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 Present Address: _____
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2020 National Bowling Tournament
 Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Cleveland, OH
 See Pages 9-10



MAY ART CONTEST

Deadline May 31st, 2020
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Family Fun Day

Rain or shine I will be seeing you at the Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA on April 4th at 11:00 am.

Come enjoy the fun and educational day with all of your NSS friends. A catered lunch will be provided to all guests in attendance.

Pam Blum

Activities Director

Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

April 5
 May 9
 May 16
 May 16
 August 9
 August 15
 October 18
 November 15

Assemblies L075, 0617

Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
 Assembly L075, Postal Worker's Food Drive, K of C, Pittston, PA, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Assembly L075, American Heart Association Heart Walk at PNC Field, Moosic, PA
 Assembly 0617, Meeting, Pierce Street Deli, Kingston, PA at 12:30 pm
 Assembly L075, Fraternal Summer Picnic, Mercateli-Segilia Park, Moosic, PA
 Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm
 Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant at 1:00 pm
 Assembly L075, Bingo Pizza Party with Veteran's at Wilkes-Barre VA Center at 2:00 pm

REGION 5

April 4
 April 20
 April 26
 May 9
 May 17
 May 23
 June 14
 June 14
 July 12
 September 3
 September 13
 September 13
 September 21
 October 23
 November 7
 November 16
 December 6
 December 6
 December 6

Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774

Assembly 0737, Meeting, Carol Godor's residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
 Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread Community Room, North Fayette, PA at 6:00 pm
 Assembly 0123, Carousel at Lincoln Park Performing Art Ct, Midland, PA at 2:00 pm
 Assembly 0039, Stamp Out Hunger Drive, Uniontown Post Office (rear dock) at 10:00 am
 Assembly 0123, Forever Plaid, Carnegie Library, Carnegie, PA (tentative)
 Assembly 0731, Outdoor movie at Beth & Matt Mason's home at 6:00 pm
 Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q, K of C Picnic Pavilion
 Assembly 0377, Annual Picnic at Richardson's Park at 3:00 pm
 Assembly 0039, Golf Outing, Duck Hollow Golf Club, Join Hands Day Project
 Assembly 0731, Canfield Fair, Laurie & Mike Fox's campsite at the Fairgrounds
 Assembly 0039, Remembering Flight 93, Eat'n Park Restaurant
 Assembly 0377, Meeting/Lunch, China City Buffet, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm
 Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread Community Room, North Fayette, PA at 6:00 pm
 Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farm in Poland Township
 Assembly 0731, Make Christmas Ornaments, Location and time to be determined
 Assembly 0588, Meeting, Panera Bread Community Room, North Fayette, PA at 6:00 pm
 Assembly 0377, Holiday Gathering at Canon's Chophouse, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm
 Assembly 0039, Annual Christmas Party, K of C Social Hall
 Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Elton Beard Cabin at Boardman Park at 1:00 pm

REGION 8

April 5
 April 5
 April 15
 May 17
 May 22-25
 June 16
 August 16
 September 4-7
 September 15
 November 17
 December 15

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

Assembly 0004, Scotch Doubles
 Assembly 0070, Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 12:00 pm
 Region 8, Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, OH at 7:30 pm
 Assembly 0004, Meeting, Location and time to be determined
 Assembly 0432, Camping, Memorial weekend, Rustic Lake Campground, Sullivan, OH
 Assembly 0432, Meeting, Shuttleworth residence at 7:30 pm
 Assembly 0004, Meeting, Location and time to be determined
 Assembly 0432, Camping, Labor Day weekend, Rustic Lake Campground, Sullivan, OH
 Assembly 0432, Meeting, Pytel residence at 7:30 pm
 Assembly 0004, Meeting, Location and time to be determined
 Assembly 0432, Meeting, Tony K's and Christmas Party to follow, Berea, OH at 7:30 pm

REGION 14

April 4
 May 17
 July 12

Assemblies R059, L102

Assembly L102, Easter Egg Hunt/Election of Officers, Wesnak's home at 2:00 pm
 Assembly R059, Meeting, Keysock residence, Time to be determined
 Assembly R059, Meeting, Sawarynaski residence, Time to be determined

REGION 15

Assemblies L002

No Activities at this time

AT LARGE

April 12
 April 19
 May 9
 June 5-7
 June 7
 June 16
 June 27-28
 July 5
 August 16
 September 6
 September 17
 October 18
 October 25
 December 19
 December 24

Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813

Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
 Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
 Assembly 0813, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, Englewood, PA
 Assembly 0110, Bi-Annual Weekend, Woodloch Pines, Hawley, PA
 Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
 Assembly 0381, Meeting, Hungarian Rhapsody, Northline Rd., Southgate, MI at 1:00 pm
 Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion, Butwin residence, Seelyville, PA
 Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
 Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
 Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
 Assembly 0381, Meeting, Location and time to be determined
 Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm
 Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
 Assembly 0381, Meeting, 4:00 pm - Location to be determined
 Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve Celebration at 6:00 pm

From The President's Desk...



**David G. Blazek, FIC
President, CEO**

Good morning from the Desk of the President. We are moving into the month of April... the month that brings showers in order to have May flowers. April Fool's Day starts out the month on the 1st, which will be followed by NSS Funfest on April 4th. This month we celebrate Easter on the 12th of the month. On behalf of my entire family, I wish you a very Blessed Easter. In observance of Easter, the Home Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday for our staff to enjoy their family at this special time of the year.

News Of Narodniars

I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy to Laverne Orban and family on the passing of her daughter, Carolyn. May she rest in peace.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Rose Mary Strish and Maureen Reddinger, who have experienced some health issues, and to any other members who are ill.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Director Drew Wesnak, former Director Bill Knoll, Home Office staff member Lisa Shriver, former staff member Kristen Boehm, Dan Tanzone, Ashley Bernardo, Rebecca Beatty, Rudy Ondrejco, son-in-law Jeff Lavin, and granddaughters Chloe and Alexa Woods. Happy Birthday to anyone else celebrating in the month of April.

Congratulations once again to Greg Felton, our National Sales Director, on being honored by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh for being chosen as the Fraternalist of the Year for 2020. Greg has been an asset to the FSGP, and to NSS, and is well deserving of this honor.

Tax Deadline Fast Approaching

You have until April 15th to contribute to your IRA for the 2019 tax year. Now is also the time to make that contribution for the 2020 tax year. Contributing early is one of the best ways to take advantage of compounding the interest you will receive to enhance your IRA accumulation potential.

Art Contest

The end of May is the entry deadline for the art contest. We have found that most of our young people need reminded to get to work on a project and to send it to us. As parents and assembly officers, you need to be the ones to encourage your children and grandchildren.

Everyone who enters receives a prize of some kind with the winners receiving bigger prizes. The award also will come in handy for applications which ask about your fraternal involvement. In addition, your assembly receives tracking points for each entry, so it is beneficial to all to have your youth enter the contest. This is not just a contest for the very gifted artists. As with all of our activities, we want all to participate.

Our Mission Statement:

To provide our fraternal family with a sustainable measure of financial security via life and annuity products; while offering charitable, cultural, social and educational opportunities that benefit our members and their communities.

With the above statement in mind, I like to annually list the organizations that we have supported throughout the past year. The following are some of these organizations: Beaver County YMCA, St. Benedict's Men's Club, Friends of Slovakia, Chair in Slovak History & Culture at the University of Ottawa, The Duttine-Cavatio Fund, Rotary Club of McMurray, Chestnut Ridge Church of God, Loveland Center, Habitat for Humanity, American Heart Association, Prince of Peace Parish, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Focus North America, Johnstown Slavic Festival, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Brentwood Meals on Wheels, St. Herman House – Cleveland, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation, Redemption Hill Project, City Mission, Fresh Start Mentoring, Homestead District Lions Club, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Peters Township Chamber, Little Sisters of the Poor, Catherine McAuley Center, Back Pack Ministry at Englewood Elementary, Operation Evergreen, Heroes Supporting Heroes, Brothers Brother Foundation, Youngstown Sister Cities, Meals on Wheels at The Crossroads, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, Emmaus Kiwanis Foundation, Peters Township Volunteer Fire Department, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, Camelot for Children, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation, Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, and the University of Pittsburgh Slovak Studies Program. I may have missed a few, but this gives you a good idea of the fraternal help we give to people throughout our country.

Punography Of The Month:

I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.



