

JUNE 2019

KSKJ VOICE

**STEPPING UP
PROGRAM KICK-OFF**

**SLOVENIA
STATEHOOD DAY**

MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

Photo: Lodge #50 participating in Join Hands month.



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS KSKJLIFE

We're celebrating KSKJ Life's 125th Anniversary all year long – and we want to hear from you!

In honor of our 125th Anniversary, we'd like to feature members and families that have been with KSKJ Life over the years.

What does KSKJ mean to you? What memories do you have of attending KSKJ events? Do you have a photo of yourself at a KSKJ event? We'd love to hear from you!

Please email fraternal@kskjlife.com with your name and your history with KSKJ Life, or visit kskjlife.com to fill out the online submission page. Letters and photographs can also be mailed to the home office.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE KSKJ LIFE HOME OFFICE THE STEPPING UP PROGRAM RETURNS!



KSKJ Life's Stepping Up Program originally started as a commitment to increase movement and introduce exercise to your regular routine. This year, we are taking a 360 ° approach to the Stepping Up Program – we have designed it to help you live a healthier, happier and more fulfilling life.

Our goal for this program is to:

- Improve your daily habits for physical and mental wellness
- Introduce new ways to enhance your life and the community in which you live
- Provide you with weekly goals
- Have fun!

The Stepping Up Program kicks off June 1st and will run through the end of July. Throughout the 8-week program, we will release a Challenge of the Week providing a different focus - or challenge - each week to keep you going. We want to be a part of your journey! Please share with us what you are doing and how you are stepping up for yourself, your community or for others. Tag us on your own social media page by using the hashtag #steppingup and #kskjlife or post on our page @kskjlife. Have a cool project to share or an update on your progress but don't have social media? No problem! Email your stories and/or photos to steppingup@kskjlife.com.

All of your tagged posts or shared progress via email will be entered into a drawing, and you'll have a chance to win a Wellness Package! The more you share, the more chances you have to win! Two random winners will each receive a fabulous wellness package valued over \$100 and will also include an additional \$50 donation to a local charity of your choice. Winners will be announced on August 5th.

Here is a sneak peak of the **Stepping Up Challenge of the Week** starting June 1st:

- June 1st -8th Clean Up/Make it Grow
- June 9th – 15th Get Active
- June 16th – 22nd Give to Others/Volunteer
- June 23rd – 29th Reading and Reflection
- June 30th – July 6th Random Act of Kindness
- July 7th – July 13th Review & Update [important documents]
- July 14th – July 20th Reduce/Reuse/Recycle
- July 21st – July 31st Healthy Choices and Hydrate

Don't forget to like our Facebook and Instagram pages @kskjlife and check back weekly for updates.

Small changes make a BIG impact!

Christy Kelly

Representative, Marketing & Fraternal



- Exercise
- Plant a garden
- Read a book
- Volunteer
- Update your insurance policy
- Reduce-Reuse-Recycle



CELEBRATING LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to St. Stephen Lodge #1 of Chicago, IL, who is celebrating a milestone anniversary of 125 years this June!

St. Stephen Lodge No. 1 is the pride of Chicago's Catholic Slovenians, for it is known as the cornerstone of KSKJ Life. This lodge provided the base upon which the Union was founded and organized, hence its numeral 1.

St. Stephen's is the first and oldest Slovenian lodge in Chicago, and perhaps the oldest in the USA. It began functioning as St. Martin's, No. 50 with its home being the Czech Catholic Union. At its founding on December 2, 1888, it had 19 members. Its original founders were: Anton Nemanich, Joseph Stukel, Joseph Zajc, Math Brunski and Anton Gregorich. When the KSKJ was founded in 1894, St. Martin's Lodge joined the new Union as the oldest Slovene benefit society in the USA. The name was changed to St. Stephen. At its entrance on June 10, 1894, into the annals of KSKJ Life, the lodge numbered 16 members and lodge assets totaled \$8.50.

First officers of St. Stephen's Lodge were: Joseph Bohte, President; Joseph Zajc, Financial Secretary; John Brunskole, Treasurer; and Ernest Lerch, Representative. These first officers performed their lodge duties gratis, the sole exception being the financial secretary.

Present day activities include various sporting events, Matching Funds fundraisers, Join Hands projects, and other community events. SAVE THE DATE for Lodge #1's 125th Anniversary as a KSKJ lodge celebration on Sunday, October 20th at the Slovenian Catholic Center.

Present day officers are: Dawn Zamora, President/Recording Secretary; Joanne Sierzega, Financial Secretary/ Treasurer/ Communications/ Voice Reporter; and Patrick Sierzega, Fraternal Activities Coordinator. Congratulations, Lodge #1, on reaching a milestone of 125 years!



L-R: Patrick Sierzega, Joanne Sierzega, Dawn Zamora, and Fr. Brad Zamora.

Lodge	Years with KSKJ in 2019	Date Admitted into KSKJ
Lodge #1	125 years	6/10/1894
Lodge #2	125 years	4/2/1894
Lodge #7	125 years	4/2/1894
Lodge #20	124 years	2/13/1895
Lodge #25	124 years	5/21/1895
Lodge #29	123 years	2/2/1896
Lodge #42	122 years	4/30/1897
Lodge #44	122 years	8/22/1897
Lodge #50	120 years	11/30/1899
Lodge #52	119 years	5/6/1900
Lodge #53	119 years	11/17/1900
Lodge #59	117 years	3/4/1902
Lodge #63	117 years	10/16/1902
Lodge #65	116 years	1/19/1903
Lodge #69	116 years	8/17/1903
Lodge #79	115 years	12/18/1904
Lodge #104	113 years	12/28/1906
Lodge #108	112 years	2/14/1907
Lodge #110	112 years	3/7/1907
Lodge #115	112 years	5/14/1907
Lodge #136	109 years	5/16/1910
Lodge #143	108 years	7/19/1911
Lodge #144	108 years	9/10/1911
Lodge #146	107 years	4/1/1912
Lodge #150	106 years	2/28/1913
Lodge #153	105 years	5/2/1914
Lodge #169	98 years	7/1/1921
Lodge #170	97 years	4/14/1922
Lodge #171	97 years	6/1/1922
Lodge #196	94 years	8/1/1925
Lodge #197	94 years	9/24/1925

KSKJ LIFE MEMBER STORIES

As part of our 125th Anniversary, we asked our members and their families who have been with us over the years to share their own, unique KSKJ Story. Each month we will feature a few of the submissions received. Thank you Art Cwudzinski and Josie Kmet for sharing your KSKJ stories with us! Enter your own story by visiting our website kskjlife.com.



