



A MESSAGE FROM KSKJ LIFE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHRISTMAS, IT'S ALL ABOUT BELIEVING!



When I was a little boy, someone told me about God, and I believed. Then they told me about his son Jesus, and I believed. They told me that Christmas was Jesus' birthday, and I believed. Then they told me that we celebrate Christmas as a holiday and Santa Claus would come in

the night to bring me presents, and I believed. As I grew up, I learned different things about what I was told, and I believed.

Over time, our beliefs become personalized and strengthened to fit the passages we face in our lives. We believe because we have that simple faith that there is something greater than us and something better than we currently know. Our ancestors and the founders of KSKJ believed that there was a better life in a new country. They believed, so they took the risk to leave what they knew and travel to something greater. Throughout history, there have been many people taking similar risks because they believe.

Christmas has always been a time of coming together with those closest to us. Family and friends share the celebration of the birth of our Savior and we reinforce our faith that there is something greater. Although the holiday has been somewhat commercialized, we still take a moment to reflect on what this day means and what it's all about. We believe!

Our KSKJ Life lodges all celebrate Christmas with those who impart that common bond of heritage and membership in an organization that believes. As

many of our lodges come together for their Children's Christmas festivities, we focus on our youngest members and the future of our great organization. These lodge celebrations at Christmas are the way we protect and strengthen the traditions of our faith for future generations.

On behalf of the KSKJ Life Board of Directors and the Home Office staff, we wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2019!

Sincerely,
Rudolph Krasovec

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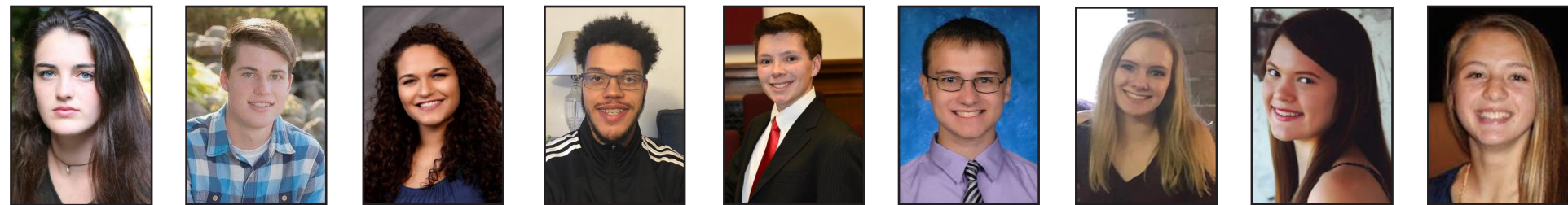
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017-2018 EDUCATIONAL GRANT WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS



Angel Burton Lodge #146 <i>Malibu Cove High School</i>	Mark Celestina Lodge #169 <i>St. Ignatius High School</i>	Reagan Cizek Lodge #197 <i>Holy Family Catholic High School</i>	John Cugel Lodge #226 <i>St. Ignatius High School</i>	Delaney Erks Lodge #110 <i>Archbishop Hoban</i>	Andrew Kmet Lodge #146 <i>St. Ignatius High School</i>	Maja Kosir Lodge #226 <i>Laurel School</i>	Joseph Markun Lodge #143 <i>Central Catholic Jr. - Sr. High School</i>	Catherine McGinnis Lodge #108 <i>Joliet Catholic Academy</i>	Olivia Mihelich Lodge #2 <i>Joliet Catholic Academy</i>	Charlie O'Neill Lodge #2 <i>Joliet Catholic Academy</i>
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COLLEGE WINNERS



Julia Ammons Lodge #144 <i>Lawrence University</i>	Michael Bassier Lodge #79 <i>Benedictine University</i>	Bridget Bishop Lodge #143 <i>Boston University</i>	Gregory Bostick Lodge #25 <i>Lake Erie College</i>	Theo Britton Lodge #59 <i>Macalester College</i>	Jonathan Celestina Lodge #169 <i>University of Detroit Mercy</i>	Emily Crtalic Lodge #226 <i>Gannon University</i>	Halle Crtalic Lodge #226 <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Claire Dawyot Lodge #257 <i>Penn State</i>
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Jacob Drobnik Lodge #2 <i>Iowa State University</i>	Christopher Emling Lodge #52 <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Dylan Erks Lodge #110 <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Cecilia Gorshe Lodge #169 <i>University of Delaware</i>	Callie Graf Lodge #59 <i>Bob Jones University</i>	Amanda Hasenjaeger Lodge #29 <i>Lewis University</i>	Amanda Henschel Lodge #144 <i>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</i>	Maureen Joyce Lodge #150 <i>Kent State University</i>	Nicholas Juricic Lodge #2 <i>University of Connecticut</i>
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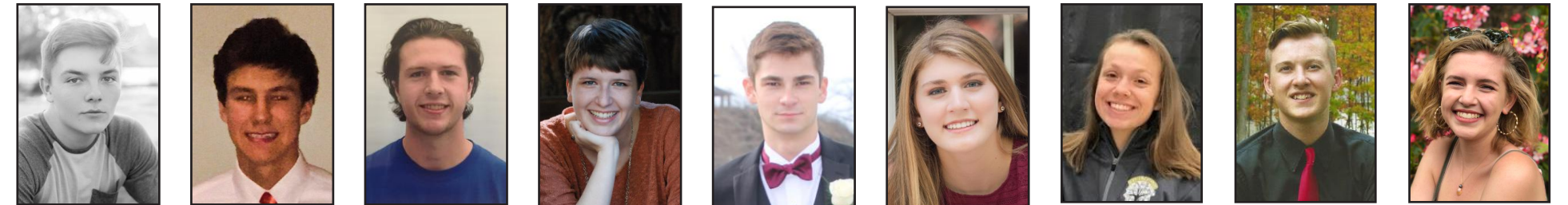
Cameron Kalic Lodge #150 <i>Miami University</i>	Lauren Kambic Lodge #42 <i>Indiana University of Pennsylvania</i>	Lillian Knapp Lodge #108 <i>University of St. Francis</i>	Nicholas Kosir Lodge #226 <i>Lehigh University</i>	Adam Leseman Lodge #59 <i>University of Wisconsin-Riverfalls</i>	Maxwell Manning Lodge #50 <i>Florida State University</i>	Brodie Marino Lodge #7 <i>South Mountain Community College</i>	Emily McNiff Lodge #59 <i>University of Hawaii</i>	Anthony Mihelich Lodge #108 <i>Tallahassee Community College</i>
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KSKJ LIFE EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Thank you and congratulations to all of our student members who applied for the 2017-2018 KSKJ Life Educational Grant. We applaud you for your academic achievements and commitment to volunteerism and service.



