



A MESSAGE FROM THE KSKJ HOME OFFICE

MY KSKJ LIFE STORY



I have been a proud member of KSKJ Life since birth. My family has been active members of St. Francis de Sales - Lodge #29 in Joliet, IL for the past 102 years. As a child, my mom would ask me to walk to Mr. Ancel's house to pay our family dues (he was the local Lodge Secretary).

During one of my trips to the Ancel house, Mrs. Ancel asked me, "Do you like turtles?" I replied, "Yes, of course!" at which time she introduced me to her two children and their pet turtle. From that day forward, a close friendship developed between myself and the Ancel family.

As time progressed, I became more involved with my local lodge, from buying Christmas gifts for the Christmas parties to playing in the KSKJ Life softball, basketball and bowling (The Babushka's) tournaments. Eventually, Mr. Ancel retired as the Lodge Secretary and encouraged me to run for the open position. I have served as a lodge officer ever since that time, and currently serve as the Vice President of Lodge #29. As a lodge officer, I am able help organize events which helps give back to the community while serving with fellow members – members who have become close friends by attending the same events over the years and sharing a bond of being a part of a company whose mission is taking care of families in time of need.

KSKJ Life offers competitive life insurance and annuity products, but we are more. We are community service. We are friendships. We are caring. We are fun. We are love. Whatever programs you take advantage of or whatever events you participate in, KSKJ Life is the vehicle to relationships – both personal, professional and communal – that last a

lifetime. For example, my friend Karen and I met when we were young through our mutual friend Marie Ancel and became close friends (we refer to ourselves as "KSKJ sisters") through participating in KSKJ athletic tournaments.

My journey with KSKJ Life began as a youth, but I never imagined it would lead to working at the home office for 17 years, most recently as the Manager of Agent Sales. KSKJ Life is a family, and the more you engage in it, the more you get out of it. As part of the upcoming KSKJ Life 125-year anniversary, we invite you to connect your loved ones with us so that they may too become part of this family. More details can be found in this edition of the Voice or you can call us at (844) 407-9242.

Kathy Lovati
Manager of Agent Sales

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MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE: KSKJ LODGES #25 & #226 TEAM UP TO HELP VETERANS

Earlier this year St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge #25 and Christ the King KSKJ Lodge #226 participated in a KSKJ Matching Funds fundraiser to support the charitable works performed by two veteran organizations.



KSKJ Lodge #25 presents a check from the Matching Funds Program to Michael Blau, Commander of St. Vitus Post #1655. From L-R: Richard Mott, Fraternal Activities Coordinator, Michael Blau, Joseph Hocevar, President, John Turek, Financial Secretary, Raymond Novak, Thomas Kirk, and John Kirk. The funds raised from the Palm Sunday Dinner went to the WAGS 4 Warriors.

St. Vitus Lodge #25 share of the proceeds went to support the charity for St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans (CWV) Post 1655. The charity that they chose was WAGS 4 Warriors. This organization's mission is to unite veterans whom upon returning home from war suffer from PTSD or TBI with an appropriate dog and to provide all of the training, equipment, and support for the dog to become the veteran's service dog at no cost to the veteran. The ultimate goal is for the service dog to take away the struggle that the veterans face every day.

Christ the King Lodge #226's share of the proceeds went to support the charities for The Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) Post 31. They chose to split the proceeds between two organizations. The first is the Polonia Foundation of Ohio. The purpose of the Polonia Foundation is to provide assistance to those of Polish descent or those who are members of a Polish organization in advancing their education through scholarships, grants, fellowships, and other educational projects.



Ray Yartz, a lodge officer for Christ the King KSKJ Lodge #226, presents a check from the KSKJ Matching Funds Program to Richard Mott, an officer for the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 31. The funds raised from the Palm Sunday Dinner went to the Polonia Foundation of Ohio and to Honor Flight Cleveland.



**ST. VITUS POST 1655
CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF THE USA**

Wanted to let you know that we used your donation to support Wags 4 Warriors, a service dog trainer + supplier to veterans who need it. It took awhile, but we were finally able to present them with an extremely generous check thanks to The KSKJ!

Thank you for your very generous donation at the Palm Sunday Dinner!