Art Cwudzinski

Joliet, IL
Lodge #29

I've been a member of KSKJ Life since I was born. KSKJ provides me with insurance, Roth IRA accounts and much more for my retirement years. The main thing I remember about KSKJ are the social opportunities they provide. Starting when I was a youngster, I enjoyed the Christmas parties at St. Joe's hall, the basketball tournaments, the softball tournaments, the bowling tournaments (that I still participate in 45 years later) and the steak fries Lodge 29 hosts. They also do service for the community with many different activities. By participating in all of these activities it has allowed me to meet many great people that I am proud to call friends. So happy anniversary KSKJ and I hope it continues for another 125 years at least! Thank you for all of the great times and memories.



Josie Kmet

Cleveland, OH
Lodge #146

My father was a member of Lodge #146. The secretary at that time was Alice Kaplan. She was so kind and helpful as I was trying to redeem my father's policy that I went and bought a policy for both myself and my brother. This led to her calling once a year to come to the 50-year member dinner. I then joined the women's bowling league of Lodge #169. Then, I was asked to become more active in the lodge leadership. I really enjoyed the camaraderie of the group, and as other friends had IRA's and the like, referred them to KSKJ. In a real reversal, my mother joined after her children. So, we are a KSKJ family!



SLOVENIA'S STATEHOOD



Happy Statehood Day!

On June 25th, Slovenians around the world will be celebrating Statehood Day. This holiday commemorates the country's declaration of independence in 1991.

language

jezik | "yeh-zeek"

Slovene is taught at 57 universities in 25 countries around the world. Stanford brings the US to 2nd place with 4 universities total.

Which 3 countries are tied for 1st place?

- a. Poland, Croatia, Germany
- b. Italy, Germany, Poland
- c. Austria, Croatia, Italy

The top Slovene-teaching countries are tied at 5 universities each. They include: Italy, Germany, and Poland. Answer: b

tree

drevo | "dreh-voh"

What percent of Slovenia is covered in forests?

- a. About 25%
- b. About 40%
- c. About 60%

Well over half of Slovenia, about 60%, is covered in forest, which makes it the **third greenest country in Europe**. Smaller than the state of New Jersey, Slovenia has uncommonly rich biodiversity, including high-altitude flora & fauna and deep under-ground cave creatures! Answer: c

bee

čebela | "cheh-bel-la"

What are the chances the honey in your tea was made by Slovenian bees?

- a. .034%
- b. 25%
- c. 40%

Slovenian speaking people are no more than .034% of the human population. But the story is different for bees! An estimated **40% of bees around the world are of Slovenian origin**. These "Carniolan" bees are native to the Kranjska region of Slovenia. Like their human counterparts, they are both friendly and hard working. Answer: c

flute

flavta | "flau-tah"

The world's oldest instrument was found in Slovenia. How old is it?

- a. 19,000 yrs old
- b. 43,000 yrs old
- c. 60,000 yrs old

The world's oldest known musical instrument was found in the Divje Babe Cave in Slovenia. It is believed to be 43,000 to 60,000 years old, depending on who you ask. The flute, which is made of cave bear bone, is said to be the handiwork of Neanderthals. Answer: b or c

SLOVENIAN

Words & Fun Facts Quiz

wheel

kolo | "kol-loh"

The world's oldest wooden wheel was found in Slovenia. What year was it made?

- a. 3,070 BC
- b. 7,800 BC
- c. 21,000 BC

The world's oldest wooden wheel, is approximately 5,200 years old (3360-3080 B.C.). It was found in the Ljubljana Marshes, where remains of prehistoric settlements have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Answer: a

love

ljubezen | "Lyou-bez-en"

There are 8 grammatical forms of the sentence "I love you" in Slovene. How many forms are there for the sentence "We love you"?

- a. 8
- b. 16
- c. 24

A lot of words in Slovene, including the words for "we" and "you" change if you are talking about two or more than two things/people. Add in gender variations and other factors, the math gets a bit detailed on this one. So, take our word for it, there are 16 ways to say "We love you." Answer: b

name

ime | "ee-meh"

Among Slavic languages, to which ancient language is Slovene most closely related?

- a. Sanskrit
- b. Latin
- c. Aramaic

Of Slavic languages, Slovene is closest to its ancient roots, sharing nearly 30% of its word origins and the dual grammatical case with Sanskrit! It's no coincidence that the name "Buddha" (Sanskrit for "The Awakened One") is so similar to Slovene words such as buden (awake) or budilka (alarm clock). Answer: a

red

rdeč | "er-detch"

In English, adjectives have one form no matter how they're used. The word is the same if the "red" ball is bouncing or if you are throwing the "red" ball.

In Slovene, adjectives match the nouns they describe depending on multiple factors. The word "red" has a different form if the red ball is bouncing, or if you are throwing the red ball.

In Slovene, how many forms does each adjective have?

- a. 6
- b. 27
- c. 54

Adjectives match the noun they refer to in 3 genders (masculine, feminine, neuter), 3 numbers (single, dual, plural), and 6 cases (how used in the sentence). That's $3 \times 3 \times 6 = 54$! No wonder Slovenians have such good memories. Answer: c

Cheers!

Na zdravje! | "naz-drow-yeh"

Slovenia's national anthem is a toast. What is it a toast to?

- a. the beauty of the land
- b. triumph over tragedy
- c. all nations

Slovenia may have the only national anthem to offer a vision of peace among all nations. Answer: c

Long live all nations
who aspire to the day
that where sun shines o'er creation
war and strife have gone away.
Humanity — all are free.
Neighbors — not foes, but friends shall be.

*Žive naj vsi narodi,
ki hrepene dočakat' dan,
da koder sonce hodi,
prepir iz sveta bo pregnan,
da rojak prost bo vsak,
ne vrag, le sosed bo mejak!*

PHILANTHROPY CORNER

LODGE #63 MATCHING FUNDS

On Thursday, May 9th, The Littlest Heroes honored KSKJ #63 and Ryan Short (our member and childhood leukemia survivor) for his courageous battle, and his unbelievable selfless dedication to helping other little heroes fighting their own battle with cancer, as the Community Partner of the Year at their yearly gala. The Littlest Heroes exists to positively impact the lives of children with cancer and their families, regardless of income level or zip code. "We understand that any family touched by childhood cancer can benefit from our services, so we work in conjunction with donors, volunteers and clinicians at partner institutions to meet the social, emotional and financial needs of all families. Since our inception in 2001, we've helped more than 4,000 families in Northeast Ohio. It is our desire to continue to expand our reach and care for as many families as possible."

Lodge #63 was one of the chosen Community Partners for sponsoring a Matching Funds Event with them in November 2018. There were several Lodge members in attendance at the Gala including Ryan. Phil Hrvatin, Vice Chair of the National Board of Directors, was in attendance as the band he performs with donated their talents for the evening. What a wonderful evening, event and organization! To learn more about The Littlest Heroes, check out their website: thelittlestheroes.org.

Jean Marincic



Ryan Short (center) with Jon Kozeski, Executive Director, and Chelsea Mikula, Chair, The Littlest Heroes.



