



## A MESSAGE FROM THE KSKJ HOME OFFICE EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM RETURNING THIS FALL



It's no secret that college costs have been steadily increasing for years—between tuition, room and board, textbooks, transportation, school supplies, and personal expenses, pursuing a higher education is more expensive than ever

before. According to the College Board, the average cost of tuition and fees for the 2017–2018 school year was \$34,740 at private colleges, \$9,970 for state residents at public colleges, and \$25,620 for out-of-state residents attending public universities. In 2015, the traditional KSKJ Life scholarship program was revamped to support the educational pursuits of our young adults, as well as help offset some of the high costs associated with school. The KSKJ Life College Educational Grant Program will once again be open this September to all members who meet the requirements. Grants have been awarded to numerous exceptional students since the beginning of this program, including Victoria Starsinic of Lodge #42, who used her scholarship money to study abroad in Italy this past summer. For decades, KSKJ Life has been proud to help support our high school and college members in achieving their educational goals.

now is the perfect time to start collecting these required documents so you can take advantage of this member benefit. The one-time \$1,000 grant will be awarded to the eligible recipients in late fall 2018.

For more information and to apply, please visit [www.kskjlife.com/grants](http://www.kskjlife.com/grants) or call the Home Office at (800) 843-5755. Good luck to all our KSKJ Life students—we wish you a rewarding and successful school year!

**April Sleyko**

*Director, Marketing & Fraternal Services*

Open enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is September 1-30, 2018 through the KSKJLife website; only online submissions will be accepted. Additional documentation is required as part of the application process, including transcripts from the previous year, current proof of enrollment/class schedule, and a current photo/headshot of the applicant. As the fall semester is quickly approaching this month,

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## SLOVENIAN CONSULS VISIT KSKJ LIFE

On Friday, June 29, 2018, KSKJ Life was honored to welcome Slovenian Consul General Andrej Rode (Cleveland) and Honorary Consul General John Vidmar (Chicago), along with Consul General Rode's wife, Monika, and children, Katja, Ksaver, and Erik. Our visitors made a special trip to honor Tony Mravle Sr. on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of KSKJ Life at the beginning of 2018.

On behalf of the Republic of Slovenia, Consul General Rode presented a proclamation to Tony Sr. to recognize and thank him for, "priceless initiative in leading KSKJ Life, and critical contributions for saving and promoting Slovenian identity and inter-connecting Slovenian people in the United States of America." The proclamation was signed by Minister Gorazd Zmauc.

We had a very nice visit and were able to give a tour of our buildings, as well as share some of the historical articles and documents that we have preserved.



*From left to right: Tony Mravle, Jr., Tony Mravle, Sr., Andrej Rode, John Vidmar.*

Our thanks and appreciation to Consul General Andrej Rode, Honorary Consul John Vidmar, Minister Gorazd Zmauc, and the Republic of Slovenia for honoring Tony Mravle Sr. in this way. Many thanks to the Rode family as well for taking the time to visit with us.



*From left to right: Tony Mravle, Jr., Ksaver Rode, Andrej Rode, Erik Rode, Katja Rode, Monika Rode, Tony Mravle, Sr., and John Vidmar take a picture together outside the KSKJ Life home office.*

*Tony Mravle, Jr.  
KSKJ Life Chief Executive Officer*

## MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

### LODGE #171 & THE DENFELD ROBOTICS TEAM



The Denfeld Robotics Team gathered together to accept a Matching Funds check from St. Elizabeth Lodge #171 for their recent Taco Dinner and Silent Auction, which was a huge success. Pictured with the Robotics Team are members of Lodge #171.

*Submitted by  
Sharon Bucar  
Lodge #171 Financial Secretary*

### LODGE #144 RAISES FUNDS FOR STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH



Sts. Cyril & Methodius Lodge #144 sponsored the Adopt-a-Beverage stand as a Matching Funds project at the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Picnic in Sheboygan, WI, on July 8th. A total of \$3,400 was collected to benefit the church.

*Submitted by  
Tammy Miller  
Lodge #144 Financial Secretary*

# 39TH KSKJ LIFE NATIONAL CONVENTION



All information relating to the convention is available on our website. Please visit [www.kskjlife.com/convention](http://www.kskjlife.com/convention). For general questions, please call (844) 407-9242.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the National Convention & Young Adult Leadership Conference this month!

<p><b>August 7-9th</b></p>	<p>-Young Adult Leadership Conference – Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont, IL</p>
<p><b>August 9-11th</b></p>	<p>-KSKJ Life National Convention – Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel, Rosemont, IL</p>



## A LOOK BACK.....THE 26TH KSKJ LIFE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The year was 1966...the war in Vietnam continued, NASA's Project Gemini was completed after ten manned launches, and the USSR successfully landed a vehicle on the Moon. The first Automated Teller Machine (ATM) was introduced and a medical breakthrough occurred in Houston with the first artificial heart implant. Sports fans watched the highest scoring football game in history in November 1966, when the Redskins beat the Giants 72-41. It was also the year of the 26th KSKJ Life National Convention, which was held in Cleveland, Ohio.

