitation to us!

Thank you to all members of the military, past and present, who have served our country so faithfully! Happy Thanksgiving! We all have much to be thankful for!

Fraternally,
Gerri Romanelli
Lodge Independence Liberty Bell No. 408, St. Louis, Michigan – Even though we haven’t written in the Journal for a few months, that hasn’t stopped our lodge from hosting events. In the month of June, we celebrated a very special 50th Wedding Anniversary! Member Dale and Crickett Hamilton celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on June 23. Their children hosted a well-attended party with dinner and special music by Marty Lyons. It was a wonderful evening to commemorate this special day.

In July, we donated $50.00 to benefit Gratiot County Firefighters. Our donation was used to purchase a smoke house to train and educate children on fire prevention.

On July 7, a diaper party was given for Josh and Melanie Brzak. We had a Cornhole Tournament that was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed good food. We also hosted a Euchre Tournament on July 16 and had enough players to fill 10 tables. This event is very popular and well-attended.

August was our month of twins! Lodge President Craig Anderson and I welcomed two new grandchildren into our family. Male and female twins, Kamryn John Anderson and Jessa Brielle Anderson, were born on August 9. Their mother is our daughter, Jaima Anderson. Grandfather Bill McFee and grandparents Kyle and Kerren Muscott also welcomed male and female twins to their family! Kaspin Kyler McFee and Emerson Ariya McFee were born to John McFee and Erika Smith on August 28.

Our euchre party in August was held on the 28th. We had enough people in attendance to fill 12 tables. Lots of good food and friendship were enjoyed.

Upcoming events include a Michigan Wolverines vs. Michigan State Spartans football party at our lodge. Come join us for fun and friendship!

Twins - Times Two!

Until next time,
Mary Anderson
Lodge Happenings

Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen

Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Our lodge met on October 3, on a rainy day, to enjoy all the delicious food provided by our great cooks. It was fun to enjoy the fellowship and reminisce about our bus trip to Dubuque, Iowa on September 12 to board the ship “Celebration Belle” for a beautiful day trip on the Mississippi River. The boat had 500 people aboard including our lodge members and friends. What a beautiful day to be out on the river and to enjoy the morning, with a breakfast of “sticky buns” and fruit. We had a delicious lunch later in the day. The band that we all love, Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen, as well as husband Terry, played our favorite polka tunes and other favorite songs during the entire trip. Many thanks to Sue Melvin for organizing the trip on such a beautiful day.

It doesn’t seem possible, but it’s that time of year to vote on the Lodge Prokop Velky officers for 2019. During our meeting on November 7, we voted for the new officers, discussed the dates and times of our Christmas get-togethers, and enjoyed a great potluck.

The Czech Heritage Foundation will have their wreath and Christmas decoration raffle on December 1 and 2 at the Old World Christmas Celebration at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The wreath that Lodge Prokop Velky will donate was made by Sue Melvin. Last year, her wreath brought in more money than any other wreath donated.

Other members are encouraged to donate items for this raffle to help raise money for the many youth programs that the Czech Heritage will sponsor during the year. On November 1 through 3, Sokol Cedar Rapids held a garage sale in their gym building. On Sunday, November 3, they had a pancake breakfast. Many of our members volunteered at both events.

We will have our Lodge Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church basement. Please note the change in the date and make reservations by calling Vern Rompot. Christmas money will be collected for donations to the Veteran’s Pantry. The membership drawing was won by Don Pulkrab, and he will donate his money to Sokol Cedar Rapids and the Czech National Cemetery. Thank you so much, Don.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our brothers and sisters!

Fraternally,
Barbara Edmunds
Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Bedford, Ohio – At our September 27 meeting, Lodge members discussed bringing in candy, cupcakes, and ice cream for the seniors at the Maple Heights Senior Center for the October 25 meeting, as well as the upcoming Christmas parties. We took a head count to see who was going.

