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**EDUCATIONAL GRANT
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



Don't forget to send us your KSKJ Life stories!

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 EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM ENROLLMENT BEGINS THIS FALL



One of the many member benefits KSKJ Life offers is our Educational Grant Program which was created to support the educational pursuits of our young adults, as well as help offset some of the costs associated with school. Past award recipients have taken advantage of this member benefit to apply the grant towards costs outside of tuition such as textbooks, transportation and special fees not covered by other financial aid or scholarships. Private high school costs and college costs are on the rise, but most students pay less than the final tuition "sticker price" by utilizing financial aid and grants.

If you have a child or grandchild headed to college in the fall, don't forget to remind them of this member benefit!

Benefits of a KSKJ Life Educational Grant

- One-time grant does not require any repayment
- Can be directed towards specific educational expenses or general purpose
- Makes education more accessible by providing supplemental funds to meet total costs
- College grants based on eligibility requirements rather than merit (it's a member benefit!)

Who is eligible

- Any full-time high school student attending a private high school
- Any full-time college student attending a public/private college or university or tech school
- College students must be between the ages of 18-25 years old
- Must have an active KSKJ Life insurance policy*

What do you need in addition to submitting online application

- Photo/headshot
- Current proof of enrollment/class schedule
- Transcripts from previous school year (High School only)

When to apply

- Enrollment is September 1 – 30, 2019 for the 2019/2020 school year.

* For complete eligibility requirements and to apply, please visit www.kskjlife.com/grants.

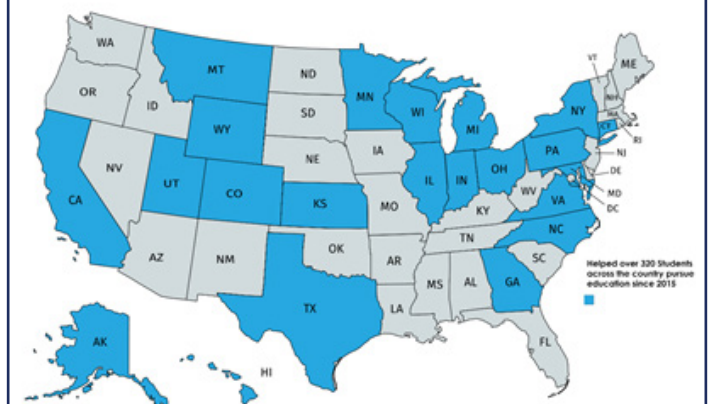
Congratulations to all of the recent graduates and good luck to those continuing on in their education journey in the upcoming school year!

April Sleyko

Vice President, Marketing & Fraternal Services

We've given over \$445 thousand to support our members who pursue education.

Since the introduction of the Educational Grant Program in 2015, grants and scholarships have been awarded to over 300 of our young adult members.



EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

PAST EDUCATIONAL GRANT WINNERS SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THIS MEMBER BENEFIT



"Receiving the KSKJ educational scholarship means more to me than I could imagine. I will be using the scholarship award for my spring tuition at University of Wisconsin-River Falls. I am currently a sophomore majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. Knowing that I have the support from KSKJ Life means a lot to me and it inspires me to continue with my educational pursuits with hard work, which will help me grow into a well-rounded individual who will be ready for the professional finance industry when the time comes."

- Adam Leseman
Lodge #59
Eveleth, Minnesota

"Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of the KSKJ Life College Educational Grant. I am currently attending a school that I have dreamed about, and I know that this grant will help me continue to attend DePaul University. Thank you so much for your support in helping me achieve my dreams."

- Sarah Strus
Lodge #44
Dyer, IN



"I was excited and appreciative to learn that you selected me as a recipient of the educational grant. Currently I am a senior in Lafayette, Indiana, and am planning to attend Iowa State University in the coming fall. I am looking to pursue a career with a Computer Engineering major. Awarding me this grant will make the college transition financially easier for me. This will provide me with more opportunities and bring me one step closer to becoming a computer engineer."

- Joey Markun
Lodge #143
West Lafayette, IN



"I just want to send a HUGE Mahalo, "thank you" in Hawaiian, for the incredibly generous grant. I am studying abroad for my first year of NYU in London. I am so grateful for this opportunity and the help from KSKJ Life is greatly appreciated. I am so proud to be a part of KSKJ Life, both as a student and as a Slovenian."

- Zoe Tezak
Lodge #108
Kihei, HI



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LODGE #171 MATCHING FUNDS

A Matching Funds check was presented to the GNDDA (Gary-New Duluth Development Alliance) from our recent Spaghetti Dinner which was our KSKJ Life Matching Funds Event this year. The GND Development Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that was created to revitalize and transform the GND Recreation Area. The event was a huge success and raised a total of \$2,713. An extra \$2,000 was matched by KSKJ Life to bring the total to \$4,713. In addition to the "Almost World Famous Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner" which was prepared by "Almost World Famous KSKJ Executive Chefs", there were many smiles to go along with the Hot Fudge Sundaes and Sweets from the Bake Sale and the tapping of toes as the many patrons were entertained by our own KSKJ Strolling Accordionist, "Joey J."