The Officers + Members of St. Vitus Post 1655 Catholic War Veterans + Auxiliary

An appreciative letter from St. Vitus Post 1655 Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary.

The foundation also supports Polish educational programs and events of historical significance. The other charity they chose was Honor Flight Cleveland. Honor Flight Cleveland is a program that enables WWII Veterans and veterans of other wars to visit the various War Memorials in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veterans. These trips are basically funded by donations that are received from individuals and organizations.

*Joe Hocevar
Lodge #25 President*

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.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who applied for the Educational Grant Program. We will be in contact with all applicants soon.

THE BISHOP BARAGA EDUCATIONAL CENTER CELEBRATES ITS GRAND OPENING

The Annual Baraga Days was held on Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th in Marquette, Michigan to honor the diocese's first bishop, Venerable Frederic Baraga. A highlight of the event was the grand opening of the Bishop Baraga Educational Center, a project that took years in the making. KSKJ Life participated in the Educational Center's Campaign by sponsoring the Computer Center. KSKJ Life board Member Tony Menart made an appearance at the grand opening to represent the organization.

The Educational Center is located in the historic house that Baraga once lived in. The Bishop Baraga Association hoped to create a resource that will preserve the artifacts used by Bishop Baraga during his ministry and comply with the Norms for Beatification. This center will capture the essence of Baraga: the man, the priest and the Bishop as he ministered throughout the Great Lakes Region. The Bishop Baraga Association plans to add a prayer garden outside the Educational Center in the future.



Tony Menart attended Baraga Days on behalf of KSKJ Life. Tony serves on the KSKJ Life National Board of Directors. Here he is pictured with Lenora McKeen, Executive Director of the Bishop Baraga Association.



Deacon Ton Foye, Bishop John Doerfler, and Deacon John Vidmar did the blessing during the dedication.



The Bishop Baraga Educational Center opens its doors for the first time.



The Bishop Baraga Association recognized KSKJ Life's donation with a commemorative Snowshoe plaque. Venerable Frederic Baraga was nicknamed 'The Snowshoe Priest' because he often traveled hundreds of miles each year on snowshoes during the harsh winters to support his far-flung churches that served both the native population and the small communities.


 The logo for KSKJ LIFE, featuring a stylized house icon above the text "KSKJ LIFE".

SUPPORTING SOLDIERS

RETURNS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Supporting Soldiers Campaign was created in 2015 as an effort to show our organization's support and gratitude towards the military and their families. Each December, we collect items for a charitable organization whose mission is to assist our brave American soldiers.

Look for more details in the November Voice issue.

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.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2018