Benjamin Mihelich Lodge #108 <i>Florida State University</i>	Jacob Mihelich Lodge #2 <i>Oklahoma State University</i>	William Mihelich Lodge #108 <i>Tallahassee Community College</i>	Jon Oebker Lodge #150 <i>Fordham University</i>	Brian Paskey Lodge #226 <i>Ohio State University</i>	Viktoria Plut Lodge #236 <i>San Diego State University</i>	Grace Pogorelec Lodge #171 <i>Winona State University</i>	Hayden Runyan Lodge #61 <i>Trine University</i>	Anne Schneider Lodge #115 <i>Ball State University</i>
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Tanner Sebastian Lodge #65 <i>University of Wisconsin-Whitewater</i>	Matthew Sivic Lodge #226 <i>Bowling Green State University</i>	Reid Slagboom Lodge #20 <i>Michigan Technological University</i>	Emma Sneden Lodge #7 <i>University of Northern Colorado</i>	Benjamin Paul Stankewicz Lodge #226 <i>Indiana University</i>	Allison Staresinic Lodge #50 <i>University of Notre Dame</i>	Sarah Strus Lodge #44 <i>DePaul University</i>	Thomas Supan Lodge #150 <i>Hiram College</i>	Zoe Tezak Lodge #108 <i>New York University in London</i>
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Nicholas Thomas Lodge #153 <i>Kent State University</i>	Amber Vivic Lodge #29 <i>Western Illinois University</i>	Hannah Wohletz Lodge #115 <i>Rockhurst University</i>
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Jessica Wohletz Lodge #115 <i>Rockhurst University</i>	Deidra Yan Lodge #169 <i>Kent State University</i>
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CELEBRATING THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Words... what do they mean? Sometimes words mean different things to different people. What about CHRISTMAS? How did we get that word? Literally, it means Christ's Mass, but we know it as the birthday of Christ. They didn't celebrate birthdays of saints or holy people until around the



fourth century, since the Old Testament Scripture mentioned that only sinners celebrate birthdays. Our experience tells us a different story now. I remember Lou Holtz, former Notre Dame coach, asking a reporter who was interviewing him after a game if he knew what Notre Dame meant. The reporter answered, "Our Lady," from the French translation. Lou then asked him if he knew who the Lady was... you guessed it... he had no idea. We hope CHRISTMAS has a very special spiritual meaning to you. It is the celebration of Christ who changed the world. The world was never the same after His birth. He came to bring light to a darkened world. He not only brought light, but life as well. May Christ find His way into your hearts. May you be opened to Him as He tells you how much you

are understood, loved, and cherished. Spread this message to your family and friends... and they will appreciate that you know the MEANING of Christmas. My very best to you and those you love.

Fr. Richard Gielow

MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

Earlier this fall, St. Francis De Sales Lodge #29 participated in a KSKJ Life Matching Funds fundraiser to support the charitable works of Guardian Angel Community Services, a Joliet-based child and adult welfare agency that aims to empower people to improve the quality of their lives through 7 core programs.



10th Annual Angels Against Abuse Walk

Lodge #29 raised funds for the organization's 10th Annual Angels Against Abuse 5k Walk/Run Fundraiser to End Domestic Violence.

Members also helped out by volunteering at the food and registration booths during the event. The event raised a whopping \$6,376.94, along with the \$2,000 in matching funds from the home office.

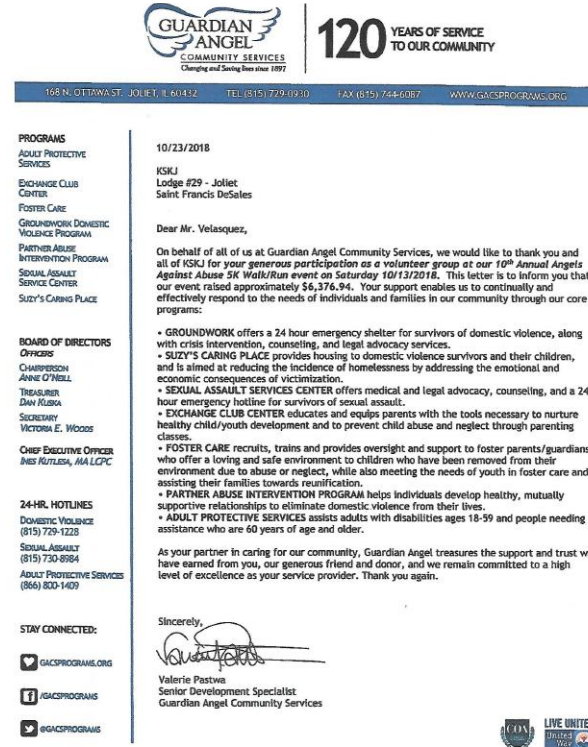


Lodge #29 members showed their full support by cheering on runners.