After the photo session, President of the GNDDA, Mark Boben, did a great job of explaining to the students about the KSKJ Life Matching Funds Project and how the proceeds will be used for their Youth Activities and Programming. The teachers were also impressed as many of them attended the Spaghetti Dinner.

Frank Bucar

Joey J.
played
some
Italian
songs
while
strolling
with his



A great crowd turned up for the event.



KSKJ Members Polly Stojevich, Ann Menart, and Bill & Judy Marko, tend to the Bake Sale.



Dinner
Chairman
Frank Bucar &
Mark Boben,
President
of the GND
Development
Alliance, take
a time-out for
a photo op.



The kids say "thank you!"

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ILLINOIS LODGES CELEBRATE KSKJ DAY

On Saturday, May 25th, KSKJ Life members volunteered at a KSKJ Life sponsored “KSKJ Day” by distributing free groceries to veterans in Northern Chicago, IL to thank those who served and continue to serve our country. KSKJ Life partnered with Midwest Veterans Closet (MVC) who was the chosen charity from our National Supporting Soldiers Campaign in December 2018. Due to all the generous donations from our wonderful members, MVC was able to use those funds to sponsor the grocery truck which directly impacts local veterans. Over 25 volunteers from the Waukegan and Joliet lodges attended KSKJ Day to help unpack and distribute groceries, clothing and toiletries to local veterans and active military, who greatly appreciated the combined efforts.

KSKJ members also took the opportunity for a quick photo op, presenting a check to MVC for the Supporting Soldiers Campaign that took place earlier this winter. A total of \$5,232 was presented on behalf on the donations received from members and matched by KSKJ Life.

Midwest Veterans Closet is hosting additional grocery trucks later this year, so any local members in the IL and WI area who are looking for volunteer opportunities, please contact MVC directly at (847) 354-2108. Mark your calendar for future grocery truck dates (all on Tuesdays): July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Oct 22, Nov 12 and Dec 10.



Groceries such as frozen meats, canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, and other staples were delivered to the Midwest Veterans Closet, where KSKJ Life volunteers distributed items to our Veterans and Active Military.



(Front row) Paula, Mary, (Back) Carrie, and Barb headed up the registration tables, and passed out KSKJ Life grocery bags to all.



Memorial Day weekend got off to a great start with KSKJ Life volunteers happily distributing groceries at the Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago, IL.



Vickie Hambergren of Lodge #53 and Kathy Lovati of Lodge #29 distribute potatoes, onions, and American cheese to a soldier's wife.



Not even a little light rain could dampen the spirits of these KSKJ Life volunteers as they serve those that serve our country.



Greg Ptasienski of Lodge #53 and David Hambergren of Lodge #79 work the can goods table.

KSKJ LIFE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Reverend Andrew Rudmann, a member of KSKJ Life belonging to Christ the King Lodge #226, was recently ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the archdiocese of New Orleans on June 1, 2019 in New Orleans.

Andrew is the eldest of seven children. He attended Catholic schools in northeast Ohio and graduated from St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio. He then attended and graduated from Franciscan University Steubenville with a bachelor's degree in business and a minor in chemistry.

After two years out of college with a job, an acceptance letter to attend Duquesne University's Pharmacy School and an engagement ring for his fiancée, Andrew responded to a call to become a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. He discussed this matter with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, archdiocese of New Orleans.

The conversation led Andrew to enroll in Notre Dame Seminary (NDS) in New Orleans in 2013. He has been studying at NDS and recently held a First Mass and Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Vitus Church in Cleveland, Ohio on June 9, 2019 at an All Parish Mass. Congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Rudmann in his future endeavors!

-Stane Kuhar



WE'VE LOVED HEARING ABOUT OUR MEMBERS' STEPPING UP PROGRESS THIS MONTH! WEEKLY CHALLENGES IN JUNE INCLUDED: CLEANING /GARDENING, GETTING ACTIVE, GIVING TO OTHERS/VOLUNTEERING AND READING & REFLECTING.

HERE IS WHAT'S COMING UP IN JULY:

- **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**

Continue to like our FB and Instagram page and share your stories! #steppingup #kskjlife

Email: steppingup@kskjlife.com

All of your tagged and shared stories will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a Wellness Package!!

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!



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!