2019 Annual Financial Statement Recap

Statement as of December 31, 2019

	Dec 2019	Dec 2018
Net Admitted Assets:		
Bonds	\$1,267,124,662	\$1,178,134,883
Preferred Stocks	1,000,000	250,000
Common Stocks	4,102,008	2,264,456
Mortgage Loans on Real Est	6,425,306	6,360,129
Certificate Loans	882,616	1,054,234
Real Est Occupied by Society	659,609	680,964
Cash on Deposit	22,955,087	8,989,211
Electronic Data Equipment		
Uncollected Premiums	143,840	186,600
Investment Income Due	14,606,350	13,983,478
TOTALS	\$1,317,899,478	\$1,211,903,955

Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,175,308,000	\$1,076,512,000
Deposit-type Contracts	61,776,371	62,738,687
Certificate Claims	450,000	425,000
Commissions Due	275,000	130,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	650,000	560,000
General Exp Due	1,712,000	1,694,400
Retained by Society as Trustee	105,154	166,754
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	8,832,000	6,947,000
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	5,339,330	5,426,265
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	63,301,623	57,153,849
TOTALS	\$1,317,899,478	\$1,211,903,955

Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$57,303,849	\$50,625,917
Net Income	8,245,469	7,134,110
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	624,914	(185,079)
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	5,370	(2,099)
Change in Valuation Reserve	(1,885,000)	(269,000)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus	(842,979)	
Net Change in Surplus	6,147,774	6,677,932
Surplus At Statement Date	\$63,451,623	\$57,303,849

Summary of Operations:

INCOME:

Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$177,265,425	\$152,103,623
Net Investment Income	56,411,081	53,464,000
Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	448,541	458,348
Income Sub-Total	\$234,125,047	\$206,025,971

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$6,952,244	\$6,784,483
Matured Endowments	11,395	23,981
Annuity Benefits	108,950,633	106,541,775
Disability Benefits	6,025	9,118
Surrender Benefits	947,973	520,118
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	10,768	9,326
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	97,953,021	75,285,000
Commissions On Direct Business	4,905,195	3,676,084
General & Fraternal Expenses	4,978,732	4,534,749
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	557,156	220,002
Expense Sub-Total	\$225,273,142	\$197,604,636

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$8,851,905	\$8,421,335
Refund To Members	(640,220)	(588,647)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	8,211,685	7,832,688
Net Realized Capital Gains	33,784	(698,578)
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$8,245,469	\$7,134,110

Financial Statement
Recap...

Linda M. Strom
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



Current Interest Rates Effective January 1, 2020

Optimum 3	2.00%
Preferred 5	3.00%
Preferred 8	3.50%

Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4%, these plans are no longer available.
Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or
Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.



Did you know...

You can add money to almost any
Annuity with NSS, just send us a check.
Any additional funds will not increase the
time period on early withdrawal penalties.

Access your account values 24/7
by going to the website:
www.nsslife.org
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- * Tax Advantages
- * Competitive Interest Rates

From the Sales Department...

Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, Sales Director
Email: gfelton@nsslife.org



How To Get Out Of Debt

Let's start with something simple. The secret of how to lose weight. The answer is eat less and exercise more. Less calories in and more calories burned will lead to weight loss. Well that was easy. How about getting out of debt. This one may be easy too. Earn more and spend less.

Okay, this is more complicated than it appears. One of the first things to consider is needs, wants, and desires. Not to make this a psychological discussion, but consider the differences. Needs – I need a car to get to work. Wants – all my friends have a new car I want one too? Desires- I want to buy a Mercedes and ride to work in style. Notice the fine difference in each of these statements. Everyone wants the Mercedes but do you really need it? Think about this difference before making the next purchase. Some experts even recommend putting off buying something for at least a week. Then if you still want it and need it, go ahead and buy it. Of course what happens during that week, or “cooling off” period, you may lose interest or have an epiphany, and decide not to purchase that item.

Here are a few more helpful hints to help with debt management. First, try to not use your credit cards. It is so easy to buy something instantly but then the bill comes in along with interest. Whenever possible use your credit cards wisely and pay off any balance each month.

If there is a large balance on a credit card here are a few ideas to try. One, pay off the card by using one of those zero interest card offers. Then work really hard to pay off that card since every payment will be going to principal. Another option would be to contact the lender and ask for some reprieve. They might surprise you and lower the interest rate being charged. Another idea is for multiple credit card balances. Find out which one has the highest rate of interest and then focus on that card. Put more money towards that one and then work on the next card and so forth.

Another idea is to pay extra money on any bill. You can do this with credit cards, auto loans, mortgage, etc. Any extra payment will help reduce the interest paid and shorten the time period of the loan.

These ideas all sound good, but they are easier to talk about and harder to implement. Many people get a part-time job to help pay off some bills. Here are a few more ideas to save you money. Then any savings could be used to pay bills. A few suggestions for your consideration:

- Pack your lunch. Eat at home more often.
- Shop with a list at the grocery store. This helps eliminate impulse purchases. Use coupons and buy generic items.
- Think about cutting the cord on cable. There are all kinds of alternatives. (Hulu, Sling, Netflix)
- Use the public library – they have books, music, movies, and more.

Finally, as the bills get paid, think about reallocating some of your money to an IRA, Roth, or any savings account. This is the best way to start building a cushion for any future emergency. Call your local NSS representative, or Joe Elliott, in the Home Office for more information on how we can help you.

The Many Benefits of Life Insurance

Life insurance is one of the greatest financial products ever devised. It is so ingrained in our society and has been around for more than 150 years. NSS has offered products for the past 130 years so it is easy to understand why insurance is readily available and acceptable.

Some of the top benefits of life insurance include:

- Large amount of protection available for pennies on a dollar.
- Tax-free proceeds are paid to beneficiaries.
- Probate free asset to a named beneficiary.
- Tax-free loans are available against the policy's cash value account.
- A non-qualified account which means there are no government restrictions.
- Other living benefits such as cash value, paid-up, or extended insurance options.

So why don't more people have life insurance protection. The best answer is that people think that life insurance costs too much. This is incorrect. Insurance protection is reasonable and affordable. Depending on the plan and age it is possible to start a plan for \$10 a month.

Compared to the cost of a few lattes per month wouldn't it be in your best interest to at least get a quote? Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for a free, estimate. Let us help you protect your family.

Thought For The Month:

When something bad happens, you have three choices: you can either let it define you, destroy you, or strengthen you. Which shall it be?

Anonymous

OPEN AN IRA



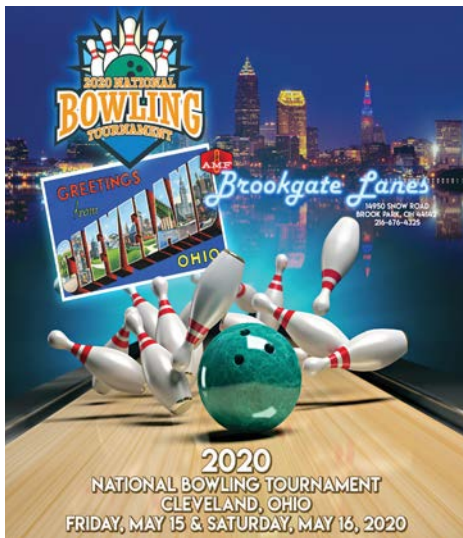
Fraternal Matters...

Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator
Email: pblum@nsslife.org



Bowling Tournament

There is still time to register for the 2020 National Bowling Tournament at Brookgate Lanes in Cleveland, OH. This event will be held May 15th -17th. The registration form is included on the following page. **The deadline to register is April 13, 2020.** Please consider joining us for a fun-filled weekend!

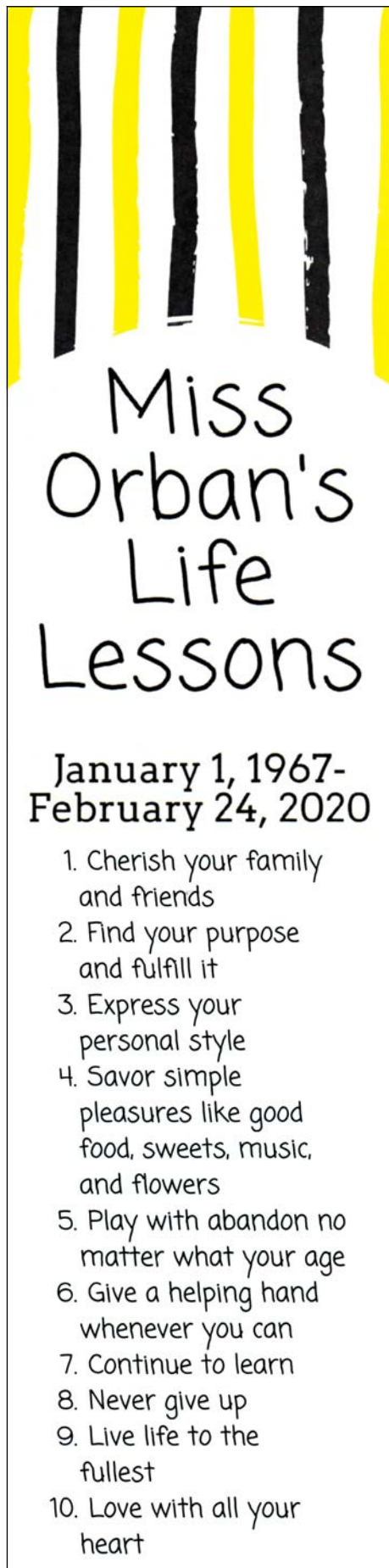


NSS National Golf Tournament

This year our golf outing will be held at the beautiful Kennsington Golf Course in Canfield, OH, July 10th – 12th. If interested in attending, please mark your calendars now. More details will be advertised in the National News as we get closer to the date. Keep in mind that if you are unable to attend the whole weekend, there are options to just golf one day. We are always willing to accommodate any special circumstances. This event is always eagerly anticipated and we look forward to seeing you there!