KSKJ members showed their support for Ryan Short and The Littlest Heroes at the annual gala.



LODGE #59 CHARITABLE GIVING AWARD

March 2019 was Food Shelf month in Minnesota where donations were matched. Sts. Cyril & Methodius Lodge #59 held a Lenten Soup Supper where the offerings collected were donated to the Quad City Food Shelf. Pictured is Karl Oberstar, coordinator of the Quad City Food Shelf and President of Lodge #196, receiving a KSKJ Life Charitable Giving Award check from Rosemary Mattson of Lodge #59, who is also a member of the Food Shelf advisory board.

Rosemary Mattson

PHILANTHROPY CORNER

LODGES #2 & 29 MATCHING FUNDS

Lodge #29 together with St. Joseph #2 "Brought on the Fiesta" on May 4 with a Matching Funds event benefitting Cornerstone Services in memory of Louie Derlinga. Cornerstone Services is a nonprofit organization located in Joliet, IL that provides progressive, comprehensive services to people with disabilities promoting choice, dignity, and the opportunity to live and work in the community.

A great big thank you goes out to Diana Churnovic and Kathy Lovati for all of the planning and organizing, Sylvia Churnovic for cooking the delicious meal, Big John & the Slivo Express for providing music, everyone who donated bakery and the multitude of volunteers from both Lodges who prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up. There were 19 raffle baskets with great prizes and John Starasinich was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. I know Louie was smiling down on us that day. Both Lodges are able to make a very nice donation to Cornerstone in honor of a very special person! Nearly \$9,000.00 was raised, including money raised by Lodge 29 at the bowling tournament and the Matching Funds from KSKJ Life.

Karen (Ramsak) Colman



A multitude of volunteers helped prep food in the kitchen



L-R: Mrs. Spike, Terri Derlinga & Sue Mihelich manning the entrance table



L-R: Ken & Becky Velasquez presenting the winner of the coffee basket to MaryLou Stefanick, member of the National Board of Directors.



National Board of Directors member Dan Mihelich won the Amazon gift card basket

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Planning a tropical vacation or a weekend getaway? KSKJ Life's PerkSpot Discount Program has everything you need for the ultimate summer escape.



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HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MONEY IN TODAY'S WORLD

At KSKJ Life, we understand how difficult it can be to stick to a budget and save for the future, especially in today's ever-changing economy. However, by making it a priority to properly manage your money today, you and your family can have a more financially-secure and comfortable tomorrow. How? Here's some quick tips to kick-start your savings strategy!

Design a budget.

Financial advisors often recommend the 50/30/20 rule, putting 50% of your income towards necessary fixed expenses, 30% towards spending on pleasure, and 20% towards savings. However, this model may not be appropriate for everyone, so it's important to adjust as necessary—start by comparing your income and expenses to determine how much you're realistically able to budget for leisure and savings. Additionally, always ensure that you have a safety net established for emergencies, and never underestimate how much you will need, especially if you have a spouse or children depending on you financially.

Stick to that budget.

Designing a budget may sound simple, but actually sticking to it is the hard part. Find creative ways to follow your financial plan, such as making a comprehensive grocery list and setting aside time to prepare a week's worth of meals on a Sunday. Small decisions like packing your lunch for work or making your own coffee at home rather than spending \$5 on a latte can save you a lot of money in the long run, freeing up more of your income for saving and investing.

Find unique ways to mitigate expenses.

Look to actively reduce expenses, especially in the household, where large expenses can often creep up on you. Weatherproof your home to proactively protect yourself and save on repairs later. Focus on lowering your energy bill by replacing aging, inefficient light bulbs with energy-saving ones. Track what household items you actually use and how quickly, such as toiletries and cleaning supplies and stop buying excess products you don't really need. If you have a family, consider getting

a bulk food shopping membership. These kinds of expenses add up over time—mitigate them as best as you can to see increased savings!

Consider Life Insurance

Consider solidifying your family's future financial security with a whole life insurance policy, which can cover more than you would think, including funeral expenses, payment for outstanding debts, income for your family, and college tuition for your children. It's never too early to think about how your loved ones will continue paying their bills when you're no longer with them, and by managing your money properly now, you'll be able to invest in that future security.

By implementing these quick and easy tips into your daily spending habits, you'll be well on your way to creating an effective savings strategy. For more guidance choosing the financial tools aligned with the needs of you and your family, call 1-800-THE-KSKJ.



KSKJ LIFE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us for KSKJ Life's 125th Year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the Joliet Area Historical Museum in Joliet, IL!



125th Anniversary Event

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Hors d'oeuvres
Cash bar
Saturday, August 17, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Joliet Area Historical Museum
204 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL
Entertainment
Business casual attire requested

Please join us for 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church (416 N Chicago, Joliet) preceding our evening event.

Kindly RSVP online by July 31st through EventBrite: [kskj125.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/kskj125)

\$15 per person • Early Bird Pricing is \$10 per person through June 30th

Many KSKJ lodges have been holding their own 125th anniversary celebrations in 2019 - if you are in the area be sure to mark your calendar and join us at these upcoming events!

#1 - Chicago, IL	Sunday, Oct. 20th	Save the Date: 125 Year Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Lemont, IL. More details to follow.
#29 - Joliet, IL	October 19 & 20	Joint event with IL Federations to be held in Joliet, IL. Additional details to come.
#50 - Pittsburgh, PA	Sunday, July 28th at 1:00pm	Lodge 50's Summer Picnic, in conjunction with KSKJ Life's 125th year anniversary, will be held at Middle Road Community Park. More details to come - please RSVP to Ashley at kskjlifelodge50@yahoo.com
#115 - Kansas City, KS	Saturday, June 29 at 6:30pm	Matching Funds/125 Year Anniversary Celebration Slovenian Wine Tasting and 50/50 Raffle. Holy Family Hall, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS. Event tickets are \$15.00. Contact Julie Schneller at 913.268.7640.
#144 - Sheboygan, WI	September 8th	Annual Dinner & Fellowship Event in conjunction with KSKJ Life's 125th anniversary: We will honor all of those in attendance that have reached their own milestone of 50 or 75 years in the organization. Details are in the works, but flyers will come out shortly.
#171 - Duluth, MN	Thursday, June 27th at 4:00pm	Bean Bag Tourney & Picnic - Chambers Grove Please bring a potluck dish to share. The lodge will provide coney dogs and beverages. RSVP by Monday, June 24th to bucarf@gmail.com

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

WAUKEGAN KSKJ LIFE LODGES GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

BONNIE BROOK GOLF COURSE, WAUKEGAN, IL

1:00PM SHOT GUN START

\$70.00 per person / \$280.00 per team

Price includes golf, cart, dinner, and more

Registration deadline is Friday, June 14, 2019.

Send entries and check to: Lori Mivshek – 2504 Burnside Way, Waukegan, IL 60087 (checks payable to Waukegan KSKJ)

This tournament is limited to the first 30 teams!