Lodge #002 - Rose M. Rockenbach, Joliet, IL

Lodge #020 - Connard W. Baker, Tecumseh, MI

Lodge #020 - Jacob Kievit, Grand Rapids, MI

Lodge #020 - Helen M. Korytkowski, Newaygo, MI

Lodge #020 - Ivan Koscak, Sterling Heights, MI

Lodge #020 - Aslean Richardson, Grand Rapids, MI

Lodge #025 - Jeannette Ruminski, Kensington, MD

Lodge #029 - Michael Setina, Decatur, IL

Lodge #029 - Martin P. Uremovic, Joliet, IL

Lodge #042 - Patricia L. Aikens, Altoona, PA

Lodge #042 - Veronica J. Mayers, Clifford Twp., PA

Lodge #042 - Margaret A. Murray, Steelton, PA

Lodge #042 - June D. Myers, Dover, PA

Lodge #050 - Edward Veselich, Butler, PA

Lodge #052 - James A. Hill, Indianapolis, IN

Lodge #052 - Barbara J. Luster, Evansville, IN

Lodge #052 - Linda K. Petree, Indianapolis, IN

Lodge #052 - Roland W. Ridge, Vincennes, IN

Lodge #052 - James W. Schaffner, Decatur, IN

Lodge #053 - Robert Galvin, Crivitz, WI

Lodge #053 - Shirley K. Ley, Portage, IN

Lodge #053 - Josephine Schultz, Wildwood, IL

Lodge #059 - Sheryl J. Merritt, Grand Rapids, MN

Lodge #063 - James C. Booth Sr., Amsterdam OH

Lodge #065 - Thomas E. Seebach, Wauwatosa, WI

Lodge #074 - David L. Rhodes, Decatur, IL

Lodge #070 - William J. Brayden, Sturtevant, WI

Lodge #079 - Angela J. Underberg, Berlin, WI

Lodge #108 - Christina M. Deremo, Beloit, WI

Lodge #108 - Margaret H. Kren, Joliet, IL

Lodge #110 - Donna M. Rowley, Marietta, OH

Lodge #110 - Robert J. Stopar, Canal Fulton, OH

Lodge #136 - Stanley A. Pekol, Neillsville, WI

Lodge #144 - Keith R. Drinkwater, Milwaukee, WI

Lodge #146 - Charles L. Hocevar, Valley View, OH

Lodge #146 - Virginia Suchan, Brunswick, OH

Lodge #153 - Georgeann Pehlman, Reading, PA

Lodge #169 - Joseph Hrvatin, Euclid

Lodge #196 - Jennie Miller, Oak Lawn, IL

Lodge #226 - Thomas F. Tegowski, Middlefield, OH

Lodge #236 - Roberta J. Hollimon, San Diego, CA

Lodge #623 - Javier O. Meneses, Moreno Valley, CA

Lodge #623 - Lena M. Baker, Olive Hill, KY

Lodge #623 - William L. Belt, Salem, KY

Lodge #624 - Willene McNair, Gulfport, MS

Lodge #625 - Janelle P. Reece, Cosby, TN

KSKJ LIFE RECIPE CORNER

With cool fall weather quickly approaching, a satisfying bowl of Slovenian Goulash will hit the spot! Connie Menart of Lodge #59 in Eveleth, MN was kind enough to share her delicious recipe for all to enjoy.

SLOVENIAN GOULASH

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs. beef stew meat, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 to 3 T. oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper or more if desired
- 3 T. garlic powder
- 4-5 Tbsp. Paprika
- 4 to 6 oz. tomato paste
- WATER

Instructions:

Brown stew meat in oil. Add chopped onions and cook until browned. Add remaining ingredients. Add water to cover meat and to keep ingredients from scorching. Simmer for 2 to 3 hours, until meat is fork tender.



Plate of Slovenian Goulash

IN MEMORY OF

Theresa Kocin - Lodge #146, Mentor, OH
St. Lawrence Lodge # 63, \$15.00

Theresa Kocin - Lodge #146, Mentor, OH
Mr. James & Jean Marincic, \$15.00

Theresa Kocin - Lodge #146, Mentor, OH
Kathleen Kawczynski, \$10.00

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

ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS FEDERATION NEWS

KSKJ ILLINOIS FEDERATION MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Our November meeting has been moved to Friday, November 30th at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont. Raffle tickets are due for drawing that night. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Members from all lodges are welcome to attend!

Mike Vidmar

COMBINED JOLIET LODGES

JOLIET AREA

SPLASH STATION

The Joliet KSKJ Life Lodges held their annual Splash Station event on Saturday, July 22nd! They collected school supplies for Morning Star Mission's "Jump on the Bus Program." Each fall, this program helps provide more than 325 children with all the school supplies they need, from pencils to tennis shoes. Thank you to all those who donated!



School supplies were collected for Morning Star Mission at the annual Splash Station event this summer.

JOLIET KSKJ LODGES – UPDATES

Well, it's that time of year again. Soon the leaves will be changing colors and will most likely fall from

the trees, the mornings will be crisp even though the sun may be shining, and the evening will get cool. This tells me that autumn has arrived—so, welcome to fall my friends. Or, in other words, Indian summer. Now that the season has changed, I can decorate my house for fall. While I'm at it, I might as well get the Halloween decorations out too. But, I will wait until a week or two before Halloween to put those decorations up.

Enough about fall, and on to news from the Joliet lodges. The combined Joliet KSKJ lodges held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at T&C Lanes. Members from Lodge #29 and Lodge #108 were in attendance.

On a sad note, it is with great sadness that I report the loss of one of our officers. Louis Derlinga had passed away this past July. He has been an officer of Joliet KSKJ Lodges for many years as our Sergeant-at-Arms. Louis was a great volunteer. He has always helped with the events that the Joliet KSKJ lodges would hold. He will be truly missed and will be in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of the Officers of the Joliet KSKJ lodges, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Louis Derlinga.