In Remembrance of...

Carolyn Orban, Assembly 774



Miss Orban's Life Lessons

January 1, 1967-
February 24, 2020

1. Cherish your family and friends
2. Find your purpose and fulfill it
3. Express your personal style
4. Savor simple pleasures like good food, sweets, music, and flowers
5. Play with abandon no matter what your age
6. Give a helping hand whenever you can
7. Continue to learn
8. Never give up
9. Live life to the fullest
10. Love with all your heart

All I Need to Know I learned from the Easter Bunny

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
Walk Softly and carry a big carrot.
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
There's no such thing as too much candy.
All work and no play can make you a basket case.
A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention.
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
Some body parts should be floppy.
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans.
Good things come in small-sugar coated packages.
The grass is greener in someone else's basket.
An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.
To show your true colors you have to come out of the shell.
The best things in life are still sweet and goey.
No matter how mature and sophisticated you may become-you never outgrow your need for chocolate bunnies!
Happy Easter!!
Submitted by a Home Office Employee

PVR Scholarship

Important reminder! If you are a senior in high school, and will be attending college/trade school in the fall, please consider applying for the PVR Scholarship. In order to apply, you must be an NSS Life member, and have either a 10K whole life policy or a 5K annuity in place for at least 2 years with NSS Life. As long as the minimum GPA of 3.0 is obtained, \$500 will be awarded each year for a maximum award total of \$2,000 for 4 years. The deadline for 1st year applicants is **May 1, 2020**. ***The deadline for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year student transcripts are due by **July 15, 2020**. A copy of your unofficial transcript is all that is needed for these students. The transcripts can be mailed/mailed to Pam Blum at the following address:
NSS Life
Attn: Pam Blum
351 Valley Brook Rd
McMurray PA 15317
pblum@nsslife.org

No applications will be accepted after April 13, 2020.

NSS LIFE NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
A JOINT TOURNAMENT OF GCU, FCSU, NSS LIFE & SCS

"USBC MORAL SUPPORT CERTIFIED"
 AMF Brookgate Lanes ♦ Brook Park, OH
 Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16, 2020

No applications will be accepted after April 13, 2020.

Please note: Bowling Fees must accompany this application for the bowlers to be registered in the tournament.

BOWLER INFORMATION (LIST CAPTAIN FIRST)	GCU TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Last 4 Digits SS# _____ E-mail: _____	Highest Avg. 2018-19 _____ USBC No. _____ GCU District _____ Team: _____ Please Check Tournament Events Bowler at Left Is Submitting Payment for on this Application: <input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Singles <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles <input type="checkbox"/> All Events
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Please check one: Men's Application Women's Application

TEAM EVENT—FRIDAY, MAY 15
 5:30 PM 8 PM

DOUBLE & SINGLES EVENT—SATURDAY, MAY 16
 9 AM 12:30 PM We could bowl Sunday if necessary.

Team Name: _____
(Please place team bowlers in the order they will be bowling.)

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

1. _____
 2. _____
 1. _____
 2. _____

Name of your Local USBC: _____
 Association Secretary: _____
 Address: _____

Make all Checks or Money Orders payable to: NSS Life

Mail to: NSS Life Fraternal Dept., 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317.
 Important: Every Individual and Captain on this entry agrees to relinquish their rights to prize money if it should be found that any information herein is false.

Financial Totals for this Application	
____ Singles Event..... @ \$22 ea. =	\$ _____
____ Doubles Event..... @ \$22 ea. =	\$ _____
____ Team Event..... @ \$22 ea. =	\$ _____
____ All Events..... @ \$5 ea. =	\$ _____
____ Banquet Fee (Bowler)..... @ \$0 ea. =	\$ _____
____ Banquet Fee (Guests)..... @ \$29 ea. =	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Important to All Tournament Entrants

Read Carefully Information Given Below

Rules and Regulations of Annual GCU/FCSU/NSS Life/SCS Bowling Tournament

1. The Tournament shall be conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations of the USBC.
2. All members of the NSS Life are eligible to participate in this tournament.
3. All contestants must be members of the NSS Life as of April 15, 2020 or must have six months premium paid in advance at the time of entry. New bowlers must have bowled a *minimum of 21 games as of March 15, 2020. Bowlers with no average see #7 below.*
4. NSS Life adult members are required to maintain a minimum balance of \$300.00 in an annuity or have a permanent life insurance certificate, to qualify to participate in a NSS Life subsidized sporting event held on a national level i.e. National Bowling Tournament, National Golf Tournament, etc.
5. The total cost per person for each event shall be:
 - a. Prize Fee..... \$10.00
 - b. Bowling Fee..... \$7.50
 - c. Hospitality Fee..... \$4.50TOTAL COST (per event)..... \$22.00
Banquet Fee (Optional) \$29.00
*All Events (Optional)..... \$5.00
*Only bowlers paying the \$5.00 for the All-Events will be eligible for the cash awards.
PRIZE FEE WILL BE RETURNED 100 PERCENT IN EACH EVENT
At least 1 of 10 of participants in each event will win prizes.
Note: Contestant may win only one cash prize event (gross or net), whichever cash prize is higher. Excluding special prizes. Awards will be presented to the Contestants who roll the highest gross and highest actual net scores in each event.
6. **SUBSTITUTES.** Bowlers may compete only once in each event. However, the tournament manager may allow a bowler who has previously bowled to substitute on a four bowler team when one of its original entrants is absent. The score of such bowler in the team event rolled with his entering team must count for all events. No one may bowl in this tournament except those originally entered before the tournament opens or such substitutes who may be authorized by the captain of a team or his appointee provided the individual whose name appears on the entry blank is unable for sufficient reason to attend the tournament at the time scheduled. The Bowling Committee shall have power as to the substitutes that are offered by the captain or his legalized representative, and if accepted, each substitute must bowl each event under his full name and only at scheduled time in each event. The substitutes score and handicap from the said event will be used.
7. Any contestant whose current average as of March 15, 2020 of at least 21 games is ten pins or more above his highest average from the previous season must use his current average.
HANDICAP. Handicap (Men) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 240 and last season's 2018-2019 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2020. Male bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 175 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history from the Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. Male bowlers with an average over 240 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.
Handicap (Women) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 200 and last season's 2018-2019 who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of March 15, 2020 Female bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 150 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history from the Joint Fraternal tournaments will be used. Female bowlers with an average over 200 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.
Under no circumstances will handicaps be increased after participant has bowled.
Contestants in this tournament are not required to report any tournament prize winnings for the previous 12-month period.
8. **FALSIFYING AVERAGES – PENALTY** - The team captain is responsible for reporting all averages of the individual team members, and they are responsible to him. Should the Tournament Committee find at any time that the averages have been falsified, the team shall forfeit all claims for prize money as well as their entry fee and will be subject to disqualification and suspension from organized bowling.
All prize winners are subject upon request to submit an affidavit of correct league averages.
9. **Rating of Bowlers** - According to USBC Rule No. 319 A-E, bowlers may be rerated by the Tournament Committee.
10. All entry applications and bowling fees are to be sent directly to: NSS Life Bowling Tournament, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317-3337 no later than April 13, 2020. Rule 310-A2 is in effect.
11. Bowlers who participate in tournament games must be dressed in a presentable manner to appear before public and when possible to use an emblem attached to shirt or dress so that participant can be identified.
12. Both USBC and eligible non-USBC members may participate in moral support tournaments with high score protection automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-USBC members can qualify for high score protection at their option by paying a \$21.00 fee for which the Congress will issue an unattached membership card.
13. **NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.** All prize fee money will be paid in prizes.
14. In the Doubles contest the names of both members of the team must be given, because entries with the word "Partner" will not be accepted. Entry blanks so compiled will be returned and the entry money retained until proper blank is received. If both entrants in the Doubles event appear when scheduled, it is understood that they must bowl as they have been entered on the original entry blank and no change in position will be allowed at any time after entry blank has been filed.
15. **Assignment of Alleys** - The Tournament Committee will make up the alley assignments for all entrants in the Doubles, Singles and Team Events. Entrants in the Doubles and Singles Events are required to report fully 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled to bowl.
Captains of teams must report their line-up at least 30 minutes before scheduled to bowl.
16. In the Doubles & Singles Events bowling entrants will bowl all six of their games on the same pair of lanes. Bowlers entered in the Singles Event only will be assigned to alleys by the Committee.
17. A team may use a name other than its league name for tournament entry without the payment of additional membership dues as formerly required.
18. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the correct average. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL
NSS LIFE FRATERNAL DIRECTOR
PAM BLUM (724) 731-0094



