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## Activities At A Glance

### REGION 2

April 14  
August 24

### Assemblies L075, 0617

Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm  
Region 2, Meeting, Perkins Restaurant, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm

### REGION 5

March 2  
March 3  
March 10  
March 24  
May 5  
May 11  
June 9  
July 8  
August 4  
September 8  
October 6  
December 1  
December 1

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

Assembly 0737, Meeting, Carol Godor residence, N. Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0377, Meeting, King's Restaurant, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0039, Meeting (Lenten Dinner), Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm  
Assembly 0123, Game Day, Eat'n Park, Robinson Twp, PA at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0377, Meeting/Bowling, Tan O'Belle Lanes, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0039, Stamp Out Hunger, U.S. Post Office, Uniontown, PA at 10:00 am  
Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q at K of C, Uniontown, PA at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0039, Join Hands Day, Tony Bartock Golf Outing at 8:00 am  
Assembly 0377, Meeting/Picnic, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Memorial Dinner, Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA 6:00 pm  
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Grand China Buffet, Washington, PA at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0039, Annual Christmas Party, K of C Hall at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0377, Annual Holiday Party, Cannons Chophouse, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00

### REGION 8

April 7  
May 25

### Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

Assembly 0004, Scotch Doubles, Time and place to be announced  
Assembly 0432, Weekend Camping, Rustic Lake

### REGION 14

March (entire month)  
April 1

### Assemblies R059, L102

Assembly R059 & Assembly L102, Collecting donations for Backpacks for Kids  
Assembly L102, Deadline for Easter baked goods, Marge Ferri (610-866-8945)

### REGION 15

### Assemblies L002, 0028

No activities at this time

### AT LARGE

March 2  
March 10  
March 23  
June 22  
September 21  
December 7  
December 28

### Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813

Assembly 0731, Meeting/Lunch, Boardman Public Library, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0110, Meeting, Trattoria L'incontro, Astoria, New York at 2:00 pm  
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Mom's Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Mom's Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Mom's Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Boardman Park, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Time and Location to be announced

**September 28**

***CORRECTION:*** The correct date of the NSS Heritage Museum Septemberfest is ***September 28th, 2019. Please correct your "2019 Important Dates" that was enclosed in the last issue***

## From The President's Desk...



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

Greetings from the Home Office of the National Slovak Society as we draw nearer to spring and warmer weather. This month the Board will meet March 15th to conduct the Winter Board Meeting of the Society. Any items that need to be considered by the Board should be sent in to Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom by March 8th at the latest. Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10th so don't forget to spring forward with your clocks or you may be late for church on Sunday morning. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th which is a Sunday so I imagine any of our members with Irish in them will be celebrating the night before. Be careful and safe in your celebrations.

## News Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Director John Payerchin, Home Office Staff member Lori Korte, Peter Longstreth, Carole Koches, and Kelsey Marshall. Best wishes to all other members celebrating either a birthday or a wedding anniversary.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Dean Burns, Bucky Wesnak and Bob Burns who all have been ill recently.

### **Punography Of The Month:**

*Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."*

## The Gift Of Time

As Alexander the Great lay on his death bed, he summoned his army generals, and told them his three ultimate last wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry his coffin.
2. The wealth he had accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery.

3. His hands should be loose, so they hang outside the coffin for all to see. One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain. Here is what Alexander the Great had to say:

1. "I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal."

2. "I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, will stay on earth."

3. "I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is: TIME."

We do not take to our grave any material wealth. TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more time.

When we give someone our time, we actually give a portion of our life that we will never take back, our time is our life!

The best present that you can give to your family and friends is your TIME. May God grant you plenty of TIME, to share with all.

## Speaking of Time

Tax deadline is fast approaching so now is the time to make a contribution to your IRA for the 2018 tax year. And to maximize the power of compounding, it's a great idea to make your 2019 contribution now to help enhance your IRA's accumulation potential. Please clearly designate on your check the tax year on any IRA/Roth contributions you make through April 15th, 2019.



# A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



## Phone Call From A Member

It's always nice to hear from our members. Especially when you can tell they are excited about being members. I had a call from a member who left me a voice message with so much enthusiasm for the NSS that I had to surprise her with my mentioning her name. She is Sandra Palumbo and lives in Pittsburgh, PA. As she was speaking she became so excited knowing that she was actually speaking to someone that she sees in our Newsletter. She said that she reads the newsletter cover to cover and in speaking with me she felt as if she has known me for a long time.

Sandra, I want to tell you that you made my day! Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm about the NSS with me. And to all of our members, keep reading the newsletter and let us know what you like, don't like or what you would like to see in future editions.

## The Numbers Are In for Year End 2018

I never get tired of saying this: We have had another great year of growth in both assets and membership! Admitted Assets increased to \$1,211,903,955 or \$84M (7.72%) over 2017. Surplus increased \$6.7M to \$57,153,849. Solvency Ratio, w/AVR & IMR is 105%. 2018 Net Income: \$7,134,110. More detail will follow in next month's newsletter.

In our most recent Investment Committee Report it was noted that as of 02/04/2019, our Current Portfolio Average Quality is A2/A with 97% of holdings rated NAIC 1 or NAIC 2.

## Baseball Memories....



It's been a long, long, long time in coming but I finally had the opportunity to take a week's vacation which began by flying to Tampa, FL with "my partner in crime" Ed Krall. While waiting in Tampa for our connecting flight to Puerto Rico, I heard Ed say "Hi Manny" but that is all I paid attention to as I began to listen to flight announcements.

A few seconds later Ed says "Lin, Manny Sanguillen is right behind you". I remember saying "What?" and turning around to see my all-time favorite Pittsburgh Pirate Catcher, #35, Manny Sanguillen, who smiled that big grin and said Hello. WOW! Why is it that you never know what to say when an opportunity such as this arises? But, I can tell you "he had me at Hello!" He talked about his time with the Pirates and that he played with Clemente, Blass, etc. He was a member of both the 71 & 79 championship teams. I asked him if he was going home and he said that he lives elsewhere, I think in Florida, but that he is going to Puerto Rico to see Vera Clemente. DOUBLE WOW! Not wanting to disturb him any more I asked if I could take a picture with him and of course he graciously said YES.

**78% of people** agree that financially preparing for life's unknowns is a way to show your loved ones you care for them.

Source: 2018 InvestNow Asset Commitment Survey, Life Happens

**57% say** they personally need long-term care insurance, yet only **15% own it**

Source: 2018 Insurance Barometer Study, Life Happens and LIMRA

There is only one success—to be able to spend your life in your own way.