For more information, please contact: Lori Mivshek at kskjwaukeganathletics@yahoo.com or MaryLou Stefanick at merilu@sbcglobal.net

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KSKJ LIFE
LODGES!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

James Day Park (Nike Site Park)
11828 West Pleasant Valley, Parma, Oh

Event times: 8:00am Team/Player Registration
9:00am Softball games start, 12pm Lunch (food and beverages provided).

For information, tickets or team sign up, please contact Elaine Peskar at 440-503-8312 or kskjlife150@gmail.com.

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.

MAY & JUNE 2019

- Lodge #7** - Stanley Culig, Pueblo, CO

Lodge #7 - Lawrence Vuksinich, Arvada, CO

Lodge #20 - Fred J. Carr, Hudsonville, MI

Lodge #20 - Charlotte E. Seaberry, Battle Creek, MI

Lodge #25 - Leslie E. Ieler, Salem, OH

Lodge #25 - Florence Jaksic, Cleveland, OH

Lodge #25 - James R. Louive, Minerva, OH

Lodge #25 - Donald E. Sanford, Carrollton, OH

Lodge #29 - Theresa M. Burns, Joliet, IL

Lodge #29 - Edward S. Serdar, Plainfield, IL

Lodge #42 - Todd K. Johnson, Harrisburg, PA

Lodge #42 - Raymond J. Dell Angelo, Dillsburg, PA

Lodge #42 - Rena E. Naylor, New Freedom, PA

Lodge #42 - Gary L. Shifflett, Wrightsville, PA

Lodge #42 - Dorothy J. Toth, A. Abington Twp., PA

Lodge #44 - Josephine Schmaltz, Arlington Hts., IL

Lodge #44 - Dennis E. Witmer, Lewistown, IL

Lodge #50 - Theresa Bocka, Crestview, FL

Lodge #50 - Joseph Capan, Pittsburgh, PA

Lodge #50 - Helen Staniszewski, Pittsburgh, PAI

Lodge #50 - Joseph J. Starasinich, Beaver, PA

Lodge #52 - Ida M. Brant, Muncie, IN

Lodge #52 - Joe L. Gilbert, Evansville, IN

Lodge #52 - John D. Patane, Carmel, IN

Lodge #52 - Gary L. Van Dyke, Evansville, IN

Lodge #53 - Robert Cvik, Gurnee, IL

Lodge #53 - William Dolinar, Punta Gorda, FL

Lodge #59 - Mary Lynn Timpane, Hibbing, MN

Lodge #59 - John J. Yuretich, Hibbing, MN
- Lodge #63** - Rebecca A. Carr, Upper Sandusky, OH

Lodge #63 - Michael L. Wilson, Rawson, OH

Lodge #65 - Frank P. Kokalj, Alpharetta, GA

Lodge #74 - Eileen P. Engram, Wheeling, IL

Lodge #79 - Mark B. Emanuelson, Antioch, IL

Lodge #110 - Stanley Smrdel, Barberton, OH

Lodge #115 - Bobby J. Gassmann, Oakley, KS

Lodge #115 - Richard Hidalgo, Plains, KS

Lodge #115 - David E. Lombard, Wichita, KS

Lodge #136 - Ernest Haug, Brookfield, WI

Lodge #144 - Donna Boyance, Sheboygan, WI

Lodge #148 -Emanuel Jones, Waterbury, CT

Lodge #148 - Ralph H. Lally, New Britain, CT

Lodge #153 - Joseph Barlow Jr., Coraopolis, PA

Lodge #153 - Nelda L. Ferlic, Germantown, MD

Lodge #153 - Margaret J. Oravec, Strabane, PA

Lodge #153 - Norman B. Sewell, Penllyn, PA

Lodge #169 - Louis Mohar, Wickliffe, OH

Lodge #197 - Loretta E. Krych, Pierz, MN

Lodge #226 - Fredia P. Dixon, Springfield, OH

Lodge #226 - Danny R. Williams, Ashland, OH

Lodge #236 - Susanne R. Hernandez, Fresno, CA

Lodge #257 - Rosemary A. Richardson, Washington, DC

Lodge #616 - Barbara J. Goettl, Cadott, WI

Lodge #620 - Royce L. McMahan, Mesa, AZ

Lodge #620 - Diana E. Montgomery, Surprise, AZ

Lodge #623 - Robert L. Gaddis, Owensboro, KY

Lodge #625 - John L. Coy, Sweetwater, TN

IN MEMORY OF

- Robert G. Savoren - Lodge #7**

Bob Savoren, Jr. - \$20.00
- Robert Cvik - Lodge #53**

Joanne Perpich Paulson - \$20.00
- Anthony Drobnik - Lodge #226**

Raymond Zak - \$50.00

The Cleveland 4-Lodge Picnic, hosted by Lodges 63, 146, 150, & 226, is free* to all KSKJ members. Non members are welcome for \$5.00 per person.

**Alcoholic beverages are an additional cost.*

- Door Prizes
- Chinese Raffle Baskets
- Family Fun Games
- Bounce House
- Bossie’s Best Ice Cream



Cleveland 4-Lodge Family Picnic
Sunday July 14 - 12:00 to 6:00 pm • Oddfellows Farm in Glenwillow



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

To all fathers, grandfathers, fathers-to-be and father figures, we send our warmest wishes for a wonderful, relaxing day.

Thank you for everything you do!

LOCAL LODGE NEWS & EVENTS

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BARAGA ST. MARY RETREAT HOUSE

St. Stephen Lodge #1 and St. Anne Lodge #170 will be washing windows at the Baraga St. Mary Retreat House in Lemont, IL at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2019. As the KSKJ Illinois Federation uses the Retreat House for our Sunday afternoon summer meeting, we have offered to ask for volunteers from other Illinois Lodges to help. Please consider asking your members to come help, especially if you have no other Join Hands Project planned for this year.

Deacon John Vidmar has been leading the renovation of the Baraga St. Mary Retreat house over the last several years. If you have not been there recently you will be impressed. Part of the renovation included new windows, so the job should be easy. St. Stephen and St. Anne will bring supplies, but you are welcome to bring rags and window cleaner. The Baraga St. Mary Retreat House has been increasingly in use for retreats and is an important part of the Slovenian Catholic Community in Illinois with Slovenian Catholic Mission, Slovenian Catholic Center and St. Mary Grotto and picnic grounds.

Mike Vidmar
Pres. ILL Federation of KSKJ Lodges



A photo of the Baraga St. Mary Retreat House

COMBINED JOLIET LODGES

JOLIET, IL

UPCOMING MEETING

Just a reminder, the combined Joliet KSKJ Lodges will hold their next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00pm at T&C Lanes. All KSKJ members are welcome to attend.

Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day.