Proceeds raised will go towards Guardian Angel Community Services many programs, such as Suzy's Caring Place, which provides housing to domestic violence survivors and their children and is aimed at reducing the incidence of homelessness by addressing the emotional and economic consequences of victimization.



Lodge #29 Members gearing up for the Angels Against Abuse Walk



An appreciative letter from the Guardian Angel Community Services

KSKJ LIFE SERVICE AWARD

Do you know a member who always goes above and beyond when it comes to volunteering?

If so, please consider nominating them for the 2018 KSKJ Life Service Award! KSKJ Life is now accepting online nominations for this special award through December 31st, 2018. 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 for more details!

Visit kskjlife.com to submit a nomination.



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

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

Life is for Living

Life is for living ... and goofing around,
It's for hugs and kisses and snuggles.

Life is for living ... and reaching for dreams,
Goals that are reachable and those beyond the stars.

Life is for living ... and sharing what we have,
Giving of our time and talent and love.

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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.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2018

Lodge #001 - Andrew J. Zumer, Park ridge, IL

Lodge #007 - Lucille E. Jesik, Pueblo, CO

Lodge #020 - Loretta Coatsworth, South Lyon, MI

Lodge #020 - Carol J. Davis, Traverse city, MI

Lodge #020 - Laverne E. Priest, Lake Ann, MI

Lodge #020 - Julia A. Woodruff, Dubois, PA

Lodge #025 - Gerald V. Kaple, Norwalk OH

Lodge #029 - Anna M. Jelinek, Joliet, IL

Lodge #042 - Florence Kowaleski, Forest City PA

Lodge #050 - Thelma Anzur, Aliquippa, PA

Lodge #050 - Robert Carter, Philadelphia, PA

Lodge #050 - Charles L. Chester, Harrisburg, PA

Lodge #050 - Warren F. Danenhower, Leesport, PA

Lodge #050 - Elizabetha A. Killian, Pittsburgh, PA

Lodge #052 - John C. Nichter, Ft. Wayne, IN

Lodge #052 - Geraldine Robb, Evansville, IN

Lodge #052 - Penny L. Rybolt, Kokomo, IN

Lodge #053 - Martin Terlap, Waukegan, IL

Lodge #059 - John Cerkvenik, Minneapolis, MN

Lodge #059 - Mary Gray, Ely, MN

Lodge #063 - Charles J. Logar, Amherst, OH

Lodge #074 - Darlene A. Ross, Streator, IL

Lodge #079 - Yvonne Brayden, Sturevant, WI

Lodge #079 - Sharon L. Lambert, Bristol, WI

Lodge #108 - Richard Ziemer, Kankee, IL

Lodge #146 - Joseph A. Offutt, Maple Heights, OH

Lodge #150 - Gloria Christ, Brook Park, OH

Lodge #150 - Josephine Knez, Pittsburgh, PA

Lodge #153 - Paul Orpen Jr., Hermitage, PA

Lodge #153 - Arthur Talpas, Burgettstown, PA

Lodge #169 - Clarice D. Blything, Mentor on the Lake, OH

Lodge #169 - Robert Johnston, Eastlake, OH

Lodge #171 - John A. Stojevich, Duluth, MN

Lodge #219 - Thomas Brenkus, Mentor, OH

Lodge #300 - Adrienne Dascoli, Akron, OH

Lodge #300 - Mary R. Ferris, Appleton, WI

Lodge #620 - Helena Klesin, Ridgewood, NY

Lodge #620 - Dennis E. Spidell, Phoenix, AZ

Lodge #623 - Janice R. Looney, Madisonville, KY

Lodge #623 - Kathy S. Mullenax, Owensboro, KY

Lodge #624 - James E. Rodges, Shaw, MS-

KSKJ LIFE RECIPE CORNER

With the holiday season upon us, few things are as cozy as baking up some sweet treats to share with loved ones. Whether it's an office party, Christmas potluck, or a simple family get together, these indulgent Pecan Turtle Bars are hard to refuse. Diane Mouradian of Lodge #65 was kind enough to share her recipe for all to enjoy.

PECAN TURTLE BARS (20)

- 2. c. unsifted all-purpose flour
- ¾ c. (1 ½ sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 ½ c. milk chocolate chips or grated milk chocolate
- 1 ½ c. firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 c. pecan halves



Diane Mouradian
Lodge #65

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl of electric mixer at medium speed, combine flour, 1 cup brown sugar, and 1 stick butter, scraping sides of bowl often, until consistency of fine corn meal, about 2 minutes. Pat firmly into a 13 x 9 x 2 baking pan; sprinkle with pecans. Gently press nuts into dough. Caramel Layer: In a heavy 1-quart saucepan, combine remaining butter and brown sugar. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Pour over pecans and dough. Bake until caramel layer is bubbly, and crust is light golden brown, about 25 minutes. Remove from oven. Immediately sprinkle with chocolate pieces. Allow chocolate to melt slightly, 2 to 3 minutes. For a marbled effect use a paring knife to swirl chocolate, leaving some pecans exposed. Store in airtight container in cool places.

Photo credit: pinterest.com

IN MEMORY OF

Ted Bellefeuille. - Gurnee, IL,
Francine & Robert Grampovnik -
\$20.00

Michael Imbrogno - Lodge #42,
Middletown, CO
St. Aloysius Lodge #42 - \$10.00

Margaret Murray - Lodge #42,
Steelton, PA, St. Aloysius Lodge #42 -
\$10.00

Anne Marie Simoncic - Lodge #42,
Clarks Green, PA, St. Aloysius Lodge
#42 - \$10.00



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CONGRATULATIONS 2018 KSKJ LIFE LODGE LEADERS

55 KSKJ Life Lodge Officers were recognized as Lodge Leaders in 2018. Officers receive this recognition after serving consecutively in 5-year increments. Thank you, leaders, for your continued dedication and service to KSKJ Life!