—Christopher Morley

LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO LIVE THE SAME DAY TWICE.

Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable.

—Mary Oliver

Long-term care insurance typically helps you pay for care where you'd like to receive it. And for many, that means at home.

IN THE END, WE ONLY REGRET THE CHANCES WE DIDN'T TAKE.

Success is loving life and daring to live it.

—Maya Angelou

**62% of people** say that feeling financially secure adds a great deal of meaning to their life.

Source: 2019 InvestNow Asset Commitment Survey, Life Happens

# Current Interest Rates Effective July 1, 2018

<b>Optimum 3</b>	<b>2.00%</b>
<b>Preferred 5</b>	<b>3.25%</b>
<b>Preferred 8</b>	<b>3.75%</b>

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](http://www.nsslife.org)**  
and login/register as a member.



## OPEN AN IRA

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- \* Tax Advantages
- \* Competitive Interest Rates
- \* You can make a Deposit for 2018 up until April 15th, 2019

## From the Sales Department...

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



## Why Estate Planning Is Important

Estate planning is really a simple process of disposing of all of your assets in the most efficient and expeditious manner by directing where or to whom they go to. At the least, there should be a will in this process. Many times after speaking with qualified counsel, people will want to explore other options by utilizing a trust, power of attorney, and a health care directive. As part of the plan, your insurance beneficiaries should be updated to reflect your wishes.

So knowing that this is a good thing to do, why is it that so many don't take care of this task? Don't beat yourself up too much since statistics tell us that only about 40% of the population has a will. What holds most people back, is it fear, uncertainty, or is it our natural propensity to procrastinate?

No matter what your reason for delay - estate planning is something that should be done soon and reviewed occasionally! Look at this list of celebrities and some of the headlines that have followed them since their death:

- Burt Reynolds omits his son from the will.
- Aretha Franklin passes away with no will.
- Paul Allen's \$26 billion dollar estate will take years to unravel and probably cost millions in legal and administrative expenses.
- Stan Lee died at age 95 last year

and his heirs are already fighting.

- Casey Kasem's family alleges elder abuse and possibly murder.
  - Glen Campbell's kids contest the will that left everything to his current spouse.
  - Muddy Waters' estate rages on (over a \$2 million estate) 35 years after his death.
  - Alan Thicke's widow accuses his sons of some shady business as executors.
- In today's society, it is more important than ever to plan for the future.

Statistics tell us that a multitude of factors complicates this process; multiple marriages, blended families, special needs cases, children born out of wedlock, adoptions and people not getting married but living together to name a few.

Contact your attorney and have a conversation about your situation. If you need an attorney, we work with several in the Pittsburgh area and would be happy to refer you to them. This would definitely be time well spent and provide peace of mind.

## New Year's Resolutions?

Well it is already March and if you are like most people, any New Year's resolutions are long forgotten. As a rule these new found ideas usually only last about a month. The top three resolutions every year are: quit smoking, lose weight and save more money. NSS can't do much to help you with those first two items but the third one, yes, - we have some ideas!

We can set up an account for you for one of our products. There are several choices and a couple of different tax programs to think about. The important point is that we can open an account with \$90 per month. This is a little more than a twenty dollar bill each week. Surprisingly this amount adds up in a hurry. In five years there is almost \$6,000 in the account; \$13,000 in ten years, \$21,000 in fifteen years and more than \$31,000 in twenty years. How much will you have if you don't start an account and continue to procrastinate?

Someone once said, "If you always do what you've always done, then you already know the outcome." Making changes in life are usually difficult and that is why people don't do anything. Make a new goal for yourself to be financially strong and start an account right now. Get in the habit and see how it pays off in the long run. Call your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information on how we can help you do better.

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## 4th Quarter Leaders for 2018



Our top NEW MEMBER producer for the 4th quarter of 2018 is Nouchao Her. He lives in Oklahoma, but continues his business in the states of MI, WI, OH, PA, CA and CO. He has years of life insurance experience and has been with NSS Life since 2011. Honest and always ready to provide life insurance solutions to members. If you are looking for life insurance coverage for you or your loved ones, please contact Nouchao at his Toll Free Number: 866-317-1514 or email him at: [nouchaoher@gmail.com](mailto:nouchaoher@gmail.com).

Rich Nulph is the top producer of the NSS. Also founder and president of Safety 1st Retirement located in Lower Burrell, PA with 6 locations in the Pittsburgh area. Rich and Linda live in Natrona Heights and both of their sons have worked in the family business. Rich built his firm to bring a holistic approach to retirement planning. Safety is a priority in building a successful retirement plan that includes lifetime income options. The firm also provides expert support in estate planning and Medicare products. You can reach Rich and his team at 412-772-8575.



## Fraternal Matters...

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



## Happy St. Patrick's Day

### - Irish Blessing

*May your glass be ever full.  
May the roof over your head  
be always strong.*

*And may you be in heaven half an hour  
before the devil knows you're dead.*

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. (History.com Editors)

## 2019 Youth Achievement Award

The deadline for submitting a nomination for Youth Achievement Award is April 1st. This award is for our youth members 18 years of age or younger.

Each of us knows of an outstanding young person who is deserving of recognition. This award is to acknowledge the outstanding work done by our young members involved in service to others. We are asking all Assemblies to nominate at least one deserving youth member.

## 2019 Fraternalist of the Year

As a fraternal benefit society our mission calls us to “reach out to touch lives” in concern for those in need around us through our families, churches and communities. The purpose of this award is to recognize those members of the NSS that have gone that “extra mile” in volunteer fraternal services (i.e. meals on wheels, hospital work, visiting shut-ins, etc.). We are encouraging all assemblies to nominate a deserving Fraternalist.

## \$2000 PVR Scholarship

### Attention 2019 Graduating Seniors

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 \$10,000.00 of **PERMANENT** life insurance or \$5,000.00 of annuity deposits. The insurance must be in force at time of application and be maintained throughout the scholarship period.

Please contact Pam Blum, at 724-731-0094 or email at **pblum@nsslife.org** to request an application. Deadline for Applications is May 1, 2019

## Additional Scholarships Available

If you are a high school senior and reside in one of the following states please contact me for information regarding additional scholarship opportunities in your state; The New

England States, Michigan, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

## 2019 May Art Contest

The May Art Contest is right around the corner, so it's time to get out those art supplies and put on your creative hat. The deadline for the contest is **May 31st. Please see page 12 for complete rules.**

## 2019 National Golf Tournament

The National Golf Tournament will be held on July 12-14, 2019 at the DuBois Country Club in DuBois, PA. More information will be forthcoming but make sure to mark your calendars now so you “save the date”. The golf course is just minutes away from Treasure Lake which is a great family destination with 9,000 acres, three lakes, beaches, playgrounds and more. Visit their website at **www.visittreasurelake.com**.

