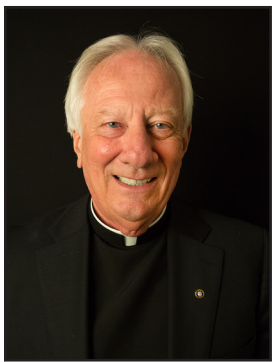




A MESSAGE FROM KSKJ LIFE'S SPIRITUAL ADVISOR THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS



Thanksgiving is always a bright spot on the calendar. We are very aware that much of the day is probably spent watching football. But there is another part of the day that we all cherish.....a TIME to say THANK YOU. Most of all, we thank God for all that we have been blessed

to have. There are so many wonderful blessings that GOD has given us. And I am sure we don't need to be reminded of these. However, there is one gift that always comes to mind on this day.... that is the gift of FAITH. What would we do without this? It allows us to pray and worship. It sustains us in times of difficulty and sadness, especially in the loss of a loved one. It reminds us that we are fragile and that in the midst of everything we face, HEAVEN is in our future. So, while we take time on Thanksgiving Day to appreciate our family, our friends and our blessings, let us never forget to show our gratitude to GOD who has made it all possible. Perhaps, attending Mass with family on this day would highlight the appreciation for our FAITH. God Bless you all on this Day. May God continue to shower His blessings upon you.

Fr. Richard Gielow C.M.
KSKJ Life Spiritual Advisor



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CHARITABLE AID FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

The recent devastation from Hurricane Florence that made landfall in the Carolinas several weeks ago wreaked havoc on communities from rising floodwaters, which has claimed at least 48 lives.

After we first started our campaign to aid the victims of Hurricane Florence, the wrath of Hurricane Michael followed shortly thereafter, causing widespread damage along the Florida panhandle with Mexico City, Florida bearing the brunt of the storm.

For nearly 125 years, KSKJ Life, headquartered in Joliet, IL has served its members and their communities through outreach and charitable aid. To support relief efforts for these disasters, KSKJ Life Foundation has organized a fundraiser to equally benefit The Salvation Army - Disaster Relief and Habitat for Humanity, with equal disbursements directed to both Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael victims alike.

KSKJ Life will match donations collected up to \$5,000 total and will accept donations through the end of November.

We continue to connect, protect and serve our members and the communities in which they live. Together we can make a difference!

Donations will be accepted by mailing a check payable to:

KSKJ Life Foundation

Mail to:

KSKJ Life Foundation

2439 Glenwood Ave.

Joliet, IL 60435

Thank you for your generosity.

KSKJ Life Foundation



Flooding from Hurricane Florence as seen in Lumberton, North Carolina. Photo courtesy of The Huffington Post via Getty Images



Mexico Beach, FL after Hurricane Michael - Photo courtesy of CNN

KSKJ LIFE EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

Thank you and congratulations to all our student members who applied for the 2018- 2019 KSKJ Life Educational Grant. We applaud you for your academic achievements and commitment to volunteerism and service. All applicants will be notified in November, and a full list of recipients will be published in December's edition of The Voice.



ARE YOU TAPPING INTO YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS?



The Season's Best Savings Are Here

Did you know you can use your **KSKJ Life Discount Program** to save even more on Black Friday? Make sure you're subscribed to emails so you never miss a deal!

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KSKJ LIFE SERVICE AWARD

KSKJ Life will begin accepting online nominations for the 2018 KSKJ Life Service Award beginning November 1 through December 31. Any KSKJ Life member (age 13 and older) who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to service and volunteerism in his/her community can be nominated. The person submitting the nomination must be a member as well. The honoree will be chosen in January 2019, and KSKJ Life will make a \$250 donation to the charity of his/her choice. Stay tuned to The Voice and kskjlife.com for more details.



ST. VITUS PARISH: 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Wow! That is the only word to describe what happened on Sept. 30, 2018 when St. Vitus Parish officially observed the 125th Year Anniversary of the founding (1893-2018) with three special events.

The day began when The Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Bishop, Diocese of Cleveland, walked over to Joseph House of Cleveland, Inc., 6108 St. Clair Avenue, to bless and dedicate this newly remodeled site for the clothing distribution ministry of JHCI at 9:30AM. Bishop Nelson was warmly greeted by approximately 35 people. An additional mission of JHCI is to resettle incoming immigrants to Cleveland. Clergy, religious, St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655, Knights of Columbus, individuals in Slovenian narodne nose, and members of the parish pastoral and finance council members gathered by the entrance of St. Vitus Village where they would process into the entrance of St. Vitus Church. There were over 70 people in the Slovenian narodne nose. Solemn Mass began at 11:00AM with exceptional singing of 50 + choir members of the two parish choirs plus four-string and four wind musicians for the Liturgy. The entrance hymn was "Jubileo Deo," astonishing the 650 + congregants.



St. Vitus Church celebrates the 125th year anniversary of their founding.

The primary theme of Bishop Perez's homily was how faith and culture are connected and that one cannot be separated from the other. The singing of the combined choirs, under the direction of John F. Srsen*, was phenomenal. Songs were sung in English, Latin and Slovenian. The renovated church pipe organ was excellently played by William Patrick. The Solemn Mass concluded around 12:25PM with a group photograph taken of all in the Processional in the front of the church. Over 400 people arrived at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, for the formal banquet and program. Mr. Frank Zitko*, president, St. Vitus Alumni, was introduced as the Master of Ceremony at 1:15PM. Rev. Greg

Neuzil was called forward to offer an opening prayer for the banquet.



An inside view of St. Vitus Church.

Dinner was promptly served by Joe Tavcar*, Erika Kurbos* and staff, with all refreshments already served on each of the 40+ tables. The grand finale was a specifically baked torte on each table, prepared by Sophie Mazi* and staff. As a token of appreciation, all attendees were presented a specially made glass cup with the 125th Year Anniversary logo on the cup designed in a blue color. The Larry "Patch" Paciorek Combo provided dinner music and entertainment. Fantje Na Vasi, a men's a cappella singing choir, provided two songs in Slovenian. Tom Gorenssek* and John F. Srsen then gave their speeches, respectively in Slovenian and English, expressing their own unique perspective on what it means to be a parishioner. Frank Zitko* called on Dick Russ*, guest speaker, who gave a dynamic speech on faith, culture, the meaning of being involved in a parish and the broader community. Thank you, Tom, John and Dick, for your moving speeches.



650 + congregants attended mass on the 125th anniversary date of St. Vitus church.

Maria Lees, Greg Plassard and Ed Cup*, representatives from the parish pastoral and finance councils, came forward and presented Rev. Boznar with a gift from parishioners as a token of gratitude for being pastor at St. Vitus since 1979. The gift was an original oil portrait of Rev. Boznar with his entire

family on the occasion of the 40th Year Wedding Anniversary of his parents.

The three events of the parish 125th Year Anniversary did not occur not occur without extensive planning and dedication by the following individuals: Rev. Joseph Boznar, Chairperson of the 125th Year Anniversary Committee, Louise Strauss, Sister Mary Avsec, SND, Lauren Calevich, Ivan (and Debbie) Cugel*, Elizabeth Dolinar, Mia (and Bob) Graf, Craig (and Maria) Hebebrand*, Marge and Stane Kuhar*, Maggie (and Mike) Milakovich, Christy Mihelich (designer of 125th Year anniversary logo), Annie Muller (designed Mass booklet and banquet brochure), Matt Plecnik Jr.* (along with Matt Urbas and Matt Muller, placing of respective flags on the outside of the church), Sherri Stidham, Betty Svekric, Aaron Taricska, Richard Taricska, and Chris Zakelj*.