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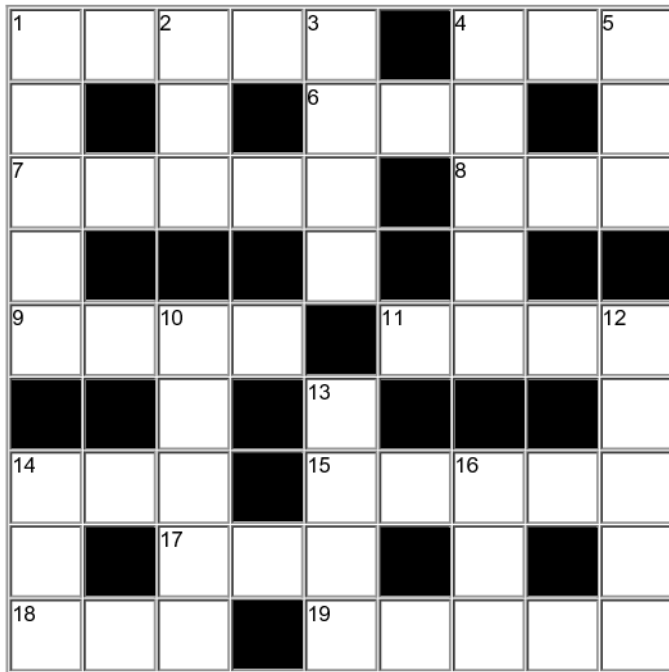
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Cook on gridiron
4. work with shovel
6. Belonging to us
7. Repeated another time
8. Small insect
9. 10 cent coin
11. Frozen precipitation
14. Food tin
15. Grayish green
17. Hooting bird
18. Sticky black substance
19. A lollipop

Down

1. Protect
2. Northern Ireland army
3. Not short
4. Empty liquid from container.
5. Acquire
10. Not major
12. Fully of weeds
13. Tootsie _____
14. Feline
16. Sick

Bunny Riddles

Q. Why didn't the bunny hop?

A. No bunny knows.

Q. What do you call a rabbit with the sniffles?

A. A runny bunny.

Q. How do you catch a rabbit?

A. Make a noise like a carrot.

Q. Where does a bunny go if you give it a pair of socks?

A. A sock hop.

Q. What do you get if you pour boiling hot water down a rabbit hole?

A. Hot cross bunnies.

Q. What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot?

A. "It's been nice gnawing you!"

Q. How does the Easter Bunny paint all the Easter eggs?

A. He hires Santa's elves during the off season.

Q. How do rabbits travel?

A. By HAREplanes.

Q. Where does the Easter bunny eat breakfast?

A. IHOP.

Q. What kind of stories do rabbits like best?

A. Ones with hoppy endings.

Q. How do you kill a unique rabbit?

A. You neak up on it.

Q. Why do rabbits eat carrots?

A. Because they don't want to be nearsighted!

Q. How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

A. Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?!

Q. What did the father Easter egg do when the mother Easter egg told him a joke?

A. He cracked up!

Q. What kind of music do bunnies like?

A. Hip Hop.

Q. How does a rabbit throw a tantrum?

A. He gets hopping mad.

Q. Why is the Easter Bunny so smart?

A. He's an egghead.

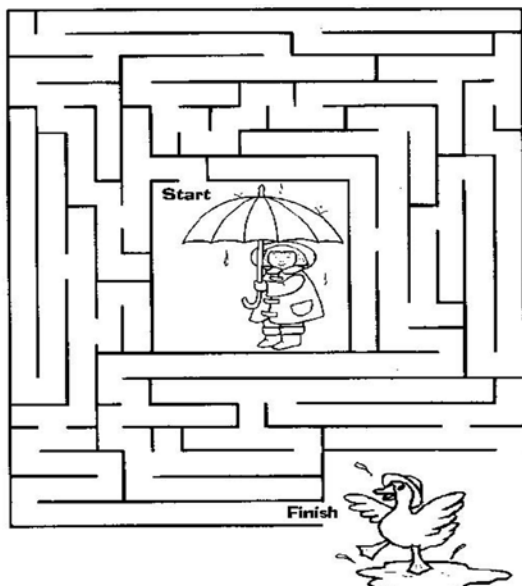
Q. What happened to the Easter Bunny when he was naughty at school?

A. He was eggs-pelled!

Q. What kind of bunny can't hop?

A. Ones made of chocolate!

Will you help Jessica find her way to her duck?



Make Your Own Set of Marbles



What you need:

- Baking or self hardening clay in several colors.

What you do:

- Take a small piece of clay and roll it into a ball, if you want multicolored marbles, use 2 or 3 colors. Make about 10 small marbles, and 1 larger one, for rolling. You can make them all different.
- Bake or dry the marbles according to the directions on the package of clay.

How to play a game of marbles:

- Get together with a friend who has their own marbles or share your marbles.
- Draw a circle outside on the sidewalk (or any other hard outdoor surface) with chalk.
- Place the marbles in the circle and give the big marble to your friend.
- Have your friend try to roll your marbles out of the center, she will claim the marbles she knocks out, but, if she rolls one of her marbles out of the circle you get that marble!
- Take turns until all the marbles are gone.
- The person with the most marbles wins!

Note: You should make your marbles different colors, so you don't get them mixed up.

*Wishing you an Easter that is joyous,
beautiful, and filled with God's glory!
Happy Easter!*



Interesting Things about Easter You Never Knew

Today, Easter is all about egg hunts and chocolate bunnies. Here are just a few interesting facts where these traditions originated.

1. Eggs are dyed to represent the blood of Jesus Christ. In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus, before being blessed and distributed to congregants. Now they're mostly just a fun way to celebrate the springtime season, especially with creative decorating ideas.

2 Most adults prefer milk chocolate to dark. Adults are actually twice as likely to prefer the milky stuff, so keep that in mind if you're buying a sweet Easter surprise. Or try making a homemade treat instead.

3. Good Friday is only honored in some states. While Good Friday is a major holiday for all Catholics, only 12 out of the 50 states consider the Friday before Easter an actual federal holiday. Most of the country will go to work on Good Friday.

4. Giving eggs is a symbol of "rebirth" in many cultures. The egg symbolizes new life, fertility, and rebirth in many places around the world. Thanks to the rounded shape, it's also been used as a symbol of the earth and our connection with nature.

5. Americans will consume more than 16 million jelly beans. That's enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but **three times**.

6. Pretzels are linked to Easter too. Supposedly, it's because the twists of the pretzel look like arms crossed in prayer. You can pay homage to the sweet treat and all it stands for by making these chocolate pretzel treats at home.

7. Buying a new outfit for Easter stems from a superstition. Back in the mid-1800s in New York, people believed that buying new clothes to wear on Easter would bring them good luck for the rest of the year. And, lucky for us, the custom continues today. Meanwhile Easter bonnets are a relatively new concept in the U.S. Back in 1933, composer Irving Berlin introduced the Easter Bonnet into American pop culture with his ballad "Easter Parade." Today, it's still one of the most popular songs for the holiday.

8. World's largest chocolate egg was made in Italy. The world's largest chocolate Easter egg was made in Italy in April 2011. It measured 34 feet and 1.05 inches in length, and weighed approximately 15,873 pounds.

9. Decorating eggs comes from a Ukrainian tradition. The ornate eggs were called pysankas, which were made by using wax and dyes. It wasn't until Ukrainian immigrants came to the U.S. that the colorful custom caught on.

10. During medieval times, a very different game was played with eggs. Can you even imagine throwing an egg in church? Well, that's exactly what used to happen. The priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys, he would continue to toss it to his peers, and whoever was holding the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner and got to keep it.

11. The first White House Easter Egg Roll was in 1878. Rutherford B. Hayes was the president at the time. But it was President Nixon who first included a bunny in the festivities with a member of his wife's staff as the lucky person who got to wear the costume.

12. Easter is the second biggest candy-consuming holiday. It comes in second only to Halloween, respectively. Americans spent approximately \$1.9 billion on Easter candy last year.

13. It used to take more than a day to make a marshmallow Peep. Approximately 27 hours, to be precise. That was back in 1953, when each candy was handmade with a pastry tube — but today they have machines that have dramatically (!) sped up the process to just six minutes. Americans eat more than 600 million Peeps during Easter. This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy. The Bethlehem, Pennsylvania factory makes an impressive 1 billion Peeps a year and 4 million a day.

14. Most Americans bite off the ears of a chocolate bunny first. In fact, a whopping 76% say that's where they take their first mouthful, followed by 5% who eat the feet first, and 4% who eat the tail first.

"I Spy" in a Jar Craft

Once all objects are found, children can simply shake, the jar and begin the hunt all over again.