## Daylight Saving Time

Don't Forget to Spring Forward!! If you're tired of dark afternoons, there's a literal light at the end of the tunnel. Daylight saving time starts March 10, 2019, moving the clock ahead one hour. The official start time is 2 a.m., so most people will “spring forward” before they go to bed Saturday night. The move will put more daylight hours in the afternoon. It will stay that way until daylight saving time ends on Nov. 3, putting more light in the morning.

Currently, clocks are set ahead one hour on the second Sunday in March and back again the first Sunday in November. The practice dates to World War I, originally starting as a way to conserve energy. Hawaii and Arizona skip the biannual clock change tradition, as do U.S. territories Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands.

Benjamin Franklin is often credited with the idea of changing clocks during the year, though the attribution is likely overstated. While visiting Paris in 1784, Franklin wrote a letter to a Paris newspaper proposing a tax on those whose windows were closed after sunrise. The letter, meant to be completely tongue-in-cheek, was meant to encourage the use of sunshine instead of candles.





## JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

Located on Neville Island at **7601 Grand Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15225**, the event will begin at **Paradise Island Bowl**, later transitioning across the street to **Robert Morris University Island Sports Center** for the remainder of the day.

Name	Address	Phone #	Assembly #
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Please indicate below the number of Adult and/or Youth members attending this event.

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$25.00/per person**      # Youth (ages 15 and under): \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$12.50/per person**

Please indicate below how many members are interested in each activity (may participate in any and all activities).

- \_\_\_\_\_ (11:00 am - 1:00 pm) - Bowling      and/or       \_\_\_\_\_ (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm) - Pizza & Wings Lunch
- \_\_\_\_\_ (11:00 am - 4:00 pm) - "Steel City Gamerz" The Ultimate Video Game Experience for the whole family.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2:00 pm - 4:00 pm) - Golf clinic w/ in-house Pro, includes Large Bucket of Driving Range balls.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm) - Ice Skating      or       \_\_\_\_\_ (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm) - Happy Hour w/ Bingo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm) - Buffet Dinner/Ticket Raffle for a chance to win a **FREE 40" Flat Screen TV**.

The "Steel City Gamerz" truck will be stationed at both locations during the allotted time above. Sign-in for the event will begin at Paradise Island Bowl from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. For those arriving later, Sign-in will be available at or near the RMU Golf Dome from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. For additional information please contact Pam Blum at: [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org).

Please return this form with payment **no later than April 7th, 2019** to: NSS LIFE  
 ATTN Pam Blum  
 351 Valley Brook Rd.  
 McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Please make checks payable to "NSS".

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# NSS Youth Achievement Award Nomination Form



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*~ RULES AND REGULATIONS ~*

The National Fraternal Congress of America, through their "Americas Promise" Program, has encouraged their member societies to increase their awareness of the contributions of youth to the fraternal benefit system. In response to that challenge, the National Assembly, in 1998, voted to establish a "Youth Achievement Award" that is similar to our "Fraternalist of the Year Award" for adults. The contest is open to all NSS Youth Members 18 years of age and under.

**RATIONALE:**

The award is directed at youth who do outstanding fraternal work in these four (4) areas:

- a) At their school/work      b) In their community      c) In their church      d) In their local assembly

**NOMINATION:**

Youth members can be nominated by any adult member of the NSS or through their local assembly. A document detailing the qualifications of the Youth Member being nominated must be attached to this form and submitted to the Home Office. A Youth Member may be nominated each year up through and including their eighteenth (18th) birthday or until they are selected to receive this award. Nomination forms are available from the Home Office or on our web site at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Forms".

**DEADLINE:**

**Deadline for nominations** to be in the Home Office is **April 1st** of each year. The winner will be selected by a non-member judge.

**AWARD:**

The winning youth will receive \$500.00 and will be announced in the "National News", the "Youth Circle Magazine" and listed on our web site at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Youth Achievement Award". Their name will be displayed on a plaque in the Home Office.

**JUDGING:**

An independent judge, appointed by the National President, will review all nominations and make a determination of the winner. The National President, or an appointee, shall be the final authority on all matters involving this fraternal benefit.

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*~ The following must be signed by Nominating Member ~*

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
to receive the National Slovak Society "Youth Achievement Award" for outstanding service to their school/work, community, church and local assembly. I believe that this individual should be awarded the "Youth Achievement Award" due to their service in the above categories.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NSS Member or Assembly Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assembly #

**IMPORTANT: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT HIGHLIGHTING THE NOMINEE MUST BE ATTACHED AND SUBMITTED TO THE HOME OFFICE INCLUDING RECENT PHOTOGRAPH**

The winner of the NSS "Youth Achievement Award" will be notified by the Home Office of their selection.

**DEADLINE: April 1st of Each Year**

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# NSS Fraternalist of the Year Nomination Form



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## - RULES AND REGULATIONS -

### PURPOSE:

As a fraternal benefit society our mission calls us to "reach out to touch lives" in concern for those in need around us through our families, churches and communities. The purpose of this award is to recognize those members of the National Slovak Society that have gone that "extra mile" in volunteer fraternal service (i.e. meals on wheels, hospital work, visiting shut-ins, etc.). We encourage all assemblies to seek a worthy candidate from within your assembly and for the NSS membership to nominate a fellow member who is deserving of consideration for this award.

Those worthy of nomination are NSS members who have given of their time, talents and abilities in ways that would be designated as "extra-ordinary". Through their unselfish and tireless volunteer efforts those around them have benefited significantly. These people are those that rarely say "No!" and are always willing to lend a hand. We know that they are out there and you can find them for us.

The NSS "Fraternalist of the Year" Award is a fraternal program offered by the society for the benefit of our membership and the fraternal benefit system. You as members of the NSS are encouraged to seek a deserving nominee for the highest fraternal award offered by the NSS.

### ELECTION PROCESS:

Any member of the National Slovak Society can nominate a fellow NSS member to be the "Fraternalist of the Year". Nomination forms are available from the Home Office or on our web site at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Forms". Nominations can be made by any adult member of the NSS or through their local Assembly. This will allow more deserving members the opportunity to be recognized for their efforts to make a difference in the lives of others.