The Most Reverend Nelson Perez, Bishop, Diocese of Cleveland, speaks on faith and culture in the Catholic church.

The board at Slovenian National Home, Gerri and Bob Hopkins in particular, are thanked for their great cooperation. We also acknowledge the support of a KSKJ Cultural Grant to offset the cost of printing the beautiful Mass booklet, KSKJ Life, Slovenian American Times, Our Voice (AMLA), Big Bouquet and Euro Gourmet (Terri Jarem*), Louis Slapnik and Sons Florists (Nancy Slapnik, Shelli and Bob March), Sheliga Drug Store (refreshments and other items needed), Hilary Bovay (professional photographer for all three events), and Wally Kaplan (artist who created the oil portrait of the Boznar family). In closing, the 125th Year Anniversary Book will be printed and published just before Christmas season 2018.

Note: *means a member of American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ).

*Stane Kuhar
Christ The King Lodge #226.*

5 SIGNS YOU NEED TO UP YOUR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE

(Reprinted from LifeHappens.org blog – author Felix Steinmeyer)

Depending on the type of life insurance policy you have, you could be covered anywhere from a few years to the rest of your life, depending on if you have term or permanent whole life insurance. But if you've had a policy for a while, it might no longer be enough.

As your life changes, your insurance needs change with it. Depending on events that have happened and how your mindset has evolved since you first bought a policy, it may be a good idea to make sure you have enough coverage. Here are five signs to watch out for:

1. You've had a child. The cost of raising a child through age 17 is \$233,610, according to 2015 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture—and that's not even mentioning college costs if you plan to help out. If you've recently had an addition to your family, your spouse or partner may not be able to afford those costs if something were to happen to you. That's especially the case if you're the financial breadwinner.

2. You've bought a new home. Two of the top five reasons people get life insurance is to cover mortgage debt and to pay for home expenses, according to the 2018 Insurance Barometer Study by Life Happens and LIMRA. If you have a family, the last thing you want is for them to be forced out of their home because they can't keep up with the payments. So, if you just bought your first home or a new home with a bigger mortgage, make sure you have enough coverage to at least make the monthly payments.

3. Your income has increased dramatically. Two-thirds of people who own life insurance bought it to replace lost income if they were to pass away, according to the same Barometer Study. If you've recently gotten a significant raise or your income has increased steadily since you last bought insurance, check to make sure your insurance coverage is still enough to replace it.

4. Your lifestyle has changed. While income increases often come with lifestyle changes, it's also possible to get a lifestyle upgrade after you've paid off debt or improved your cash flow in some other way. If you notice that you've been spending more per month than you were a year or two ago, your current life insurance policy may leave a gap between its coverage and your loved ones' needs.

5. You're thinking about your estate planning. Another top-five reason people get life insurance is to transfer wealth or leave an inheritance. As you get older, you may start thinking more about what kind of legacy you want to leave behind.

If you've been focused on other life insurance needs up to this point, it might be time to take another look to see if you would owe any estate taxes upon your death or what other expenses your estate might incur. You may also consider whether you want to leave any money behind for your children or a favorite charity. Whatever you do, take the time every once in a while, to determine whether your life insurance coverage is still enough to take care of the people you love.



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS KSKJLIFE

CONNECT YOUR LOVED ONES WITH KSKJ LIFE

We value you as our member and work hard to serve you. We continue to evolve as an organization with a diverse base of over 40,000 members nationwide, never losing sight of our tradition and the desire to support our members and communities. Connect your loved ones with us so that they may become part of an organization that is driven by purpose, not profits — an organization whose mission is to Protect, Connect and Serve.



WHY SHOULD YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY BE A PART OF KSKJ LIFE?

- We offer competitive life insurance and annuity products
- We provide personalized service
- We give numerous member benefits, such as our Educational Grant Program, PerkSpot Discount Program, American Hearing Benefits, and many more
- We present opportunities for our members to make a positive difference in their communities

REFERRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER IS AS EASY AS 1-2-5!

With our 125th anniversary right around the corner, we'd love to have your family and friends become members of KSKJ Life. Please visit www.kskjlife.com/125th to submit your referrals online. As a thank you, we will mail you the following gifts when you supply us with 1, 2 and 5+ referrals.



Questions? Please call (844) 407-9242 and press "1".



SUPPORT THE TROOPS

★ ★ ★ *with the Boxer Brigade* ★ ★ ★

This holiday season, KSKJ Life lodges will be collecting undergarments for male veterans at Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago - all donations make a difference!

Members can donate items such as:

- *Boxers*
- *Briefs*
- *Undershirts*
- *Socks*
- *Long underwear*

Not close to the Midwest but interested in participating? This year your lodge has the additional option of helping both local veterans AND Midwest Veterans Closet while avoiding shipping costs:

- 1) **Collect undergarments at a lodge event by 1/13/19 and donate locally or ship to Midwest Veterans Closet**
- 2) **Snap a picture of your lodge donating the goods to a local charity that supports veterans or a photo of collected items ****
- 3) **KSKJ Life will donate \$50 to Midwest Veterans Closet on behalf of your lodge. It's a win-win!**

Monetary donations will also be graciously accepted and will be matched per dollar (maximum \$100 per member) up to \$5,000. Donated funds can be mailed to the Home Office marked "Supporting Soldiers," and a one-time donation of the total collected funds will be delivered to the charity.

WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Head over to KSKJLife.com and learn more about the campaign on our 'Activities' page!



Collected donations can be sent to:
Midwest Veterans Closet
2323 Green Bay Rd.
North Chicago, IL 60064

***all participating lodges should submit photo of collected items before donating and send to fraternal@kskjlife.com*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LACEY VIANO SPENDS SEMESTER ABROAD IN SLOVENIA

This past summer, Lacey Viano from Lodge #108 in Joliet, Illinois had the opportunity to visit Slovenia for the very first time. Each year, the American Slovenian Education Foundation (ASEF) provides financial and educational support to students through their fellowship program. The purpose of the fellowship is to strengthen exchange between Slovenia and the rest of the world with the objective of giving talented students, preferably of Slovenian background, the ability to visit Slovenia while also gaining professional/academic experience.



Lacey visited other European landmarks, such as Saint Mark's Basilica (the cathedral church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Venice, northern Italy).

"I actually found out about the trip through a newsletter from KSKJ Life," Lacey explained. "I had never left the country before, but my family is of Slovenian descent - my grandmother actually came over from there - so that place has a special meaning to me." During her two month stay, Lacey attended the University of Ljubljana to study food science and nutrition with Dr. Tanja Pajk, an assistant professor in the Biotechnical Faculty. Lacey's undergrad at Eastern Illinois University consisted of nutrition of dietetics, food science, medical nutrition therapy, and many community nutrition projects, so working with Dr. Tanja Pajk was a fantastic learning experience for

Lacey. "I assisted with research and completed many different experiments," Lacey recalled. "It was eye-opening being exposed to such advanced food science technology, as Slovenia has. The members of the Biotechnical Faculty welcomed me with open arms and did everything possible to help me gain as much as I could from the program."