We had two speakers, Stella Slechta and George Repko, who told us about Honor Flight Cleveland. Both Southwest Airlines and donations help pay for the WWII, Korean, and (if seats are available) Vietnam Veterans’ flight, as the veterans fly for free, and the guardians pay $250 to go on the flight. Vets need to have been honorably discharged, and they need a guardian to attend. Vets and guardians have to take a class and submit a form prior to being put on a list. In 30 days if/when selected, the veteran and guardian will get an outline of what to expect, and a notification of when the trip will be.

Stella was the guardian for her husband, Albert “Buzz” Wagner. They went three years ago. He enjoyed it. He passed away in September 2017. She said it was very nice; there were people who greeted the veterans when they arrived at the airport really early in the morning. Then, there were people at the airport to greet them when they arrived in DC, and they were also greeted by their representative service (i.e. if you were in the Army, there are uniformed personnel from that branch of service there). Also, somebody from Ohio (your state) greeted them as well. All the vets got a wheelchair (reason for the guardian) to use, a T-shirt, disposable camera (they were told to take lots of pictures), and some other goodies.

Then, it was on the bus and the tour started. They stopped and saw the Iwo Jima, Vietnam, Korean War & WWI Monuments, and the Changing of The Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Among the other stops that were made, they had a nice lunch and a boxed dinner. She said the military and other people talked to and thanked the veterans. After a full day of touring and a lot of walking, it was back to the airport to head home.

She said it took three days to recuperate from the trip! Mary Ann asked if she would do it again. Stella wasn’t sure if she would be physically able to, but if she could, she would. She has been to D.C. three times, two with Al and once with her daughter.

George was in D.C. in 2002 for a statue dedication for the first president of the Czech Republic, Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk. It is located in Triangle Park at Massachusetts and 22nd Street, NW. He spent a week in D.C. and visited many of the memorials.

Next meetings: Our Annual Meeting is November 15 at the Maple Heights Senior Center. For $1.50, you can also have a nice lunch. The Lodge Christmas Party will be at noon on December 15 at Spennatos in Northfield. Come to a meeting. Reconnect/connect with your Lodge members. We’d love to see you!

Fraternally,
Annette Reichman
Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, North Riverside, Illinois – Our September meeting started with everyone discussing what they had done during the summer.

One of our Lodge members, Chuck Michalek, gave us a presentation on Alphonse Mucha, a Czech Art Nouveau painter and decorative artist. He was born on July 24, 1860 and died July 14, 1939. Mucha got his biggest break from Sarah Bernhardt. He volunteered to produce for her a lithographed poster within two weeks. She loved this poster so much that she began a six-year contract with him. Mucha produced two portfolios. The first devoted to the human figure of women and children. The second to ornamental panels, natural and decorative studies of flowers, wall paper, jewelry, and stained glass. Mucha’s work has continued to experience periodic revivals of interest for artists and illustrators.

Chuck also told us about the Columbarium Restoration Project. The building is a Renaissance Revival style with portico entrance, bell tower, cupola capped dome and roof of red clay tile. The building is old and water is currently threatening its structure and interior wall art. Repairs also must be made to the outside of the building. So many structures of great history are being demolished today that we can’t let this happen to the Columbarium. For more information on how you can donate, contact: “www.friendsofbofbnc.org.” It’s important to keep our heritage for generations to come.

My husband and I were busy dropping off canned goods and clothing at St. Barbara’s food pantry. We visited the Hines Veterans Organization and gave them socks, toiletries, and magazines. Lastly, we made it to the Ronald McDonald House and presented them with 11 gallons and one big barrel of pop tabs amounting to 30 pounds. I want to thank the members of our Lodge and everyone else for contributing the pop tabs.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Janda
Meeting Held in a Train Car!

Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio – We had a wonderful October meeting! This meeting was in a train car on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. This railroad is the only railroad in the United States that goes through a National Park. Tony Genco, our President, is a volunteer trainman on the railroad. He was nice enough to get 13 of us tickets on the train.