LODGE #	LODGE LEADER	CURRENT POSITION	YEARS	LODGE #	LODGE LEADER	CURRENT POSITION	YEARS
1	Thomas McNally	Lodge Membership Committee Chair	10	104	Agnes Glavich	Vice President	45
7	Rudolph Krasovec Jr.	President	40	104	Nancy Wimber	Auditor	35
25	John Prawdzik	Auditor	10	108	Alan Mihelich	Financial Secretary	20
42	Ron Graves	Financial Secretary	20	108	Charles Kramer	Vice President	15
44	Chris Bozzetti	Financial Secretary	5	108	Fr. Tim Andres	Spiritual Advisor	5
44	Mary Jane Strus	Treasurer	10	110	Jim Trenta	Financial Secretary	25
44	Janet Oberman	Auditor	10	115	Joanne Ohmes	Vice President	20
50	Robert J. Lokar, Jr.	President	40	1143	Margaret Koncar	Fraternal Activities Coordinator	5
50	Al Suhadolnik	Financial Secretary/Treasurer	45	144	Ken Miller	Fraternal Activities Coordinator	15
50	Ashley Mikulan	Fraternal Activities Coord./Communications	15	146	Josie Kmet	Financial Secretary	15
50	Edward Hudak	Auditor	15	153	Marlene Tkach	Auditor	10
52	Katie Poole	Auditor	10	169	Nicholas Marsic	Sergeant at Arms	5
53	Thomas Koncan, Jr.	President	10	171	Mary White	President	20
53	Victoria Drinka	Financial Secretary/Communications	15	171	Sharon Bucar	Financial Secretary/Treasurer	40
53	Sue Dolence	Fraternal Activities Coord.	25	196	Katherine Trampusch	Lodge Membership Committee Chair	20
59	Ronald Erjavec	Vice President	10	197	James Bisek	Financial Secretary	10
59	Amy Brazerol	Recording Secretary	5	197	Alice Suppan	Fraternal Activities Coordinator	10
59	Robert Mavec	Sergeant at Arms	5	197	Benedict Suppan	Auditor	10
59	Rosemary Mattson	Communications/Voice Reporter	15	197	Larry Feldt	Auditor	5
63	Deanne Short	Lodge Membership Committee Chair	5	197	Eugene Retka	Auditor	5
63	Catherine Matonis	Lodge Membership Committee Co-Chair	5	219	Mary Urbanic	Auditor	20
65	Jim Stoltman	Fraternal Activities Coordinator	20	219	Loretta Brown	President	5
65	Rudy Pugel	President	5	226	Ray Zak	President	25
65	Andrea Ostrowski	Auditor	5	226	Tim Klodnick	Lodge Membership Committee Chair	10
69	Jennifer Wood	President	10	226	Ray Yartz	Sergeant at Arms	10
69	John Wood	Sergeant at Arms	10	226	Randy Zak	Communications Officer	10
79	Henry Govekar	Treasurer	20	257	Peter Mejac	Vice President	10
79	Dennis Mivshek	Sergeant At Arms	10				



Lodge Christmas Parties



Lodge	Date	Time	Location	Notes
#1 - Chicago, IL	Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018	12:30PM	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. RSVP by Dec. 2nd to Ashley (kskjlife50@yahoo.com) or to Al (412-487-2492) or Bob (724-831-0611).
#52 - Indianapolis, IN	Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018	1-3:00PM	Slovenian National Home	Children's Christmas Party. Please contact Jaymie McDougal [317-796-8032; jmsmcdougal@gmail.com] for more information. Please bring a non-perishable food item (s) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.
#52 - Indianapolis, IN	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018.	12:00PM	Slovenian National Home	Adult Christmas Party / Annual Meeting. Lodge will provide lunchmeat sandwiches; please bring a side dish to accompany the meal. Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. After the meeting, stay at the Nash to watch the Colts game!
#53 - Waukegan, IL	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	11:00AM	Bertrand Lanes	Family Christmas Carnival - December 9th - Bertrand Lanes Hosted by St. Joseph #53 and St. Mary #79 of Waukegan 11 AM - 12 PM- Christmas Carnival -- 12:00-1:00PM Pizza, Pictures and gift bags with Santa!
#59 - Eveleth, MN	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	1:00PM	Resurrection Church Holy Family Hall	Lodge officer elections and annual meeting to precede the holiday party at 12PM. Join us for bingo, prizes, pizza and Santa Claus!
#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.
#79 - Waukegan, IL	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	11:00AM	Bertrand Lanes	Lodge Christmas party hosted with St. Joseph #53. Enjoy fun and games and crafts followed by lunch and goodies with Santa Claus.



Lodge Christmas Parties



Lodge	Date	Time	Location	Notes
#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: 11/28/18. Lodge officer elections will be held and 50-year members honored.
#115 - Kansas City, KS	Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018	4:30PM	Fr. Mejak's Hall	Lodge members are asked to bring a donation for the KSKJ Life "Support the Troops - Box Brigade" program
#136 - Willard, WI	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	12:00PM	Holy Family Parish Center	Annual meeting, officer elections, and honoring of lodge leaders to precede the meeting. Potluck, door prizes, games, sing-along and Santa!
#143 - Joliet, IL	Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019	11:00AM - 1:00PM	Crest Hill Lanes (905 Theodore St., Crest Hill)	All ages welcome Open bowling, pizza and soda. This is a free event for members. Cost for non-members is \$5. We will be collecting items for the Supporting Soldiers Campaign at our party
#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 (tlnmentor@hotmail.com)
#236 - San Francisco, CA	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018	11:30AM	Slovenian Hall: 2101 Mariposa St, San Francisco, CA 94107	RSVP by Nov. 29th to Jozi Plut at plutjozi@gmail.com or 650-576-3673. Please bring a non-perishable item for the donation bin. Santa, carols, lunch and Ugly Christmas Sweater contest.
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.