Lacey and friends hiking the mountains in Slovenia.

In her free time, Lacey was excited to experience the culture of Slovenia and reconnect with some of her distant family as well as learn about her grandparents through them. "My family was extremely welcoming and friendly, and just extended the warmest hospitality towards me," Lacey said. "The culture there is amazing. There's a strong sense of family and it's very laidback. They are very dedicated to conservation, nature and fresh foods."

Lacey especially relished exploring all the natural beauty Slovenia has to offer. "I made a good friend there and we did a lot of outdoor activities, such as mountain climbing, canyoning, going to the sea, hiking. Slovenia is just a breathtaking country." A few other favorite memories included attending outdoor concerts, the Odprta Kuhna (Open Kitchen Market), walking around the City Centre, biking through the park, and chatting with friends at small coffee shops. Committed to making the most out of her first trip outside of the United States, Lacey also dedicated some time traveling to other cities close by, such as Venice and Vienna in Italy and Budapest, Hungary.



Lacey (far right) wasn't the only KSKJ Life member who traveled to Slovenia this past summer. Here Matthew Fitzsimmons of Lodge 257 (second from right) is pictured with Lacey and friends at the Vršič Pass in northwestern Slovenia..

"The charm of Slovenia and the people in it are things I will always look back fondly on," Lacey reminisced. "If I ever found out that I only had one more day to live, I would want to go back and spend it there."



Beach days are the best days! The bodies of water in Slovenia were incredibly clear and blue.

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.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018

- Lodge #007** - Ronald F. Petkosek, Pueblo, CO
- Lodge #020** - John W. Edwards, Grand Rapids, MI
- Lodge #020** - Ray O. Kennedy, Midland, MI
- Lodge #020** - Albert L. Klug, Harrison, MI
- Lodge #020** - Bessie L. London, Fort Wayne, IN
- Lodge #020** - Eliazor Lopez, Fennville, MI
- Lodge #020** - Jeanette J. Roelofs, Nunica, MI
- Lodge #020** - Virginia M. Slaughter, Riverview, MI
- Lodge #025** - Steve A. Dreyer, Willoughby Hills, OH
- Lodge #025** - Sharon K. Harter, Malvern, OH
- Lodge #025** - Daniel A. Rex, Canton, OH
- Lodge #025** - John W. Woodfork, Springfield, OH
- Lodge #042** - Michael E. Imbrogno, Middletown, PA
- Lodge #042** - Jo Lynne C. Sedmak, Rehoboth Beach, DE
- Lodge #050** - Louise Librich, Beaver, PA
- Lodge #050** - Elizabeth C. Marchitello, N. Versailles, PA

- Lodge #050** - Frank Muhich, Allison Park, PA
- Lodge #052** - William G. Myers, Boonville, IN
- Lodge #052** - William K. Simmons Jr., Washington, IN
- Lodge #053** - Joan D. Nemmers-Dolence, Antioch, IL
- Lodge #059** - Dona M. Rotter, New London, MN
- Lodge #059** - Andrine K. Rozinka, Eveleth, MN
- Lodge #063** - Roger D. Robinson, Lexington, OH
- Lodge #065** - William Frangesh, Mills River, NC
- Lodge #065** - Ann C. Valent, Milwaukee, WI
- Lodge #079** - John A. Shubitz, Waukegan, IL
- Lodge #110** - Janice L. Ellis, Canal Fulton, OH
- Lodge #115** - Bonnie L. Gerant, Wichita, KS
- Lodge #144** - Charles J. Drexler, Sheboygan, WI
- Lodge #144** - Ralph L. Schmickel, Kenosha, WI
- Lodge #153** - Shirley A. Wenrich, Lewisburg, PA
- Lodge #169** - Gregory F. Pirak, Gayville, SD

- Lodge #170** - Metod Zerdin, Chicago, IL
- Lodge #197** - Leon S. Weiss, Pierz, MN
- Lodge #219** - Henry S. Grosel, Avon, OH
- Lodge #257** - Barbara H. Carrell, Washington, DC
- Lodge #300** - Marjorie R. Jackson, Oregon City, OR
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- Lodge #620** - Curtis Waller, Phoenix, AZ
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VETERANS DAY: HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

KSKJ Life extends our deepest gratitude today and every day to our dedicated military personnel, and the families that support them.



IN MEMORY OF

Rudolph Krasovec, Sr. - Lodge #7, Pueblo, CO
 Virginia Marie Parsons - \$100.00

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 Lisa, Danny & Will Golob - \$100.00

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 Francine & Robert Grampovnik \$25.00