St. Francis Lodge #29 will hold their monthly lodge meeting on Sunday, October 7th. A Halloween party is planned for October 27th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Croatian Club. Also, their Matching Funds event (a 5K Walk/Run) will be held on Saturday, October 13th to benefit the Guardian Community Center-domestic violence program.

St. Genevieve Lodge #108 will hold their monthly lodge meeting on Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 pm in Ferdinand Hall and on Sunday, November 4th at 1:00 pm in Ferdinand Hall. The lodge's annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at Al's Steakhouse.

Congratulations go out to the winners of the Youth/Sports raffle for the month of September. They are as follows: Rosemary Rogel and Louis Derlinga. With the passing of Louis, we will forward his winnings to his sister, Terry Derlinga.

The Joliet KSKJ lodges will hold their annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 1st at Haunted Trails. Parents, mark your calendars. More information will be available in the November issue of The Voice.

The next meeting of the combined Joliet KSKJ lodges will be on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm, T&C Lanes. Hope to see you there. Happy Halloween!

*Submitted by,
Pauline Mihelich
Recording Secretary/Reporter
Combined Joliet KSKJ Lodges*

LODGE #1

CHICAGO, IL

ST. STEPHEN LODGE 1 AND ST. ANNE LODGE 170 TEAM UP FOR MATCHING FUNDS EVENT

The dinner and raffle, held on Sunday, September 9th at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont, was very well attended—141 people in total! Thank you to each and every one of you that attended the dinner, purchased raffle tickets, bought baked goods for the bake sale, and purchased items from the bake sale.

Also, thank you to the set-up and clean-up volunteers, the kitchen crew, dishwashers, and the table and buffet servers: Tom McNally, Don G. Sierzega, Joanne Sierzega, Patrick J. Sierzega, Dawn Zamora, and Zoe Zamora from Lodge #1, as well as Mena Densa, Vicki Herold, Fanika Gorsic, Barbara Krampac, Ivanka Zerdin, Milena Zerdin, and Bill from Lodge #170.

The raffle prize winners are as follows: 1st prize, ticket #552, \$200.00 to Lorraine Ovnik; 2nd prize, ticket #106, \$100.00 to Bill Bogolin; 3rd prize, ticket #884, \$50.00 to Ladislav Sovan; 4th prize, ticket #495, \$50.00 to Daisy Zeleznikar.

It takes many people working together to have a successful fundraiser. Our gratitude to all, whatever your part. Because of your generosity, St. Mary's Retreat House will receive \$4,473.00, which includes the \$2,000.00 matched from the home office.

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Lodge 1 & Lodge 170 Matching Funds dinner drew quite the crowd on September 9, 2018.

Matching Funds Committee

LODGE #29

JOLIET, IL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next lodge meeting will be held Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Park.

Our 2018 Matching Funds event will be the Guardian Angel Home's 5K Walk/Run to end domestic violence in our communities on Saturday, October 13th at the Shorewood Towne Center. The race begins at 9:30 am. Check out their website at gacsprograms.org/dvam to pay your registration fee and get more details.

Bring the kids aged 0-12 in costume to the Lodge Halloween Party for a spooky good time! It will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 1:00 pm at the Croatian Cultural Club, 1503 Clement Street, Joliet. Games, entertainment, and lunch will be provided. Adult admission is \$2 each. RSVP with the number of children/adults attending to Judy Corum at jmcorum@ameritech.net or (815) 725-3553 by October 22nd. We will also be collecting items/donations to fill the Stockings for Soldiers at the party.

I recently went to a Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee Brewers bus trip on Labor Day, sponsored by Knights of St. Florian Lodge #44. It was such a fun outing, even though we couldn't bring home a "W." Thank you so much to George and Joyce Bozzetti who planned and provided the great hospitality.

Fall is here—gotta love it!



Lodge 29 at the National Convention. Front L-R: Olivia, Eli, Bob & Debbie Zelinski. Back L-R: Karen Colman, Kathy Lovati, Ken & Becky Velasquez and Joyce & Bob Vicich



The card playing gang enjoying time together during the annual lodge Steak Fry

Karen (Ramsak) Colman

LODGE #44

S. CHICAGO, IL

UPCOMING EVENTS

With the beginning of fall comes the annual bocce tournament results. Congratulations to Thumbs Up, who reclaimed their title as champions and took home the Boccetti Cup. They went undefeated in the double-elimination tournament. Thank you to all who came out and participated!