#50 - Pittsburgh, PA	Sunday, July 28th at 1:00pm	The Summer Picnic, in conjunction with KSKJ Life's 125th year anniversary, will be held from 1pm to dusk at Middle Road Community Park. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, July 18 to Ashley (kskjifelodge50@yahoo.com), Al (412-487-2492) or Bob (724-831-0611). Visit our Facebook page for more details: @kskjifelodge50.
#65 - Milwaukee, WI	Sunday, August 18th	The Lodge Family Picnic/ Anniversary Celebration will be held at the home of Rudy and Pat Pugel in Raymond, WI. Please refer to our Facebook Page as more details will follow: @stjohns65.
#144 - Sheboygan, WI	Sunday, September 8th	Annual Dinner & Fellowship Event in conjunction with KSKJ Life's 125th anniversary: The cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be in NO LATER THAN AUGUST 28TH and sent to Paige Fenske: 73 Lincoln Ave. Sheboygan, WI 53081. For questions, contact Pat Slapnick at 920-458-1469.
#1 - Chicago, IL	Sunday, Oct. 20th	Save the Date: 125 Year Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Slovenian Catholic Center in Lemont, IL. More details to come.

KSKJ LIFE 125TH ANNIVERSARY 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 Becky Velasquez and Doris White for sharing your KSKJ stories with us! Enter your own story by visiting our website kskjlife.com.



Becky Velasquez

Crest Hill, IL Lodge #29

My favorite KSKJ memory is when we first started playing basketball. Dewey didn't want Ken (my husband) to play. He said he wasn't needed. Gene Kainsek said, "Oh yes, he is." So Ken went on to play with the Lodge 29 team, winning many titles and becoming MVP. Those were fun trips. His first year I was pregnant with Logan, so I couldn't play. I did join later also playing many years. But if you ask Debbie Zelinski about "sit down pony tail man" you will get a chuckle. Met many good friends that we never would have known without KSKJ basketball.



Doris White

Canonsburg, PA Lodge #153

I am honored and proud that my Grandfather, Frank Kirn, was one of the charter members and the first President of St. Jerome Lodge #153 in Strabane, PA. Through the years since 1914, six generations of our family have or are presently members. Several have served on the Board of Directors and in the year 2002, my mother, at the age of 90 years, was given the Fraternalist of the Year award. Many a family function, including my own wedding reception, was held at the hall and through the years my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have enjoyed the annual Christmas party. I especially enjoy the polka dances every spring and fall where old friends gather to sing, dance, and renew friendships and memories. I have been a lifetime member and extend my congratulations to our wonderful Lodge #153 on the 105th Anniversary this year.



Doris White with family at the Lodge #153 Christmas party in 2018 in Strabane, PA.

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 #20 - Barbara L. Benner, Hastings, MI

Lodge #20 - Sharon J. Calkins, Fremont, MI

Lodge #20 - David E. Fry, Lake Odessa, MI

Lodge #20 - Patricia M. Johnson, Eaton Rapids, MI

Lodge #29 - Deborah Gill, Shorewood, IL

Lodge #44 - Dolores Wasack, Dyer, IN

Lodge #50 - William G. Habajec, Pittsburgh, PA

Lodge #50 - Michael J. Profozich, Allison Park, PA

Lodge #52 - Margaret Blackwell, Greenwood, IN

Lodge #52 - Louise T. Bristow, Montgomery, AL

Lodge #52 - Howard F. Grigsby, Evansville, IN

Lodge #52 - Norman L. Hunter, Evansville, IN

Lodge #52 - Danny C. Winningham, Muncie, IN

Lodge #53 - Raymond Petrovic, Gurnee, IL

Lodge #53 - Mary Priestster, Springfield, IL

Lodge #59 - Ersline M. Milanovich, Marshall, MN

Lodge #65 - James G. Kuzma, Palmetto, FL

Lodge #74 - Harry W. Hudson, Shelbyville, IL

Lodge #74 - Benjamin D. Rigg, Decatur, IL

Lodge #74 - Kazimierz Smakowski, Chicago, IL

Lodge #74 - Loretta R. Thomas, Maywood, IL

Lodge #115 - Louis H. Betts, Atchison, KS

Lodge #115 - Charlotte E. Koehn, Independence, KS

Lodge #148 - Nancy M. Boyles, Torrington, CT

Lodge #150 - Viola J. Kilgore, Wakeman, OH

Lodge #153 - Carol A. Hunkapiller, Schuylkill Haven, PA

Lodge #169 - Raymond J. Gliha, Willowick, OH

Lodge #226 - Ronald K. Emmons, Springfield, OH

Lodge #226 - Lavoughn Isaac, Plymouth, OH

Lodge #253 - Frank J. Pugel, Chico, CA

Lodge #625 - Donald P. Burger, White Pine, TN

Lodge #625 - Bobby G. Lewis, Sparta, TN

Lodge #625 - Mary H. Williams, Tallassee, TN

PLANNING TO TRAVEL THIS SUMMER?

Check out PerkSpot to save on all your traveling needs this summer, such as airfare, hotels, car rentals, shows and attractions, luggage, electronics and more!



Fun Fact: KSKJ Life members saved **\$5,637** this past month on purchases including Verizon Wireless, Great Wolf Lodge, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Walt Disney World and much more. Visit kskjlife.perkspot.com to start saving today!