At this convention, delegates adopted new schedules of surgical benefits with separate rates for men and women of various age groups. Adequate reserves were established for Accident and Health benefits in a separate Accident and Health Fund. Higher non-medical limits were adopted for Life Insurance applicants. In October 1966, Juvenile and Adult Departments and their respective assets were combined into one General (Life) Fund. This saved considerable bookkeeping time and administrative expenses!

## CHARITABLE GIVING AT THE 2018 NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's KSKJ Life National Golf Tournament took place on Saturday, June 16th at Bonnie Brook Golf Course in Waukegan, Illinois. Leading up to the event, St. Joseph Lodge #53 and St. Mary Lodge #79 held a food drive, collecting 212 pounds of food items for the veterans supported by Midwest Veterans Closet. This act qualified for a KSKJ Life Charitable Giving Award in the amount of \$50 per lodge for the organization. In addition to the food items and the Charitable Giving Awards, cash donations totaling \$200 were presented. Joining in the presentation was Illinois State Senator & Assistant Majority Leader Terry Link. Mary Carmody, President of Midwest Veterans Closet, and Terry were both raised in North Chicago by Slovenian immigrants.

Look out for the full golf tournament recap, photos, and sponsors in the September issue of the Voice.

*Submitted by MaryLou Stefanick*



Lori and Dennis Mivshek (center) make a presentation on behalf of St. Joseph #53 and St. Mary #79 of Waukegan to Midwest Veterans Closet President Mary Carmody (left).



KSKJ Life members & friends participating in this year's National Golf Tournament show their generous nature by bringing "meals in a can" for the Midwest Veterans Closet.

# LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

St. Joseph Lodge #69 of Great Falls, Montana is celebrating their 115-year milestone anniversary this August. Founded on August 17, 1903, its charter was received April 12, 1904. Records show the following names as charter members: John Mihelich, Jacob Stariha, Martin Nemanich, John Ramuta, and Anton Golob.

Present day Lodge Officers include:

- President: Jennifer Wood
- Vice President: Terry Aline
- Financial Secretary & Treasurer: George Wood
- Fraternal Activities Coordinator: Joseph Aline
- Recording Secretary & Communications/Voice Reporter: Carolyn Wood
- Auditors: Holden Maki & Edward Wood
- Sergeant at Arms: John Wood
- Lodge Membership Committee Chair: Kathleen Holden



St. Joseph Lodge #69 from Great Falls, MT during their St. Patrick's Day Lodge meeting in 2018

Congratulations to Lodge #69! Here's to many more terrific years to come!

## JOIN HANDS DAY PHOTO CONTEST

Earlier this summer, we asked members to share photos of their "Join Hands" projects for the chance to win \$100 towards the charity of their choice. Here are the five winners that were selected in the drawing:

St. John the Evangelist Lodge #65 members assembled care packages for residents of the Franciscan Villa Nursing Home in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Lodge #219

St. Mary Lodge #79 teamed up with Midwest Veterans Closet to spruce up the organization's front yard and area around the signage board in North Chicago, Illinois. Lodge #79 chose to donate the \$100 from the photo contest to Midwest Veterans Closet.



Lodge #136

Mary of Perpetual Help Lodge #136 members played Bingo and other games with the residents of the Neillsville Assisted Living Community in Wisconsin. Their charity of choice is House of Mercy in Loyal, Wisconsin.



Lodge #65

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Lodge #144 cleaned up the grounds at Greendale Cemetery in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. They chose to donate their \$100 to the Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice.



Lodge #144

St. Christine Lodge #219 spent time with the residents of a Slovenian Home in Euclid, Ohio enjoying a day of fun activities, including Bingo.



Lodge #79

Thank you to all who participated in a Join Hands project and those who submitted photos! Here's to continuing the spirit of joining hands and helping our communities.

## 2018 LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

Lodge	Years With KSKJ	Admitted to KSKJ
Lodge #1	124 years	06.10.1894
Lodge # 2	124 years	04.02.1894
Lodge # 7	124 years	04.02.1894
Lodge #25	123 years	05.21.1895
Lodge #29	122 years	04.02.1896
Lodge #42	121 years	04.30.1897
Lodge #44	121 years	08.22.1897
Lodge #50	119 years	11.30.1899
Lodge #52	118 years	05.06.1900
Lodge #53	118 years	11.17.1900
Lodge #59	116 years	03.04.1902
Lodge #63	116 years	10.16.1902
Lodge #65	115 years	01.19.1903
Lodge #69	115 years	08.17.1903
Lodge #79	114 years	12.18.1904
Lodge #104	112 years	12.28.1906
Lodge #108	111 years	02.14.1907
Lodge #110	111 years	03.07.1907
Lodge #115	111 years	05.14.1907
Lodge #136	108 years	05.16.1910
Lodge #143	107 years	07.18.1911
Lodge #144	107 years	09.10.1911
Lodge #146	106 years	04.01.1912
Lodge #150	105 years	02.28.1913
Lodge #153	104 years	05.02.1914
Lodge #169	97 years	07.01.1921
Lodge #170	96 years	04.14.1922
Lodge #171	96 years	06.01.1922
Lodge #196	93 years	08.01.1925
Lodge #197	93 years	09.24.1925
Lodge #219	91 years	03.08.1927
Lodge #226	90 years	02.09.1928
Lodge #236	88 years	06.02.1930
Lodge #257	50 years	02.04.1968

## MEMBER MEMORIAL

Our prayers go out to the families of our recently passed members. Claims have been paid and a donation to the KSKJ Life Educational Grant Fund has been made on behalf of each.