### DEADLINE:

Deadline for nominations to be in the Home Office is **April 1st** of each year. The winner will be selected by a non-member judge.

### RECOGNITION:

The recipient will be announced in the "National News" and listed on our web site at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Fraternalist of the Year", receive a congratulatory plaque and designate a charitable organization as benefactor of a \$500.00 donation. The Winner's name will be displayed on a plaque in the Home Office and will also have their name placed into nomination for the National Fraternal Congress of America "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

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*- The following must be signed by Nominating Member -*

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
to receive the National Slovak Society "Fraternalist of the Year" Award for touching the lives of those in need in their family, church and community. I believe that this individual should be awarded the "Fraternalist of the Year" for going that "extra mile".

\_\_\_\_\_  
NSS Member or Assembly Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assembly #

**IMPORTANT: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT HIGHLIGHTING THE NOMINEE MUST BE ATTACHED AND SUBMITTED TO THE HOME OFFICE INCLUDING A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.**

The winner of the NSS "Fraternalist of the Year" will be notified by the Home Office of their selection.

**DEADLINE: April 1st of Each Year**

## 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 \$250.00 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.

## Scholarship For Senior Members A Fraternal Program

### PURPOSE ~

To encourage our older members to continue their education and to make fuller use of their leisure time.

### MEMBER ELIGIBILITY ~

Any life insurance or annuity member, fifty-five (55) years or older, who has enrolled and successfully completed a continuing education or adult education course. Members may submit up to two (2) applications in one calendar year.

### COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~

Vocational schools, community colleges and universities offer a variety of short-term courses which may include areas like computer training, cake decorating, photography, landscaping, small engine repair, ballroom dancing, etc. This program does not cover courses that assist you to maintain your current full or part-time job.

(Example: We will not reimburse life insurance or real estate agents who take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses.)

### PROCEDURE ~

Members should enroll and pay for the course of their choice. Once the member has finished the class, they must submit an application, along with verification that the class was successfully completed, to the Home Office for approval by a National Officer. If the scholarship application is approved, the NSS will reimburse one-half (1/2) of the tuition for the course up to, but not to exceed, one hundred dollars.

### INFORMATION & APPLICATION ~

For an application or additional information on this NSS Scholarship for Seniors Fraternal Program, contact Pam Blum at [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org) or call the office at 724-731-0094, ext. 1010. The National Officers are the sole authority in any decisions regarding this scholarship program. Their decision is final in all cases.

## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of **Ruth Ann Dewhirst**  
From Assembly 0123..... 20.00

### Donations:

Assembly 0588 .....250.00  
Matching Funds from  
Assembly 0588.....250.00  
Marlene G Endean.....100.00  
Donald & Eleanor Lemmon..... 50.00



## Memorial Tree Leaf Donations February, 2019

Executive Brokerage  
Services, Inc. ....500.00



## DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

YES, I want to help our young members attain their academic goals. 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

### January, 2019

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anderson, Carlene	Belle Vernon, PA	12/24/2018	0377
Anderson, William D	Rostraver Twp, PA	12/28/2018	0377
Barella, Elizabeth	Belle Vernon, PA	01/03/2019	0737
Bartlett, Walter	Pleasant Valley, WV	12/10/2018	0774
Baumgarten, Richard	Gibsonia, PA	10/02/2018	L161
Bice, Lloyd	Grove City, PA	12/04/2018	0731
Bolick, Kenneth	Thonotosassa, FL	11/07/2018	0813
Bolig, Betty	Middleburg, PA	01/19/2019	0774
Brensinger, Mary	Auburn, PA	01/09/2019	0774
Brown, Donald	Latrobe, PA	09/17/2018	0737
Bryce, Bruce	Pittsburgh, PA	11/27/2018	0100
Burford, Virginia	Finelyville, PA	12/20/2018	0108
Casto, Delmer	London, OH	01/17/2019	0595
Cehlarik, George	Dupont, WA	12/01/2018	0586
Christoph, Dorothy	Front Royal, VA	04/13/2018	0774
Chrobak, Helen	East Millsboro, PA	12/31/2018	0434
Cindrich, George	Canonsburg, PA	12/14/2018	0434
Cox, Ernest	Davidson, NC	10/01/2018	0774
Cuhran, Joseph	Struthers, OH	12/18/2018	0731
Daniels, Betty	Brownsville, PA	01/08/2019	0377
DeJonge, Marian	Allendale, MI	12/08/2018	0381
Dunlap, Emma	Freedom, PA	01/06/2019	L161
Durant, Cecilia	Uniontown, PA	01/17/2019	0039
Fife, Ann	Carnegie, PA	11/14/2018	0434
Figgins, Ruth	Brooksville, KY	04/01/2018	0774
Fleck, Harriet	Industry, PA	01/15/2019	0377
Free, Robert A	Greensburg, PA	01/02/2019	0737
Giardino, Michael	Manchester, NJ	12/03/2018	0774
Golmic, Emilia	Pittsburgh, PA	11/05/2018	0441
Harte, Dolores	Claremont, CA	02/18/2018	0568
Heller, Norman W	Mt Pleasant, PA	12/16/2018	0737
Humphreys, Shirley	Charleston, WV	11/30/2018	0774
Jones, Donald A	Monongahela, PA	11/04/2018	0377
Jones, Nancy A	Pittsburgh, PA	01/02/2019	0588
Kalmanovich, Galina	Naples, FL	11/20/2018	0800
Klimo, Irene	Whitaker, PA	01/09/2019	0774
Kovaschetz, Joanne	Sunbury, PA	09/27/2018	L102
Line, Jeanette	Carlisle, PA	11/08/2018	L102
Lockhart, Lucy	Hanover, WV	08/27/2018	0774
Loughner, Noah	Hunker, PA	01/06/2019	0737
Maclachlan, Shirley	Marlborough, CT	12/04/2018	0774
Maletta, Viola	Butler, PA	11/29/2018	0774
Matthias, James P	Duquesne, PA	10/12/2018	L105
McCluskey, Mary	McDonald, PA	01/09/2019	0588
McConnell, Sally	Punxsutawney, PA	12/16/2018	0554
McGraw, Patrick	Langeloth, PA	09/14/2014	0588
Meleky, Esther	Torrington, CT	01/01/2006	0028
Michael, Mildred	Berkeley Springs, WV	01/26/2019	0774
Miller, Bertha	Greensboro, NC	11/09/2018	0774
Miller, Eleanor E	Bethel Park, PA	11/21/2018	0434
Miller, Miriam	Hemet, CA	10/26/2018	0568
Mincin, David	McMurray, PA	01/15/2019	0434
Misencik, Joseph M	Avon, OH	12/19/2018	0432
Morris, James	Keisterville, PA	10/26/2018	0039