Pauline Mihelich
Recording Secretary/Reporter

LODGE #1

CHICAGO, IL

LODGE UPDATE

Dear Members,

The following agenda was discussed at the April 9th meeting: 2018 Lodge Challenge Report, selection of a lodge Person of the Year Award, Lodge Join Hands project in May, Illinois Federation Join Hands Project in June, which will be washing windows at the Lemont Retreat House, Annual Youth Fishing Day/Summer Social in July.

We also are planning the Matching Funds dinner and raffle on Sunday, September 8 and our Lodge's 125th Anniversary as a KSKJ lodge on Sunday, October 20th. Both events will be held at the Slovenian Catholic Center. Please SAVE THE DATES.

UPCOMING EVENTS

At the May 14 meeting, these dates were scheduled:

- Illinois Federation Join Hands Project on Saturday, June 15 at 11 a.m. washing windows at the Retreat House, Lemont.

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- Annual Youth Fishing Day on Saturday, July 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at De Boer Woods. Flyers will be mailed.
- Lodge 1 Join Hands Project at Mt. Assisi Convent in Lemont on Saturday, July 20 at 11 a.m. for grounds clean-up. (The original May date needed to be changed because of the condition of the grounds due to the heavy rains).
- Next meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 11 a.m. at Slovenian Catholic Center before the Matching Funds dinner.

Happy Spring and Summer.

Joanne Sierzega
Lodge Reporter

LODGE #2

JOLIET, IL

MATCHING FUNDS

On May 4, over 350 Mexican dinners were purchased to raise money for Cornerstone Services. The food was delicious! (Thank you, Sylvia Churnovic). Whether people ate in or carried out, they lingered in the hall, enjoying the music of John Churnovic and the Slivo Express and drinking margaritas and Mexican beer. Thank you, Don Londergon, of Blue Ribbon products and Lodge 2, for donating 10 cases of Mexican beer.

Lodges 2 and 29 worked well together to raise almost \$9,000.00 in memory of Louis Derlinga for Cornerstone Services. The total included money raised by Lodge 29 at the bowling tournament and the Matching Funds from KSKJ. There was plenty of help from both lodges, not only preparing the food, but working at this event. Members of all ages come out to help. It was nice to have Dorian Williams from Cornerstone working alongside us. 35 members of Cornerstone attended the event and reminisced about knowing Louis with his sister, Terri.

We had 19 raffle baskets/ gift cards donated. Plus, members baked more desserts than could be eaten. Over \$1,000 was made on raffles and bakery items alone.

Congrats to John Starasinich who won the 50/50. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Diana Tyda for all her hard work and Lodge 29 for being such great partners in this endeavor.

JOIN HANDS EVENT

On May 10, several members of our lodge "joined hands" at Sunny Hill Nursing Home to weed and plant flowerbeds. The weather cooperated as Darla Tomac led the project.



Jan Coats, Jodi Wartenburg and Darla Tomac at Sunny Hill Nursing Home



Seated: Darla Tomac, Jan Coats, Lynn Miller, Jodi Wartenburg
Back row: Lydia Marquardt, Ray Tomac, Bob & Jean Verbiscer, and Gregg Vershay

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UPCOMING MEETING

Our next meeting will be June 6 at our steak fry at 5:00 at St. Joe's Park. Hope you remembered to RSVP to Diana (815) 557-3250 or Sylvia (815) 353-1161.

Lynn Miller

LODGE #29

JOLIET, IL

LODGE UPDATE

Our Lodge teamed up with St. Joseph #2 to "Bring on the Fiesta" on May 4 with a Matching Funds event benefitting Cornerstone Services in memory of Louie Derlinga. The event was a great success! Read our full writeup on page 9 of this issue.

The Annual Lodge Steak Fry will be held Friday, July 26, 5:00 p.m. at St. Joe's Park. Dinner includes a grill your own steak with all the trimmings, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$10.00 per member and \$15.00 per non-member guest. Free hotdogs will be available for kids who choose not to purchase a steak. A reminder that desserts are always appreciated for the sweets table. We will also be collecting school supplies to be donated to the area's needy children. A bean bag tournament will be held after dinner for anyone interested in playing.

Contact Judy Corum at 815-725-3553 or jmcorum@ameritech.net to sign up and prepay. Checks payable to St. Francis #29 KSKJ can be mailed to Judy at 117 N. Reed Street, Joliet IL 60435.

Wishing a wonderful Father's Day to all our Dads on June 16!

*Karen (Ramsak) Colman
Reporter*

LODGE #44

S. CHICAGO, IL

UPCOMING EVENTS

This year's baseball outing date has changed: Lodge 44 will head to the South Side on **Tuesday, July 30th** to watch the Sox take on Mets at Guaranteed Rate Field. Ticket, transportation, meal and drinks will be included. First pitch is at 7:10pm. To purchase your ticket, contact George Bozzetti (708-334-5434) or James Rossi Jr. (219-902-0230).

Come out and compete in this year's Bocce Tournament that will be held on September 14th at O'Hara's Tavern, 3541 E 106th St, Chicago, IL 60617. Contact James Rossi to be sure your team is included in this year's tournament.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns you may contact George or myself (219-718-7599). We would like to wish all of you a safe and happy summer!

Angela Rossi

LODGE #53

WAUKEGAN, IL

KSKJ DAY AT MIDWEST VETERANS CLOSET

Thanks to the volunteers who stepped up to the plate at the Midwest Veteran's Closet on Memorial Day Weekend. God Bless all who serve in our armed forces and God Bless the USA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go Cubs Go!We're going! Plan now for a Cubs Vs. Brewers showdown on Saturday, September 7th at Miller Park. Our lodge will be sponsoring a bus trip that will include food, drink and tickets for the price of \$75

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per member. RSVP to Sue Dolence by June 1st ; after that date, available ticket sales will be open to any KSKJ member through July 1st and then to nonmembers if there are remaining tickets after the 15th of July. The cost to nonmembers will be \$95. Sue can be reached at 847-662-0908.

- June 9 - Regular Meeting – 9:15 a.m. At Bertrand Lanes
- July 14- Regular Meeting – 9:15 a.m. At Bertrand Lanes
- August 11- Regular Meeting – 9:15 a.m. At Bertrand Lanes

Please join us at our next meeting – we look forward to seeing you. Peace.

Victoria Drinka, Secretary

LODGE #143

JOLIET, IL

JOIN HANDS EVENT

St. John the Baptist Lodge #143 will hold its Join Hands Day event on Saturday, June 29th at 2:00 p.m. at the Feed My Starving Children location in Aurora, IL. Address is 555 Exchange Ct., Aurora. If interested, you will need to register through their website:

volunteer.fmssc.org/register (Group name: KSKJ Lodge #143). Children 5 years and older can participate. This is a great opportunity to get the entire family involved!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our next Matching Funds event: Mammo-Palooza! Mammo-Palooza is a benefit event to support Mammo Strong Inc., which provides charitable support to help children and their families in the areas of health, education and amateur sports in memory of Mathew "MAMMO" Mammosser, who was a classmate of some of our lodge members. The 8th Annual Mammo-Palooza will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 at

St. Sava Picnic Grounds, 3457 Black Rd., Joliet, IL. There will be plenty of music, kids activities, food and drinks, and volunteer opportunities. Stay tuned for more information.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Make a difference in the life of a starving child. It just takes two hours!

VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

KSKJ Life Lodge 143 - Join Hands Event
Saturday, June 29th @ 2:00pm

volunteer.fmssc.org/register (Group: KSKJ Lodge #143)

Turn Hunger into Hope with Your Own Two Hands.
VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE. FMSC.ORG

Lodge #143's Join Hands event flyer

Lauren Baltz

INDIANA

LODGE #52

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

LODGE UPDATE

It's been another great month here in Indy! This month we had our Annual Communion Breakfast to honor all members, and nonmembers alike. We attended Mass at

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Sacred Heart together. Thanks to members of our local Slovenian Choir, and the Sacred Heart choir members, who sang Angelško Češčenje at the Mass for us. After Mass we went to the Slovenian National Home for breakfast. We had a delicious meal catered in with several members and guests in attendance! I believe everyone in attendance ate more than enough this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have several events coming up in June!

Saturday, June 1st we are taking a canoe trip on the Blue River. Please contact Jennifer Velikan [317-636-0512; jvelikan@gmail.com] if you are interested in attending. This will be a short, day trip.

Saturday, June 15th we will have our annual Balinca Tournament. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for more tourney information. We are planning to travel to Blind Owl Brewery. They offer balinca courts and a variety of outdoor games, Jenga, lawn darts, etc. and welcome all ages! Food and drinks available for purchase. Please contact Jennifer Velikan [317-636-0512; jvelikan@gmail.com] for more information! \$5 per person will go towards prizes. Teams consist of two people.

St. Al's is taking a trip to the drive-in again this summer! On Saturday, July 13th, join us for movies under the star at the Tibbs Drive-In! For the low price of \$11 per person, you can see up to 3 first run movies! Spider-Man should be out, so prepare for adventure! You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks, or you may purchase from their fabulous snack bar. Please plan to arrive early to ensure that we can park together. Please contact Angie Cuson [317-445-7375, adcuson@gmail.com] if you would like to attend; Angie can give you an idea of when to arrive and where to park!

In July, we are once again offering a bus trip to the Pierogi Festival in Whiting, IN. Be sure to join us on Saturday, July 27th. The cost of the bus is \$35 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact Marcia Bracik [317-501-5710; marcia660@aol.com] to reserve your spot!

The Slovenski Festival, sponsored by all Slovenian Organizations in Indy, will be on Saturday, August 10th. This event will be held at the Slovenian National Home this year located at 10th and Warman. The event will

feature cultural events and live music. Join us from 2-8pm, food and drinks available.

St. Al's Calendar of Events:

June

1 – ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Mark your calendars for our Canoe Trip on the Blue River. contact Jennifer Velikan [317-636-0512; jvelikan@gmail.com] if you are interested in attending. This will be a short, day trip.

15 – ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Join us for our Annual Balinca Tourney. More details to come, stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for locations and times!

July

13 – ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Summer is time for Drive-In Night at the Tibbs Drive-In! For the low price of \$11 per person, you can see up to 3 first run movies! Please plan to arrive early to ensure that we can park together. Please contact Angie Cuson [317-445-7375, adcuson@gmail.com] if you would like to attend; Angie can give you an idea of when to arrive and where to park!

27 – ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Ride the bus to Whiting, IN for the Pierogi Fest! The cost of the bus is \$35 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact Marcia Bracik [317-501-5710; marcia660@aol.com] to reserve your spot!

August

10 – ST. ALOYSIUS #52, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The Slovenski Festival will be held at the Slovenian National Home. Cultural events, live music, food, drinks and more! Join us from 2-8pm.

Be sure to check 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/

Nasvidenje!

Jennifer Velikan

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KANSAS

LODGE #115

KANSAS CITY, KS

125TH ANNIVERSARY MATCHING FUNDS EVENT

In celebration of the 125th year anniversary of KSKJ Life, St. Veronica Lodge #115 is sponsoring a Slovenian Wine Tasting and 50/50 Raffle on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Funds raised from the event will benefit the Police Athletic League of Kansas City, KS, whose mission is to connect kids, cops and the community. KSKJ Life will also match up to \$2,000 in funds. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Julie Schneller at 913.268.7640 or Chuck Racki at 913.745.6423.

Julie Schneller

In Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of KSKJ Life, St. Veronica Lodge is sponsoring a



SLOVENIAN WINE TASTING AND 50/50 RAFFLE

Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 6:30pm
Holy Family Hall
513 Ohio Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101

\$15.00 event tickets include: Slovenian Wine Tasting, Sausage Sandwich and Music by Brian McCarty. Cash bar will be available.

50/50 Raffle Tickets available for \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20 donation.

This event will benefit the Police Athletic League KCK. The Police Athletic League is located at the old St. Mary's Church in Kansas City, KS. Its purpose is to connect kids, cops and the community.

For tickets for the event, raffle or both, please contact Julie Schneller at 913.268.7640 or Chuck Racki at 913.745.6423

KSKJ LIFE Net proceeds from this event (up to \$2,000) will be matched by KSKJ Life to benefit the Police Athletic League KCK. To learn more about KSKJ Life's products and benefits, visit ksklife.com

MINNESOTA

LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN

JOIN HANDS EVENT

On Saturday, May 4th Lodge #171 from Duluth held their Join Hands project. We cleaned the grounds around Stowe Elementary School and the grounds around St. Elizabeth's Church. Following the Clean-Up, our May meeting was held at the St. Elizabeth's Church Hall. Thank you to all those who came out to help!



Brian Bucar lending a helping hand. "Every little bit helps".



Members enjoy a hearty breakfast after the Join Hands Day Cleanup.

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Members clean the grounds around St. Elizabeth's Church and Stowe School Elementary for Join Hands day.

We'll be celebrating KSKJ Life's 125th year anniversary on Thursday, June 27th with a Bean Bag Tournament & Picnic. RSVP by June 24th to bucarf@gmail.com. Hope to see a great turnout for this event!



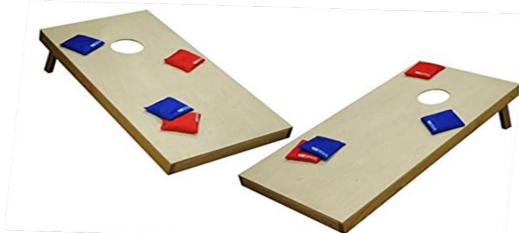
Celebrating 125 Years of KSKJ

St. Elizabeth's Lodge #171 Bean Bag Tourney & Picnic

Thursday, June 27th at 4 - 9 pm
Chambers Grove

Please bring a potluck dish to share. The lodge will provide coney and beverages.