### JUNE & JULY 2018

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| <b>Lodge # 001</b> - Gloria J. Banich (Oak Brook, IL)      | <b>Lodge # 052</b> - Robert E. Green (Shoals, IN)        | <b>Lodge # 144</b> - Keith R. Drinkwater (Milwaukee, WI)    |
| <b>Lodge # 001</b> - Anthony L. Bogolin (O'Fallon, MO)     | <b>Lodge # 052</b> - Rosalie C. Haste (Rensselaer, IN)   | <b>Lodge # 144</b> - Marc J. Kelley (Kenosha, WI)           |
| <b>Lodge # 002</b> - Maria Luna (Chicago, IL)              | <b>Lodge # 052</b> - Mary A. Shelton (Henderson, KY)     | <b>Lodge # 144</b> - Steffie Lautenschlager (Sheboygan, WI) |
| <b>Lodge # 002</b> - Joseph N. Zameic (Joliet, IL)         | <b>Lodge # 059</b> - Marie Fink (Bemidji, MN)            | <b>Lodge # 144</b> - Robert Vatovetz (Sheboygan Falls, WI)  |
| <b>Lodge # 020</b> - Larry J. Burch (Lake City, MI)        | <b>Lodge # 063</b> - Mary L. Carr (Akron, OH)            | <b>Lodge # 146</b> - Mary Butkovic (Solon, OH)              |
| <b>Lodge # 020</b> - Joseph Koncsol (South Gate, MI)       | <b>Lodge # 063</b> - Joseph T. Snyder (Northfield, OH)   | <b>Lodge # 146</b> - Rosemarie Sterle (Danville, KY)        |
| <b>Lodge # 020</b> - James A. Zimmer (Branch, MI)          | <b>Lodge # 065</b> - Bette Thorpe (Hawkins, WI)          | <b>Lodge # 148</b> - Mary Galich (Shelton, CT )             |
| <b>Lodge # 029</b> - Rosemary E. Konopek (Joliet, IL)      | <b>Lodge # 069</b> - Raymond J. Martinich (Swansea, IL)  | <b>Lodge # 153</b> - Dorothy R. Vasko (Eighty-Four, PA)     |
| <b>Lodge # 029</b> - Mary A. Stefanich (Joliet, IL)        | <b>Lodge # 074</b> - Janet K. Henebry (Mt. Zion, IL)     | <b>Lodge # 169</b> - Mildred Femc (Bedford, OH)             |
| <b>Lodge # 042</b> - Edward W. Campbell (Philadelphia, PA) | <b>Lodge # 074</b> - Helena Kummer (Peoria, IL)          | <b>Lodge # 169</b> - Anthony Kocovar (Cleveland, OH)        |
| <b>Lodge # 042</b> - Lisa A. Kokoszki (Detroit, MI)        | <b>Lodge # 079</b> - Royal D. Gerow (Racine, WI)         | <b>Lodge # 169</b> - Ann Sarley (Cleveland, OH)             |
| <b>Lodge # 042</b> - Rosella Martin (York, PA)             | <b>Lodge # 079</b> - Frances Swasas (Waukegan, IL)       | <b>Lodge # 169</b> - John F. Walland (Bluffton, SC)         |
| <b>Lodge # 042</b> - Julia Melendez (Philadelphia, PA)     | <b>Lodge # 108</b> - Dolores Krzysciak (Crest Hill, IL)  | <b>Lodge # 170</b> - Luis A. Molina (Berwyn, IL)            |
| <b>Lodge # 044</b> - Louis Evans Sr. (Monticello, IN)      | <b>Lodge # 110</b> - Stephanie J. DeNeff (Ann Arbor, MI) | <b>Lodge # 171</b> - Shirley H. Tuttle (Albert Lea, MN)     |
| <b>Lodge # 050</b> - Clifford R. Adams (Pitcairn, PA)      | <b>Lodge # 110</b> - Lawrence Stanger (Wadsworth, OH)    | <b>Lodge # 197</b> - Jane F. Plante (Little Falls, MN)      |
| <b>Lodge # 050</b> - Edith J. Botti (North Versailles, PA) | <b>Lodge # 110</b> - Janet L. Wilcock (Columbus, OH)     | <b>Lodge # 219</b> - Cynthia M. Balazs (Cleveland, OH)      |
| <b>Lodge # 050</b> - Carolyn A. Griffin (Monroeville, PA)  | <b>Lodge # 115</b> - Albert E. Bukovaz (Lenexa, KS)      | <b>Lodge # 219</b> - Georgia M. Caul (New Philadelphia, OH) |
| <b>Lodge # 050</b> - Theresa Olesinski (Pittsburgh, PA)    | <b>Lodge # 115</b> - Ernest W. Gergick (Kansas City, KS) | <b>Lodge # 257</b> - Clarence Marble (Washington, DC)       |
| <b>Lodge # 050</b> - Emma B. Oresic (Pittsburgh, PA)       | <b>Lodge # 136</b> - Richard D. Eastman (Onalaska, WI)   | <b>Lodge # 623</b> - Anna E. Elliott (Lancaster, KY)        |
| <b>Lodge # 050</b> - Maurice D. Smith (Elkton, MD)         | <b>Lodge # 143</b> - Mary Ann DeKing (Aurora, IL)        | <b>Lodge # 623</b> - Vickie L. Petrusis (Calhoun, KY)       |
| <b>Lodge # 052</b> - Anthony Cesnik (San Francisco, CA)    | <b>Lodge # 143</b> - Jack Fiefer Jr. (Cookeville, TN)    |   |