The Boccetti Cup champions: Thumbs Up

This year's baseball outing was a bus trip to see the Chicago Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Unfortunately, most members went home disappointed with the Brewers coming in clutch for the win, although neither the weather or score prevented everyone who came out from having a good time.



Lodge 44 members and guests had a ball attending the annual baseball outing

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas Party which again will be held at the Hammond Marina. Come join us on December 1st at 3:00 pm for some food and dancing. We will also celebrate our 50-Year Members and Person of the Year. More information to follow.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed to George Bozzetti at (708) 334-5434 or myself at (219) 718-7599.

Angela Rossi

LODGE #79

WAUKEGAN, IL

UPCOMING EVENT

On Sunday, October 28th all St. Mary #79 Waukegan members and their families are invited to a celebration brunch at Bonnie Brook Golf Course in Waukegan. At this time, we will be honoring

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our 50-year members, recognizing our committed lodge leaders, and updating you on KSKJ both nationally and locally. Brunch, which includes a vast array of breakfast and dinner items, carving station, omelet station, made-to-order Belgian waffle station and much, much more starts at 11:15AM, and reservations are necessary. To reserve your spot, call or text our Lodge Fraternal Activity Coordinator Lori Mivshek at 847-354-0480 or email her at kskjwaukeganathletics@yahoo.com. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

MaryLou Stefanick

LODGE #108

JOLIET, IL

LODGE UPDATE

Hello everyone. Can you believe that fall is here already? Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be upon us! Tis the season as they say. Anyway, on with some updates from our lodge. Remaining Lodge Events:

Sunday, October 7th: Monthly lodge meeting at 1:00 pm in Ferdinand Hall.

Sunday, November 4th: Monthly lodge meeting at 1:00 pm in Ferdinand Hall.

Sunday, December 2nd: Lodge Christmas party at Al's Steakhouse, 1 to 4:00 pm. Nominations and election of lodge officers for 2019. 50-year members will be honored.

Our lodge leaders for this year are as follows: Fr. Tim Andres, Charles Kramer, and Alan Mihelich.

Well, that's it for now. Hope to see you at the last few remaining events of the year. Have a Happy Halloween!

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

LODGE #143

JOLIET, IL

OKTOBERFEST EVENT

As summer comes to a close, we are looking ahead and gearing up for our Oktoberfest event! We will kick-off fall by having a traditional cookout with burgers and brats/dogs. The event will take place on September 30, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Annette and Ray Koncar have graciously offered their home to hold this traditional event for our lodge. We will also be hosting a lodge meeting during the event. We will be asking the children in attendance to color Christmas artwork that we will then distribute to the residents of Our Lady of Angels Nursing Home (Joliet) when we go caroling there in December. More details about the holiday caroling event to follow. A re-cap and photos from Oktoberfest will be in the November issue of The Voice. Enjoy this beautiful season of fall!

Lauren Baltz

MINNESOTA

LODGE #59

EVELETH, MN

LODGE UPDATE

Eveleth, MN Lodge #59 has a lot of events coming up! On September 22nd we participated in the MN Federation of KSKJ Lodges Iron Range Evening Slovenian Style at the Gilbert Community Center from 5 to 9 p.m. The Singing Slovenes entertained along with special guest Gasper Krek from Slovenia. A delicious Slovenian meal was served, and the fun continued with raffle drawings and prizes. More information can be found at www.singingslovenes.com. It's a good thing Lodge #196 of Gilbert mentioned this in their September write up! Our Lodge will host the Minnesota Federation Dinner at the DeLuxe Cafe in Eveleth on October 14th at 1 p.m. The October regular lodge meeting will be at noon before the Federation Dinner convenes. The 50-year member celebration will be a brunch at Perkins in Mt. Iron on October 28th at 9:30 a.m. The Christmas Party will be in the Church Hall on Dec. 9th at 1 p.m. It will be preceded by our annual meeting and election at noon.

Rosemary Mattson



Rosemary Mattson, Gloria Leseman and Tony Menart with Lodge #59 History Display at the National Convention.

LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Special recognition goes to Hannah Hudson on her graduation from Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Family members were supremely proud to show their support as Hannah joins the family's fourth generation of military tradition serving her country. Congratulations Hannah!



Pictured are Hannah's family: Her aunt, Senior Master Sergeant Brenda Jacobs, Senior Airman Hannah Hudson, her mother, Colonel Barb Pazdernik, and her aunt, Master Sergeant Denise Owen.

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Family members show their support for Hannah Hudson as she graduates from Air Force Basic Training.

UPCOMING MATCHING FUNDS EVENT

Lodge 171 will be hosting a Sarma Dinner & Tamburitzna Mass on Saturday, October 6th starting at 4:30 p.m. This Matching Funds event will feature the Singing Slovenes and funds raised will benefit St. Elizabeth's Church Boiler Project. See more details on our flyer.

Frank Bucar



Sarma Dinner
St. Elizabeth's Church
Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Father John Petrich -
Celebrant

"Tamburica" Liturgy
by the "Ansambel Potica" followed by



Sarma Dinner

Adults - \$10.00
Children 6 -12 yrs old - \$5.00
Children 5 and under - Free

Take out orders available
For information call:
626 - 1928

This is a KSKJ Matching Funds Event with all proceeds to be used for the St. Elizabeth's Church Boiler Project
www.singingslovenes.com

LODGE #197

ST. CLOUD, MN

MATCHING FUNDS

St. Stephen lodge #197 held a Matching Funds Breakfast on Sunday, September 9th in Little Falls, Minnesota. The event raised funds for Our Lady of Lourdes School, specifically to buy school supplies.



L-R: Michael Retka, Carol Hlebain and Marge Pryately making pancakes for all



Lodge #197's Matching Funds Breakfast event was a delicious success

OHIO

LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

UPCOMING MEETING

Our next lodge #150 meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th at 6:30 pm at Olympia Sweet Treats and Grill in Strongsville. Please join us for a short meeting and some delicious treats.

2019 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for St. Anne's Lodge #150 officers for 2019 will be taken at our November 5th monthly meeting. Please contact Elaine Peskar at (440) 503-8312 or peskarelaine@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 the Christmas Party.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13th-Christ the King lodge #226 dinner dance at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair.

October 28th-Slovenian National Home on East 80th Clambake/Browns Tailgate. It is also a KSKJ lodge #226 Matching Funds event to benefit The Nash. Proceeds will be used to replace the front doors and other necessary repairs.

November 5th-KSKJ lodge #150 monthly meeting at 6:30 pm at Olympia Sweet Treats and Grill.

November 18th-St. Mary's Fall Festival on Holmes Avenue in Collinwood. It is a Matching Funds event for lodge #169. Proceeds will be used for St. Mary's pew restoration.

December 2nd-KSKJ Annual Christmas Party at The Nash.

EMAIL ADDRESS

The lodge #150 e-mail address for Finance Secretary, Liz Jones is kskjlife150@gmail.com.

Elaine Peskar
President/Recording Secretary

LODGE #169

CLEVELAND, OH

ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL

Our second Matching Funds event of 2018 will be the St. Mary's (Collinwood) Fall Festival on Sunday, November 18th. The event begins following noon Mass with food, games, Chinese auction, bake sale, the big turkey raffle, and more. The main raffle will be held in the evening—raffle tickets are available at

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the parish house. Matching funds will be designated for the new church entranceway.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Checks have been distributed to the 10 recipients of St. Joseph lodge #169 high-school and college scholarships: Machala Comenschek, Marisa Finazzo, Adrianna Gadd, Matthew Knez, Rene Knez, Mia Krevh, Rachel Krevh, Andreja Marsic, Nicholas Marsic, and Michael Tomc. Congratulations! Best wishes for a successful school year to them and all of our students.

One World Day at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens was a success on September 16th, a beautiful Sunday. The Slovenian Garden looked nice, and the sounds of the Veseli Godci ensemble reached several of the other gardens. We're happy to be involved with making the SCG a source of pride for our community.

Our October meeting will be on Thursday, the 18th, at 6:30 pm at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue.

Happy Halloween to the kids (young and old) and see you in church for All Saints Day!