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.

CALIFORNIA

LODGE # 236

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Francis Lodge #236 will host its Annual Santa Party at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 2nd at the Slovenian Hall located at 2101 Mariposa St, San Francisco, CA 94107. Please bring a non-perishable item for the donation bin. We'll have Santa, carols, lunch, and an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Let us begin the day by celebrating 9:15 a.m. Mass at Nativity Parish - 240 Fell St, San Francisco, CA 94102. For more information kindly contact plutjozi@gmail.com.

*Diana Gremett
Lodge 236 Voice Reporter*

ILLINOIS

COMBINED JOLIET LODGES

JOLIET, IL

NEWS UPDATE

Merry Christmas my friends.

On Tuesday, November 6, 2018 the combined Joliet KSKJ Lodges held their monthly meeting at T&C Lanes with a total of 10 members present.

Congratulations go out to the following winners of the November "Youth/Sports Fund" Raffle: Rick & Nancy Churnovic and Helen Walsh. December will be the last chance to win for 2018 – then we will do it all over again in 2019.

Prior to the next meeting of the combined Joliet KSKJ Lodges, members will meet at 6:00 p.m., T&C Lanes, to stuff Christmas cards that will be sent to the 80 and over KSKJ members this year. There will be pizza and pop for the members who show up to help with this project. The more people that show up to help, the faster this project gets done. Please be advised that we will be meeting in the "Party Room."

Also, nominations and election of officers for the ensuing year (2019) will be held at our December meeting on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at T&C Bowling Lanes.

The next Joliet KSKJ Lodges meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at T&C Lanes in the Party Room. As always, all are welcome to attend.

On behalf of all the Joliet Lodges officers, I wish you a Happy New Year.

*Submitted by,
Pauline Mihelich
Recording Secretary/Reporter*

LODGE #1

CHICAGO, IL

NEWS UPDATE

Dear Members,

Here are 3 important reminders for you:

Lodge meeting will be on Sunday, December 16th at 11 a.m. at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont.

Lodge annual CHRISTMAS PARTY will be after the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, October 20, 2019 for the 125th anniversary of Lodge #1 celebration at the Slovenian Catholic Center

A very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year to all.

Joanne Sierzega

LODGE #29

JOLIET, IL

LODGE UPDATE

St. Francis Lodge #29 will hold their election of officers for 2019 and lodge meeting on Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Park.

I saw a – Firefighter, Minion, Dorothy, Unicorn, Queen Elsa, Princess Anna, the Incredibles, Minnie

Mouse, kitty cat, Ariel – Oh My! The kids enjoyed the Halloween party on October 27th. There were games to play, lunch to eat, and a magician to entertain. Thanks to everyone for coming out.



Halloween Party: The Frozen Family - Chris, Laurica & Antolina Zitko



Kids in costumes enjoyed magic tricks with their balloon animals.



KSKJ National Board of Directors member Dan Mihelich smiles with his niece Lila Mihelich and son Rudy Mihelich at the Halloween party.

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Our 2018 Matching Funds event was held on October 13th by being a sponsor of the Angels Against Abuse 5K Run/Walk held at the Shorewood Towne Center. We had a chilly start, but it ended up being a beautiful day to support this worthy cause. A very appreciative, special group of people from Guardian Angel Services organized the event.

Sympathies go to the family of member Irene Vicic, who suddenly passed away. Irene was very active coming to meetings and events with her family, who are also lodge members. What a nice lady who had a great love of family. She will be dearly missed by all.

Make plans to come to the Holiday Party on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 176 West Banquet Facility, Frontage Road in Joliet beginning at noon with cocktails. The meeting begins at 12:30 followed by a buffet at 1:00 p.m. The cost for members is \$15, guest \$20 and kids under 3 are free. Prepay and RSVP to Judy Corum at (815) 725-3553 or jmcorum@ameritech.net by December 22. Checks payable to "St. Francis #29 KSKJ" and mailed to Judy would be much appreciated.

May the joy of the holiday season be with you and your loved ones. Merry Christmas!

*Karen (Ramsak) Colman
Reporter*

LODGE #108

JOLIET, IL

NEWS UPDATE

St. Genevieve Lodge #108 held their monthly meeting on Sunday, November 4th at 1:00 p.m. in Ferdinand Hall with a total of 12 members in attendance.

Congratulations go out to Maryann McGinnis. She was the winner of the attendance award. And to Eileen Plese and Jean Herbst for winning the lodge raffle for the month of November.

Congratulations also go out to Alan Mihelich. He was honored at our November 4th meeting as one of our Lodge Leaders for 2018.

Just a reminder – Our lodge Christmas party will be

held on Sunday, December 2nd at Al's Steakhouse from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Cost is \$15.00/person. Please mail your check payable to St. Genevieve Lodge #108 to St. Genevieve Lodge #108, c/o Alan Mihelich, 1808 Waters Edge Drive, Minooka, IL 60447. Deadline for reservations is 11/28/18. Also, we will be collecting staples of can goods, as well as other products for our yearly donation to the Guardian Angel Community Services.

On a sad note, it is with great sadness that I report the loss of one of our officers. Chuck Kramer had passed away this past October. He has been an officer of St. Genevieve Lodge #108 for many years as our Vice President and previously an Auditor. Chuck was a great volunteer. He has always helped with many of our events that we have held. He will be truly missed and will be in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of the Officers and members of St. Genevieve Lodge #108, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Chuck Kramer.

Well that's it for now. On behalf of all the officers, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

LODGE #143

JOLIET, IL

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

St. John the Baptist Lodge #143's annual meeting and election of officers will take place on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. (location TBD). For those out of town, you may still participate in the meeting and elections by calling in. Phone number (641) 715-0671 then enter access code 912758. Please plan on participating in this important meeting.