It was a beautiful warm day with many beautiful sites to see. Besides our group, there was another group of about 50 people in our car. Tony grabbed the microphone and asked everyone to sing “Happy Birthday” to our sister, Camille Shima, who will turn 93 this month. She was very surprised and had a big smile on her face. The train ride was followed up by a nice meal at a local restaurant.

We received two thank you notes from the Home Office for our donation of pill bottles and our donation to the CSA scholarship fund in memory of our sister, Marlette Heryak.

Our crock pot fund raiser was so much fun! We had 18 different crock pots full of yummy food that everyone could sample. There was corn bread and lots of desserts to eat. There was a Chinese raffle, a 50/50 raffle, an ugly sweater contest (see picture of the winners below), music, and a trivia contest. We brought some friends with us who had never attended this fund raiser and they loved it! Please try and make it next year. Our member, Jan Russell, was the co-coordinator of this event and did a great job. She thanked our members for donating baskets for the raffle, bakery, and those who made crock pot food. Thank you, Jan!

We will meet on November 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sokol Ceska Sin facility on Clark Avenue. Members, please try and attend this meeting as there will be voting for officers, etc. We’ll also provide lunch and probably rousing games of bingo.

Pin Party is on December 9 at St. Michael’s party center in Broadview Heights. Those members who attend eight or more lodge meetings attend free, those members who attend one to seven meetings a year will be charged $20.00, those who are members and do not attend any meetings must pay $25.00. Non-members will be charged $35.00. Please contact June Karecki at 216-941-6969 for tickets and more information. Please try and attend as it is a wonderful event.

We hope that this recent bad weather and tornadoes in Florida and Georgia will not cause too much damage or death. Prayers go out to all those involved.

Until next month! Fraternally yours, Judy (Sevcik) Genco

Ugly sweater contest - member Karen Buzek won 1st place, Tim Caskey (Tony and Judy Genco’s brother-in-law) won 2nd place and member Kathy Gawrilow won 3rd place.
Lodge Laurel No. 452, Storrs-Mansfield, Connecticut – On Sunday, August 26, members gathered at Marion and Laura’s for a delicious event of “Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae.” Oh, the choices we had: almost 40 different flavors of ice cream; fruit, fruit and more fresh fruit; hot fudge, caramel, marshmallow toppings and more; nuts; and all sorts of additional condiments; and, of course, home-made whipped cream. What a joyful afternoon of deliciousness and comradery!

On Sunday, September 23, we took part in Ashford’s “Family Day” where many town organizations share their information and share food or other items of interest. We displayed information regarding CSA Fraternal Life, and information regarding Czech and Slovak historical facts and ethnicity. We had a few coloring activity pages for the children. Included were some of CSA’s promotional items. This is a great way to promote CSA and the Czech/Slovak community.

On October 1, several members met at the Willington Library to put up a display in their meeting/reading room display case. We included information on the “100 Years of Independence,” the 1993 separation of the Czech and Slovak Republics, and 100 years of growth showing various products Czechs and Slovaks have contributed over these years.

We are looking forward to our end-of-year activities, especially our Annual Meeting on November 18 with guest speaker Esther Jagodzinski, sharing stories and pictures of her recent trip to Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary. We also have our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2 with games, crafts, refreshments, and Santa. Looking forward to seeing many of you at these events!

Fraternally,
Marion Varga

Mason creating his sundae

The completed display case

The completed display case

Stephen, Mason, Marion and Kirsten manning the Lodge Laurel Family Day Booth

Ice Cream, Family Day, Display Case
**Lodge Happenings**

**Congratulations to Delaney Schretter**

**Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois**

Summer is over we are officially approaching the holiday season. Where does the time go? Let me tell you about our young member Delaney Schretter, an 8th grader at Jane Addams Middle School in Bolingbrook. Delaney is involved in the theater program there and has had the lead roles in the school plays. Recently, she was honored to be elected President of the Junior National Honor Society at her school. Congratulations, Delaney, from our lodge.