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Mozick, Anthony	Pittsburgh, PA	11/25/2018	L161	Sweda, Steve	Arlington, TX	03/10/2017	0377
Nering, Margaret	Scotch Plains, NJ	02/06/2018	0110	Togno, Catherine	Easton, PA	12/01/2018	L102
Pellegrino, Geraldine	Tarentum, PA	11/19/2018	L105	Tomay, John	Rostraver Twp, PA	12/06/2018	0377
Popatak, Walter M	Pittsburgh, PA	11/22/2018	0100	Toth, Anna	Pittsburgh, PA	01/06/2019	0100
Reiner, Robert	Pittsburgh, PA	09/14/2018	0434	Traficante, Michael A	Pittsburgh, PA	11/29/2018	0100
Rook, Winfred R	Pasadena, MD	12/09/2018	0377	Victoria, John	Pittsburgh, PA	01/10/2019	0123
Ross, Frank	Monaca, PA	01/07/2019	0123	Vomero, Irene	Whitehall, PA	10/28/2018	L102
Seman, Theresa	Exeter, PA	04/18/2017	L075	Wall, John	Princeton, WV	12/05/2018	0774
Smore, Margaret	Uniontown, PA	11/15/2018	0039	Webb, Leona	Spencer, WV	04/05/2018	0774
Snyder, Shirley	Girard, PA	01/24/2019	0774	Werzen, William	Roseland, NJ	12/25/2018	0110
Spisak, Peter	Commerce Twp, MI	06/09/2016	0381	Whytsell, Mary	Spencer, WV	12/05/2018	P38A

## National Slovak Society Privacy Notice

**Introduction:**

Recognizing the trust you have placed in the National Slovak Society/NSS Life (“NSS”) regarding your private personal information, one of our foremost concerns is to maintain its confidentiality. In addressing that concern and in compliance with federal law set forth in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, NSS has adopted a comprehensive privacy policy applicable to our members’ personal information and its use in our operations. In the context of this policy, any reference to NSS includes its affiliated entities, such as the PVR Scholarship Fund and the Heritage Museum, together with any directors, officers, employees, appointed medical examiner and/or legal advisor, or licensed agents of NSS or its affiliated entities.

**Personal Information:**

In your application for membership or the purchase of a fraternal benefit offered by NSS, you most likely provided us with non-public personal information about yourself, your family members, or your beneficiaries. This would include any information identifiable to an individual such as their name, address, age, date of birth, gender, social security number, or marital status. You may have also provided, either directly or by your written authorization, information pertaining to your finances, employment, health, medical treatment, or similar data that is private in nature and not available to members of the public.

**Protecting Your Personal Information:**

NSS maintains the utmost confidentiality regarding your personal information. Only those individuals in NSS having access to this information are those having a need to know in providing services to you, such as processing, administering or reviewing a transaction you have requested or initiated. In addition, each has been trained as to the do’s and don’ts of our privacy policy and the importance of maintaining confidentiality.

**Disclosure of Your Personal Information:**

NSS does not sell any personal information to third parties for any reason. However, NSS may disclose your personal information where such disclosure is permitted or required by law. NSS may disclose your personal information to (i) a non-affiliated third-party business associate of NSS, such as business administrators, billing companies, or data processing companies who assist NSS in better serving you; (ii) a non-affiliated third-party involved in the processing, administering or enforcing a transaction on your behalf, such as responding to a request from a credit reporting agency; or (iii) a non-affiliated third-party to which a financial institution commonly makes such disclosures, such as attorneys, accountants, auditors, governmental regulators, and companies hired to assist in the prevention of fraud. However, in each case, those to whom the information is being disclosed are either bound by their own duties of confidentiality and nondisclosure or have entered into a written agreement with NSS by which they have agreed to abide by the NSS privacy policy, thereby maintaining confidentiality and prohibiting further disclosure of your personal information. There are no other non-affiliated third parties who will be given access to your personal information, unless you have signed an authorization allowing us to do so.

# Assembly L102 Christmas & Matching Fund

Assembly L102 had a very jolly holiday party. We had a great turnout and had a blast with the games. Santa and his crew had a very successful year visiting different places in the Lehigh Valley. They did matching funds with Camelot for children, Miracle League and Kiwanis Club. The kids and adults alike have so much fun and are so over the top excited to see Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves.



## Family Matters

Since 1890, "Family Matters" at NSS Life!

From 1971-79, "All in the Family" was a popular t.v. show

Proud grandparents, Earl and Jan Stromberg of Port Allegany, PA exemplified both. They have already purchased "NSS 20 year Pay Whole Life Policies" for almost "all in the family," and plan to do the same for the others, because they truly believe that Family Matters! Two photos were necessary to show the smiling grandparents and all thirteen grandchildren!

Earl and Jan were pleased that premiums are very reasonable, that guaranteed cash values and projective dividends are quite good, and that \$500.00 scholarships for each of four years will be awarded to their grandchildren as they qualify! Mauley and Chandler will be the first two grandchildren to receive their scholarships!

They were pleasantly surprised when I informed them that NSS, in addition, offers four contests each year, (art, poetry, photography, and Christmas ornaments), which encourage creativity, and provide the possibility of monetary awards.

Thank you to our NSS agent Ron who submitted these photos.



Ron Sturga, NSS Agent  
135 Sunset Drive  
Edinboro, PA 16412  
Phone Number 814-449-9929



Back Row--L-R: Elijah Petruzzi, Mauley Fox, Emma Fox, Haley Fox, Thea Petruzzi and proud grandparents, Earl Stromberg and Jan Stromber.  
Front Row--L-R: Delaney Stromberg, Gillian Stromberg and Iziah Petruzzi.



L-R: Chesney Mulaski, Chandler Mulaski, Bradley Mulaski, Noah Mulaski and Allissa Mulaski.

## ASSEMBLY 039 Uniontown, PA

We have been informed that we have reached the highest designation in the "Assembly Growth Fraternal Tracking Program" for 2018. Thanks goes to all of our members that came out to meetings and participated in NSS programming. We are looking to maintain that status in 2019!! We are proud of you!

Our assembly is close to the "Spring Family Fun Event" sponsored by the NSS at Paradise Island Bowl and at the Robert Morris Island Sports Center on Neville Island, near Pittsburgh. The event features Bowling... Golf...Ice Skating...Video Games and much, much more. Registration forms will be shared at the March assembly meeting. It looks a lot of fun for the whole family!