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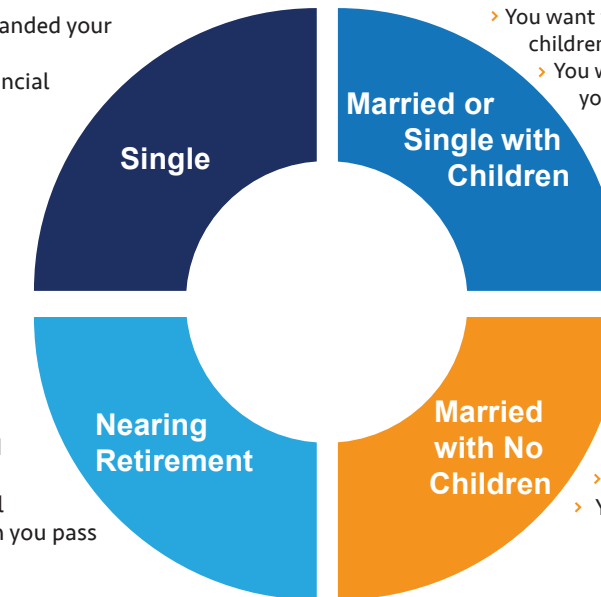
IN MEMORY

Leona Russell - Lodge #79

Mary Chamernik - \$25.00

REASONS TO CONSIDER LIFE INSURANCE IF YOU'RE..

- > You started your career and landed your first job
- > You may need to provide financial assistance to ill parents
- > You carry significant debt which may include student loans
- > You want to provide insurability for life



- > You want to leave an inheritance for your children
- > You want to purchase life insurance for your children while it is the most affordable, and help guarantee their insurability as they get older
- > You have special needs for a child
- > You have physically or financially dependent parents

- > You want to leave a legacy
- > You want to cover estate and funeral expenses
- > You want to replace essential income for your spouse when you pass away

- > You and your spouse just bought a new house
- > You are about to start a family
- > You have personal debt

Contact KSKJ Life to ensure you're receiving the proper coverage for your stage of life.



CALL 1-800-THE-KSKJ
VISIT kskjlife.com

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KSKJ Joliet Lodges Presents

Summer Splash and Pizza Bash!

Channahon Park District
Tomahawk Aquatic Center

July 28th from 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm
Free to lodge members

RSVP with Lacey 815.274.3759
jolietlodges@gmail.com



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ILLINOIS

COMBINED JOLIET LODGES

IL AREA

JOLIET LODGES MEETING

Happy Fourth of July everyone!

On Tuesday, June 4th the Joliet KSKJ Lodges held their monthly meeting with eight (8) members in attendance.

The Youth/Sports Fund Raffle was held. The April winners were: Tony Mravle and Bob Dressler. The May winners were: Larry & Donna Tomasic and Marge Lakota. The June winners were: Jo Lustik and Jack McGinnis. Congratulations to all of you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As for new business, the Joliet KSKJ Lodges will be sponsoring a Summer Splash and Pizza Bash on Sunday, July 28th at the Channahon Park District Tomahawk Aquatic Center from 5:15pm to 7:15pm. The event will be free to lodge members. Any guests in attendance will have to pay \$5.00. See flyer in the Voice for more information.

The next Illinois Federation of KSKJ Lodges will hold their meeting on Sunday, June 30th at 1:00pm in the Retreat House in Lemont.

The next Joliet KSKJ Lodges meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00pm at T&C Lanes. Hope to see you there.

Since there is no further news to report, I'll sign off for now.

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

LODGE #1

CHICAGO, IL

JOIN HANDS PROJECT - IL FEDERATION OF KSKJ LODGES AND LODGES 1 AND 170

Thank you to the volunteers who came out on June 15th and washed all the windows at the Baraga St. Mary Retreat House in Lemont:

- Lodge 1: Dawn Zamora, Tom McNally, Don, Pat and Joanne Sierzega
- Lodge 29: Federation President Mike Vidmar
- Lodge 143: Ivanka Markun
- Lodge 170: Theresa Krampac, Vicky Herold and Dawn Vidmar

Well done, volunteers!



Lodge 1 members helped clean the Baraga St. Mary Retreat House for their Join Hands Project



Ivanka Markun washing windows

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Mike Vidmar and Ivanka Markun all smiles while participating in the Join Hands Project.



L-R: Joanne Sierzega, Mike Vidmar, Don Sierzega, and Pat Sierzega.

*Joanne Sierzega
Recording Secretary, Illinois Federation*

LODGE #2

JOLIET, IL

LODGE STEAK FRY

Lodge #2 enjoyed steaks and socializing on June 6 at

St. Joe's Park. A moment of silence was held for the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Rich Churnovic, Jr. and Chris Pucel did a wonderful job as grill-masters. Steaks and hot dogs with all the trimmings were enjoyed by 45 members of all ages.

A special thank you to Diana Tyda and Sylvia Churnovic for all their work in organizing and preparing the food for this wonderful event.

An even bigger thank you to Sylvia and Diana for their efforts in making our Matching Funds event so successful. The combined efforts of lodges #2 and #29 raised \$9,725 for Cornerstone Services in memory of Louis Derlinga. We are inviting the directors from Cornerstone Services and members of Lodge #29 to our next meeting, where a check will be presented to Cornerstone Services.