### COMING THIS SEPTEMBER: KSKJ LIFE EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

#### WHO

- KSKJ Life members who attend an eligible high school or college and meet the requirements

#### WHY

- KSKJ Life supports young adult members as they pursue education

#### WHAT

- One-time \$1,000 education grant

#### HOW

- Applications can be submitted online between September 1 - 30. Eligibility details on the KSKJ Life website

**DETAILS AT [KSKJLIFE.COM/GRANTS](http://KSKJLIFE.COM/GRANTS)**

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## LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

### REGION 1

PENNSYLVANIA, CONNECTICUT AND  
DC

### LODGE #42

STEELTON, PA

#### FLAG DAY

Flag Day was celebrated June 16, 2018 at St. Aloysius Lodge Home. There were quite a few people who attended this ceremony. The guest speaker was Jeffery Varner, Commissioner of Swatara Township. Jeff Dermes played a few patriotic songs. Refreshments were served in the clubhouse following the ceremony.

#### UPCOMING EVENT

St. Aloysius Lodge will hold an adult bowling event Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 1:30- 4:30 p.m. The location is ABC East Bowling Lanes on Eisenhower Blvd. in Harrisburg. There will be signup sheets available in the clubhouse. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

*Thank you,  
Anne Hubler*

### REGION 2

CLEVELAND AREA

### REGIONAL NEWS

#### MIRACLE ON ST. CLAIR AVENUE: BISHOP NELSON PEREZ TO BLESS REMODELED JOSEPH HOUSE OF CLEVELAND, INC.

The Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Bishop, diocese of Cleveland, will officially bless and dedicate the newly remodeled Joseph House of Cleveland Inc. (JHCI), located at 6108 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. This will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2018, in conjunction with a Solemn Mass in St. Vitus Church to observe the 125th Year Anniversary founding of St. Vitus. Blessing and dedication will occur between 9:30 -10:30 a.m. with open house until 1:30 p.m. in JHCI. The Solemn Mass is to cele-

brate the 125th Year Anniversary founding of St. Vitus Parish (1893-2018). The Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. in St. Vitus Church, 6019 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103, about 100 feet from JHCI. Bishop Perez will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

JHCI is now located in a 2,135-square-foot space to better serve its expanding clothing distribution. This site was originally one of the first retail/apparel stores in the St. Clair Avenue neighborhood circa early 1900's. It then served as a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, and transitioned twice as a TV/radio/etc. repair store until 2017. Remodeling work then commenced inside between March and May of 2018. This took place over the course of Saturday morning on May 12, 2018. Michelle O'Donnell is director of operations for JHCI.

JHCI has two primary ministries: resettling incoming immigrants to Cleveland and a clothing distribution. The clothing distribution occurs by appointment only on Wednesday and Friday. JHCI may be contacted at (216) 431-7200 or by email at [josephhouseofcleveland@gmail.com](mailto:josephhouseofcleveland@gmail.com). The JHCI website is [www.josephhouseofcleveland.org](http://www.josephhouseofcleveland.org). JHCI is a bona fide 501(c)3. Four Catholic parishes collaborate with JHCI in these two ministries, including St. Vitus, Divine Word, and Immaculate Conception. Donations to JHCI may be sent to: Joseph House of Cleveland Inc., 6108 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44103, attn: M. O'Donnell.