James Buchar - Lodge #2, Joliet, IL
 Dan & Dawne Mihelich \$100.00

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTIES



#1 - Chicago, IL	Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018	11:00AM	Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont	Joint lodge holiday party with Lodge 170. Election of officers and lodge meeting to precede the holiday party. Lunch will be served.
#25 - Cleveland, OH	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	2:00PM	St. Vitus Church	Lodge annual meeting to precede the Christmas social at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement
#29 - Joliet, IL	Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019	Noon	176 West Banquet Facility - 1100 NE Frontage Rd, Joliet, IL 60431	Meeting at 12:30 followed by buffet at 1:00 p.m. Cost for members is \$15, guests are \$20 and kids under 3 are free. RSVP and plan to prepay Judy Corum at 815-725-3553 or jmcorum@ameritech.net by December 22.
#42 - Steelton, PA	Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018	TBD	Hershey Sweet Lights in Hershey, PA	Children's Christmas Party. Start time will appear on invitations sent to kids
#42 - Steelton, PA	Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019	1:00PM	St. Aloysius Lodge Home	Adult Christmas Party. No guests. Active & social members welcome; social must show 2019 membership card.
#44 - S. Chicago, IL	Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018	3:00PM	Calumet Yacht Club - 4025 E. 102nd St, Chicago, IL 60617	Food, dancing, 50-year members and LPOTY recognition. Lodge elections before the party
#50 - Pittsburgh, PA	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	Noon to 3:00PM	Zone 28 in Harmarville	Lunch, bowling, ugly Christmas sweater contest. Please bring an unwrapped children's toy for the Annual Toy Drive, supporting Best for Batch Foundation. Please RSVP by December 2nd to Ashley at the kskjlife50@yahoo.com or to Al (412-487-2492) or Bob (724-831-0611).
#53 - Waukegan, IL	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	11:00AM	Bertrand Lanes	Lodge Christmas party hosted with St. Mary's Lodge #79. Christmas Carnival invitations will be in the mail soon! Enjoy fun and games and crafts followed by lunch and goodies with Santa Claus.
#59 - Eveleth, MN	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	1:00PM	Church Hall	Lodge officer elections and annual meeting to precede the holiday party at 12PM
#63 - St. Lawrence, OH	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018.	1:00-3:00PM	Slovenian National Home and East 80th Lanes	Combined Christmas Party. Annual meeting at 12:00PM before the event.
#65 - Milwaukee, WI	Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018	Noon to 3:00PM	St. John the Evangelist Church Hall	Cookies or bars would be appreciated from members.
#69 - Great Falls, MT				
#79 - Waukegan, IL	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	11:00AM	Bertrand Lanes	Lodge Christmas party hosted with St. Joseph #53. Christmas Carnival invitations will be in the mail soon! Enjoy fun and games and crafts followed by lunch and goodies with Santa Claus.
#108 - Joliet, IL	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	1:00-4:00PM	Al's Steakhouse	Cost is \$15/person. Please mail your check (payable to St. Genevieve Lodge #108) to Alan Mihelich, 1808 Waters Edge Drive, Minooka, Illinois 60447. Deadline for reservations:
#144 - Sheboygan, WI	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	After 9:00AM Mass	Fountain Park Family Restaurant	Members free; spouses & guests \$5.00 (please send money to Pat Slapnick before the event). Reservations must be made to Pat Slapnick at 920-458-1469 by November 30th.
#146 - Cleveland, OH	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	1 - 3:00PM	Slovenian National Home (THE NASH), East 80th, Cleveland	Combined Christmas party. Lunch, door prizes, bowling, and Santa
#150 - Cleveland, OH	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	1 - 3:00PM	Slovenian National Home (THE NASH), East 80th, Cleveland	Lodge #150 members may RSVP to Elaine Peskar at (440) 503-8312, peskarelaine@gmail.com or kskjlife150@gmail.com.
#153 - Strabane, PA	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	1:00 - 5:00PM	Lodge home at the corner of Alexander Avenue & Chartiers Street in Strabane	Cost is \$10.00 for non-members and members are FREE. Please bring a canned food item or any type of non-perishable item or paper product for the annual food drive. Items will be donated to the Canonsburg/Houston Food Pantry. Food, door prizes, 50-50 raffle, entertainment by Frank and Darryl Valencic and Santa.
#171 - Duluth, MN	Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018	6:00PM	St. Elizabeth's Social Hall	Members, please bring a potluck to share. Refreshments will be provided. We will also be collecting canned goods for the food shelf and new items for Families In Need, such as gloves, hats, jackets, socks. Please RSVP to Barb Larson at 715-398-5693 for youth members who are attending.
#196 - Gilbert, MN	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	1:00PM	St. Joseph's Catholic Church	Election of officers to precede annual Youth and Adult Christmas Party
#219 - Cleveland, OH	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	1:00PM	Vittorio's Buon Appetito Restaurant	Lodge officer elections to precede the holiday party at 12PM
#226 - Cleveland, OH	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	12:00PM	Slovenian National Home	Children's Christmas Party - invitations to be sent to young members. Crafts, games, refreshments, Santa Claus meet and greet. We are in need of teen volunteers to help out. Questions? Email Beth Paskey (bpaskey@ameritech.net) or Tamara Zupancic (tlninmentor@hotmail.com)
Combined Joliet Lodges	Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018	10:00AM to 1:00PM	Haunted Trails	Postcards will be sent out with more info about the party or visit the Joliet Lodges Facebook page.
Combined Cleveland Lodges - 63, 146, 150	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	1 - 3:00PM	Slovenian National Home (THE NASH), East 80th, Cleveland	Please RSVP by November 26th if you plan to attend. Parents, please RSVP with your member child's name and age to insure they receive their gift at the party.

An updated list of lodge holiday parties will be posted in December's issue.

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

New look! To help make it easier to locate your local news, Lodge News is now organized by U.S. states.

ILLINOIS

COMBINED JOLIET LODGES

JOLIET, IL

NEWS UPDATE

On Tuesday, October 2nd, the combined Joliet KSKJ lodges held their monthly meeting with members from Lodge #29 and Lodge #108 in attendance.

As for new business, Mike Vidmar announced that the next Illinois Federation meeting will be held on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in Lemont at the Slovenian Cultural Center. He also mentioned that the drawing for the annual scholarship fund raffle would be held at the meeting. So, if you haven't sold your tickets yet – please do so now.

Speaking of raffles, the winners of the October "Youth/Sports" Fund Raffle were as follows – Mike Miller and Lodge #143. Congratulations! As long as I'm on this subject, raffle tickets for 2019 raffle will be printed and distributed to the lodges.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2019 will be held at the December meeting.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it's a sure sign that Christmas will soon be upon us. With this in mind, the Joliet lodges kid's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 1st at Haunted Trails from 10:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. Postcards will be sent out with more information about the party. Or, if you are tech savvy, visit the Joliet lodges Facebook page!

Please be advised that the December meeting that will be held on Tuesday, December 4th. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. to stuff, stamp, and address the Christmas cards for those 80 and over. Pizza will be served at this meeting in appreciation of those that come out to help with this project.

The next meeting of the Combined Joliet KSKJ lodges will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at T&C Lanes. Hope to see you there.

Before I sign off – on behalf of all the Officers of the Combined Joliet KSKJ lodges, we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Pauline Mihelich
Recording Secretary/Reporter*

LODGE #1

CHICAGO, IL

NEWS UPDATE

Dear Members,

The next lodge meeting will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 11 a.m. at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont. We will hold the election of officers and discuss events for 2019. After the meeting, we will hold the annual Christmas party with Lodge #170. Lunch will be served. A reminder notice will be sent in December.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Stephen Lodge #1 will be celebrating its 125th anniversary as a KSKJ lodge on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Slovenian Catholic Center. More information as we get closer to the event.

You may be interested in reading an article about St. Mary's Retreat Center in Lemont, which was the recipient of our Matching Funds fundraiser. The article appeared in the Chicago Catholic archdiocesan newspaper dated September 23rd on pages #7 and #14.

Happy Thanksgiving Day to all.

Joanne Sierzega

LODGE #29

JOLIET, IL

LODGE ELECTIONS

We are always looking for a few good people to serve as officers and work with a great team of people. Please join us for our election of officers for 2019 and lodge meeting on Sunday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Park.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Holiday Party will be Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 176 West Banquet Facility on the Frontage Road in Joliet beginning at noon with cocktails. We will have a meeting at 12:30 p.m. followed by a buffet at 1:00 p.m. The cost for members is \$15, guests are \$20, and kids under 3 are free. RSVP and plan

to prepay to Judy Corum at (815) 725-3553 or jmcorum@ameritech.net by December 22.

A time to be thankful for everything in our lives – Happy Thanksgiving!

Karen (Ramsak) Colman

LODGE #44

S. CHICAGO, IL

LODGE UPDATE

Our next meeting will be November 11th at Saint George Rectory following 9 a.m. mass. All are welcome to attend. We will be finalizing the plans for the Christmas Party, as well as getting the ball rolling for next year. Lodge #44's Annual Family Christmas Party will be held at the Calumet Yacht Club this year, at 4025 E. 102nd St., Chicago, IL 60617. Stop in on December 1st at 3 p.m. for some food and dancing. As usual, we will celebrate our 50 Year Members and Person of the Year. There will be a short meeting before the festivities to recap the year and start to plan for 2019, which will include elections. Come make your voice heard with nominations and voting. Also, come with any ideas you want to see our lodge take part of this coming year. We hope to see everyone there. For any questions or to RSVP, contact George Bozetti at (708) 334-5434.

Angela Rossi

LODGE #53

WAUKEGAN, IL

LODGE UPDATE

Thank you to the members of our lodge that met up at the end of October to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. We worked as part of a crew that morning to process over 5,000 bags of individual meals that were designated for shipment to provide for those in need. The spirit of giving back to the worldwide community among all the volunteers was evident throughout the shift; most importantly, it was humbling to learn about the less fortunate among us.

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Get into the holiday spirit on December 9th at our annual lodge Christmas party hosted with St. Mary's Lodge #79 at Bertrand Lanes in Waukegan. Christmas Carnival invitations will be in the mail soon! Enjoy fun, games, and crafts followed by lunch and goodies with Santa Claus! We look forward to seeing you there.