Diana Tyda and Sylvia Churnovic at the Steak Fry



Lodge #2 members enjoying fraternalism and a nice, grilled meal.

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Lots of happy faces and tummies at the steak fry!



Youth members especially appreciated the beautiful weather.

UPCOMING EVENT

Our next meeting will be a wine-tasting event on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1:00 at St. Joe's Park. Bring your favorite appetizer and your favorite wine to share.

Lynn Miller

LODGE #29

JOLIET, IL

ANNUAL STEAK FRY

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.

Celebrate the red, white & blue – Happy 4th of July!

*Karen (Ramsak) Colman
Reporter*

LODGE #44

S. CHICAGO, IL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lodge 44 will be traveling to the Sox game Tuesday July 30th. Price is \$63 per ticket if you will be riding the bus which will be meeting at Saint George Church Hall at 5 PM and bus will leave at 6 PM. If you would like to attend the game and not take the bus, you can purchase a ticket to the game for \$43. Please contact George Bozzetti (708-334-5434) or James Rossi Jr (219-902-0230) if you would like to attend.

Bocce tournament will be September 14th at O'hara's Tavern, 3541 E 106th St, Chicago, IL 60617. Get your team together and secure your team's spot by contacting George or James. First roll will be at 11 am.

Our next meeting will take place before the tournament at 10 am. Join us for coffee, conversation and planning.

IN MEMORIAM

Lodge 44 would like to take a moment to remember former President John Strus. John passed away in late May at the age of 96. John Michael Strus' was born

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July 14, 1922 at 9633 Avenue L, the son of Slovenian immigrant parents and the oldest of 5 children.



John Michael Strus

Even though he accomplished so much in his life nothing mattered more to him than his family; his loving wife of almost 66 years, Mary Jane, his three children Joan, John, and Michael along with their spouses, 7 grandchildren and his great-grandson. I think John's grandson Patrick Krilic said it extremely well "with some tips on how to live a life like John Strus did: take care of your family, work hard in life, always have a smile on your face, sing and dance around the house, make sure you keep a clean appearance and to always have a comb handy, keep a few extra mints in your pocket, always keep your car keys in your pocket, never be afraid to bet the trifecta at the race track, never hold yourself back from eating too many sweets, including cookies, have a strong faith, never complain no matter how hard life may be, and finally always say thank you. Every person John came across in life who helped him in any type of way he made sure to be kind to them and thank them for helping him." We want to thank him for his service, not only to our lodge but to his family, friends and country.

Angela Rossi

LODGE #108

JOLIET, IL

LODGE UPDATE

St. Genevieve Lodge #108 held their monthly meeting in Ferdinand Hall on Sunday, May 12th which turned out to be a short meeting.

We received thank you notes from several entities that we had made contributions to. They were as follows: The Guardian Angel Community Services, Waterleaf Women's Center, Saint John Vianney College Seminary as well as a personal thank you from Steven Widlowski, a Seminarian, Diocese of Joliet and St. Joseph Church.

Our Join Hands Day event was held on Sunday, May 19th. Members of our lodge had met at about 1:30pm at St. Joseph Cemetery. We had placed 28 American Flags in the Grotto area and hung up a poppy wreath to honor the veterans that have lost their lives. The 28 flags represent the names on the plaques that are hung in the Grotto. Although it was a cloudy day, once again we had to deal with a brief downpour but we got the job done. I wish to thank those members who had come out to help with the event.



A close up photo of the two plaques with poppy wreath and flags

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Photo of the Grotto at St. Joseph Cemetery with flags and poppy wreath

Please be advised that there will be no meetings in the months of June, July, August or September. Our next regular monthly meeting will not be until Sunday, October 6th at 1:00pm in Ferdinand Hall. Hope to see you there.

Well, that's it for now. Until we meet again – have a great summer.

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

LODGE #143

JOLIET, IL

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. Contact Amy Koncar at amy.kocar@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions.

MEMBER UPDATE

Siblings Benjamin Baltz and Caroline Baltz (members of Lodge #143) were both honored with the Adam Award at Joliet Central High School's recent Commencement Ceremony on May 24, 2019. The Adam Award is presented each year to the young man and woman in each grade who has the highest weighted GPA. Ben just completed his Junior year and Caroline (Lena), her Freshman year. Proud parents are Brian and Lauren Baltz.



Siblings and Lodge #143 members Benjamin Baltz and Caroline Baltz

MINNESOTA

LODGE #59

EVELTH, MN

LODGE UPDATE

Eveleth Lodge #59 Set some dates at the June meeting: Stepping Up began June 1st and continues through the end of July. Read more about it at kskjlife.com or in your Voice magazine.

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Rosemary Mattson is getting in on Stepping Up by planting her raised tomato garden! A raised garden is much easier for older folks.