Don't forget to take the time to visit the NSS Online Store for NSS wearing apparel and other gifts. Show your pride in the NSS!!! More information in the NSS Magazine.

Parents and grandparents are urged to encourage their child or grandchild to apply for an NSS Scholarship if they plan to enroll in a college, university or trade school in the fall. Rules are on the NSS website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org). **May 1st is the deadline!**

Our next meeting will be held at the Eat'n Park Restaurant on Sunday, **March 10th**. The meeting will be a Lenten Dinner remembering the Passion of our Lord. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm with a meeting to follow. Don't be late for church. Change your clocks AHEAD on Saturday evening March 9th!!

Ash Wednesday is March 6th and Lent begins. Take time to reflect.

**John Payerchin**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting will be held on **April 7, 2019** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 12:00 Noon.

We will be discussing events for the upcoming year and refreshments will be served. Hope to see many of our friends attend.

**John Karkosiak**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

A meeting will be held on **April 14, 2019** at Grande's Restaurant, Birney Avenue, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm

**Lehrae Edwards**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville PA

In the month of March, Assembly L102 and R059 will be collecting donations for our matching funds project for Backpacks for kids.

Get your Easter orders in to Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 for your Easter Baked goods by **April 1**. Pick up will be **April 11th**, 2019.

**Sharon Wesnak**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

The days seem to be getting a little longer, well not really longer but it is staying lighter longer. And things will really brighten up March 10th when daylight Saving Time begins, and spring with all its promises of newness arrives March 20th. Enjoy.

Sunday, **March 24th** the Assembly is sponsoring Game Day, at the Eat'n Park in Robinson Twp at 1:00 pm. The Sunday morning buffet ends at 2:00 pm so you want to get there by 1 pm if you want to enjoy a nice brunch on the assembly. Games will begin at 2:00 pm. Bring your favorite board game or just show up. We will have a nice collection of games. But if you are coming as always call Mary Maniecki at 412-264-3546 so we get an idea of how big a crowd to expect. I think I can safely say that all who attended last year had a very good time. There were plenty of smiles and laughter.

Do you know the difference between buying your life insurance from NSS as opposed to one of the standard insurance companies? Well, it is like the difference between vanilla ice cream and rainbow sherbet. Most insurance companies will give you a very cookie cutter life insurance policy. It is

okay and will cover you just fine but it is like vanilla ice cream plain and simple. But with NSS you get more than just insurance you become a member and have access to the many wonderful activities not only provided by the home office but also by your region and assembly. And you are in some small way part of the many charitable donations that NSS and its assemblies provide each year. Yes, you get so much more than just life insurance or an annuity it is like ending your meal with rainbow sherbet ice cream or if you do like vanilla NSS's vanilla comes with chocolate sauce, nuts and whipped cream.

I had a phone call from Laraine Hicks who has moved from New Brighton to Carlisle, PA to be near her daughter. She is doing well and sends her best to all the members. We miss her presence at a number of our events.

I hear some birds singing can it be that spring is on its way?

**Bill Knoll**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 377 Bentleyville, PA

Please join us for the following meetings in 2019! All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please call Suzanne at 724-485-2925 for any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

**March 3, 2019** - Meeting at Kings Restaurant on Wilson Road, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm for a luncheon and to elect officers for the year.

**May 5, 2019** - Meeting & bowling at Tan O' Belle Lanes in Bentleyville and lunch at 3:00 pm. At our meeting we will discuss assembly business and activities.

**August 4, 2019** - Picnic/Meeting at Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm.

**October 6, 2019** - Meeting at Grand China Buffet, 301 Oak Spring Road, Washington PA. at 3:00 pm.

**December 1, 2019** - Our annual Holiday party will be held at Cannons Chophouse, Main Street, Canonsburg, PA at 3:00 pm. Please bring some cookies for our famous cookie table!

**Suzanne Skrypak**  
President



## ASSEMBLY 381 Grosse Ile, MI

A meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 23, 2019** at Mom's Restaurant, Fort Street, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm.

Meetings for the rest of 2019 are as follows: **June 22nd, and September 21st.** These meetings will also be held at Mom's Restaurant at 1:00 pm.

The location of the **December 28th** meeting will be determined.

**Joanne Medved**  
Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 432 Fairview Park, OH

Come for the day or stay the entire weekend for Camping at Rustic Lake on **May 25, 2019.** Information and details will be in the next issue.

**NEW EVENT** - Assembly 432 has decided to try out a new idea to help get more of our members involved, and hopefully new members to join the NSS! Our new event will be "A Night at The Ballpark." We will be going to a Lake Erie Crushers game on **August 3rd** at 6:05 pm. Mark your calendar, because you do not want to miss this event! Food, drinks, and much more will be included. Details to follow!

If you haven't already, you can now stay up to date with what's going on in Assembly 432 on Facebook. Simply like, or follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/Assembly432/>

**Shawn Pytel**  
Publicist

## ASSEMBLY 586 Chicago, IL

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **March 24, 2019** at Juicy-O Restaurant, Willowbrook, IL at 11:30 am. Please try to attend.

**Irene Tomaskovic**  
Vice President

## ASSEMBLY 731 Lowellville, OH

Mark your calendar for the coming events. Additional news will follow after meeting.

**March 2, 2019** - Meeting, event planning, and lunch at Boardman Public Library, Boardman, Ohio at 1:00 pm

**December 7, 2019** - Christmas Party in the Stambaugh Room at Boardman Park, 375 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm.

**Laurie Fox**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 737 Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on **March 2, 2019** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, N. Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm.

All assembly business will be discussed at this time.

**Carol Godor**  
Treasurer

## REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

A meeting will be held on **August 24, 2019** at Perkins Restaurant, 304 Route 315, Pittston, PA at 1:00 pm. Anyone needing directions you are welcome to call me Lucy Piccoletti at 570-457-4116.

**Lucy Piccoletti**  
Secretary

## This Month in National Slovak Society History

**Joseph Stefka, Jr.**  
Chairman of the Board

### March, 1893

The Assembly #111 was organized on March 5, 1893, in Whiting, Indiana. Jan Girman, along with twelve other Slovaks from the area applied for and received an Assembly Charter from the NSS. Jan Girman was elected as the first president of Assembly #111.

### March, 1959

A request was made in the March 10th issue of the National News for local assemblies organizing NSS youth baseball teams to contact the NSS Athletic Department. In the 5th District, four teams were organized in the Indiana, Pennsylvania area.