Shout out to our younger members! Thinking about getting more involved? We would love to have you at our meetings with your ideas, suggestions, and volunteering—and even stepping up as a lodge officer! (Not to mention your obvious technical and social media expertise!) Election of officers will be held at our monthly December meeting. Please join us in January for refreshments and fellowship!

UPCOMING MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Annual Meeting – December 9 at 9:15 a.m. at Bertrand Lanes

Annual Lodge Christmas Party: December 9 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Bertrand Lanes

Installation Meeting: January 13, 2019 at 9:15 a. at Bertrand Lanes

Victoria Drinka, Secretary

LODGE #108

JOLIET, IL

NEWS UPDATE

St. Genevieve Lodge #108 held their monthly meeting on Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Ferdinand Hall with a total of nine members in attendance.

Congratulations go out to Mary Mihelich, the winner of the attendance award. Congratulations to Pauline Mihelich as well for winning the lodge raffle for the month of October.

A “thank-you” was received from St. Joseph Church for our donation to help with the cost of mailing out the church fair raffle tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 4th – Lodge Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Ferdinand Hall. Pizza will be served.

Sunday, December 2nd – Annual Lodge Christmas party, 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Al's Steakhouse. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

While I'm on the subject of our lodge Christmas party: please mail your check (payable to St. Genevieve Lodge #108) to Alan Mihelich, 1808 Waters Edge Drive, Minooka, Illinois 60447. Please be advised that the deadline for reservations is 11/28/18.

We will be honoring our 50-year members at our lodge Christmas party. They are as follows: Margaret Lakota, Rita Berglund, and Nicolle Lee. Congratulations to them for having 50 years of continuous membership with St. Genevieve Lodge #108 KSKJ Life. Also, nominations and election of officers for 2019 will be held at our annual lodge meeting on Sunday, December 2nd.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I thought that I would share this little poem with all of you. It's entitled “Five Little Turkeys,” author unknown. It goes like this:

“Five little turkeys standing at the door; One waddled off, and then there were four. Four little turkeys sitting near a tree; One waddled off, and then there were three. Three little turkeys with nothing to do; One waddled off, and then there were two. Two little turkeys in the morning sun; One waddled off, and then there was one. One little turkey better run away; for soon it will be Thanksgiving Day.”

Well, that's it for now. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

*Pauline Mihelich – Lodge President
St. Genevieve Lodge #108 KSKJ Life*

LODGE #143

JOLIET, IL

OKTOBERFEST

The weather could not have been more perfect for our lodge's Oktoberfest on September 30th. Our gracious hosts, Ray and Annette Koncar, welcomed over 20 Lodge #143 members and guests to their

home for an afternoon filled with good food, good music, and good friends.



Ray and Frank Koncar entertain the crowd with some music fitting for an Oktoberfest – polkas, of course!



Members outside enjoying the beautiful weather.

Some of our younger guests (along with a few “kids at heart”) channeled their inner Picassos and colored some Christmas coloring pages that will be distributed to residents of Our Lady of Angels Nursing Home in Joliet when our lodge goes caroling there in December. More information about this caroling event will be forthcoming.



Members enjoyed coloring Christmas pictures for residents of Our Lady of Angels Nursing Home in Joliet. The pictures will be distributed in December during our holiday caroling event there.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving!

Lauren Baltz

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KANSAS

LODGE #115

KANSAS CITY, KS

LODGE UPDATE

September was a very busy time for St. Veronica Lodge #115. Our lodge presented a Cultural Grant for the Holy Family Slovenian Festival and also held a Matching Funds event.

On a warm and sunny fall evening (September 22, 2018), the 10th Annual Slovenian Festival was held at Holy Family Catholic Church, the home of St. Veronica Lodge #115. At this special cultural event, Julie Schneller (KSKJ Life Board Member and St. Veronica Lodge - Financial Secretary) took the opportunity to present to Rev. Peter Jaramillo, pastor of Holy Family Church, a KSKJ Life Cultural Grant of \$1,000 to benefit the Holy Family Church Slovenian Festival. In addition, Chuck Racki (President of St. Veronica Lodge) also presented a \$1,000 check to Fr. Peter during the kick-off of the festival.



Chuck Racki, President of St. Veronica Lodge, presents a donation to Fr. Peter Jaramillo to benefit the Holy Family Slovenian Festival. Julie Schneller, KSKJ Life Board Member & St. Veronica Lodge Financial Secretary, is also pictured after presenting a KSKJ Life Cultural Grant.

The annual Slovenian Festival is a cultural event and is the main fundraiser for the church. The Slovenefest is also an opportunity for fellow Slovenians to come together and celebrate our heritage, both past and present. The evening began with a special 4:00 p.m. Mass at the church was followed by the festival. Great food and drinks were available to all in attendance. Children's games, various raffles,

and polka music entertained all those in attendance throughout the evening.

On September 29, 2018, St. Veronica Lodge #115 teamed up with the KanMo Metro Pilot Club to host a Matching Funds event. The card party, silent auction, and luncheon helped raise money to benefit Hope House and Safehome Domestic Violence Victims Shelters in the Kansas City area. Approximately 100 people including our lodge members, Pilot Club participants, and guests were in attendance for this special event.



St. Veronica Lodge #115 members pose for a picture with the KanMo Metro Pilot Club and representatives from Hope House and Safehome Domestic Violence Victims Shelters during the September 29, 2018 Matching Funds Event.

MINNESOTA

LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN

CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Elizabeth's Lodge #171 Annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Social Hall. Members, please bring a potluck dish to share. Refreshments will be provided by the lodge. We also ask you to please bring canned goods for the food shelf and new items for Families In Need, such as gloves, hats, jackets, and socks. Please RSVP to Barb Larson at (715) 398-5693 for youth members who will be attending.

MATCHING FUNDS

We recently held a Matching Funds event, a Sarma Dinner & Tamburica Mass, on Saturday, October 6th

to benefit St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Duluth. The food was delicious, and the Singing Slovenes delighted the crowd. Proceeds raised from the event will help to replace the boiler room at St. Elizabeth's Church.



The congregation was assembled for this special "Tamburica Mass" which was held for the first time in this entire area.



KSKJ Members pictured are: Frank & Sharon Bucar, Mark Spehar, Maija Bucar, Maija's friend Freya, Brian & Anja Bucar, Leslie Bucar, and Jamie Finn.



Dedicated "Sarma" patrons gather in anticipation of their delicious meal.

Sharon Bucar

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LODGE #196

GILBERT, MN

LODGE UPDATE

Dear Fellow KSKJ Members:

Since our last report, we have held our second Matching Funds Event. We partnered with St. Joseph's Catholic Church on July 21st with a Duke Skorich Barbeque on Church Grounds. We were also entertained at this event by the "Singing Slovenes." The event was very successful, and we were happy to present the Church with a \$2,000 check. Thank you to all members and parishioners that helped with this event. We held our "Lodge Person of the Year" dinner in June honoring our Youth and Adult Activity Director, Ashley Theien. Ashley has held this Office for a couple of years now. We also honored at this time, Katherine Trampusch, with a 20-Year Lodge Officer Service Certificate. Congratulations Ashley and Katherine, and thank you for your service to our lodge. We also were granted a \$1,000 Cultural Grant award which was given to Gaspar Krek (Slovenian Button Box Musician), who appeared with the Singing Slovenes group in many cultural Polka events this past fall. We held our Federation fundraising event this past September here in Gilbert. The event was well received by people in the Iron Range Area. They got a taste of Slovenia with ethnic cooking and musical entertainment. Thanks to the Singing Slovenes and the KSKJ lodges of Duluth, Eveleth, and Gilbert for putting together such an enjoyable event.



