



# Czechoslovak Society of America

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To: CSA Lodges

From: The Home Office

Subject: For discussion at your next Lodge meeting

As some of you may already know, Fraternal Director Amanda Lovell has moved on to other opportunities, and while a new chapter begins for Amanda, so too does one begin for CSA.

We are delighted to introduce Kelly Deegan, our new Fraternal Programs Manager. She looks forward to working with the Lodges. Please reach out to her with any questions you may have.

Also attached is information from the *Journal's* editor, Cynthia Hall. She has included the monthly themes and a template for the "Meet the Member" section. Your Lodge articles may now be sent directly to the editor at [csajournaleditor@gmail.com](mailto:csajournaleditor@gmail.com). Don't worry if you already have sent it to Amanda; we can access it.

Here are some other notables:

- The photo contest entries should be sent directly to Cynthia Hall at [csajournaleditor@gmail.com](mailto:csajournaleditor@gmail.com) and cc'd to Helen Gaydusek at [hgaydusek@csalife.com](mailto:hgaydusek@csalife.com).
- Facebook posts should be sent to Kelly Deegan at [kdeegan@csalife.com](mailto:kdeegan@csalife.com).

As always, do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

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Matthew Koski

Executive Secretary/COO/CRO

CSA Fraternal Life

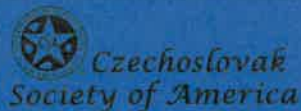


ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE YOU TO



# Kelly Deegan

FRATERNAL PROGRAMS MANAGER



I have been with CSA for approximately two years and am excited to be working with the Fraternal Department. If you have any questions regarding our fraternal programs, please feel free to contact me at [kdeegan@csalife.com](mailto:kdeegan@csalife.com).

Dear members:

While I have been serving as CSA's *Journal* editor for quite some time, I am excited to be expanding my role.

As you know, there are certain articles and ads featured in every *Journal*. One that I hope to expand is "Meet the Member." Please consider highlighting a lodge officer or member. A template is included as a guide if you wish to use it.

Monthly *Journal* themes for the remainder of the year are as follows:

**April - WORLD ART DAY**

This issue will feature details about World Art Day and focus on famous Czech artists. If you have a lodge member who is an artist, please share some information about them so we can highlight their work.

Due: 3/12/22 (*Apologies for the short notice on this theme.*)

**May - PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS, LODGE AND AGENT LISTING**

Remember, entries for the Photo Contest are due March 20, 2022.

Due: 4/12/22

**June - WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

If your lodge has completed projects to improve the environment and focus on sustainability, please write about it. It is a great way to get more members engaged in your efforts or help other lodges find new project ideas.

Due: 5/12/22

**July/August - FAMILY FUN**

Let us know if you have any fun activities or events you would like to share.

Due: 6/12/22

**September – GET-TOGETHER, MISS CSA, FRATERNALIS OF THE YEAR, BOWL-o-RAMA, and SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

This is traditionally a very full issue. Please submit your articles as early as possible.

Due: 8/12/22

**October - AUTUMN TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD**

Does your lodge host or support a fall festival? Do you have a favorite family recipe for fall? Tell us all about it. Send pictures if you have them!

Due: 9/12/22

**November – VETERANS**

Each year, CSA dedicates its November *Journal* to those members who have served or are currently serving our country. If you have veterans in your lodge, please thank them for their service and ask if they have any memories or words of wisdom they would like to share with

CSA members. Remember to submit names of veterans/service members to us for inclusion in the listing by October 13.

Due: 10/12/22

**December – CSA SERVES**

Highlight the projects your lodge has been involved with this year. Share your success stories and honor those members who made it possible.

Due: 11/12/22

**January– LODGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Featuring CSA lodges!

Due: 12/12/22

Remember, lodge articles are due the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

*Looking forward to hearing from you soon!*

*Cynthia Hall  
Journal Editor  
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## “Meet the Member”

Below are some questions to help develop a “Meet the Member” article. Answer as many or as few as you would like. Feel free to include any additional information you would like. Provide a photo if possible.

Send submissions to: [csajournaleditor@gmail.com](mailto:csajournaleditor@gmail.com).

1. What is your full name?
2. What does your name mean?
3. How long have you been a member of CSA?
4. Why did you join?
5. Have you served in any lodge positions?
6. Do you volunteer? Where? For how long?
7. What is your favorite CSA memory?
8. What’s your favorite story about your grandparents?
9. What’s your favorite story about yourself?
10. Do you have any special skills or talents?
11. What’s something people would be surprised to learn about you?
12. If you could change anything about yourself, would you? If so, what and why?
13. What’s your favorite family tradition?
14. What are your hobbies, and how did you get into them?
15. How old were you when you started working?
16. What’s the career highlight you’re most proud of?
17. What career advice would you give to your younger self?
18. What was the best vacation you ever took and why?
19. Do you have a favorite holiday? Why or why not?
20. What is your favorite food?
21. What song always gets you out on the dance floor?
22. What’s your most prized possession and why?
23. Is there any product that you couldn’t live without?
24. What would be the first thing you’d do if you won the lottery?
25. What’s the scariest thing you’ve ever done, and why did you do it?
26. What’s on your bucket list?
27. If you could relive one moment in your life, which would it be?
28. Which famous person in history would you want to spend the day with?
29. If you could go back to anytime in history, where would you go?
30. A genie gives you three wishes—what are they?
31. Who do you admire most in the world?
32. How has your perspective on the world changed over time?
33. If you could snap your fingers and instantly make the world better, what would you do?
34. Do you live by any piece of advice or motto?
35. What would you like CSA members to know about you?