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date! The Lodge #143 Annual Christmas Party and Member recognition event is scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Crest Hill Lanes (905 Theodore St., Crest Hill) from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. All ages welcome! Open bowling (includes shoe rental), pizza and soda included. This is a free event

for members. Cost for non-members is \$5. We will be collecting items for the Supporting Soldiers Campaign at our party (see information below).

SUPPORTING SOLDIERS CAMPAIGN

Please consider donating to this year's National Supporting Soldiers Campaign - Boxer Brigade - where we will be collecting undergarments for our soldiers. Midwest Veterans Closet will graciously accept collected donations and distribute them to male veterans in need. Items requested include long underwear, boxers, undershirts, and socks. Monetary donations also accepted.

Ablessed and Merry Christmas to all of our members!

*Lauren Baltz
Voice Reporter*

INDIANA

LODGE #52

LODGE UPDATE

Well, the cool weather is beginning to set in once again! It's time to get out the winter woolies folks. We had our Annual Chili Fest again this year. A special thanks to Marcia who once again made delicious chili for us! This year we even had hot dogs available and some yummy desserts! No one guessed the secret ingredient. I believe this is the first year that not one participant was able to guess! Marcia added apple cider to the chili which made for a slightly sweet taste which everyone loved! We combined the chili fest with Karaoke night. Almost everyone was convinced into singing a song during the evening. One of the highlights was Jimmy and Rick joining Tori in "Welcome to the Jungle". Our KSKJ events have really evolved!

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Officers Jaymie McDougal and Angie Cuson singing along with lodge members Erin Mettert, Jim Velikan, Dave Wade, and Office Rick Brodnik. Karaoke was a huge hit at our Chili Fest!

Our local bowling league is underway again this year! We meet at Western Bowl each Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to contact Jennifer Velikan [jvelikan@gmail.com] if you'd like to join our league as a substitute bowler. We never seem to have dull night at bowling. Not a bowler, feel free to join us as a spectator. We have a few members who come to watch already, so you'll be in good company!

We have a busy winter coming up! Join us Saturday, December 1st for the Kids' Christmas Party. It promises to be a fun day complete with games, lunch, surprises, and SANTA! We will meet upstairs at the Nash from 1-3 p.m. Please contact Jaymie McDougal [jamsmcDougal@gmail.com] for more information. If attending, we ask you to please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.



Tori McDougal and friend, Evan, revving up the Haunted Hayride at Connor Prairie. The evening was full of fun from the corn maze and crafts to meeting the Headless Horseman. We barely escaped with our heads!

Then, on Sunday December 2nd we will have our Annual Adult Christmas Party and Annual Meeting. Be sure to join us at the National Home at 12p.m. Come out to elect new officers, plan events, and vote on how our lodge chooses to donate its money! If you're thinking about becoming an officer, just let us know! This is a pitch-in event - the lodge will provide

lunch meat sandwiches. Please bring a side dish to accompany the meal. We are collecting food at this event also; please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Annual Sausage Feast on January 26th on your calendar. Dinner served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home. More details coming soon!

Looking for more events and lodge news? Check out our website, www.stals52.com for our complete calendar of events and photos of past activities. You may also check the Calendar of Events section in this paper for contact information. Are you on Facebook? Make sure to like St. Aloysius, www.facebook.com/pages/KSKJ! We're posting events and photos regularly so if you're on Facebook be sure to check our page!

ST. AL'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS - DECEMBER 2018

1: ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Join us for our Children's Christmas Party, 1-3 p.m. at the Slovenian National Home. Please contact Jaymie McDougal (317) 796-8032; jamsmcDougal@gmail.com for more information. Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.

2: ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Adult Christmas Party and Annual Meeting will be at the Slovenian National Home at 12 p.m. Lodge will provide lunch meat sandwiches, please bring a side dish to accompany the meal. Please bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. After the meeting, stay at the Nash to watch the Colts game!

JANUARY 2019

26TH: ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Mark your calendars for our Annual Sausage Feast at the Slovenian National Home! Your choice of fresh, smoked, or blood sausage complete with ethnic Slovenian sides! RESERVATIONS must be made in advance. Please contact Paul Barbarich [BARBARICp@aol.com] or Rick Brodnik (317) 292-3505; rick.brodnik74@gmail.com before it's too late!

*Nasvidenje!
Jennifer Velikan*

KANSAS

LODGE #115

KANSAS CITY, KS

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Veronica Lodge #115 Officer Election and annual meeting will be held on December 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Panera Bread – The Legends. All members are encouraged to attend.

St. Veronica Lodge #115 annual Christmas party hosted with Holy Family Social Club will be held on December 15, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. at Fr. Mejak's Hall. Lodge members are asked to bring a donation for the KSKJ Life "Support the Troops – Box Brigade" program.

*Chuck Racki
President, St. Veronica Lodge*

MINNESOTA

LODGE #59

EVELETH, MN

LODGE UPDATE

Eveleth KSKJ Lodge #59 held a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, November 11th, Veterans Day, to help the local food shelf with their purchase of a walk-in cooler/freezer. They served the well-received apple stuffed French toast and sausages and raised a profit of \$1,000. Lodge members helped prepare food in the kitchen and made drawings for local veterans.



Lodge members Davin and Evaline Britton created beautiful drawings to honor the veterans on Veterans Day.

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Davin Britton, Rosemary Mattson, Connie Menart, Jean Collins and Bob Mavec enjoy Jen Menart presenting the proceeds from the breakfast to the board members.

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lodge #59 Eveleth, MN will be having their Christmas party on Sunday, December 9th. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held beforehand in the Resurrection Church Holy Family Hall at noon. The Christmas party will follow. There will be the usual bingo, prizes, pizza and Santa Claus! All members and family members are invited!