What you'll need:

- 1 clean, clear glass jar with a lid
- Enough rice to fill your jar
- (the type of rice is your choice)
- 20 small, colorful objects to place in your jar including decorative erasers, paperclips, seashells, dried pasta or beans, large beads, nuts, screws, bolts, small game pieces, buttons, marbles, little pictures or magazine clips, or any other small object your child wishes to put inside!
- Piece of cardstock (8 inches by 11 inches)
- A marker
- One sticky label (1 inch by 2 inches)
- Stickers to decorate (optional)



How to make your "I Spy" in a Jar Craft:

- Make sure that your glass jar is clean, dry, and has a VERY secure lid.
- Cut a strip off the piece of paper, and using the marker, write each of the twenty objects on the paper. Decorate, if desired. (See Photo) Set aside.
- Using the remaining paper form a funnel, place the funnel in the glass jar, and fill one-fourth of the jar with rice. Place the five largest colorful objects in the jar. Screw the lid on tightly and shake until the objects are covered in rice.
- Remove the top, and using the funnel, fill the jar halfway with rice. Place five more objects in the jar, screw the lid on tightly and shake until the objects are covered with rice.
- Once again, remove the lid, and using the funnel, fill the jar three-quarters of the way with rice. Place five more objects into the jar, screw on the lid, and shake until the objects are once again covered in rice.
- Take the lid off, and using the funnel, fill the jar with rice, leaving one inch of space at the top. Place the final five objects in the jar, screw on the lid, and shake until the objects are covered in rice.
- Take the label, write "I Spy" with the marker and place anywhere on the sides of the jar.
- If desired, decorate the lid and sides of the jar with stickers. Make sure you do not over-decorate the sides of the jar since you need to see the objects you are looking for.
- Your jar is now complete. Challenge a friend to see who can find the most objects!

Egg Carton Chicks

What You Need:

- One Paintbrush
 - Googly eyes
 - Orange paper
 - Yellow paper
 - Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- First, cut out two egg cups per chick. Make three chicks, so cut out six egg cups. Trim the cups down so that no connecting pieces are left. You'll be left with little circles of egg cup.
- Glue two egg cups together to make the chick's body. When the glue is dry, paint the entire body yellow. Use two coats of paint.
- While the paint is drying, cut out feet, a beak, and a little fringe of yellow paper that will become the chick's feathers. This represents the fluffiness of chicks and really added to the cute factor and prevented the head from looking as flat as it would otherwise. Glue the eyes, beak, feet, and feather tuft to the chick. When the glue dries, the chicks are ready!



Homemade Hand Sanitizer

Ingredients:

- 5-10 drops lavender essential oil
- 30 drops tea tree essential oil
- 3 Ounces rubbing alcohol
- 1 ounce pure Aloe Vera gel
- 1/4 teaspoon Vitamin E oil (helps soften hands!)

Instructions:

1. Add essential oils and Vitamin E oil to a small glass bowl or container and swirl to mix
2. Add alcohol to the oils and swirl again.
3. Combine this mixture with the Aloe Vera gel and mix well.
4. Shake gently before each use. (Sanitizer should last several months with the addition of Vitamin E and alcohol to help preserve.)
5. Transfer hand sanitizer to small, clean squirt bottles.

Also, use colored bottles so the essential oils are not exposed to light. **NOTE:** To make a hand sanitizer spray, simply use witch hazel instead of Aloe Vera gel.

Answers to crossword puzzle on page 12

Across: 1. grill, 4. dig, 6. our, 7. again, 8. ant, 9. dime, 11. snow, 14. can, 15. olive, 17. owl, 18. tar, 19. lolly

Down: 1. guard, 2. IRA, 3. long, 4. drain, 5. get, 10. minor, 12. weedy, 13. roll, 14. cat, 16. ill.

ASSEMBLY 0004 Parma, OH

Mark your calendars for our next three meetings: **May 17th, August 16th** and **November 17, 2020**. Location and time will be announced. Please plan to attend.

Sonia Vorell
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Over twenty of our members came out for our first meetings of 2020. We held a "Lenten Dinner" at the Eat'n Park restaurant in Uniontown at 6:00 pm. Lenten devotionals were distributed as well as favor from the home office.

Our annual "NSS National Project" has always been there to assist the USPS Letter Carriers with their "National Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive". We need assembly volunteers to come out to the main Uniontown post office (rear loading dock) on Saturday, **May 9th** at 10:00 am.

Also, we are seeking volunteers to help with our annual "NSS Join Hands Day Project" in cooperation with the Uniontown Knight of Columbus Council #1275. We assist with the "Annual Tony Bartok Golf Outing" that will be held at the Duck Hollow Golf Club on Sunday, **July 12th**.

The NSS Heritage Museum has Slovak Easter artifacts for sale, including Slovak cook books and Slovak and Old World Egg Wraps for your Easter egg decorating. Check the recent issue of the "National News" for more information.

High school seniors ATTENTION!! May 1st is the deadline for your application for a "NSS PVR Scholarship".

Mark down on your calendar our "Summer Bar-B-Q Meeting" that will be held on Sunday, **June 14th** at the Uniontown Columbian Association (formerly K of C) picnic pavilion on North Gallatin Avenue starting at 1:00 pm. This is our annual opportunity to honor our American flag in a "Flag Day Celebration".

Easter comes on April 12th. May you and your family share in all of the gifts that our resurrected Lord offers!

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY RO59 Bethlehem, PA

A business meeting will be held at the Keysock residence, 2072 Twelfth Street, Bethlehem, PA on **May 17, 2020** and on **July 12th** at the Sawarynaski residence. All members of our assembly are urged to attend.

Future events: Helping Hands, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in **May**, One Can Can Help Food Drive in **November**. Other events will be discussed. For additional information call 610-262-2045.

For those who celebrate Easter on April 12th, may you have a blessed holiday! For those who celebrate Pascha (Easter) on April 19th - "Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!"

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting will be held at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH on Sunday, **April 5, 2020** at 12:00 pm. We will be making plans for the upcoming months.

Refreshments will be served.

John Karkosiak
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Members will participate in the Postal Workers Food Drive on **May 9, 2020** from 10:00 am-5:00 pm assisting with unloading trucks and sorting canned goods at the Knights of Columbus Center in Pittston.

Members will walk in the American Heart Association Heart Walk at the PNC Field in Moosic on **May 16, 2020** and conduct a matching fund for them by donating a basket for their raffle.

The assembly will hold their Fraternal Summer Picnic at the Mercateli-Scaglia Park, Moosic, PA on **August 9, 2020**. Members are reminded to bring a basket for the raffle and a dish for the table. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided by the assembly.

The assembly will conduct a matching funds for the Catherine McAu-

ley Center in Scranton. The assembly will purchase a cooler filled with Beach items like chairs, towels, snorkels and games. Members will sell tickets at the Luzerne County Fair in **September**.

The October meeting is set for **October 18, 2020** at Grande's Restaurant for nominations and election of officers at 1:00 pm.

Members will attend the Region 2 matching funds Bone Appetit for the SPCA at the Woodlawn in Wilkes-Barre in **November**. The St. Cats and Dogs fundraiser TBA.

The members will celebrate Veterans Day with the Veterans at the Wilkes-Barre VA Center on **November 15th** at 2:00 pm with a bingo pizza party.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0110 New York, NY

Our Bi-Annual weekend outing is scheduled for **June 5-7, 2020** at Woodloch Pines, Hawley, PA. A meeting of the members will be held during the weekend.

Rich DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

April is from the Latin word aperio "to open" (bud), the month when plants begin to grow. It is the month that often brings lots of rain. But then we can look forward to many beautiful rainbows.

Thanks to Jill Grover who helped organize the many members who attended the dinner theater performance at the Crafton American Legion. Good food and laughter and money for a good cause.

Time is short if you want to attend the program "Carousel" on Sunday, **April 26th** at 2:00 pm at the Lincoln Park Performing Art Center, Midland PA. It is a beautiful venue with excellent acoustics. Treat yourself to something special. Members cost is \$10. Seating is limited so please hurry if you would like to attend. You must have

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your money in to me in advance. Send your check payable to: NSS Assembly 123, and mail to William Knoll, 543 Pioneer Lane, Freedom, PA 15042. If you have questions or need directions call me at 724-242-5085.

There are tentative plans to attend a performance of "Forever Plaid" at the Carnegie Library in Carnegie, PA on Sunday, **May 17th**. Call me and let me know if there is interest.

Birthday wishes to our members celebrating this month. Don't look back on those years part which I hope contain many wonderful memories but look forward to a year ahead with opportunities to make new memories.

I am wishing all our members a Happy and Blessed Easter. He has risen let us rejoice!

William Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Our annual picnic will be held at Richardson's Park on **June 14, 2020** at 3:00 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your frisbee or baseball. Families and pets welcome!

Join us at China City Buffet on **September 13, 2020** at 3:00 pm at 800 Wildflower Circle, Washington, PA for a luncheon and meeting to discuss assembly business.

Our annual holiday gathering will be held on **December 6, 2020** at 3:00 pm at Canon's Chophouse, 1900 Main Street, Canonsburg, PA. Please bring a dozen cookies for our famous cookie table.

I hope all members can attend our meetings and please RSVP to me at 724-207-3171 or if you have any questions.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

Life hint

Life changes quickly. An annual policy review of your insurance policies is a smart thing to do.



ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

Camping Memorial Day Weekend - Rustic Lake Campground from **May 22-25, 2020**, 44901 New London Eastern Road, Sullivan, OH 44880.

Meeting at the Shuttleworth's on **June 16, 2020** at 7:30 pm.

Camping Labor Day Weekend - Rustic Lake Campground from **September 4-September 7, 2020**, 44901 New London Eastern Road, Sullivan, OH 44880.