*John Nemec
Fraternal Affairs Coordinator*

LODGE #219

EUCLID, OH

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Vittorio's Buon Appetito restaurant at 29664 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe, Ohio will be the site for the KSKJ Saint Christine lodge #219 annual Christmas party luncheon on Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 pm. More info to follow next month. Think about taking a leadership position in our lodge—election of officers will be held at the 12:00 pm business meeting before the Christmas party, so please try to attend.

Elizabeth Kusar

LODGE #226

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE 226 UPDATE

Welcome to October everyone! It's been a very hot summer full of fun like picnics, golf outings, and softball games. Now as the weather starts to cool, our lodge meetings will return to their regular place on the calendar each month. Our September meeting was held on the 9th, where we quickly recapped our summer activities. Check out our calendar of upcoming events below.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 7th, 12:00 pm - Lodge meeting to be held at 11:00 am at the Holiday Inn Independence. Brunch will be served after.

Saturday, Oct. 13th, 6:00 pm - Lodge #226 Christ the King Dinner Dance at the Slovenian Home on St. Clair Avenue.

October 22nd-24th - Casino trip to Soaring Eagle Casino. On the way there, we'll stop for three hours at the Hollywood Casino in Toledo. After a couple of days, we'll head back, stopping at Firekeepers on the way. If you're interested in attending, please contact Chuck Potenga at cpotenga@wowway.com.

Sunday, Oct. 28th - Clambake at The NASH Matching Funds event. Call The NASH at (216) 883-2963 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 25th - Christ the King Sunday. At our annual celebration of 50-year members, we'll honor two lodge #226 members: Frank Schroll and Tammy Ellia. We hope you'll join us for this special day. Please RSVP to Erika Kurbos at (216) 383-1212.

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. Don't want to wait for the invitation? RSVP now to Tamara Zupancic at tlinmentor@hotmail.com or at (440) 488-2904.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

On Sunday, September 30th St. Vitus Church will celebrate its 125th Anniversary. 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 in conjunction with a Mass and banquet to officially observe the 125th Year Anniversary. Blessing and dedication will occur at JHCI between 9:30 am and 10:30 am, followed by Mass at 11:00 am. Open House for JHCI will be until 1:30 pm. A banquet will be held in Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue immediately after the 11:00 am Mass. If interested in tickets for the banquet, please call St. Vitus Church at (216) 361-1444.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The deadline for the Antonia and Frank Segal Christ the King Scholarship is October 31st. Please contact any of our lodge officers for an application. Applications must be returned to Erika Kurbos by the deadline.

WE ARE SOCIAL

Are you active on Facebook? So is lodge #226! Follow KSKJ Lodge #226 (@kskjcleveland226) 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 tlinmentor@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Tamara Zupancic

PENNSYLVANIA

LODGE #42

STEELTON, PA

UPCOMING EVENTS

I hope everyone had a good summer in spite of all the rain that we have had! These are all the upcoming events through the rest of 2018 and into the beginning of 2019.

One-day bowling event will be held Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at ABC East Bowling Lanes on Eisenhower Blvd from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the St. Aloysius clubhouse.

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

The Children's Christmas party will be held at Hershey Sweet Lights in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 15th, 2018. The start time will appear on the invitations, which will be sent to the children. The Adult Christmas party is scheduled for January 12th, 2019 at 1:00 pm. at the St. Aloysius lodge home. Active and social members are welcome. Social members must show their 2019 membership cards. No guests for this event.

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

*Thank you,
Anne Hubler*

WISCONSIN

LODGE #65

MILWAUKEE, WI

LODGE UPDATE

Please join us at our meeting on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018. We will be giving our annual Educational Grants to four very deserving students; Makayla Mouradian, Josef Nelson, Tanner Sebastian, and Jake Halstead. It's amazing what these young adults are planning to do with their lives through their careers. The 18th Ed Bregant Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th, 2018, at MeeKwan Golf Course. If you have not made your reservation for golf, dinner, or both, please call Jim Stoltmann at (414) 699-1106. Many thanks to Pat Slapnick for her generous gift. It will be used to purchase more gift bags for the residents of Franciscan Villa. The check for \$100.00 from the drawing for participating in a Join Hands project will be donated to the St. Ben's Meal Program. Just a reminder: Branch 43 of the Slovenian Union of America is planning Martinovanje on November 10th, 2018. Join us for an evening of music, dancing, and fun. The location is Root River Center. The cost is \$45.00 per couple and \$25.00 per person. Call Jan Gehm at (414) 321-1413. Watch for news of the upcoming Christmas Party in early December.