RSVP by Monday, June 24th to
bucarf@gmail.com



Frank Bucar

LODGE #197

ST. CLOUD, MN

JOIN HANDS EVENT

Lodge 197 St. Stephen, MN did their Join Hands Day project on Thursday, April 25 at the Catholic Charities Building, which houses their Food Shelf (second largest in MN), a clothing program, Financial Assistance, Counseling, and other services. Mike Retka, Carol Hlebain, and Jim Bisek helped the environment by picking up and cleaning around the building and in the building.



Jim Bisek and Mike Retka cleaning on Join Hands Day



L-R: Jim Bisek, Carol Hlebain and Mike Retka.

Jim Bisek

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CLEVELAND, OH

FOUR LODGE PICNIC

The Cleveland Four Lodge Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 14 at Oddfellows Farm in Glenwillow from 12:00-6:00pm. Directions to Oddfellows are at the bottom of the article. The picnic is open to the members of lodges #63, 146, 150, 226 and their families as well as any other KSKJ members that would like to join us. You are welcome to bring a nonmember guest at a cost of \$5 per person. As always food and nonalcoholic beverages will be free. When you arrive, sign in at the check in table and receive a ticket for door prizes. The check in table will also be the place to buy tickets for the Chinese raffle baskets. There are always some wonderful baskets to be won. Games will begin at 1:30pm. The KSKJ grill team will be back in action again; food will be served from 2-3:00pm. Bossie's Best will be back again with soft serve ice cream cones and sundaes at no cost. We are still looking for more workers to help. If you can help out let the contact person from your lodge know. We would like to see some of the scholarship winners from the lodges there to help out.

We will be collecting nonperishable goods for St. Malachi Center. They do a wonderful job helping those in need in the Cleveland area. Donations will be collected at the check in table. Some of the items on their wish list include tissues, styrofoam plates, napkins, paper towels, trash bags, liquid soap, laundry and dishwashing detergent, toilet paper, gallon Ziploc bags, grocery store gift cards, applesauce, canned vegetables, canned soup, jams, cake mixes, canned chicken, vegetable oil, fruit juices, instant rice, pancake mix and syrup, coffee, boxed potatoes, deodorants, chapsticks, and travel size lotions. Cash donations are welcome also. If everyone brings something, we can help a lot of people in need.

If you are planning on attending, please let the contact person from your lodge know before Sunday, July 7.

We need an accurate count to make sure that we have enough food and beverages for all. We do not want to disappoint anyone. These are the people to inform if you will be attending and if you can help out:

- Lodge #63: Jeanne Marincic 440-526-8658
- Lodge #146: Josie Kmet 216-267-4866
- Lodge #150: Elaine Peskar 440-503-8312 or at Peskarelaine@juno.com
- Lodge #226: Chuck Potenga 440-582-5169 or cpotenga@wowway.com or Tim Klodnick 440-526-6431 or tklodnick@cox.net

The free picnic is made possible by the proceeds from the 50-50 raffle tickets that will be sold at the picnic. You can purchase them at the check in table. Without the 50-50 raffle this picnic would not be possible.

DIRECTIONS TO ODDFELLOWS FARM: Take I 271 from either the north or south to I 422 east toward Warren. Take 422 and get off at the Harper Rd./Cochrane Rd. exit. Go right toward Glenwillow. Continue on Cochrane Rd. for three miles until you reach Austin Powder Rd. Take a right on Austin Powder Rd. As soon as you cross over the railroad tracks on Austin Powder Rd. there will be a road on the right that leads back toward the picnic area. The road will run parallel to the railroad tracks. There will be a KSKJ event sign posted at the entrance.

Chuck Potenga

LODGE #63

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

On Thursday, May 9th The Littlest Heroes honored Ryan Short and Lodge #63 as their Community Partner of the Year at their yearly gala. Check out page 8 for our full writeup!

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Marie's Restaurant (4502 St Clair Ave) at 2:00pm.

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This will be held in conjunction with our 50-year member and Board appreciation dinner. RSVP are a must by May 29, 2019 to Jean at 440-781-3075 call or text. Don't forget to come out to the 4 Lodge picnic Sunday, July 14 at Odd Fellows Picnic Grounds in Glenwillow, OH!

As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me. Wishing all a wonderful Summer.



Jim Marinic presents a Matching Funds check to Tony Mannion for the Slovenian National Home. Over \$4,000 was raised from our fundraiser in April.

Jean Marincic

LODGE #146

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Here's hoping that everyone had a wonderful Easter! The Easter holiday was a good one for the Kmet household. We filled it with our family traditions - coloring eggs, getting the food blessed and of course everyone being together for the day. Here's hoping that yours was a joyful and peaceful as well. This is the season of graduations, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We wish all members and their families a good day and many blessings as

they grow in their faith and journey through life. Those students graduating are about to embark on a new phase - either the start of a new school or (hopefully) a first "real" job in their field of study. Good luck to them as they make their decisions on these matters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events for our lodge - we will have a meet and greet at Quaker Steak and Lube on Friday, May 24th at 6 pm. Friday, June 28th, we will have our annual putt-putt event. This will be held at Mr. Divot's, which is located on York Road, near Royalton Road. We will meet there at 7 pm.

On July 14th, we will have our annual 4 Lodge Picnic. As always, it will be at Oddfellow's Picnic Grove in Glenwillow. Bossie's ice cream (my favorite part of the day) has already been confirmed. Chuck Potenga has all the details - see his article elsewhere in the Voice.

The month of May traditionally brings about a lot of celebrating - we have Mother's Day (happy belated to all our mothers out there), first communions, and graduations. Here's wishing all of our members celebrating a special occasion this month a joyous celebration.

See you around!

Josie Kmet

LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Summer! Let's get active and enjoy the beautiful weather. Please join us on June 4th at 6:30pm for ice cream and our meeting at Olympia Sweet Treats & Grill. They are located at 11606 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio. Our July meeting will be held during the Four Lodge Picnic on Sunday, July 14th. All members and their families are invited to our KSKJ Life Four Lodge Picnic at Odd Fellows Farm in Glenwillow on Sunday, July 14th.

The picnic is from 12-6pm. Games at 1pm. Food will be served from 2-3pm, and Bossie's Ice Cream around 2:30pm. Please join us for a fun day!

PORKY PIG SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT & BBQ

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 3rd for our St. Anne's Lodge #150 8th Annual Porky Pig Softball Tournament & BBQ. It will be held again at James Day Park (Nike Site Park), 11828 West Pleasant Valley, Parma, Ohio. THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL LOCAL AND OUT-OF-TOWN KSKJ LIFE LODGES!