On June 13, a Thursday, we held our Join Hands Day event. We cleaned up the children's graves in the Eveleth Cemetery at 6 p.m. These are from the early 1900s, up by the WWII memorial cross. All youth members are cordially invited to attend and help. We will have a pizza supper afterward.

UPCOMING EVENTS

An upcoming event to watch for is a Salad Luncheon at St. Martin's Church in Tower. This will be in July.

The July Lodge meeting will be July 7th, it will be an officers' meeting and should be very short.

Friday, September 6th, 5 to 9 p.m., will be the Iron Range Dinner and Dance Slovenian Style at the Eveleth City Auditorium. The Singing Slovenes will perform along with Alpine yodeler Kerry Christensen. There will be a catered Slovenian supper. This will be \$10.

Sunday, September 15th, will be the Vista Cruise on Lake Superior. Loading time is 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for KSKJ Members, non-members \$15. Reservations must be in to Connie Menart 744-2145, by Sept. 2. After that it will be open to the general public.

Our Pasty fundraiser will be Sept 26-28, at the Masons. Sign up with Connie when you are available to work. Pasties will be \$5 each. They will be ready to pick up on the 28th.

The MN Federation Meeting will be at Resurrection Church on October 13th, Sunday, at 1 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$10 (new price).

Rosemary Mattson

LODGE #171

DULUTH, MN

MARIJA POMAGAJ MASS

St. Elizabeth Lodge #171 members celebrated the feast of Marija Pomagaj, Our Lady Help of Christians, with Mass in Duluth this May.



Pictured are Lodge #171 members and Fr. Richard Kunst.

PIZZA TRAIN

St. Elizabeth Lodge #171 is continuing our 125 Year Anniversary events this summer. An event that we had last summer and was so successful, we want to do it again this year, especially because of the Anniversary and it is so family oriented. It is our "Pizza Train"; a 2-1/2 hour trip up the North Shore with pizza and fun for all ages! One 8" Domino's Pizza plus soda included with every ticket. A Cash Bar with Beer and Wine is also available.

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The first part of the ride is narrated as we pass by all the sights of Duluth, on the way back jam out in the concession car with live music from local musicians.



- Date: Friday, July 19th, Time: 6:30 p.m. at the Train Depot
- KSKJ Adult Members - \$13.00; Non-Members \$23.00
- KSKJ Member Children (3-13) \$6.00; Non-Members \$16.00
- Ages 2 and under are free (no pizza included)
- **Reservations Required**
- Pizza option available: Pepperoni, Sausage, or Cheese.

Pizza Menu choices and Payment are due on Monday, July 1, 2019. Please call Frank Bucar at 218-626-1928 or e-mail at: bucarf@gmail.com for reservations.

Frank Bucar

Lodge #171 Fraternal Activities Coordinator

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CLEVELAND 4 LODGE PICNIC CANCELLATION

After meeting with the picnic committee, it has been decided to cancel the Cleveland Four Lodge Picnic for this year. The attendance has been decreasing the past few years and combined with some unforeseen date conflicts, it was felt that the best thing to do was take a break this year

and take another look at it in the spring. If the interest is there we can bring it back next year, please let your lodge officers know if you have any thoughts or would like to get involved next year.

If you are looking to keep busy there will be two events in July at Slovenska Pristava that should be a lot of fun. The first is our matching funds project for the Mission Aid Society on July 7 and the St. Vitus picnic on July 14. The Porky Pig softball tournament and picnic will be Saturday August 3, always a good time. There is still a lot to do this summer, get out and take advantage of it.

Chuck Potenga

LODGE #63

CLEVELAND, OH

50 YEAR MEMBER DINNER

Happy Summer! Thanks to all that attended the 50-year member and lodge officer appreciation dinner at Marie's Restaurant. A wonderfully delicious time was had by all.



A great crowd of Lodge 63 members at Marie's Restaurant.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Our next meeting will also be a Back to School Bash on Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm at the Slovenian East

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80th Lanes: 3563 East 80th Street, Cleveland, OH. We will have chicken wings, salad, a tator tot bar and bowling for all. Members under the age of 16 will receive a special gift. Please RSVP for this meeting so we can plan accordingly!



Lodge 63 members enjoying each other's company at their 50 year member dinner.

Wishing all a safe, enjoyable summer!

Jean Marincic

Financial Secretary

440-781-3075 (cell)

LODGE #110

CLEVELAND, OH

125TH ANNIVERSARY LODGE CELEBRATION



St. Joseph's Lodge #110 recently held their annual St. Joseph's Dinner in conjunction with a celebration for KSKJ Life's 125th anniversary. Pictured is the beautiful cake!



Centerpieces at the event included KSKJ promo items.



50/50 raffles are a great feature to help fundraise for an event.



There was fun for all ages - children played card games with a little help from Cynthia Brown.

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LODGE #146

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

The weather here in Cleveland and much of the Midwest has been cool and rainy. Flooding is an issue in our area, and I hope that all of you have been able to stay safe and dry. Let's hope that going forward the sun will shine more. Here's hoping all the Father's enjoyed their day.