St. Vitus Parish was established as the first American Slovenian Roman Catholic parish in the state of Ohio and diocese of Cleveland in August, 1893. The founding pastor was the Msgr. Vitus Hribar. The parish has had six pastors since 1893, with Rev. Joseph Boznar serving as the sixth and current pastor since 1979. There are 675 registered parish households serving 1,025 people. The current church structure is a Byzantine-Lombard design with twin bell towers raising 110 feet and yellow Falston exterior brick. There was also an installation of a "Veterans Memorial Monument," which commemorates the 750 + parishioners who served during WWII and the 40 Veterans lost in action. The parish has a senior ministry, food bank pantry, hot meal program, and Saturday Language School as part of its ministries, along with collaborating with JHCI. The parish operates a scholarship program that promotes Cath-

### IN MEMORY OF

**Tony Peskar - Strongsville, OH**  
Tom & Pam Winter, \$25.00

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olic education, grades K—16, to registered parish households. Since 1989, over \$2 million in grants have been disbursed through its scholarship program. The parish initiated and constructed St. Vitus Village, a \$6 million independent senior living facility, across the street from the church in 2000 through its development corporation. Since 2003, the parish has leased its school and auditorium buildings to St. Martin de Porres High School.

A banquet will follow the Solemn Mass at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103. For additional information on these historic events occurring on September 30, 2018, contact the parish rectory at (216) 361-1444 or email [skuhar@hotmail.com](mailto:skuhar@hotmail.com). The parish website can be found at [www.saintvitus.org](http://www.saintvitus.org).

*Prepared by S. Kuhar*

### CLEVELAND CULTURAL GARDENS FEDERATION ONE WORLD DAY

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation One World Day is scheduled for September 16, 2018, from noon to 7:30 p.m. Since 1945, the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation has celebrated One World Day in the Gardens. This annual event reflects the theme of the Gardens: "Peace through Mutual Understanding." One World Day is the highlight of summer events in the Gardens, and where all the Gardens get together to celebrate as one. Events include a Parade of Flags, a naturalization ceremony, cultural performances, entertainment, gardens exhibitors, authentic diverse ethnic food, guides by Lolly the Trolley Tours, children's activities, and more. We had a great One World Day in 2017, with close to 25,000 people in attendance. Let's make it even better this year! For more information, visit [www.clevelandculturalgardens.org/one-world-day/](http://www.clevelandculturalgardens.org/one-world-day/)

*Phil Hrvatin*

### FOUR LODGE PICNIC

Sunday, July 8 was a beautiful day in Cleveland, Ohio for the Four Lodge Picnic—temperatures in the 80's and sunshine all day long. We could not have asked for a better day! There was plenty of help there early to get everything set up.

It's good to have some early risers helping. We owe a big thank you to Angela Klodnick of L'Nique Linens for donating the inflatable bounce house/slide to keep the young ones busy. In addition, Beth Paskey, Tamara Zupancic, and David Sanders from Lodge #226 did a superb job with the kids' games—as well as a water balloon toss, where a few adults got cooled off when they realized they couldn't play catch as well as they used to! There were plenty of activities for all. When the picnickers arrived, they were greeted by Elaine Peskar and crew from Lodge #150, as well as Josie Kmet and crew from Lodge #146. They made sure everyone signed in, passed out door prize tickets, and sold 50-50 and Chinese raffle tickets. There were a lot of creative baskets donated by the lodges and MaryLou Stefanick. I saw a lot of happy people leaving with their prizes. Also, a big thanks to everyone that donated non-perishables to benefit St. Malichi. They will put it to good use. The KSKJ grill team of Jim Marincic, Bill Urban, and Rich Matonis kept the food line moving, which is not an easy job on a warm day. There were plenty of Slovenian and Italian sausages, pulled pork, hot dogs, and the almost-world-famous Cleveland Style Bologna. Jean Marincic and her crew from Lodge #63 did their usual fantastic job in the kitchen. If you enjoyed the Slovenian potatoes, thank Jean when you see her.



The kitchen is another location that is not the most enjoyable place to be in the summer, and I know everyone appreciates the job they did. There was plenty of food for all. Bossie's Best ice cream was back with soft serve cones, hot fudge and caramel sundaes, and 17 flavors of slushies for all. Ron from Bossie's Best is easily the most popular man at the picnic—when the kids see him pulling in, it's like Christmas in July with Santa Claus. We may have to have an ice cream eating contest next year—it looked like some of us were practicing.



A big thank you to Tim Klodnick for being the master of ceremonies with all the announcements. He did well for a shy, quiet guy! It takes some coaxing to get him to speak. Thanks to Stefani Kurboš and Amelia George for assisting Tim in passing out all the door prizes, Chinese raffle baskets, and 50-50 raffle prizes. Thanks to Joe Hocevar, Greg Snyder, and everyone else that donated door prizes, as there were a lot of very nice items given out.



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A big thank you to MaryLou Stefanick, her mother, Mary, and Andrea Ostrowski for taking the time to travel to Cleveland and join us. We appreciate you being here. MaryLou and her mother have been to so many picnics over the years, and the event would not be the same if they weren't there. My apologies for not thanking everyone by name that I should have. Two reasons for that: the help that Jean has in the kitchen alone would take up another page, and I know I will forget someone I shouldn't.

The help from all the lodges enables us to do things that none of us could do alone. The fact that we have been able to do this at no cost to the attendees for

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about 12 years now, with a lot of the same people involved, speaks volumes. It is a great example of what fraternalism is. Thanks to all who helped and to those that attended. Hope to see you next year.