### March, 1969

A notice appeared in the March 1, 1969 issue of the National News that the NSS was sponsoring free NSS Golf Classes at the NSS Home Office at 516 Court Place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### March, 1979

The National Slovak Society was seeking donations of Slovak "Kroj" to dress mannequins which would be placed in the display area of the new Home Office located on Carson Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



## Assembly 004 News

We held our Christmas luncheon, on December 9th, at Yorktown Lanes, with 25 members and guests in attendance. As in the past everyone received candy and lottery tickets from the assembly. We also had ten additional prizes which were raffled off.

We all enjoyed a fine buffet prepared by Mike Cottrell and his staff. There was some socializing after lunch before we hit the lanes for the first half rolloff.

Wishing everyone a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Next event on our agenda will be our Scotch Doubles on **April 7th**. More information will be published before. Welcoming anyone who would like to join us for a fun event.

**Oliver SirLouis**  
Secretary

## Assembly 586 News

When our assembly met in the fall to decide about our Christmas lunch we talked about how busy the month of December is for most people. So the date was made for January, 2019, to begin the year with a thought to do some good. Instead of gifts for a grab bag we would donate white socks, etc for the troops in harms way. Participation was excellent and a trip to the Operation Support Our Troops warehouse will happen again.

Our matching funds are going to Salvation Army because of the great need and also the very low portion of donations used for administrative expenses.

The area in Illinois where our members live is experiencing Arctic temperatures which result in schools, government buildings, stores, doctor's offices, businesses and even the post office closing for several days. Come soon, spring!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th (11:30 am) at Juicy-O Restaurant in Willowbrook.

**Irene Tomaskovic**  
Vice President

## Assembly 800 Matching Fund Project A Success

On Saturday, December 15, 2018, members of Assembly #800 and volunteer parishioners of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church in Fort Myers, Florida sponsored a Matching Funds Garage Sale to benefit the church's many ongoing projects. There were many items and baked goods at great prices which helped bring customers to the Garage Sale. The day was a great success and the Assembly planned on holding another Garage Sale in February, 2019.

Assembly #800 would like to thank everyone who volunteered or who purchased some of the many treasures that were available at the garage sale. This was indeed a great way to hold a fund raiser for Matching Funds. Any questions about further activities, please call Gary Cepko at 239-560-2964.

**Gary Cepko**  
President

## New Members of Assembly 123



**Anthony Pol, Jr. with his little brother Tate**

## St. Patrick's Day Crispy Treats

6 cups Rice Krispies  
1/4 cup margarine  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2-1 teaspoon green food coloring  
1 (10 ounce) package mini marshmallows  
gold chocolate coins  
(wrapped in gold)

### Directions:

Line a 13x9x2 baking pan with foil, lightly spray with Pam cooking spray or butter. Melt margarine in a large pot on low heat. Add marshmallows and stir constantly until melted. Remove from heat. Add vanilla extract and food coloring stir until smooth. Add cereal quickly to the melted marshmallow mixture, stir until well coated.

Press into the ready greased baking pan with a buttered spatula. Set aside and cool. Cut into bars or you can use a shamrock cookie cutter. Garnish top with gold wrapped candy coins.



## 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.



### Lockheed Martin Welcomes Slovakia to the F-16 Family

Lockheed Martin celebrated its new partnership with Slovakia during a Jan. 17 flag raising ceremony at the company's Aeronautics headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. Slovakia's Ambassador to the U.S. attended the ceremony and highlighted Slovakia's new F-16 partnership with Lockheed Martin. Slovakia is the second customer to select the F-16 Block 70, the newest and most advanced production F16.



Slovakia became the newest member of the growing F-16 family when the country signed a contract in December 2018. Ivan Korcok, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States, attended the ceremony and spoke warmly about Slovakia's new F-16 partnership with Lockheed Martin and its importance to his country's security and relationship with NATO and the U.S. "This is an emotional moment for me," Ambassador Korcok said during the event. "This [F-16 partnership] is not just about fighter jets—it's about partnership and trust."

Susan Ouzts, vice president of Lockheed Martin's F-16 program, also spoke during the ceremony to welcome Slovakia as the newest F-16 customer and the first Block 70 customer in Europe. Ana Wugofski, vice president of international business development for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, also highlighted the significance of the new partnership. "We are honored by the trust placed in us to help meet the future defense needs of the Slovak Republic," added Ana Wugofski, vice president of international business development for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. To conclude the event, the flag of the Slovak Republic was ceremonially raised in front of Lockheed Martin's Aeronautics headquarters, where Slovakia's flag now flies alongside those of Lockheed Martin's customers and partners.

—Source J. Losinger Photos M. Maschmeier



Ambassador Korcok speaking at the ceremony.



### Slovakia Breaks Record in Car Production

In 2018, more than one million vehicles rolled off the carmaker's production lines in Slovakia again. Volkswagen Slovakia, Kia Motors Slovakia, PSA Group Slovakia, and Jaguar Land Rover produced more than 1,080,000 vehicles, which is the highest figure in the history of the Slovak Republic. In the past few years, Slovakia has remained at the top of the world ranking in the number of cars produced per 1,000 inhabitants.

—spectator

### Slovak Flying Car Available in 2020

The Slovak technology company AeroMobil has begun working on the latest model of their flying car.

The firm presented a prototype of the AeroMobil 4.0 for the first time at a fair in China.

"We're gradually moving forward in the development of and preparations for the new prototype," said Juraj Vaculík, AeroMobil co-founder and CEO, as quoted in the press release.

The flying car is being put together in Slovakia, but 40 people from eight countries are working on it.

"If everything works out well, AeroMobil will be set for flying tests in 2019," said Vaculík, as quoted in the press release, adding that the company will move towards the production cycle once the tests turn out well.

Body components are designed and manufactured from high-strength ultralight materials, the company said in the press release. Some of them are produced at the AeroMobil company, but they cooperate with firms in the Czech Republic, Great Britain, and other countries.

The first customers should be able to buy the flying car in 2020 or the year after, as written in the press release.

—spectator



A game for playing on cold evenings instead of sitting in front of the computer!

### What were the most popular names for babies born in Slovakia in 2018?

**BOYS:** Jakub, Adam, Michal **GIRLS:** Sofia, Ema, Nina

In case you didn't know, in Slovakia the calendars have one or more first names assigned to each day of the year. Instead of celebrating one's birthday they celebrate your namesday. Besides the calendars, to remind folks, each day's names are also announced in newspapers on TV and the radio. Therefore, everyone who knows you comes to wish you *Všetko najlepšie* (all the best) on your names day, and may also bring a small gift such as flowers or candy if you are female, or a bottle of wine or liquor if you are male. So, who decides which names go on the calendar? Believe it or not --The calendar commission, that's who! They were set up by the Culture Ministry in 2016 and they approve the official version of each name and assign days in the calendar to each approved name.