Mici Bregant

LODGE #136

WILLARD, WI

LODGE UPDATE

Greetings from Willard:

Mary of Perpetual Help lodge #136 will be hosting two Matching Funds events in October.

The first is with the Greenwood Fire Dept on Monday October 8th, 2018. It is a Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal serving from 4:30-7:30 pm at the Greenwood Fire Dept. The second is a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale at St. Mary's School in Greenwood, WI on Sunday October 14th, 2018. Come and join us for these very worthy causes.

*Lonna Rakovec,
Financial Secretary*

LODGE #144

SHEBOYGAN, WI

LODGE UPDATE

I write this article, I have just returned from the 39th National Convention in Chicago. It was nice to meet some of the new Home Office employees that I have talked to on the phone and now met them in person. I want to thank the Home Office staff for all they did prior to and during the Convention. We who attended the Convention do not realize the hard work that is needed to put an event like this together.

On August 19th, the lodge held their Annual Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. I had hoped that we would have had a better attendance, but with the summer soon coming to the end, families are trying to squeeze in one more family outing. A check in the amount of \$1,700.00 was presented to Jim Schramm, Chairman and Joseph Udovich, Co-Chairman of the SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish picnic from our Matching Funds event in July. A check in the amount of \$100.00 was presented to Sharon Richardson Hospice as we were one of the 5 lodges that won in the Home Office random drawing from a photo contest held from Join Hands Day. The lodge presented 5 Financial Aid awards to 5 students who qualified. They

are Julia Ammons, Rachael Fredericks, Noah Genson, Amanda Henschel, and Matt Miller. Congratulations and Good Luck in your future endeavors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I know it is only August, but time goes by fast. On Dec. 2nd we will again have our 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. All members are invited to join in the fun, young and old. More information will be in the Voice as it gets closer to that date.

On Dec. 9th we are trying something different this year. Join the Lodge Officers for an EARLY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST. It is being held after the 9:00AM Mass at Fountain Park Family Restaurant. We will be choosing off of a pre-selected menu. Members will be free, and spouses and guests will be \$5.00. If your spouse/guest will be attending with you, money must be sent to Pat Slapnick at 1902 Havenwood Ct. Sheboygan, WI 53081 prior to that date. Otherwise, you can call her at 920-458-1469. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN NOV. 30th Due to the room size, we must give the restaurant a final count. Come and get into the Holiday Spirit. Afterward it is only 15 days until Christmas Eve.

*Pat Slapnick
President & Reporter*

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS



Left to right: Tammy Miller presents a Matching Funds check to Jim Schramm Chairman of SS. Cyril & Methodius Picnic and Joseph Udovich, Co-Chair at the annual dinner.



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OTHER NEWS & NOTES

SEND IN YOUR LODGE UPDATE

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



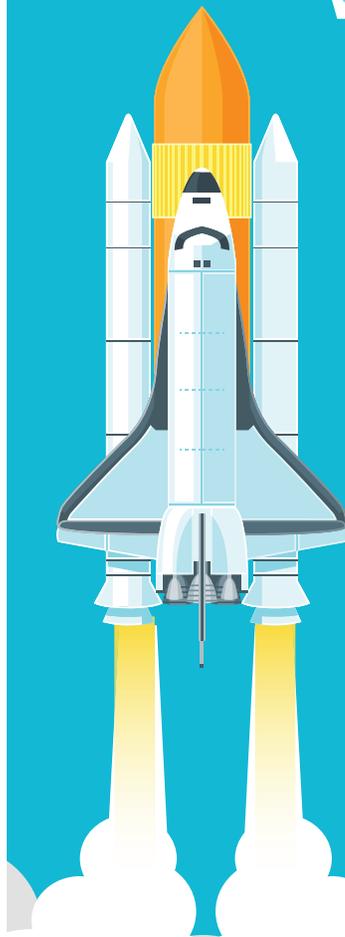
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