*Chuck Potenga*

### UPCOMING EVENT: WINE FESTIVAL AT SLOVENSKA PRISTAVA

The Pristava Board is inviting members and friends to the annual Wine Festival on Saturday, September 8 starting at 4 p.m. Music will be provided by Slovenia's foremost band from 5 p.m. on. The kitchen will be open with traditional foods including čevapčiči.

The bar has all your favorite beverages and spirits. We are kindly asking members to bring some deserts. More details to follow.

*Milan Ribic*

### LODGE #169

CLEVELAND, OH

### LODGE UPDATE

Our delegates are preparing for the upcoming National Convention on August 9-11 in Chicago by participating in teleconferences beforehand. We'll let you know of new developments when we return. We have no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Collinwood Slovenian Home.

I look forward to seeing many of you at St. Mary's annual picnic at Slovenska Pristava on August 19. We are tentatively planning our second Matching Funds event for Vinska Trgatev (Grape Festival) at Pristava on Saturday, September 8. Special guests

Saša Avsenik and his ensemble from Slovenia will perform. Stay tuned for more information. Enjoy the summer!

*John Nemeč*  
*Fraternal Affairs Coordinator*

### LODGE #226

CLEVELAND, OH

### 4-LODGE PICNIC

How does Chuck do it? Fantastic Weather + Great Food + Fun Times = Outstanding 4-Lodge Picnic! Thanks to Chuck Potenga and his team of helpers including The Grill Team: Bill Urban, Jim Marincic, Rich Matonis, Jeanne Marincic, Mary Kay Prodzik, Kathy Matonis, Katie Kawczynski, Deanne Short, and Jan Jerrell. They did a marvelous job handling all the food. Games were led by Beth Paskey and Tamara Zupancic, along with help from David Sanders, Grace Paskey, and Grace's friend, Katie Mullens. It was a great event! Thank you Chuck Potenga!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 9th, Noon - Lodge Meeting and Youth Learn to Balinca (Slovenian National Home). The Lodge meeting will be held upstairs in the Kenik Annex, while the kids learn to play balinca on the indoor courts in the basement. Parents of school-aged children, please be on the lookout for the invitation and be sure to return the RSVP card so we can plan accordingly.

Sunday, Oct. 7th, Noon - Lodge Meeting  
Saturday, Oct. 13th, 6:00 p.m. - Lodge #226 Christ the King Dinner Dance at the Slovenian Home on St. Clair Avenue  
Sunday, Nov. 25th - Christ the King Sunday  
Sunday, Oct. 28th - Clambake at The NASH  
Sunday, Dec. 2nd - Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Slovenian National Home.  
Invitations will be mailed to youth members of Lodge #226 in late October.



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Brian Paskey for making it to Slovenia this summer! Brian, a recent graduate from Lake Catholic High School, travelled to Croatia, Venice, and Slovenia where he spent time in Ljubljana and visited Posojna Caves.



As always, we are looking for future leaders—like Brian—to share new ideas and fresh perspectives that will ensure our lodge's existence for another 90 years. Check out our calendar of events above and find your way to one of our Lodge meetings. 90 years. Check out our calendar of events above and find your way to one of our Lodge meetings. We also post on Facebook ([facebook.com/kskjcleland226](https://facebook.com/kskjcleland226)). We'd love to have YOU become involved!

*Submitted by Tamara Zupancic*



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CLEVELAND AREA

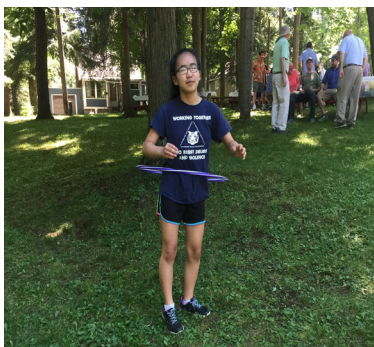
### LODGE #146

CLEVELAND, OH

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

It has been a busy June/start of July. In June, we had our monthly meeting. We wrapped up our lodge preparations for the four-lodge picnic. We also talked about the Akron Rubber Ducks game. Then, my niece and I jetted off for a vacation to Slovenia. This was her first time there, and the relatives did not disappoint. Every day we were in Slovenia, we managed to walk 15,000 steps! I survived, and she loved it and wants to go back. We climbed Velike Planina and walked from Portoroz to Piran and back. We rode the train at Lake Bled and ate our cream dessert, too. She got to meet most of the relatives. Luckily, the weather was very temperate while we were there, too. The four-lodge picnic was very nice. It was a gorgeous Sunday (July 8), with a few clouds, but very temperate. The kids' games were interesting to watch. There was even a balloon toss for both the kids and adults. It was nice to see Andrea, MaryLou, Joe, and Phil from the Board. Bossie's

Ice Cream did not disappoint, either! I managed to go another year without winning a door prize, the main prize, or a Chinese Raffle—but it was still a good time!