For information, tickets or team sign up, please contact Elaine Peskar at 440-503-8312 or kskjlife150@gmail.com. Event times: 8am Team/Player Registration, 9am Softball games start, 12pm Lunch (food and beverages provided). Details and registration information to follow. Our event will take place rain or shine.

Elaine Peskar

LODGE #226

CLEVELAND, OH

JOIN HANDS

It was a chilly rainy day, but our Join Hands Day was still a success for the Slovenian National Home as our crew cleaned up the parking lot and courtyard. Many thanks to Ron and Ray Zak, Tim Klodnick, Chuck and Nancy Potenga, The Zakelj Family, Ray Yartz and Clara Abriani.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 2 - 12:00 PM (Slovenian National Home) Lodge Meeting
- MASS OF THANKSGIVING. Andrew Rudmann, to be ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the archdiocese of New Orleans, will have a First Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10AM in St. Vitus Church.

- This will be an All Parish Mass; and the only Mass that day. A social gathering and and opportunity to meet Rev. Rudmann in St. Vitus Parish Auditorium will occur after the First Mass of Thanksgiving. Rev. Rudmann is a member of Lodge 226.
- July 14 - 12:00 - 6:00 PM (Oddfellows Park) 4-Lodge Picnic
- July 20 - 10:00 AM (St. Bernard Golf Course) Dave Koprowski Memorial Golf Outing
- Aug 31 - 7:00 PM (Lake County Captains Stadium) Lake County Captains Game. Join us in the Officers Club for a night of baseball and fireworks. Christ the King Lodge Members: \$9.00. \$35.00 for non-member guests. Evening includes an all-you-can-eat menu of burgers, hot dogs, sides, chips, and cookies. Please contact Chuck Potenga (cpotenga@wowway.com or 440-582-5169) for additional details and to RSVP. (Maximum number: 50 people.)
- Sept 1 - 12:00 PM (Slovenian National Home) Lodge Meeting
- Oct 6 - 12:00 PM (Slovenian National Home) Lodge Meeting
- Nov 3 - 12:00 PM (Slovenian National Home) Lodge Meeting
- Nov 24 - 10:00 AM (St. Vitus Church) Mass following by Christ the King Celebration Dinner
- Dec 1 - 10:00 AM (Slovenian National Home) Lodge Meeting
- Dec 1 - 12:00 PM (Slovenian National Home) Youth Christmas Party

Tamara Zupancic
Voice Reporter

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PENNSYLVANIA

LODGE #50

PITTSBURGH, PA

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Our Palm Sunday Brunch was a success! Everyone enjoyed embracing the company of some who we only get to see a few times a year. It was a nice surprise to have a new face at our Palm Sunday Brunch. Thank you to Elsie who came out and joined us. We are looking forward to having you at more events and getting to know you. We couldn't be more appreciative of the generosity from our members who have supported our donation for the St. Catherine of Sweden Youth Ministry Mission Trip to Appalachia. We also raised \$2,000 as apart of our matching funds project Mother's Day flower sale at St. Catherine of Sweden church. It is so great to see youth giving back to those areas of lesser fortune. The Easter egg candy surprise game was fun way to end the afternoon. Congrats to our three winners Jean, Janet, & Maggie who each took home beautiful tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths.

LODGE NEWS

Our Join Hands Day celebration was once again held at Allegheny Cemetery placing flags on the graves of the veterans. Thank you to all of those who came out and helped place flags for those who fought so hard to make America so great!

Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE for our annual Lodge 50 Summer Picnic. Our picnic will be held on Sunday July 28th from 1pm to dusk at Middle Road Community Park. We will be pairing our annual Summer Picnic with Batch Packs collecting school supplies for those in need. We also will be kicking off our KSKJ Life 125 Anniversary celebration at the picnic. Further details will follow after our Wednesday June 19th meeting at the North Park Lounge Clubhouse at 7pm. Please RSVP to Ashley at kskjlifelodge50@yahoo.com if you are able to make it. As always, please keep an eye out for emails and

updates on our Lodge 50 Facebook page. If you know someone who doesn't have computer access, please be so kind to pass along the word to them on what we are up to. If you have suggestions for an activity and/or a charitable organization to pair with at an event, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ashley Mikulan, our Fraternal Activities Coordinator. We love and welcome new ideas! Ashley can be reached at kskjlifelodge50@yahoo.com.

Ashley Mikulan

WISCONSIN

LODGE #65

MILWAUKEE, WI

PALM SUNDAY MASS

Many of our #65 members participated in the Palm Sunday Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church either carrying butare or wearing a red carnation, and several wearing their Slovenian Costumes. Several people came to Triglav Park on Saturday to make their own burtare. Thanks to Helen Frohna for making all the preparations at the park and to her helpers preparing all the necessary makings for this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We welcomed KSKJ Sales Agent, Len Meski to our last lodge meeting. Many things were discussed. I attended the meeting via the phone.

Plans are being finalized for a summer event where we will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of KSKJ.

Please help us for our Join Hands event at our June meeting by bringing items for a child's birthday celebration. (cake mix, icing, candles, birthday cards) to our meeting and then help us fill bags with these items. They will be distributed to families needing help with celebrating a child's special day.

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Our lodge will host the 2020 National Bowling Tournament. The tentative dates are April 18 and 19 or April 25 and 26. Please volunteer your help.

Educational Grant applications will be available at our June meeting or by calling Agnes Lobacz at 414-321-9779. If you will be attending college in September of 2019, you are eligible to apply.

Please check our Facebook Page and get information about our (YOUR) lodge events and attend our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the rectory meeting room of St. John the Evangelist Church. Our next meeting will be June 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

I hope all had a Happy Easter. Greetings to all of our sick and shut ins.

Nasvidenje,

Mici Bregant

OTHER NEWS & NOTES

SEND IN YOUR LODGE UPDATES

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.

Citrus Shrimp and Avocado Salad

This simple but totally flavorful salad makes the perfect meal-prep meal for lunch or dinner thanks to pan-seared citrus-flavored shrimp, creamy avocado, and the crunch of sliced almonds. With summer on its way this is a great light meal on a hot day!



Servings 4 salads

Ingredients

- 1 pound mediumPan-Seared Citrus Shrimp 31/40
- 8 cups greens such as arugula spinach, or spring mix
- Fruity or lemon-flavored extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1/2 lemon or 1/2 orange
- 1 avocado sliced or diced
- 1 shallot minced
- 4 ounces toasted sliced almonds
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

Prepare the recipe for the Pan-Seared Citrus Shrimp, or gently warm the leftover shrimp. Or, if you prefer, serve the shrimp chilled. Toss the shrimp with the salad greens in a large bowl. Lightly drizzle with olive oil, and if desired, some of the sauce remaining from the shrimp with a generous squeeze of citrus, and toss lightly to coat. Add the avocado, shallots and sliced almonds and then season with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper and serve.

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