Earlier in the summer, the entire Schretter family – Rick, Rita (a former Miss CSA contestant), Gwen, Delaney, and Josie traveled to Europe to visit France, Germany, and the Czech Republic. Delaney said she enjoyed the visit to Prague the best.

My nephew Kyle is currently visiting England and Italy. I can’t wait to hear his stories and adventures.

At our meeting, it was good to see Gloria, Rosemary, Roy, and Vlasta. At our meeting, we received a nice thank-you from the grandmother of Erin Murgas, our lodge’s contestant in the Miss National CSA Contest. She thanked all for the hospitality and friendship given over the weekend. Members were advised of the Houby Day Parade, and I talked about the 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of Czechoslovakia. Gladys and Emil Zemanek talked about Moravian Day, hosted by the United Moravian Societies, and the music they enjoyed.

Our donations will be made to disaster relief efforts for the Red Cross and Salvation Army, and a donation will be made to the CSA Scholarship Fund in memory of deceased members and former officers of the lodge.

The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 8. Please contact me at (708) 442-8513 for more information. We also had two birthdays to celebrate – Gloria Schultz and Val Zitny. Happy birthday, friends, and a happy Thanksgiving to all.

**Until next month,**

Ken Dvorsky

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game**

**Lodge Groveton No. 4, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania**

Lodge Groveton gathered in October to celebrate the Lodge receiving the prestigious Platinum Lodge Recognition Award with a group dinner. Our Lodge participated in the American Heart Association Heart Walk on October 20, an event in which we walk in the memory of the late and much loved and missed Maureen Placek.

The Lodge Groveton Facebook page is up and running with many new pictures and updates from the Lodge, so stop by, take a look, or just say hello.

Until next time, we wish our fellow CSA members a safe and happy holiday season full of good times with friends and family.

**Fraternally,**

Dana Forrester

Lodge Groveton has more events as we put the end of 2018 in our sights and plan on a successful incoming 2019. We continue to meet the first Wednesday of every month for our monthly meetings at Eat-N-Park, which we proudly have an average of around 20 members attend.

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Lodge Happenings

Lodge Sokol Plzen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois – September’s meeting was held, and while conducting our regular lodge business, it was discovered that our lodge was founded in 1938. This means that we have been a lodge with CSA for over 80 years. The members of our group originally came from Plzensky Sokol of Chicago. In 1938, it was decided that we form a CSA lodge. About 35 members of Plzensky Sokol were initiated into the (then) Czechoslovak Society of America by the Illinois Degree Staff on Sunday, April 3, 1938, with Charles Kropik as the first president.

The history of Plzensky Sokol goes back to its founding on July 13, 1879. The Sokol group was founded in Capuch’s Tavern at the corner of 20th Street and Shelby Court in the Pilsen area of Chicago. There is a lot of history involving Plzensky Sokol and the growth of the Czech communities of Chicago. In 1882, Plzensky Sokol founded the first Czech School in Chicago in the Czech American Hall in Pilsen. They built a Sokol Hall at 821-825 Ashland Avenue (now 18th Street and Ashland Avenue). It was considered one of the most beautiful buildings in America. It was three stories high and had a swimming pool. In 1893, they participated in the World’s Columbian Exposition and Český Den on April 12, 1893, held in Chicago.

Sokol Plzensky continued to grow in the 1900s, attending many exhibitions (slet) in both America and Czechoslovakia. It weathered many financial difficulties throughout the years but survived. Their members fought and died in both WWI and WWII. When they became part of CSA, their members continued to remain in Sokol Plzensky. However, during WWII, things became financially difficult, and most Czechs in the Pilsen Area of Chicago were moving out of the area. The Sokol building on Ashland Avenue had to be sold. In 1979, Sokol Plzensky was no more, however, Lodge Sokol Plzen No. 434 continues to be a viable part of CSA.

Fraternally,
Matt Bultas
Lodge Happenings

Pin Party Held

Lodge Bratri od Sazavy No. 211, Little Ferry, New Jersey
– The meeting was held in Sokol Hall on October 3. Regular lodge business and the Lodge Recognition Program were discussed.