Meeting at the Pytel's on **September 15, 2020** at 7:30 pm.

Meeting at Tony K's **December 15, 2020** at 7:30 pm and Christmas party to follow. 841 West Bagley Road, Berea, OH 44017.

Shawn Pytel
Publicist & Social Media

ASSEMBLY 0554 Curwensville, PA

Assembly 554 will have their 2020 meetings on the following dates: **April 12th, July 5th, September 6th, and October 18th**.

All meetings will be held at Jim Stricek's, 135 McCullough St., DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm. For more information, contact Jim at (814) 590-7021 or at assembly554@gmail.com

Jim Stricek
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

From all of us in Assembly 586 who have grown to know and love Lori Crowley for many years, our hearts go out to Lori and her family.

As Lori said, the grief she feels in the loss of Shaun is overwhelming and something no parent should have to experience. Our 586 family would like her to have some bit of comfort in knowing that we pray for them. We remember Lori telling us about Shaun and his twin brothers Kevin Jr. and John at NSS conventions.

Lori and Kevin, may God be with you and your sons and enfold you in His arms.

We also offer our prayers to the family of Sophie Hudak. Joe Tomaskovic served on the Tribunal with Sophie and many times at conventions they shared stories of their Slovak heritages. Many of us will miss Sophie's smile and times shared with her.

Our family of Assembly 586 sends our thoughts and prayers to our friend Sophie's family. Please know that we share your sorrow at her passing.

Irene Tomaskovic
Vice-President

ASSEMBLY 0588 Slovan, PA

Meetings will be held at Panera Bread Community Room located at 250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, PA (North Fayette), on the following dates: Monday, **April 20, 2020**; Monday, **September 21, 2020**; and Monday, **November 16, 2020** at 6:00 pm.

Please plan to attend the meetings and become active Assembly 588 members.

Annette Stefka
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0617 Ashley, PA

Our assembly held our meeting/luncheon at Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA on Saturday, February 22, 2020. We prayed for our members, Linda Strom and said a prayer of Sts. Cyril & Methodius.

We also discussed our upcoming events for 2020. We will have a Matching Fund Event for El Salvador at our Knoebel's Fraternal Day the beginning of **August**. Our Join Hands Day, will be by preparing and serving a meal at St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and sponsor them for the day with our donation.

We enjoyed our lunch and fraternalism as we talked about Greg Felton and him being chosen as FSGP Fraternalist of the Year. He deserves it because we saw how helpful he was to us when he came to our 110th Anniversary last year. He was a great help to us.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **May 16, 2020** at the Pierce St. Deli, Kingston, PA. at 12:30 pm

Rose Mary Strish
President

ASSEMBLY 0705 Seelyville, IN

A meeting will be held at the Buck home, Seelyville, IN on Sunday, **April 19, 2020** at 1:00 pm. For future meeting dates look on page 3, Activities At A Glance.

All members are welcome.

Dorothy Buck
Secretary



**NSS ASSEMBLY 731
BUNNY BOWLING**
Saturday, April 11, 2020
1:00-4:30
BOARDMAN LANES - 7524 Market St., Boardman, OH



Come join us for an afternoon of bowling with the Easter Bunny!!
Includes up to 3 bowling games, shoe rental, egg hunt, games, refreshments, and beverages.

Free for NSS members - \$10 for non-members

To register, call: Kathy Cessa 330-559-8554,
Mary Martini 330-518-0012 or Laurie Fox 330-536-8850.

Registration deadline April 1st

ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Join us for an afternoon with the Easter Bunny at Boardman Lanes Bowling Alley on Saturday, **April 11, 2020** at 1:00 pm.

Also, in April we will celebrate Earth Day by helping place birdhouses throughout the Poland Township Park to aid in their efforts to maintain the second largest bird watching area in Mahoning County.

Ruth Burns
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0813 Englewood, FL

Our Join Hands Day endeavor will again be the letter carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign. This is the largest one day (**May 9th**) collection of food for the needy. Our members who can't take

part here in Englewood are urged to participate in their own communities, because there are hungry folks everywhere.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

Our next meeting will be at Perkins Restaurant, 304 Route 315, Pittston, PA 18640 on **August 15, 2020** at 1:00 pm. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Additional information or directions, please contact Lucy Piccoletti at 570-479-4116.

Lucy Piccoletti
Secretary

REGION 8 Cleveland, OH

Attention Assemblies 004,070,160, 432

The semi-annual meeting of Region 8 will be held at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, OH on **April 15, 2020** at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing the upcoming summer events for both the Region and Assemblies.

NOTE: Assembly 0432 will be hosting this event.

Carole Koches
Secretary

Congratulations to Kathy Beyer



Kathy Beyer, member of Assembly 123 breaks her school record (Warren High) for the 100 meter back stroke with a time of 1:07.57 which had been in effect since 1993. She also set a 100 meter free record with a time of 1:00.54. This record was in effect since 1993.

Congratulations Kathy from NSS Assembly 123 on a job well done!

This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr.

Chairman of the Board

April, 1970

The National Slovak society announced a membership campaign in honor of its 80th Anniversary. Any member who presented an application for an adult member or any member who presented two applications for Young Folks Circle members would receive a souvenir 80th Anniversary Commemorative Plate from the Society.

April, 1975

District 8 held a Junior Bowling Tournament on April 12, 1975, at Yorktown Lanes in Parma Hts., Ohio. The event was open to all YFC members ages 7-16. Seventeen YFC members competed in four different divisions. The division champions were: William Beno of Assembly 432, Robert SirLouis of Assembly 4, Mark Havir of Assembly 4, and Lydia Frolo of Assembly 4.

April, 1980

Joseph V. Suchon Supreme Trustee of the National Slovak Society died on April 17, 1980. Joseph was elected in 1978 as a Trustee. He had previously served as the Society's Supreme Auditor in 1937 and in 1941 was elected as the Society's Supreme Elder.

April, 1980

District #5 Activities Director Dave Blazek announced that District #5 would hold its First Annual Bowling Jamboree on April 27, 1980, at Noble Manor Lanes in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of **Deceased Members in Assembly 0004:**
 From Assembly 0004 100.00
 In Memory of **my late wife, Patricia:** ...
 From Edward Stubenrauch .. 20.00
 In Honor of **Assembly L161 Members Past & Present:**
 From Assembly L161 250.00
 In Memory of **Carolyn Orban:**
 From Assembly 0774 100.00
 In Memory of **Shaun Crowley:**
 From Assembly 0774 100.00
 In Memory of **Shaun Crowley:**
 From Linda & Ryan Strom . 100.00

Donations:
 Assembly L161 250.00
 Matching Funds
 From Assembly L161 250.00
 Assembly 0267 1,000.00
 Linda Cantwell 50.00
 John & Diana Morgan 100.00

DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here are four good reasons why making a donation makes sense...

1. Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund.
2. Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
3. Your donation may benefit your own son, daughter, niece or nephew.
4. Your donation is tax deductible.
5. Every year, requests for grants increase, making more demands on the PVR Scholarship Fund.

Here is my donation of:

\$ _____

Please issue your check to:

NSS PVR Scholarship Fund

And send to:

National Slovak Society
 351 Valley Brook Road
 McMurray, PA 15317



OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

February, 2020

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anderson, William K	Washington, PA	01/30/2020	0377
Braswell, Carolyn D	Columbia, SC	11/20/2019	0813
Brindle, Margaret A	Pittsburgh, PA	12/05/2019	0100
Butcher, Nancy C	York, PA	12/26/2019	L102
Byham, William	Meadville, PA	02/06/2020	0774
Caprino, Donald J	Marion, OH	01/07/2020	0595
Ciochetto, Cynthia L	Forestville, PA	01/22/2020	0731
Craig, Frank	Washington, PA	01/24/2020	0588
Cronin, John R	Pittsburgh, PA	02/13/2020	0100
Crowley, Shaun L	West Mifflin, PA	01/09/2020	0441
Dean, Richard J	Pittsburgh, PA	06/17/2019	0377
Dragan, Robert	Monessen, PA	01/24/2020	0377
Duke, Laverne	Parma, OH	02/16/2020	0004
Dukinas, Dawn	Piscataway, NJ	03/21/2019	0110
Fagan, Anna	Lenoir City, TN	01/04/2020	0774
Fairman, Stephen	Punxsutawney, PA	12/26/2019	0554
Fawcett, Eva	Washington, PA	02/04/2020	0377
Francis, Loretta	Glendale, WV	01/25/2020	0774
Glenn, Bernie	Wheeling, WV	01/06/2020	0588
Gray, Mary	Maysel, WV	01/02/2020	0774
Grega, John	Lakewood, OH	02/04/2019	0432
Gruher, Helen	Petosky, MI	12/24/2019	0774
Hahn, Helen R	Allison Park, PA	01/01/2020	L161
Hannah, Amy	Marlinton, WV	11/08/2019	0774
Hannah, Robert W	Oakdale, PA	01/12/2020	0588
Hanayik, Thomas J	Denver, CO	01/22/2020	0267
James, Richard H	Pittsburgh, PA	01/26/2020	L105
Joncas, Rita	Corry, PA	01/25/2020	0554
Kacvinsky, Andrew	Washington, PA	01/09/2020	0434
Keefer, Gilbert	Kenna, WV	07/03/2019	0774
Lemley, Mary	Lorain, OH	01/25/2020	0160
Malesenka, Barbara	Satellite Beach, FL	01/20/2020	0813
Maradin, Mildred	Coraopolis, PA	01/29/2020	0123
Massa, Pauline	Irwin, PA	02/06/2020	0737
Matrise, Glenna K	Milwaukee, WI	04/20/2019	0774
McIntosh, Inez	Oceanside, CA	02/16/2020	0774
Mosso, Aldo	Carnegie, PA	01/05/2020	0434
Mullen, Patricia	Vandergrift, PA	01/03/2020	L105
O Dell, Shelvia	Amma, WV	11/30/2019	0774
Packauski, Frank	Portage, PA	01/30/2020	L105
Perevuznik, Sr., Robert J	Monroeville, PA	01/21/2020	L105
Perry, John C	Wheeling, WV	01/04/2020	0108
Petrich, Wanda	Oakdale, PA	01/30/2020	0434
Petrovich, Elaine	Strongsville, OH	11/29/2019	0070
Phillips, James W	Westfield, MA	11/18/2019	0774