Eveleth Lodge #59 recently held their Lodge Leader awards and honored Rosemary Mattson, Bob Mavec, Amy Brazzerol, and Ron Erjavec, who all received awards.

*Submitted by,
Rosemary Mattson*

LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN

MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

Lodge 171 members and parish workers got together to present a check to Father Richard Kunst from their recent Matching Funds Project. Pictured are KSKJ members and parish workers who helped

to make this a successful event. The Sarma Dinner Event was preceded with a Tamburica Mass with the musical liturgy provided by the Ansambel Potica. Proceeds raised from the event will help to replace the boiler room at St. Elizabeth's Church. A net profit of \$1,810.29 was raised with a KSKJ Life match of \$1,810.29 for a total donation of \$3,620.58.



Sarma Dinner Chairman Frank Bucar presents a Matching Funds check to Father Richard Kunst, accompanied by other lodge #171 members and parish workers.

*Frank Bucar
President*

LODGE #197

ST. CLOUD, MN

MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

Lodge #197 held a Matching Funds event in conjunction with the St. Stephen Parish Festival on September 3rd in St. Stephen, Minnesota. The event was a lot of fun, with live music, raffles, cake walk, farmer's market, bingo and face painting for kids. Lodge 197 held a quilt raffle and netted a total of \$3,449.29, which will help purchase materials and threads for next year's festival fundraising quilts.



St. Stephen Church quilters pose with their Matching Funds check. L-R: LaVonne Legatt, Ruth Swanson.

Vouk, Jeanette Trobec, Rosie Keul, Ruth Supan, Liz Legatt, and Barb Nathe. Quilters not pictured: Carol Mehr, Jay Seaton, Bev Warzecha and Cindy Swanson.

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

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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

Ohio 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 #25

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Just a reminder of our annual meeting which will be held Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement; the Christmas social will follow at approximately 2:00 p.m. All Lodge #25 members are invited to this annual meeting, where we will hold our election of officers. We are trying to recruit some of our younger members to take over in 2019. Remember this is our very own lodge so consider joining the team - with help we can be around for many years to come. Participation can be fun and very rewarding.

John C. Turek

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 #146

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

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

That will begin at about 12:15 or so. Then, from 1 – 3PM our Lodge is hosting the Combined Christmas party. We will be planning the menu, manning the table and cleaning up. If you are in our lodge, we ask that you let me know (216) 267-4866 if you can assist for an hour. Remember - many hands make small work. If you don't feel comfortable helping out, 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.

We will have a meeting on Friday, November 23rd at Quaker Steak and Lube to finalize our Christmas plans and plan out the first few months of 2019.

The dinner at Harry's will be Friday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. This is our new member and elected officers meet and greet. Hope you can join us there. Harry's is located at 5664 Independence Rd., Independence OH 44131. Hope you can join us!

*Josie Kmet
Financial/Recording Secretary
Lodge #146*

LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

THANK YOU

Lodges #150 and #169 would like to thank all those who attended and participated in our KSKJ Life Matching Funds event held during the St. Mary's Fall Festival on November 18th. The festival was a huge success and so much fun! Lodge #150's funds will benefit the Blessed Mother Teresa Society and #169's share is for the church new entranceway.

Lodges #150, #63 and #146 had a great turnout for their annual Children's Christmas Party and Bowling. Job well done! It is always a thrill to see the smiling faces of the children, young and old, as they visit with Santa.

Thank you to all who have already donated items or money to the Support the Troops with the Boxer Brigade. You still have time to donate. This year our donations will help local Veterans groups.

We would like to thank those who generously donated to the Hurricane Florence and Michael Relief. All donations will make a difference.

2019 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections were held at our December 2nd meeting. Our 2019 Officers will be listed in the January Voice. Congratulations to all.

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

St. Anne's Lodge #150 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year. God bless.

*Elaine Peskar
President/Recording Secretary*

LODGE #169

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual Christmas party will be Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's parish hall (15519 Holmes Ave). We will have musical performances by members, group singing, and of course, a visit from Santa. The kitchen will have Slovenian sausage, sauerkraut, and pizza plus cookies and pastries. Come and enjoy what is always a very nice event!

Our annual meeting with election of officers will be Thursday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

The St. Mary's Slovenian School is presenting the operetta "Miklavž prihaja" (St. Nicholas is Coming) on Saturday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Come to watch if you're interested!

The officers wish all our members a Merry Christmas filled with peace, love, and family.

*John Nemeč
Fraternal Affairs Coordinator*

LODGE #219

LODGE UPDATE

Hope all KSKJ Lodge #219 members have made their reservations for the Christmas Party on December 9th, Sunday at Vittorio's Restaurant. The deadline to RSVP is quickly approaching on December 1st. Please contact Joanne Ash at (440) 256-1141 for more information.

We will meet for a business meeting at Vittorio's (29664 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio) before the party at 12:00 p.m. to elect lodge officers for the 2019 year. Please remember to bring wrapped raffle presents for our Christmas project.

Our lodge will participate in the Support the Troops project this year. Items needed are men's undergarments, boxers, briefs, long underwear and undershirts. Please bring them with you to the holiday party. Monetary donations will also be accepted. This is another way to thank our service men.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year. God Bless to All.

Elizabeth Kusar

LODGE #226

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Happy Holidays everyone! May your Christmas and New Year be filled with joy!

Our November lodge meeting was well attended. It was the perfect opportunity to recap recent events and to thank all involved. Those events included our annual Christ the King Dinner Dance held on October 13th, our October Lodge Meeting & Brunch held at the Holiday Inn Independence, an excursion to Soaring Eagle Casino, and a Matching Funds Clam Bake at the NASH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December Lodge Meeting/Youth Christmas Party. The next event on our roster is our December Lodge Meeting/Youth Christmas Party. The lodge meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, and will begin at 10:00AM. We will meet in the lower room of the Slovenian National Home. During this meeting we'll be accepting nominations from the floor for Lodge Officers, followed by the election of officers. The election of our Lodge's leadership team is an important event and we hope you'll consider participating!