4 LODGE PICNIC CANCELLATION

The first item to mention is that after thoughtful consideration, the annual 4 Lodge picnic has been cancelled for this year. There were some unforeseen date conflicts that would have impacted attendance and participation. There was a meeting with robust discussion about the impact of cancelling. The plan is to re-convene early next year and try to reschedule it. On a similar note, our meet and greet scheduled for May 24th was also cancelled due to not having a quorum.

UPCOMING MINI GOLF EVENT

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. July 4th is this month. Please be safe in your celebrating. See you around!

Josie Kmet

LODGE #150

CLEVELAND, OH

LODGE UPDATE

Happy summer! Let's hope for a little less rain and alot more sunshine.

PORKY PIG SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

PORKY PIG - Please join us on Saturday, August 3rd for our St. Anne's Lodge #150 8th Annual Porky Pig Softball Tournament and BBQ Picnic. 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!

- Event times:
- 8am - Team/Player Registration
- 9am - Softball games start
- NOON - Lunch (food and beverages provided).
- Cost:
- KSKJ Life Members - FREE
- Non-Members/Guests - \$10.00
- Kids 10 years and under - FREE
- Team Fee - \$10.00 *Teams signing up, please include a roster.

For information, tickets or team sign up, please contact Elaine Peskar at 440-503-8312 or 440-243-0312. If you leave a message, please mention that you are calling about Porky Pig. You can also email us at kskjlife150@gmail.com. Please RSVP by July 27. Our event will take place rain or shine.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Elaine Peskar

LODGE #169

CLEVELAND, OH

MATCHING FUNDS EVENT

Our first Matching Funds event for 2019 will be the 100th Anniversary Dinner celebration of the Collinwood Slovenian Home. Our lodge has been an integral part of the Home's history over the last century, and we still hold our lodge meetings there. The dinner will be catered by Joe Tavcar and crew.

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We will have live music, guest speakers, a Chinese auction and sideboards. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in the club room or by mailing a check to Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110. Phone number is 216-681-6649.

A historical display is being prepared as well. If you have any photos, documents, or other relevant items, please bring or send them to the Home as soon as possible.

Our 50-year-member dinner is being resecheduled, possibly for a Thursday in late July. If you'd like to attend, please contact Marty Marsic or John Nemec. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument interior cleaning Join Hands event was moved to Saturday, June 29 at 10 am. Our next lodge meeting will be Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 pm at the Collinwood Slovenian Home.

Wishing you all a fun and safe summer!

John Nemec
Fraternal Affairs Coordinator

PENNSYLVANIA

LODGE #42

STEELTON, PA

LODGE 50 SUMMER PICNIC

Lodge #42 members celebrated the feast of Marija Pomagaj with a Mass in Steelton, PA this past May.



St. Aloysius Lodge #42 members.



Pictured are Jeffrey Dermes and Christine Iozza.

LODGE #50

PITTSBURGH, PA

LODGE 50 SUMMER PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday July 28th from 1pm to dusk at Middle Road Community Park. The picnic shelter will be all decked out in our Luau Theme! Don't forget to wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt and grass skirt! We will be celebrating KSKJ Life's 125th anniversary at our picnic. We will be playing lots of fun games, including Bingo! We have some great prizes planned. Our meal will be catered, and we will be having a 125th anniversary cupcake cake in celebration of KSKJ Life's anniversary.

For our charitable collection that is being held at the picnic we will be collecting school supplies for The Education Partnership. The Education Partnership provides school supplies for teachers and students in low income schools in Southwest Pennsylvania. They were founded in 2008 and since their inception they have served over 172,000 local students with almost \$21 million dollars' worth of supplies. The Teacher Resource Center program serves schools where at least 70% of the student body qualifies for the National School Lunch Program. Each year, thousands of teachers in the region are eligible to receive hundreds of dollars' worth of school supplies for use in their classrooms, all at no cost to them or their schools. We are asking that each person please donate \$10.00 worth of school supplies. The list of supplies that are needed are as follows (cont. on next page):

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1 Subject notebooks, standard size glue sticks, 8 or 10 pack of washable markers, 4 oz. glue bottles, 24 pack of crayons, 2 pocket folders, 500 sheet copy paper ream, 150 sheet, 3 hole punched, lined filler paper, blunt tip scissors, clear standard dispenser tape, cap erasers, pink jumbo erasers, manual pencil sharpeners, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, first aid supplies, and binders (no more than 3" wide.) Please RSVP no later than Thursday July 18th, as we need to have the counts into the caterer by then. RSVP's can be sent to Ashley (kskjlifelodge50@yahoo.com), Al (412-487-2492) or Bob (724-831-0611). Thank you all so much for your continuous generosity.

Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the picnic!

Ashley Mikulan

LODGE #153

STRABANE, PA

JOIN HANDS EVENT

Greetings from Lodge #153 in Strabane, Pennsylvania. Our Join Hands project this year was delivering food items at the food pantry at Miraculous Medal Church in Meadowlands, PA. There were at least 50 families that participated. All of them were very grateful and thanked us personally. That alone made the rest of our day worthwhile.