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Phillips, Lilli	Marianna, PA	12/22/2019	0377
Quisenberry, Avenelle	Ottawa, WV	12/01/2019	0774
Raney, Ivan	Enon Valley, PA	10/30/2019	0731
Rayshich, Shirley	East Rochester, PA	02/11/2020	0123
Relich, Ann	Washington Twp, PA	01/19/2020	0377
Richardson, Helen	Crown Point, IN	01/20/2020	0381
Rilko, Mary	Wapwallopen, PA	05/18/2019	0617
Scherer, Robert	Beaver, PA	02/01/2020	0123
Sholtis, Joseph M	Shavertown, PA	02/02/2020	L075
Smith, John A	Pittsburgh, PA	12/08/2019	L105
Smith, Margaret T	Zelienople, PA	01/09/2020	0108
Stasheff, Anna	Lansdale, PA	12/10/2019	R059
Stermensky, Joseph	Daytona Beach, FL	11/07/2019	0586
Stihel, Leonard	Fayette City, PA	01/30/2020	0377
Stout, Wesley	New Kensington, PA	01/29/2020	0108
Taucher, Dolores	Liberty Twp, OH	01/26/2020	0434
Then, Margaret M	Verona, PA	12/20/2019	L105
Tomaskovic, Margaret	New Lenox, IL	10/23/2019	0586
Trapp, Alice	Columbus, WI	05/13/2019	0774
Van Kirk, Brian	Avella, PA	08/24/2018	0123
Vavrica, Jr., Andrew	Bronx, NY	01/19/2020	0110
Weidler, Dennis	York, PA	02/09/2020	1102
Weiler, Karen	Pueblo, CO	07/04/2019	0236
Wilder, Rollin	Waukesha, WI	12/21/2019	0774

Traditional Slovak Easter Ritual – Oblievacka

This holiday tradition dates back to the ninth century, when it was believed that dowsing women with cold water would make them healthy for the upcoming spring season and ensure their fertility in the year ahead. Men also hit the women with wicker sticks to ensure vitality. This tradition is referred to as “Sibacka”. Today, it’s unlikely that young men have this goal in mind when they receive permission to act like little demons for a day. Girls are expected to give the boys a boiled egg or a candy bar as a thanks for being soaked with cold water.

The Easter Bunny

*I met a little rabbit once,
A hopping on his way.
I said, "Where are you going,
on such a lovely day?"
He said, with just the slightest frown,
"Don't hinder me I pray!
I'm taking round the Easter Eggs,
Because it's Easter Day."*



Easter Slovak Style:

Remembering the Priceless Treasures of Easters Past and an Inspiration for Easters of the Future

\$12 (includes postage and handling)

**To Purchase items shown on this page,
Make checks payable to NSSHM
351 Valley Brook Rd.
McMurray, PA 15317**

Egg - in - Wrap

Choose from



Slavic Pin Art



or Old World Designs

Sleeve of 6: \$2.00
Sleeve of 12: \$3.50

1. Use large raw, hardboiled, blown, ceramic or plastic eggs.
2. Slide egg into egg wrap.
3. Place egg on spoon.
4. Dunk into boiling water until wrapper shrinks around egg.



Youth Circle Page

Youth Circle of National Slovak Society • 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Attention High School Seniors

Deadline – May 1, 2020

NSS is accepting requests for applications for the PVR Scholarships. The scholarship is for \$500 per year for a total grant of \$2,000. Below are the guidelines that you must meet in order to be eligible.

The student must be a member of the National Slovak Society (NSS) for a minimum of two (2) years prior to receiving a PVR Scholarship Grant. Membership will be verified by the Home Office.

The minimum amount of insurance required for eligibility is \$10,000 of **PERMANENT** life insurance or \$5,000 of annuity deposits. The insurance must be in force at time of application and must be maintained throughout the scholarship period. A reminder for those students already receiving the PVR Scholarship, don't forget to request a copy of your transcripts be sent to the Home Office at the end of the semester to make sure you are still eligible to receive your next installment of your grant.

Please contact Pam Blum, at 724-731-0094 or email at pblum@nsslife.org to request an application. **Deadline for Applications is May 1, 2020**

REMINDER



Deadline For Publication

Please be advised that all articles, notices, etc., **MUST BE** received by the Home Office no later than the **5th of the month**. Every effort will be made to publish the article and photos in a timely manner and space permitting. Also, all articles should be typewritten in regular type.



May Art Contest

The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all members of the National Slovak Society between the ages of 5 and 16.
2. Only one entry is permitted per member, per category.
3. Contestants may create their artwork using:
 - a. Paint (pastels, watercolor, oil, tempera and cesium)
 - b. Crayons (wax or liquid)
 - c. Ink/Pencil
 - d. Charcoal
 - e. Glue, construction paper, glitter
4. The Artwork may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes. (Paint by numbers, stencils or tracing will not be accepted)
5. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size. This information should be clearly printed on the back of each entry.
6. Please indicate t-shirt size by the following size chart available:
 - a. Youth sizes - YS and YM
 - b. Adult sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
7. Winners in each category will have their artwork displayed in the National News and will be published on the NSS website.
8. Contest shall be judged under the following levels and ages for all 3 categories:
 - a. Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7
 - b. Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10
 - c. Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13
 - d. Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16*
9. Prizes awarded in each level of every category shall be as follows:

a. First Place	\$50.00
b. Second Place	\$25.00
c. Third Place	\$15.00
10. All entrants will receive a NSS Life T-shirt.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES CAREFULLY SO YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS IN THE JUDGING PROCESS

Deadline for entries to the Home Office is May 31st. Either mail or deliver artwork to:
NSS Life
c/o Fraternal Department
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Decisions of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases.

* In the event the First place winner in the Artistic Category - Van Gogh Level either enters an accredited Art School or pursues Art as a career in college, he/she will be awarded a one-time \$250 Art Scholarship provided that the student meets all the NSS PVR Scholarship rules and regulations.

** The National Elder of the National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all displays or winning entries. Artwork will only be returned by request.



NSS Life ANNIVERSARY OFFER PROGRAM

Family Matters...



QUALITY LIFE INSURANCE • LIMITED TIME ONLY * EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020 *

The NSS Life Anniversary Offer uses our twenty-pay life plan (however you may use the single premium plan as well). The advantages of a permanent plan include cash/loan values, reduced paid-up insurance options, dividends and more. To apply for this limited time offer, please complete the below form and return it to the home office.



NSS Life
Family Matters...

The maximum amount of insurance being offered will depend on your age:

ISSUE AGES	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
0-50	\$10,000
51-65	\$7,500
66-80	\$5,000

*See other side for complete rate listings.

There is a limit of one policy per person. Anyone previously declined since 1/1/18 is not eligible for this program. Also excludes terminally ill, permanently disabled and others. If you purchased this plan last year you are excluded from this year's offer. Other exclusions may apply. Rates are based on age nearest birthday.

NSS Life Anniversary Offer Program

If you or someone you know may be interested in this anniversary issue offer, please provide your/their name and contact information below and we will mail an application to you/them. Complete the application and return it to the home office. Further Recommender information available on back cover.