We held a Pin Party. Lodge President Carol Tranter presented Sis. Rose Hadyka with her 50-year pin. A celebratory lunch was enjoyed after the meeting. Our next meeting will be held on November 7. Sis. Tranter will conduct a memorial service. On December 5, our members will meet at Bella Napoli Restaurant for our holiday luncheon.

Fraternally,
Carol Tranter

Scholarship Fund Report

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IN MEMORY OF NANCY KOSAR AND NORMA RICE
Lodge Belmont No. 251

TO CONTINUE CSA’S TRADITION OF ASSISTING YOUNG MEMBERS IN PURSUITING THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION
Lodge Missouri No. 001

IN MEMORY OF GLADYS HRDLICKA, DARLENE TRACHTA, MARGARET BARTA AND STANLEY DITCH
Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137

IN MEMORY OF MARLETTA HERAYAK
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219

IN MEMORY OF ROSE KOVAC
Lodge Groveton No. 004
Vera and George Sova
Melvin and Jarmilla Cochran

IN MEMORY OF ANNA SROTYR & ELSIE GOTTFRIED
Lodge Betsy Ross No. 151

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES F. CERVENKA
Helen and Jerry Gaydusek

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF LODGE BRATŘI OD SÁZAVY No. 211

TO CONTINUE CSA’S TRADITION OF ASSISTING YOUNG MEMBERS IN PURSUITING THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION
Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432

IN HONOR OF SIS. ERIN MURGAS RECEIVING A CSA SCHOLARSHIP
Lodge C.H. Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378

TOTAL DONATIONS $790.00

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Best Buddies
Lodge R. T. Crane No. 7, North Riverside, Illinois – As temperatures are dropping, we are ready for some of our favorite fall activities to come.

Our September meeting was very exciting because we had a guest speaker representing the organization, Best Buddies. We were happy to welcome Molly Weisman, an ambassador of the organization who works to provide inclusive experiences for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Molly shared about the experiences she has had because of her developmental disability and how Best Buddies has provided her with opportunities to feel confident and accepted.

We were also happy to welcome one of our own members, Alice Palach-Spera, who shared about her son Shaun’s experiences in the Best Buddies program at Riverside Brookfield High School. The club gave Shaun, who has Down Syndrome, wonderful experiences in high school by pairing him with a buddy for four years. The club has parties, attends basketball games and provides memories to last a lifetime. We are proud to have supported this wonderful organization at their friendship walk this year and we really enjoyed hearing more about what they have to offer.

Fraternally,
Alix Wilt

Bacon, Bacon, Bacon!
Lodge Sionilli No. 170, Brookfield, Illinois – Our most recent meeting was held at Overtime Bacon Bar, which was just as amazing as it sounds: bacon burgers, bacon wrapped mushrooms, bacon paninis, and even bacon salads! We discussed upcoming activities that we will attend together. We invite all to join us at the following events!

On Saturday, November 24, we will visit the Museum of Science and Industry for their Christmas Around the World celebration. At 11 a.m., the Moravian Cultural Society will perform by dancing and portraying various Czech Christmas traditions for visitors to see. If you are interested in joining us, call the museum at 773-684-1414 and use the discount code CATW18-N241 to save up to $12 per person. This code is only good on the day of the Czech show.

We also plan to meet up on Sunday, December 2, near the Brookfield Zoo for lunch and a meeting. Then, we will go see the Christmas lights at the zoo. There will be another performance by the MCS dancers that day with our own Vice President, Alix Wilt, dancing. Join us for this festive event! Last, we will discuss our 2019 calendar at our annual meeting on November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Riverside Town Hall. We plan to finalize a regular meeting date at this time and hope to recruit some more members to join us for future meetings and outings.