L-R: Beverly Rosselle, Darlene Marcishak, and Joyce Iannarelli.



Lodge #153 members wore their volunteer shirts.

Beverly J. (Pleskovich) Rosselle

WISCONSIN LODGE #65

MILWAUKEE, WI

LODGE UPDATE

Our Join Hands Event was held at our last meeting. We prepared birthday bags containing a cake mix, frosting mix, candles, and a juvenile birthday card. These bags will be distributed to families that need help celebrating their child's special day. Many thanks to all who donated these items, those that helped prepare the bags and to those who supplied the refreshments. We surpassed the number of bags we planned.

Gina Orlando, representing the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, was a guest at our June meeting. She gave a short talk and was presented a check from the Charlie Mouradian/Debbie Nowak Memorial Bowling Tournament held in April. Many thanks to the Mouradian Family for sponsoring this very successful event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will have our own party for KSKJ Life's anniversary celebration on August 18, 2019, with a family picnic at the home of Rudy and Pat Pugel in Raymond, WI. Please refer to our Facebook for more details: @stjohns65.

Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Ed Bregant Memorial Golf Outing which will be held on Sunday October 13, 2019, at Me Kwan Golf Course.

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Tee times will start at 9 AM. More details will be forthcoming or call Jim Stoltmann at 414-699-1106.

Congratulations to Makayla Mouradian who graduated on May 11, 2019 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a degree in Childhood Development. Makayla was a recipient of our lodge Educational Grant Program and was on the Dean's Honor Roll in her senior year. Best Wishes and Good Luck in your chosen career.

Greetings to our sick and shut ins and to everyone, have a safe and happy summer. Nasvidenje,

Mici Bregant

LODGE #144

SHEBOYGAN, WI

LODGE UPDATE

It was a cold, dreary, foggy day on May 18th, but the volunteers from the lodge managed to clean up at Greendale Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.



Lodge #144 members posed for a group shot during their Join Hands event at Greendale Cemetery.



Tractor rides were a fun bonus!

After the work was completed, lunch was served. Thank you to those who ventured out and ended up with cold hands and feet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

By now you have read in the Voice and received the flyer for our Annual Dinner and Fellowship. We have decided that our lodge will celebrate it at the September 8th event. We will honor all of those in attendance that have reached their own milestone of 50 or 75 years in the organization.

We would like to see a large number of members present. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The lodge will pay the remainder of the cost from the treasury. Reservations and payment must be in NO LATER THAN AUGUST 28TH and sent to Paige Fenske at 73 Lincoln Ave. Sheboygan, WI 53081. If for some reason you have made your reservation and have to cancel, please call Pat Slapnick at 920-458-1469 NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5th. Once the amount attending is given to the cater we must pay for that entire amount. No shows are included.

Each year we give out Financial Aid Awards to members attending College / University or a Technical School. The Awards for those that qualified will be given out at the dinner.

I realize that this is only July, but we just want to make you aware that on December 1st the Annual Christmas Family Day will be held. Again it will be held at Blue Harbor Resort. Young and old are invited to attend. You can watch the younger members enjoy the Water Park. Course everyone is welcome to join in the fun. More details as they become complete.

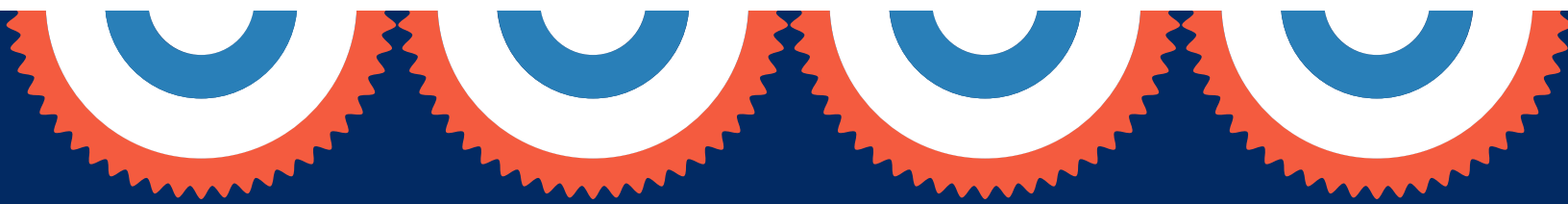
Then on December 8th we will be having our Annual Meeting. We will again have a breakfast after the 9 AM Mass. The event is being held at Fountain Park Restaurant. It will be free for all members and \$5.00 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling Pat Slapnick at 458-1469. If you have a non-member also attending please send payment to Pat Slapnick at 1902 Havenwood Ct. Sheboygan, WI 53081. All reservations must be made by December 1st. Get in the Holiday spirit early!

Pat Slapnick

KSKJ LIFE HOME OFFICE

2439 Glenwood Avenue

Joliet, IL 60435



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