Prospect Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Recommender Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Twenty Pay Whole Life Insurance Policy Rates (Rates based on Age Nearest Birthday)

Twenty Pay Life (\$10,000)				
Age	Male Annual Premium		Female Annual Premium	
	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine
0	\$144.90	\$0.00	\$136.60	\$0.00
1	\$146.90	\$0.00	\$138.30	\$0.00
2	\$149.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00
3	\$151.10	\$0.00	\$141.70	\$0.00
4	\$153.20	\$0.00	\$143.40	\$0.00
5	\$155.40	\$0.00	\$145.20	\$0.00
6	\$158.00	\$0.00	\$147.40	\$0.00
7	\$160.60	\$0.00	\$149.50	\$0.00
8	\$163.30	\$0.00	\$151.80	\$0.00
9	\$166.00	\$0.00	\$154.00	\$0.00
10	\$168.80	\$0.00	\$156.30	\$0.00
11	\$172.00	\$0.00	\$158.90	\$0.00
12	\$175.30	\$0.00	\$161.60	\$0.00
13	\$178.70	\$0.00	\$164.30	\$0.00
14	\$182.10	\$0.00	\$167.10	\$0.00
15	\$185.60	\$0.00	\$169.90	\$0.00
16	\$186.50	\$0.00	\$171.10	\$0.00
17	\$187.40	\$0.00	\$172.40	\$0.00
18	\$188.30	\$204.60	\$173.60	\$188.90
19	\$189.30	\$211.30	\$174.80	\$195.70
20	\$190.20	\$218.30	\$176.10	\$202.70
21	\$192.90	\$222.20	\$178.90	\$206.80
22	\$195.70	\$226.10	\$181.80	\$211.00
23	\$198.50	\$230.10	\$184.80	\$215.30
24	\$201.40	\$234.20	\$187.80	\$219.70
25	\$204.30	\$238.30	\$190.80	\$224.20
26	\$208.20	\$243.40	\$194.40	\$229.10
27	\$212.20	\$248.60	\$198.10	\$234.10
28	\$216.20	\$253.90	\$201.90	\$239.30
29	\$220.30	\$259.30	\$205.70	\$244.50
30	\$224.50	\$264.80	\$209.60	\$249.90
31	\$229.00	\$270.80	\$214.00	\$255.60
32	\$233.50	\$276.90	\$218.40	\$261.50
33	\$238.20	\$283.20	\$222.90	\$267.50
34	\$243.00	\$289.60	\$227.60	\$273.70
35	\$247.80	\$296.10	\$232.30	\$280.00
36	\$253.50	\$303.20	\$237.50	\$286.90
37	\$259.30	\$310.50	\$242.90	\$294.00
38	\$265.20	\$317.90	\$248.30	\$301.20
39	\$271.30	\$325.50	\$253.90	\$308.70
40	\$277.50	\$333.30	\$259.60	\$316.30
41	\$284.30	\$342.50	\$266.00	\$324.50
42	\$291.30	\$351.90	\$272.50	\$332.90
43	\$298.40	\$361.60	\$279.20	\$341.50
44	\$305.70	\$371.60	\$286.10	\$350.30
45	\$313.20	\$381.80	\$293.10	\$359.40
46	\$321.20	\$393.20	\$300.30	\$369.20
47	\$329.40	\$404.90	\$307.70	\$379.20
48	\$337.80	\$416.90	\$315.30	\$389.50
49	\$346.40	\$429.30	\$323.00	\$400.10
50	\$355.20	\$442.10	\$331.00	\$411.00

Twenty Pay Life (\$7,500)				
Age	Male Annual Premium		Female Annual Premium	
	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine
51	\$273.45	\$343.13	\$254.63	\$317.63
52	\$280.73	\$355.05	\$261.15	\$327.23
53	\$288.23	\$367.35	\$267.83	\$337.13
54	\$295.88	\$380.18	\$274.73	\$347.40
55	\$303.75	\$393.38	\$281.78	\$357.90
56	\$312.83	\$408.00	\$289.43	\$369.23
57	\$322.20	\$423.23	\$297.30	\$380.93
58	\$331.80	\$438.90	\$305.40	\$393.00
59	\$341.70	\$455.25	\$313.65	\$405.45
60	\$351.90	\$472.20	\$322.20	\$418.28
61	\$362.18	\$487.80	\$332.18	\$433.58
62	\$372.83	\$503.93	\$342.45	\$449.40
63	\$383.70	\$520.58	\$353.10	\$465.83
64	\$394.95	\$537.75	\$364.05	\$482.85
65	\$406.50	\$555.53	\$375.30	\$500.48

Twenty Pay Life (\$5,000)				
Age	Male Annual Premium		Female Annual Premium	
	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine
66	\$281.45	\$385.85	\$259.20	\$348.70
67	\$292.30	\$402.00	\$268.55	\$364.40
68	\$303.60	\$418.80	\$278.25	\$380.85
69	\$315.30	\$436.30	\$288.25	\$398.00
70	\$327.45	\$454.55	\$298.65	\$415.95
71	\$344.00	\$476.95	\$311.70	\$437.75
72	\$361.35	\$500.40	\$325.30	\$460.70
73	\$379.55	\$525.05	\$339.50	\$484.85
74	\$398.75	\$550.90	\$354.30	\$510.25
75	\$418.85	\$578.05	\$369.75	\$537.00
76	\$440.60	\$611.65	\$389.75	\$571.15
77	\$463.50	\$647.15	\$410.90	\$607.40
78	\$487.60	\$684.75	\$433.10	\$646.05
79	\$512.90	\$724.50	\$456.60	\$687.10
80	\$539.55	\$766.60	\$481.30	\$730.75

Other modes of payment are available including: Semi-Annual (.52) • Quarterly (.265) • Monthly (.09) (Rate x Annual Premium)



Nádherné zvyky pretkané tradíciou, voňavé vetvičky s púčikmi kvetov a užasná vôňa mákučkových koláčov nech naplnia Váš domov pokojnou atmosférou a šťastím.

Všetkým úradníkom, členom, čitateľom a Vaším rodinám želáme radostné Veľkonočné Sviatky

Veľkonočná modlitba

Pane Ježišu Kriste, Baránok Boží, ktorý snímaš hriechy sveta a sedíš po pravici Otca, zmiluj sa nado mnou daj, aby som vo dne i v noci ľutoval(a) svoje hriechy, kým sa nestanem hodným(ou) uvidieť Ťa z tváre do tváre v nebeskej sláve a s Tebou sa tešiť na veky. Amen.

Apríl je mesiac lesov

Ako občania žijúci na Zemi je našou povinnosťou si uchovať prírodu ku čomu patria aj lesi. Veď množstvo stromov a rastlín nam dáva kyslík ktorý potrebujeme na dýchanie a drevo používame na rôzne veci.

Stará múdrosť hovorí:

Ked' si živote zasadil čo len jeden strom, nežil si nedarmo.



Bardejov na Velku Noc

Fotografia- FotogaleriaePhoto.sk

Pranostiky

Apríl zimný, daždivý, úroda nás navštívi.

- Juraj (4. 24)
- Juro žabám hubu otvára, budú jašterice i hadov.
 - Čo do Dzura narastie, to po dzure skape.
 - Ďuro všetkých z izby von do poľa vyženie.
 - O Dzure už tráva bude rásť, čo by si ju hámríkom pral do zeme.
- Marek (4. 25)
- Koľko tepla pred Markom, toľko zimy po ňom.
 - Na Marka daždivo, sedem týždňov blatívo.

50 výročie oslav dňa zeme

Deň Zeme vznikol ako reakcia na rozsiahle poškodzovanie životného prostredia. Iniciátorom bol environmentálny aktivista, senátor Spojených štátov z Wisconsinu, Gaylord Nelson.



22. apríl

Tento deň sa začal oslavovať od roku 1970. Jeho cieľom je pripomenutie si našej závislosti na cenných daroch poskytované Zemou. Je potreba si uvedomiť, že zemské zdroje nie sú nevyčerateľné, a preto sa treba venovať otázkam životného prostredia a prostredníctvom spoločného celosvetového úsilia chrániť jej poklady pre budúce generácie ľudí a ostatných tvorov žijúcich na Zemi.

Veľkonočný pondelok

Veľkonočný pondelok ten vchupol do dediny nebadane, ten býval zo všetkých dní najveselší. Tešili sa naň dievky i mládenci. Niesol sa v znamení oblievačky a šibačky. Veru nebolo nijakou zvláštnosťou, že mládenci začínali už krátko po polnoci. Darmo sa dievčatá poschovávali, kúpači si ich vždy našli. Veľmi často im skrýše vyradili malí chlapi, alebo aj otcovia dievok. Pri studni, na potoku, všade sa ozýval smiech, výkriky a výskot. Ale dievky sa nehnevali, lebo vedeli, že studená voda a prútený korbáč im dávajú zdravie.



Dôležité dni v našom NSS kalendari...

- 5.15 - 5.17** Bowling turnaj, Cleveland, Ohio
- 7.10 - 7.12** Golfový Turnaj, Canfield, Ohio
- 7.16** - 97 Slovenský Deň Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh, PA
- 9.26** - Septemberfest festival v našom múzeu, McMurray

Could you use a little extra “green?”

Recommender

As a proud member of NSS Life, there is no better time than now to share your experience with family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward for recommending someone that we issue a policy to. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on the youth term product) for each person that becomes a member.

Recommender Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.

Change of Address

Please use this form to register your change of address for the National News and mail to the Home Office. Upon receipt of this form completed in its entirety, the staff will immediately implement the change. *Thank you.*

Name _____

Assembly No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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