*Theresa Bremenour competing (and winning) the adult hula competition at the 4-Lodge Picnic.*

Then, we had our Akron Rubber Ducks game on Friday, July 13th. They changed their name

a few years ago, but still have the same mascot (Orit) that they did when they were the Aeros. The game featured Tim Tebow, who hit a home run his first time up. But, not to be outdone, the Rubber Ducks battled and won the game in 11 innings. Naturally, I was unwilling to stay the whole game since I had to work the next day, but it was fun while I was there. Those that stayed the whole game reported that the fireworks were fabulous.



*Lodge #146 members attend the Akron Rubber Ducks game. Pictured (lower row l-r) are Claire, Bob Snyder, Joseph, Catherine and Nicollete Snyder, Kelly Volckening and Chris Kocin, Second Row (l-r) is Jill Snyder, Josette Snyder, Tim Snyder and Bob Snyder, Dana and Mike Bodanza.*

I also went to the Indians game, where they faced the hated Yankees. I got my rally towel on the way out, but it was a good game. The Indians lost due to making two errors on a single play, which turned a 2-base double into a scoring play. There were fireworks afterwards set to Led Zeppelin. It was a good time celebrating with many lodge friends. Coming soon, we have the Convention and Young Adult Leadership Conference in Chicago. Our three delegates will be there, and we will have a full report next month about their adventures. We are currently planning our annual Hayride. It looks like it will be the end of September. No firm date yet, but it will be announced in The Voice (hopefully next month). In talking to last year's attendees, they all enjoyed Ramseyer Farms, so we will look into it and report back. Our next meeting is Friday, September 7th at Quaker Steak on Canal Road in Valley View. We will meet there at 6 p.m.

### LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

#### UPCOMING MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Monday,

September 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Olympia Sweet Treats & Grill in Strongsville.

#### LODGE UPDATE

A big thank you to Chuck Potenga and Lodge #226 for organizing the Four Lodge Picnic on July 8th. It included workers, members, and guests from Lodges #63, #146, and #150. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and it was so much fun! Thank you to the members of Lodge #150 who participated in our Join Hands Day at the St. Mary's Fresh Produce Distribution on Saturday, July 14th. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Lodges #169 and #150 for working together to participate in a Matching Funds event to benefit the Catholic Mission Aid (MZA). It was held on Sunday, July 22nd at Slovenska Pristava. Proceeds will go to support Slovenian missionaries around the world who are dedicating their lives to helping the poor.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION

Sending best wishes to Lodge #150 delegates Liz Jones and Elaine Peskar for a wonderful Convention in Chicago.

#### E-MAIL ADDRESS

The Lodge #150 e-mail address for Financial Secretary, Liz Jones is [kskjlife150@gmail.com](mailto:kskjlife150@gmail.com).

*Submitted by*

*Elaine Peskar*

*President/Recording Secretary*

### REGION 4

JOLIET AREA

### LODGE #2

JOLIET, IL

#### WINE AND CHEESE TASTING SOCIAL

Due to popular demand, St. Joseph KSKJ Lodge #2 will be bringing back its Wine and Cheese Tasting Social. The event will be in the early afternoon of September 16, 2018; the location is being determined. Please save the date. We are also working with the ATI Foundation for our Matching Funds event. It will

## LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

be a golf outing on October 13th. More information will follow on how to volunteer, participate, or donate.

*Zach Pucel*

### LODGE #143

#### LODGE UPDATE

Members from St. John the Baptist Lodge #143 came out to Joliet's Splash Station Water Park on July 22nd for the Joliet Lodges annual event. The weather was just right for the twilight water fun! A collection of school supplies took place and members were most generous. Look for photos and more details from this event in next month's Voice. We are pleased to have the following members represent our lodge at this month's National Convention: Amy Koncar, Annette Koncar, John Koncar and Julia Markun. Stay connected! "Like" and follow our Facebook page for information on upcoming meetings and events. [www.facebook.com/kskj143](http://www.facebook.com/kskj143)

*Submitted by,  
Lauren Baltz*

### REGION 5

CHICAGO & INDIANAPOLIS AREA

### LODGE #1

CHICAGO, IL

#### LODGE UPDATE

A Matching Funds Event will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at the Slovenian Catholic Center. It will benefit St. Mary's Friary Retreat House in Lemont. The Matching Funds letter and raffle tickets for the dinner will be mailed in August.

The next lodge meeting will be on September 9, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Slovenian Catholic Center, before the dinner.



15 members and 4 non-members attended the Youth Fishing Day/Summer Outdoor Social. The children caught many fish and the weather was very nice. Many of us enjoyed the pool.



We hope to see more members attend next year!