Fraternally,
Alix Wilt

Members on Music Tour of Northern Italy
Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado – Our President, Irma Farrell, was absent for the October meeting. She and daughter Jenny were on a music tour to northern Italy with the Musicians of St. Clair, a music group of 16 acapella singers. They gave a benefit concert at St. Bernadette’s before leaving. It was led by a dedicated director and was truly wonderful!

Mary Ellen Vialpando was in charge and provided refreshments at our lodge meeting. We had seven volunteers at the Beautiful Junk Sale and fundraiser for our local charity, the Action Center. Mary Campe, long-time volunteer at the Action Center, reported the two-day sale made a profit of $5,400. The Lodge also donated $250 to them as our annual donation. Other donations were given to national disasters, among other causes.

Quilter and lodge member, Irma Wolf, brought samples of her smaller, wall hanging quilts to the meeting. She told us how she began her endeavors and explained the many different quilt batting types. She also shows her designs at several local Evergreen craft shops. It was a great presentation. Irma and husband Sonny also attended a Czech picnic in the Chicago area in August.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Best,
Pat Kenning

Happy Anniversary

November 9
Rick Nociti and Meri Danek
Lodge Central Star No. 411

November 19
Dorothy Polehna and Stan Ditch
Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137

November 23
Lois M. Brejcha and Leroy Reed
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219


Yard Sale Season

Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois – We decided to conduct a social outing this year instead of holding our regular June meeting. Lodge Brookfield members met at a local mini-casino to try our luck at the slot machines. Nobody got rich, but we all had a nice dinner and a great time.

The end of summer is yard sale season. This year, we conducted our annual event on September 14 – 15. As luck would have it, we usually are blessed with excellent weather for our yard sales and this year was no exception. Nobody is complaining, but is it possible for the weather to be too nice? We sold many donated items on Friday but the customers stayed away in droves on Saturday. Maybe people just had better things to do on such a spectacular late summer day.

As summer turned to fall, we concluded our volunteer hours working at the St. Cletus Food Pantry in La Grange. This is a worthwhile program that benefits others in the community who are less fortunate. Lodge Brookfield members truly enjoyed the experience and will probably continue this activity in the future.

Lodge Brookfield meets at the CSA Home Office in Lombard, Illinois. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
Kimberly Silhan

What A Thrill to Welcome Home Lou Matustik

Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri – What a thrill to welcome home Sokol St. Louis member and our friend Lou Matustik (Army, Korean War) as he returned from his Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., in October. Jenny Zeman and I heard about the trip from Lou’s wife Carol and their son Louis during a baking day for our Czech Festival, and decided to head over to Lambert Airport to join the celebration that evening. And what a celebration it was! The St. Louis chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders stood with flags as family members and others waited with signs and balloons. Twenty-two veterans made the trip with their escorts, and after landing back in St. Louis, they came into the terminal area with 22 current servicemen and women leading the way. There were cheers, applause, and a few tears as each veteran was introduced and received a certificate and commemorative medallion. It was a long day for everyone on the trip, but Jenny and I both noticed that the big smile never left Lou’s face. We’re anxious to hear his first-hand account of the whole trip. Thank you for your service, Bro. Matustik!

Plans were made for our annual Lodge Christmas Party, and all members are invited to attend. It’s on Sunday, December 9, at the American-Czech Center, with some socializing at 12:30, dinner at 1:00, plus a short meeting followed by some holiday fun and a visit from Santa. Remember that this is our annual meeting, so we’ll be handling some important business for the Lodge in the upcoming year. We’re also collecting items for the Veterans Food Pantry at Jefferson Barracks. A list of those requests will be sent along with the invitations, so keep an eye on your mailbox and plan to join us!

Til next time, have a lovely Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,
Deborah Zeman

Lou Matustik and Deborah Zeman as Lou returned from his Honor Flight to Washington.
Photo by Jenny Zeman.
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Helen Machek McCann, age 98, peacefully passed away October 8, 2018. She was a member of Lodge Pingree No. 366. Helen was preceded in death by her sweet and loving husband, Everett. She thoroughly enjoyed being Aunt Helen to Ron and Pat, Lita and Ron, Gordon, Stevie, Lester, and their children, as well as Chris, Katie, Kevin, David, Linda, Laura, Wendy, Jeff, Amy, and Kristy and their children. All are embraced by the McCann family.