L-R: Katherine Trampusch, Rocco Leoni, Ashley Theien, Karl Oberstar Jr., Father Michael Garry, Le Shutte, and Yvonne Skrebec. (photographer Leo Skrebec)

We will be holding Election of Officers for 2019 at our annual Youth and Adult Christmas Party on December 9th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. I hope many of our members will be able to come

Karl Oberstar Jr. (President of Lodge #196)

OHIO

OHIO AREA NEWS

KSKJ OHIO FEDERATION - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS: 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR

KSKJ Ohio Federation is proud to announce a benefit for its Ohio members - The Ohio Lodges Scholarship Program. The scholarships are available for the current 2018/2019 school year. Members from the following lodges are eligible to apply for these scholarships: Lodge Numbers 25, 63, 110, 146, 150, 169, 219, and 226. Through the generous donations from two foundations to the KSKJ Ohio Federation Scholarship Fund, the scholarship programs are available again this school year.

THE FRANCES AND JANE S. LAUSCHE FOUNDATION

A generous donation of \$3,000 was received from the Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation. The Lausche Foundation will offer three scholarships in the following categories for full-time students:

\$1,000 for one student who is currently attending a private tuition-paying high school.

\$1,000 for one student who is currently attending an accredited college or university.

\$1,000 for one student who is currently attending an accredited graduate school.

The applicant must be a member of the KSKJ Life for at least two years as of December 31, 2018. KSKJ Ohio Federation can cancel this program if funding is not available in the future.

THE NIELSEN FOUNDATION

KSKJ Ohio Federation has received a one-time donation from the Nielsen Foundation. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time students who are currently attending an accredited college or university. The number of scholarships and amount of scholarships awarded is based on the amount of funds available at the time of application and will be determined by the scholarship committee. The applicant must be a member of KSKJ Life for at least two years as of December 31, 2018. KSKJ Ohio Federation can cancel this program if funding is not available in

the future. The Nielsen Foundation is designed to stimulate academic or artistic excellence by awarding scholarships to talented applicants who wish to pursue endeavors that further develop their talent. American students of Slovenian descent are eligible to receive these scholarships.

To apply for either scholarship, please contact Joe Hocevar to request an application as well as obtain a copy of the complete rules and guidelines for The Ohio Lodges Scholarship Program. Please include which scholarship you are applying for and send request to:

Mr. Joseph V. Hocevar

St. Vitus KSKJ Scholarship Program

6114 Lausche Ave., Apt. #207

Cleveland, Ohio 44103-1594

The deadline date for completed applications is January 31, 2019.

*Fraternally yours,
Joseph V. Hocevar*

Chairman, The Ohio Lodges Scholarship Program

LODGE #150 & #169 MATCHING FUNDS EVENT

More details in Lodge #150 & #169 news.

ST. MARY'S COLLINWOOD PRESENTS
Fall Festival
2018
Polka Mass at Noon with
Wayne Tomsic
11.18.18
1-7 PM

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(216)761-7740

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LODGE #25

CLEVELAND, OH

ST. VITUS KSKJ LODGE #25 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge #25 is sponsoring a scholarship program this year for its lodge members. Based on donations received, we are offering one or more scholarships for full-time students that are attending a tuition paying high school or a college for the current school year 2018-2019. The applicant must be a member of KSKJ Life for at least two years as of December 31, 2018. The lodge can cancel this scholarship program if funding is not available in the future. All students can request an application for the St. Vitus KSKJ Life Scholarship Program by sending a letter to the following address:

Mr. Joseph V. Hocevar

St. Vitus KSKJ Scholarship Program

6114 Lausche Ave., Apt. #207

Cleveland, Ohio 44103-1594

*Fraternally yours,
Joseph V. Hocevar*

Chairman, The Ohio Lodges Scholarship Program

LODGE UPDATE

Greetings to all, This is a reminder that our next meeting will take place at St. Vitus village at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 11th. We will be discussing plans for our annual meeting and Christmas social. If anyone is interested in running for office, please come and submit your name. We could use some young blood and new energy in the mix.

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, December 9th starting at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. The Christmas social will start after the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

A closing note - take some time and go over your policies and check that you have the right beneficiary, as many were purchased many years ago.

*John C. Turek
Financial Secretary*

LODGE #63

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Some say summer is for relaxing, well, they certainly never belonged to KSKJ! From picnics to ballgames to tournaments and the National Convention, our members were kept busy all summer long. We would like to thank our Lodge #63 delegates and all the delegates for representing their respective lodges at the National Convention this past August. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENT

We will be sponsoring a Matching Funds Event with The Littlest Heroes "Bowling for Heroes" event on Sunday, November 11 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Seven Hills Lanes. All proceeds from the event benefit families battling childhood cancer. The organization's annual Arts for Children's Sake event will be held in conjunction with this fundraiser. Cost is \$25 per person, or \$90 per team foursome. Entry includes bowling, shoe rental, food, and soft drinks. For more information please visit www.thelittlestheroes.org/events-page/bowling-for-the-little-heroes/ or call (440) 498-9200. Our lodge will be hosting a team and would love to see other lodges host one as well or just come out to enjoy the morning with us.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Slovenian Home on East 80th. We will be nominating a slate of officers at this meeting. We will also be holding a call-in meeting via GoToMeeting on Monday, November 12th; the call-in number and pertinent information will be on the Facebook page and sent through email. If you do not receive emails and would like to, please send your email to jean.marincic@gmail.com and I will add you to the list.

Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner. Our annual meeting and children's Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 2, 2018. The meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. followed by the party from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home and East 80th Lanes. It would be great to see some new faces attending the meeting and party.

Please remember to keep all our members in your thoughts and prayer. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (440) 781-3075.

Jean Marincic

LODGE #146

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

It has been a very busy couple of months for our lodge. So busy, in fact, I forgot about the October deadline.

We had our hayride on September 23rd at Ramseyer Farms in Wooster. At the hayride, I saw member Kelley Sommer. In addition to her older children, her newest family member was in attendance – baby Catherine. Poor Catherine is a bit colicky but did look adorable! Hopefully she will be joining the ranks of KSKJ members soon.

The day of the hayride was just perfect. There was a slight chill in the air, unlike last year. Ramseyer Farms added a few new attractions from last year - they had a slide with carpets and potato sacks. I opted for the carpet ride, and it was great! They also

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had the traditional hay ride with the wagon, as well as a miniature train ride. A fun time was had by all.

In addition to the hayride, we held our lodge Matching Funds event "Night at the Races" at Mary Queen of Peace Church. That was another fun time. The baseball game was on for all to watch followed by a nice dinner prior to the races. I would love to say I won, but I did not. I had a good time and an enjoyable evening with friends, and that was good enough.

On Sunday, December 2nd, we will have our election of officers. If you have ideas or some interest in getting involved, please let us know. Meetings are flexible and relatively short. We could use some new ideas for lodge activities.