*Joanne Sierzega*

### LODGE #44

S. CHICAGO, IL

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual bocce tournament will be August 26th at Club 81, located at 13157 S. Avenue M, Chicago, IL 60633. Get your team together and reserve your spot with Jim Rossi Jr. at (219) 902-0230. Price per team will be \$100. There will be coffee and doughnuts provided during registration, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. First roll will be at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held before registration at 9 a.m. Our next meeting will be held before the tournament. Tickets for our baseball outing are almost gone. On Monday, September 3rd, we will be taking a bus trip to watch the Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers. The coach bus will be meeting us at Olympia Lanes, 4150 Calumet Ave, Hammond, IN 46320. We will be leaving at 9 a.m. to make the first pitch at 1:10 p.m. If you are interested in securing your ticket, contact Jim Rossi Jr. at (219) 902-0230 or George Bozetti at (708) 334-5434. Be sure to come out to our next meeting. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Come enjoy the food, and if you are not playing, enjoy watching the tournament. If you cannot make the meeting and still want to share your thoughts, questions, or suggestions, you may reach out to George Bozetti at (708) 334-5434 or myself at (219) 718-7599. We will be sure to share them! We hope to see you there!

*Best regards,  
Angela Ross*

### REGION 6

NE ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN

### LODGE #65

MILWAUKEE, WI

#### LODGE UPDATE

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. In Milwaukee, there are lots of upcoming ethnic festivals, church festivals, and family get-togethers. Enjoy them!

Are you going to be attending college in September? Educational Grant applications are now available for Lodge #65 members. Please call Agnes Lobacz at (414) 321-9779 for an application or more information. The applications are due August 31st, and will be awarded in October at our scheduled meeting on October 3, 2018. St. John's was very happy to receive a \$100.00 check for our participation in Join Hands Day. This check will be given to a charity of our choice; as of this date, a decision has not been made. Many thanks to all who participated in this event at our June meeting. Watch this paper for news of our 28th Annual Ed Bregant Memorial Golf Outing.

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PLACE: Root River Center (74th and Rawson Ave)  
COST: \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 a couple, includes appetizers and coffee

ENTERTAINMENT: Zadnja Kaplja (from Chicago). There will be a cash bar and Slovenian wine will be available by the glass. Enjoy a fun evening of music and dancing. Greetings to all our sick and shut ins.

*Mici Bregant*

## LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

### LODGE #79

WAUKEGAN, IL



Three officers from St. Mary #79 participated in a Food Distribution Day at the Midwest Veterans Closet, sponsored by Com Ed.



Vickie Hammergren recently traveled to Slovenia, where she put her KSKJ Life umbrella to good use as she strolled through Prešeren Square, which is the central square in Ljubljana. Vickie is the lodge recording secretary of St. Mary #79, Waukegan.

### LODGE #136

WILLARD, WI

#### UPCOMING MEETING

Mary of Perpetual Help Lodge 136 will not have an August meeting. The next meeting will be September 9, 2018.

Lonna Rakovec

### LODGE #144

SHEBOYGAN, WI

#### LODGE UPDATE

LAST CALL for attending the Annual Dinner and Fellowship event being held on August 19th at the KC Hall. The dinner will be at 1:00 p.m. with a cash bar beginning at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Payment and reservations are due no later than August 10th. Please make checks payable to SS. Cyril & Methodius Lodge # 144. Send to Pat Slapnick at 1902 Havenwood Ct., Sheboygan, WI 53081. During the dinner, we will present the Financial Grants to the students. This year we have 5 students that have sent in their applications. As in the past, we ask that the student be present for the dinner to accept the grant. If they live outside 100-mile radius, they must send in a letter stating the school they will be attending and their career goals. We would like to see more people attend.

Pat Slapnick  
President & Reporter

### REGION 7

MINNESOTA AND MICHIGAN

### LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN



Although he was left holding the "Bag", Bruce Fehringer, along with teammate Marybeth Strand, were winners of the Bean Bag Tourney held in Chambers Grove.



Members enjoyed the recent Polka Party Picnic and Beanbag Tournament, which was held in Chambers Grove in the Fond du Lac neighborhood of Duluth, MN.

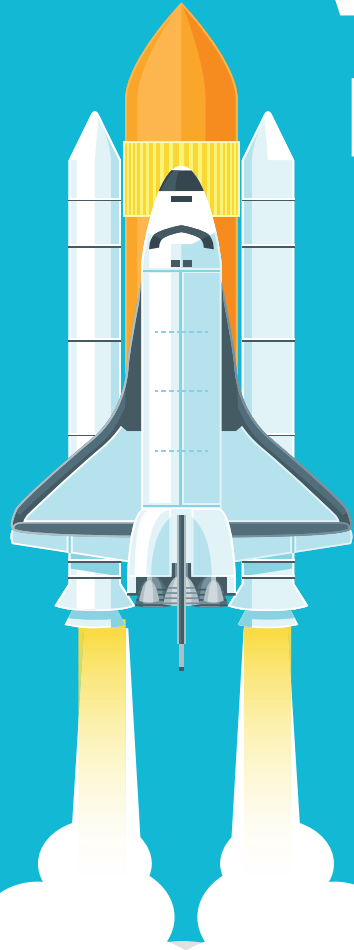
### OTHER NEWS & NOTES

#### SEND IN YOUR LODGE UPDATE

Remember to send in all lodge news and events to [voice@kskjlife.com](mailto:voice@kskjlife.com) by the second Friday of each month. Additionally, feel free to submit feature articles of interest for consideration.



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