Helen grew up in Detroit. She lived for years in West Branch and moved to Grand Rapids when she was turning 90. She took joy in spending time with her sister, Lil, at Ess Lake. As a teenager, she took great pleasure in attending Sokol Detroit Camp each Sunday. She sang beautifully in Czech and was a proud, lifetime member of CSA. Aunt Helen loved Wendy’s chocolate Frostys and the Detroit Tigers!

The family is sincerely grateful to the Hospice Team at Spectrum Health for their extraordinary care and compassion. In lieu of flowers and gifts, please consider a kind act or a contribution to the CSA Scholarship Fund in her name.

Fraternally,
Amy Luce

Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409 lost a 72-year member on October 4, Brother Charles Frank Cervenka. The list of organizations that Bro. Cervenka was a member of, along with being a founding member of, is impressive. He was an active member of the District Council No. 12/Northern Illinois Degree Staff, installing many CSA members in his many years as a member. He was also a founding member of the Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery; a Trustee of the Bohemian National Cemetery; was involved with A.C.E.S.; was a former President of the First Czechoslovak Garden Club; and, in conclusion, was a founding member and held many offices of the Automotive Engineers Society, which is a world-wide organization. Charles was also a longtime employee of International Harvester.

Chuck leaves behind his wife Martha of 66 years, as well as many nieces and nephews.

After the pledge at their lodge meeting, Lodge DuPage Pioneers No. 409 had a moment of silence for Bro. Charles Cervenka who was active in their lodge and District Council No. 12. Along with wife Sis. Martha, the couple proved extremely generous with their time and monetary donations for the good of the Lodge, Society, and Cemetery.

We offer our sincere condolences to Sis. Martha and the Cervenka and Gaydusek families.
Lodge Kruh Osvojennyh Zen A Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio – Greetings to all of you, our fellow brothers and sisters throughout the country! We hope you are enjoying a robust autumn season. Hopefully by the time you read this, you will be settling down for a delicious Thanksgiving meal with turkey, dumplings, kraut, and all of the trimmings...yummy!

One of our recent activities included assisting with the Annual Hugh Smith Memorial Pancake Breakfast in October. The event was held at the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. Members donated materials and work hours including: preparation time, cooking, and cleanup. Pictured are lodge members Gary Lovell and Chuck Ebright along with church members, Bob and Jeannie Posgai. As you can see by the smiles on their faces, the “kitchen help” had a great time!

Our lodge will be hosting the November meeting for District Council No. 9 followed by our own Lodge No. 121 meeting. By the time you read this, those meetings should be history. We will notify you of the results of our elections in an upcoming issue. Other events we will be planning include: our annual “end of year” holiday celebration dinner, a memorial service for deceased members, and a community service holiday project.

Recently, some of our members attended a production of “Little Shop of Horrors” which was performed by the thespians of Steubenville High School in Steubenville, Ohio. Some members also attended the Weirton, West Virginia’s Striplight Community Theatre’s production of “Music Man.”

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all veterans. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we are mindful that such celebrations would not take place if it weren’t for the sacrifices you made for us. May you be forever blessed and may we be forever thankful!

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” —John F. Kennedy

May you all enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,
Sis. Wendy Kurtz Lovell

Season’s Greetings... and Eatings!
Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving
November
Turkey
Stuffing
Potatoes
Football
Family
Grateful
Pumpkins
Pie
Gobble
Autumn
Nap
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vála..................................................war (vál-ka)
voják..............................................soldier (voj-ák)
věnec...............................................wreath (vě-nec)
vysloužilec.....................................veteran (vy-slou-žil-ec)
sto let...........................................one hundred years (sto-let)
výročí.............................................anniversary (vý-ro-čí)
oslava.............................................celebration (os-la-va)
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