That will begin at 12:15 p.m. or so. Then, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. our lodge is hosting the Combined Christmas party. We will be planning the menu, manning the table, and cleaning up. If you are in Lodge #146, we ask that you let me know if you can assist for an hour. Please contact me by phone: (216) 267-4866. Remember - many hands make small work. If you don't feel comfortable helping, you are still welcome to attend the party and socialize. That is my favorite part. The party will feature lunch, door prizes, bowling, and Santa has guaranteed a short visit.



Kelly Volckening, Chris Kocin and Chris Opalach at the Night at the Races. As you can see, they made a sign and reserved a table for us.



A nice group picture from the Hayride. Pictured is Chris, Liz (with Adam) Jones, Elain, Cindy and Mike Mergen, Josie Kmet, Kelly Volckening, Ed, Tom, Jessi Kmet, and Tom Harrison (1-4)



Kelly and Josie riding the little train for the hayride.

We will have a meeting on Friday, November 16th at Quaker Steak and Lube to finalize our Christmas plans and plan out the first few months of 2019.

Enjoy the start of fall. Don't be too sad about the Indians; at least the Browns have proven to be a bit interesting this year.

*Josie Kmet
Financial/Recording Secretary, Lodge #146*

LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

UPCOMING MEETING

Our next Lodge #150 meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Olympia Sweet Treats and Grill in Strongsville. Please join us for this important meeting. We will be accepting nominations for our 2019 officer positions.

2019 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for St. Anne's Lodge #150 officer positions will be accepted at our November 5th meeting. Please contact Elaine Peskar at (440) 503-8312, peskarelaine@gmail.com, or kskjlife150@gmail.com if you are interested in a position or would like to nominate another member. Election of officers will be held at our December 2nd meeting, which will be held prior to our Christmas Party.

MATCHING FUNDS EVENT

Our second Matching Funds Event of 2018 will be held at the St. Mary's Fall Festival (Collinwood) on Sunday, November 18th. The event begins following the noon polka mass and goes until 7 p.m. in the church hall. Join us for food, games, Chinese auction, bake sale, and the big turkey and ham raffle. Lodge #150's matching funds will be designated to benefit the Blessed Mother Teresa Society. They provide for the short-term or temporary needs of the community. Lodge #169 will also hold their Matching Funds event during the Fall Festival and will designate their funds for the new church entrance way. Please join us at mass or the Fall Festival. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 2nd for our Annual Three Lodge Christmas Party. It will be held from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home (THE NASH), East 80th, Cleveland. Members and families of Lodges #150, #63, and #146 are all welcome. Please RSVP by November 26th if you plan to attend. Parents, please RSVP with your member child's name and age to ensure they receive their gift at the party. Lodge #150 members may RSVP to Elaine Peskar at (440) 503-8312, peskarelaine@gmail.com, or kskjlife150@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

This year KSKJ Life will help support the troops with the Boxer Brigade. At our December 2nd meeting and Christmas party we will be collecting undergarments for veterans. Members can donate items such as boxers, briefs, undershirts, socks, and long underwear. Monetary donations will also be accepted and will be matched dollar for dollar by the KSKJ Life Home Office. Please refer to the Support the Troops ad in the November Voice for more details. All donations will make a difference.

HURRICANE FLORENCE AND MICHAEL RELIEF DONATIONS

KSKJ Life will be accepting Hurricane Relief donations through the end of November. Please make checks payable to the KSKJ Life Foundation and mail to KSKJ Life Foundation, 2439 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435.

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Thank you for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

St. Anne's Lodge #150 would like to wish our members and their families a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving. We all have many things to be thankful for. God bless.

*Elaine Peskar
President/Recording Secretary*

LODGE #169

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

On Sunday, November 18th we will hold a KSKJ Life Matching Funds event by joining with St. Mary's Church in Collinwood for its annual Thanksgiving Fall Festival. Starting at 1:00 p.m. (after a Polka Mass at 12:00), you can head to the parish hall for all kinds of food, drink, games of chance and skill, and try to win one of over 100 turkeys and hams that will be raffled off during the day. Be sure to buy tickets for the main raffle for your chance at cash prizes and check out the many baskets you can win in the Chinese raffle.

It's kind of a reunion day for parishioners and friends, young and old. Matching funds will be dedicated to helping fund the new entrance way to St. Mary's Church.

Our November meeting will be on Thursday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave.

The lodge officers wish all our members a wonderful Thanksgiving with an abundance of camaraderie, laughter, food, and especially gratitude for our many blessings.

*John Nemeč
Fraternal Affairs Coordinator*

LODGE #219

EULICID, OH

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lodge #219 will meet Sunday, November 11th in the

Gateway Manor Community room in Euclid, Ohio at 1:00 p.m. for a membership meeting. Please try to attend, as we will be finalizing our plans for our Christmas party luncheon on Sunday, December 9th. Reservations are a must for the luncheon; please send your check to Joanne Ash at 7709 Joseph Street, Willoughby, Ohio 44094. Cost of entry for members and one guest is \$5.00 each. We will meet before the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. to hold our Election of Officers. The luncheon will follow at 1:00 p.m. in Vittorio's Buon Appetito restaurant at 29664 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, Ohio.

Liz Kusar

LODGE #226

CLEVELAND, OH

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday, November Sunday, November 4th - 12:00 p.m. - Lodge Meeting at the Slovenian National Home.

Sunday, November 25th - 10:30 a.m. - Mass followed by Lunch - All lodge members and their families are cordially invited to attend mass as a group on Sunday, November 25th. We will attend the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Vitus Church (6019 Lausche Ave.), celebrating all living and deceased members of our lodge. Following the mass, join us at St. Vitus Auditorium (6111 Lausche Ave.) for a home cooked lunch where we will honor our 50-year members, Frank Schroll and Tammy Ellia. Our lodge extends an invitation all area lodges, including Lodges #25, #63, #146, #150, and #219 to join us in the celebration. Due to the preparation involved and to assist the cook in planning, please call with your reservation to Erika Kurboš at (216) 383-1212.

Sunday, December 2nd - 12:00 p.m. - Join us for our annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2nd at noon in the lower hall of the Slovenian National Home. Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, games, refreshments, singing, and even a chance to tell Santa Claus what is on your Christmas list! A formal invitation will all the details will be mailed to all youth members in the near future. We are in need of teenage volunteers to help man the stations. So even if you are past

the age of sitting on Santa's knee, we hope those looking for service hours will consider helping us with the event. If you have any questions, please email either Beth Paskey (bpaskey@ameritech.net) or Tamara Zupancic (tlnmentor@hotmail.com).

WE ARE SOCIAL

Are you active on Facebook? So is Lodge #226! Follow KSKJ Lodge #226 (@kskjcleland226) to receive lodge updates and see photos of our events. It's a great way to stay connected with the lodge.

I encourage all members to reach out to me via email (include the words: Lodge #226 in the subject line) if you have any news or photos to share. My email is tlnmentor@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Tamara Zupancic

PENNSYLVANIA

LODGE #42

STEELTON, PA

LODGE UPDATE

St. Aloysius Lodge #42 held an adult bowling event on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at ABC East Bowling Lanes. Even though only five active lodge members signed up for this event, the guys had a great time. Pizza was provided by the lodge for all to enjoy. We'd love to see more lodge members at events like this in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A reminder that our Matching Funds event will be held at Herby's El Mexicano Restaurant on November 3rd, 2018. Proceeds will be donated to Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors. The event will go from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Entertainment will be provided by Jeff Dermes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Aloysius Children's Christmas party will be Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Hershey Sweet Lights. Invitations will be sent to active members with the date and time.