Sunday, December 2nd at the Slovenian National Home.

After the meeting, we'll hold our annual Youth Christmas Party. Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, games, refreshments, singing and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please RSVP to Tamara Zupancic at tlnmentor@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, January 6th - Lodge Meeting. Our January Lodge meeting will be held on Sunday, January 6 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Slovenian National Home. During this meeting, we will celebrate the New Year with an Adult New Year's Party and installation of the 2019 Lodge Officers. Please consider bringing a dish to share as part of our celebration.

SOCIAL CONNECTION

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 tlnmentor@hotmail.com.



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brings us closer to each other. — Emily Matthews

*Submitted by
Tamara Zupancic, The Voice Reporter*

MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped at Christ the King's second Matching Funds event of 2018. You made it a very successful day! More than 175 dinners were served beside all the sausages, pierogies, cabbage and noodles and such. Except for having to watch the Browns play on the big screen, it was an excellent day. The band was good, the drinks were cold, and the food was excellent. Maple Hts. Catering did a great job on both the clambakes and cooked-to-order steaks. Keep them in mind if you have an event. It was nice to see so many KSKJ members supporting the event. It is especially nice to see so many young people. I wonder what the turnout will be like if the Browns have a good season. Hopefully, we find out before long.



Browns fans of all ages turned up to support their favorite team as well as the East Slovenian Home through the Matching Funds event.

The next event at the Nash will be the 50-50 raffle on Wednesday, December 5th. Tickets are only \$10; it's a good way to get the holiday spirit going and maybe win some money for Christmas shopping. I hope to see you there.

*Chuck Potenga
Vice President*

PENNSYLVANIA

LODGE #42

STEELTON, PA

LODGE UPDATE

St. Winter has finally arrived.

St. Aloysius Lodge of Steelton held their Matching Funds event on Saturday, November 3, 2018. It was a great success with a high attendance turnout. Jeff Dermes pleased everyone when he strolled around the dining room area playing his accordion.

We will send a report next month stating how much money was raised at the event. Thank you to everyone who attended this affair. More photos will be posted from the event.



Jeff Dermes put on a musical show for guests at Lodge 42's Matching Funds event.



Members of Lodge 42 came out to support the Matching Funds event benefitting PA Wounded Warriors, Inc.

Children's invitations have been sent out for the Children's Christmas Party. The cutoff date to RSVP is December 1st, 2018. No exceptions will be made.

We will hold a lodge meeting on December 18, 2018 for nomination and election of officers. The start time is 6:00 p.m. No one will be allowed in once the meeting has started.

Hope everyone had a joyous and happy Thanksgiving.

*Submitted by
Anne Hubler
Recording Secretary*

LODGE #50

PITTSBURGH, PA

LODGE UPDATE

It's hard to believe it 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 aims to bring some of Santa's magic to children in need. The Best for Batch Foundation needs toys for girls ages 10-12; however, any age group donation is welcome. Please RSVP NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2nd to Ashley at the kskjifelodge50@yahoo.com or to Al (412) 487-2492 or Bob (724) 831-0611

We would also like to extend a special congratulations to Allison Staresinic, attending the University of Notre Dame and Maxwell Manning attending Florida State University both receiving a \$1,000.00 KSKJ Life Scholarships. Best of Luck in your future endeavors!

Ashley Mikulan

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WISCONSIN

LODGE #136

WILLARD, WI

LODGE UPDATE

Greetings from Willard: Mary of Perpetual Help Lodge #136 had 2 very successful Matching Funds Events. The Greenwood Fire Department raised a total pf \$9,317.05 profit, and St. Mary's School at Greenwood netted \$2,061.82. if you know of a local event that could use Matching Funds for 2019, please contact Lonna Rakovec at (715) 267-7105 or email genelonna@hotmail.com.



Robert and Joanne Trunkel having fun at the Matching Funds Pancake Breakfast.



Deb Ortnor warmly greeted guests while working at the Pancake Breakfast.

We are participating in "Support the Troops" again this year. We will be collecting undergarments like boxers, briefs, socks and long underwear for the Midwest Veterans Closet or locally to our veterans. A monetary donation will be accepted and will be matched (maximum \$100 per member) up to \$5,000 by KSKJ Life. You can send your monetary donations to the Home Office.

We are also collecting hats and gloves for the elderly in our area and we are doing our usual food drive for the food pantry. A local business will match each food donation and deliver to the Food Pantry. Please be generous during this special time of year.

We will be Honoring our Lodge Leaders at the Annual Meeting on Dec. 9th at 10:30AM at Holy Family Parish Center. Election of Officers will also happen at the Annual Meeting. We will have a potluck lunch at noon. After the lunch, we will have our Annual Christmas Party. There will be door prizes, children's games, a sing-along, and Santa has promised to make an appearance to hand out bags of fruit, peanuts and candy to the children.

Wishing you all a safe and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Lonna Rakovec
Financial Secretary and Voice Reporter*

OTHER NEWS & NOTES

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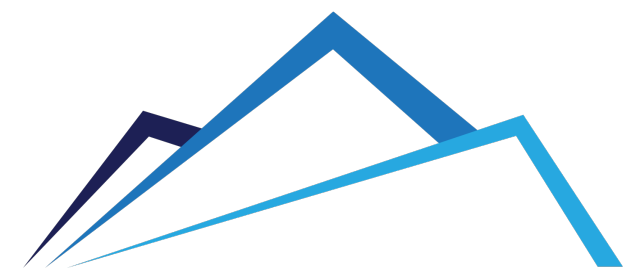
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