St. Aloysius Lodge #42 nominations and election

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

of officers will be held at the lodge meeting on December 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m..



Members of Lodge #42 enjoyed themselves bowling on October 13th

Any questions please call Anne Hubler (717) 756-4889.

*Thank you,
Anne Hubler*

LODGE #50

PITTSBURGH, PA

CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's hard to believe but the Holiday Season will be here shortly and with that comes our Annual Family Christmas Party. This year Lodge #50's party will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Zone 28 in Harmarville from noon until 3:00 p.m. We have bowling lanes reserved for young and old alike who care to try their hand at bowling a strike or two. Plan on coming even if you don't bowl, as a light lunch will also be served, and you can enjoy the company of your fellow lodge members. Don't forget to sport your ugly Christmas Sweater for a chance to win the prestigious title of "Owner of the Ugliest Christmas Sweater."

This year we are asking our members to bring an unwrapped children's toy for our Annual Toy Drive. This year we are going to support the Best for Batch Foundation. This project is to bring some of Santa's magic to those children in need. Please RSVP NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2nd to Ashley at the ksklifelodge50@yahoo.com or to Al at (412) 487-2492 or Bob at (724) 831-0611.

Ashley Mikulan

LODGE #153

STRABANE, PA

LOCAL LODGE NEWS AND UPDATES

We will hold our annual Adult/Children's Christmas Party at our lodge home at the corner of Alexander Avenue & Chartiers Street in Strabane on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for non-members and members are FREE.

As in previous years, we would appreciate if everyone would bring a canned food item or any type of non-perishable item or paper product, as we will once again hold the food drive. These items will be donated to the Canonsburg/Houston Food Pantry which serves Strabane, Houston, and Canonsburg areas.

We will have food, door prizes, 50-50 raffle, entertainment by Frank and Darryl Valencic and of course, Santa will attend.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party.

Holiday greetings to all our sick and shut-in members and their families.

Vesele Bozic Praznike

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays.

*Beverly J. Pleskovich Rosselle
Financial Secretary*

*St. Jerome - Lodge #153 - Strabane, PA
fsl153@verizon.net*

WISCONSIN

LODGE #65

MILWAUKEE, WI

LODGE UPDATE

I attended our last meeting via a conference call (courtesy of electronic devices). At this meeting, many things were discussed. Among them, our Christmas Party.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, from noon to 3:00 p.m. John the

Evangelist Church Hall. Cookies or bars would be appreciated, and you can help by providing them.

This year we are helping with the other lodges by donating to the "Boxer Brigade" which will be providing tee shirts, shorts, socks, etc. for our military. Let's all help the men and women who serve our country.

After our meeting, Educational Grants were presented to four of our members who are attending college. As I listened to these young people talk about their hopes, dreams, and careers, I was impressed with the accomplishments they have already achieved and their hopes of so many more.

All of us are very proud of Josef Nelson, who is attending the University of Colorado, Makayla Mouradian who is attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Tanner Sebastian and Jake Halstead who are attending the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. Our very best wishes to all these students.

Reminder: Martinovanje, November 10, 2018, Root River Center. Call Jan Gehm at (414) 321-1413 for more information and reservations.

Greetings to all our sick and shut-ins. Enjoy your Autumn.

Mici Bregant

LODGE #136

WILLARD, WI

LPOTY

Mary of Perpetual Help Lodge #136 held our Lodge Person of the Year on September 9, 2018, at Holy Family Parish Center in Willard. Our Lodge Person of the Year was Melinda Deavers. Melinda is one of our younger officers, serves as Treasurer, and has been a lodge member since birth. We congratulate her on this reward.

We have another new member, Diane Perko, who is the wife of Ed Perko Jr., our Vice President. This means we have gotten three new members in just the last few months.

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS



President Bayuk presenting a gift to the Lodge Person of the Year, Melinda Deavers.

MATCHING FUNDS

Our first Matching Funds event took place on Monday, October 8th at the Greenwood Fire Dept. It was a Pulled Pork Sandwich meal. There were over 800 tickets sold along with a Silent Auction. They netted over \$9,700. The money will be used for equipment needed by the fire department. We thank everyone who came and worked.

By the time you read this, we will have had our second Matching Funds Event at St. Mary's School in Greenwood, on October 14th. It is a Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Lonna Rakovec, granddaughter Lela, and Joanne and Bob Trunkel at the Greenwood Fire Dept Matching Funds



Edward Perko waiting tables at the Matching Funds at Greenwood Fire Dept.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our yearly Bake Sale will be held on October 27th.

Mark your calendars for our Annual meeting and Christmas Party on December 9th.

We hope all the hunters have a safe hunting season. Please remember to take pictures of your deer and send them to us at genelonna@hotmail.com so they can be registered in the Hunting and Fishing Jamboree in the spring. We also need you to send us information about your fish, turkey, duck, geese, and bear.

We pray everyone has a joyous Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Lonna Rakovec

Financial Secretary and Voice Reporter

LODGE #144

SHEBOYGAN, WI

UPCOMING EVENTS

On December 2nd we will have our annual Family Fun Day at Blue Harbor Resort in conjunction with the juvenile Christmas Party. All members are invited to attend. You do not need to have children or grandchildren to come to this event. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun. The events begin at 2:00 p.m. Reservations should be made by calling Ken Miller at (920) 452-2342.

On December 9th we will be doing an EARLY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST. It is being held after the 9:00 a.m. mass at Fountain Park Family Restaurant.

We will be choosing off of a pre-selected menu. Members will be free; spouses/guests will be \$5.00. If your spouse or guest will be attending with you, money must be sent in advance to Pat Slapnick at 1902 Havenwood Ct., Sheboygan, WI 53081. You can also call her at (920) 458-1469. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th. Due to the room size, we must give the restaurant a final count. Come and get into the Holiday Spirit. I don't like saying that it is only 16 days until Christmas after this date. Where has the time gone? It seems that we were just talking about all our Holiday events.

Pat Slapnick

President & Reporter

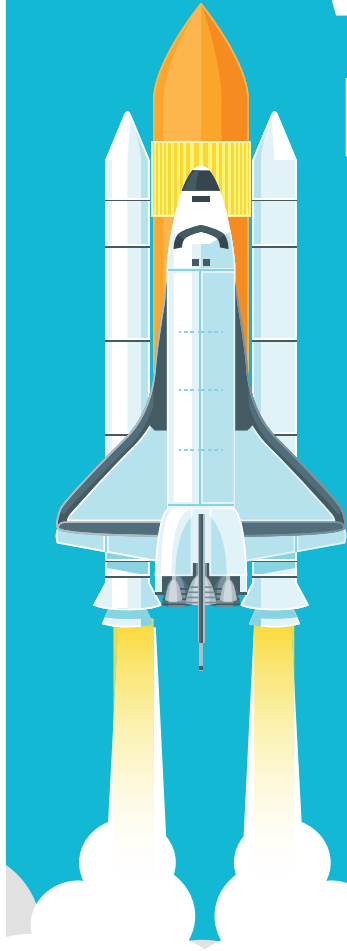
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