-spectator

## FSGP 2019 Fraternalist Of The Year

The Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh has named Patricia "Trish" Del Busse, First Vice President/Membership Services of the Polish Falcon of America as their 2019 Fraternalist of the Year.

Trish has two sons, James and Gregory; five grandchildren, Jasmine, Dakota, Mikayla, Ryan and Ryanna; and two great-granddaughters, Sophia and Natalie. Trish will be honored by the FSGP at a banquet on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Cool Springs Sports Complex in Bethel Park, Pa. If you are interested in attending the banquet honoring Trish DelBusse, please contact Karen Pintar at [kpintar@snpj.com](mailto:kpintar@snpj.com).



## 2019 Slovakia Heritage Tour

(Sept. 6-15, 2019)

*Celebrate the fall harvest and the beautiful culture, history and countryside of Slovakia, up close and personal, on the 2019 Slovakia Heritage ten-day, small group tour.*

*From September 6-15, we'll explore age-old cities, medieval towns and historic sites as well as folk-life museums, the Tatry mountains and picturesque villages. We'll join in the wine and harvest festivals that bring alive Slovakia's long music and craft traditions.*

*Optional genealogical research, and ancestral village and family visits available.*

For more information:

Visit [www.slovakiaheritage.com](http://www.slovakiaheritage.com) or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours  
978-544-5144  
[slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com](mailto:slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com)

## Annual Slovak Mass & Easter Customs Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 2019  
St. Adalbert Church, South 15th Street

10:45 am – Recitation of Rosary (in Slovak)

11:00 am – Slovak Mass

12:00 - SAMPLE SLOVAK EASTER FOODS

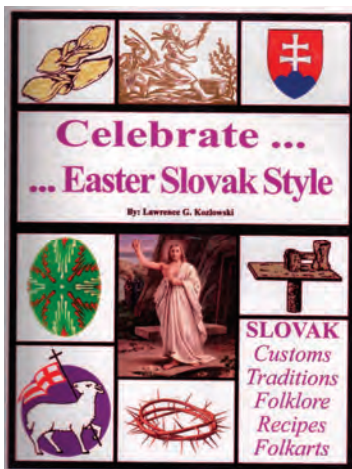
Sunka (ham) Kolbasy (sausage)  
Hrin (beets & horseradish)  
Sirek (egg cheese) Paska (sweet bread)  
Kolace (baked goods)

Prince of Peace Parish Center  
81 South 13th Street, South Side

- \* Homemade Baked Goods
- \* Craft Demonstrations
- \* Cultural Displays
- Imported Slovak gifts
- \* Slovak "Auction" / Raffles



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### Easter Slovak Style:

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

\$12 (includes postage and handling)

## Egg - in - Wrap

Choose from



Slavic Pin Art



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.

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Make checks payable to NSSHM  
351 Valley Brook Rd.  
McMurray, PA 15317



## PRIVOLÁVANIE JARI

„Jar ide, jar ide, slnko vyjde.

Tam poniže mlyna, tam hustá vrbina, dážd' ju pokropuje,  
vietor povieva a halúzky na stromoch rozvíja.“

### Veľky pôst

40 dní je rozumná miera. Mnoho velikánov a múdrych ľudí uznávalo, že miera 40 dní je zdravá miera pre telo i dušu.

40 dní púšte,

40 dní ticha,

40 dní samoty so sebou i s Bohom,

40 dní dôverného rozhovoru duše s Bohom,

40 dní osvieženia,

40 dní zriekania sa falošných ciest a nepodstatných vecí.

Stalo by to za úvahu, čo z tých 40-tich dní, ktoré sú pred nami, urobíme. Či sa skutočne vedome necháme viesť Duchom, či sa dáme vyviesť na púšť.

### 8. Marec - MDŽ

Európania slávia medzinárodný deň žien 8-meho marca - veru aj na slovensku v tentoden vzdávajú hold matkám-ženám. Deti sa učia básničky aby matky a ženy pekne oslovili, muži však gratulujú ženám kyticou.

### Veľkonočné raňajky v Pittsburghu, PA

V sobotu 13. apríl budú v Pittsburghu, PA tradičné veľkonočné raňajky. Sponzorom podujatia je Slovak



Custom Group/Cultural Diversity Committee of Prince of Peace Parish. O 11.00 hodine bude v Kostole sv. Adalberta, 160 South 15th Street slovenská svätá omša, po ktorej

budú v Prince of Peace Parish Center (81 South 13th Street) slovenské veľkonočné raňajky. Vstupné je dobrovoľné. Usporadatelia pripravujú výstavu o slovenskej kultúre, živote a tradíciách na slovenskej dedine. Na predaj budú rôzne dovezené výrobky, ručné práce a domáce koláče. Prítomní sa budú môcť oboznámiť so slovenskými veľkonočnými zvykmi, dekoráciou kraslíc, prípravou veľkonočných špecialít a podobne. Zisk z podujatia bude venovaný na charitatívne účely na Slovensku. Pre Františkánske sestry v Ružomberku a Barlička Center v Prešove. Bližšie informácie: Connie Zatek, telefónne číslo: 412-657-6364.

### Tohto roku si pripomínáme 80 výročie od vzniku Prvej Slovenskej Republiky

A ako Slováci v Amerike 14 marca si propomenieme 80 výročie od vzniku prvej Slovenskej republiky načom sa podielali aj zakladatelia našej organizácie NSS. K tomuto výročiu pripájame niekoľko riadkov od Rudolf Dilong.

*Keď jaro blížilo sa krokom láskavým,  
toho dňa ľud sa dožil novej doby sadli  
k nám prvé lastovice, a širim krajom  
prešli veľké povesti, Boh poslal nám ich,  
veľký darca, že pravda opustila hroby ...  
a my sme srdcom jasavým ... a deti slnku  
na krk veniec vložili písali nebu pohľadnice  
spievali mu piesne jagavé, s dátumom 14. marca,  
že slobody sa dožili. Slnko, ty mravokarca,  
Ach, všetky zvony vtedy ráno zazneli, ó, vojdi  
do nás láskave, zvony bolesti, do nervov a do  
tepien, do žily tento kraj premenil sa v krajšie  
pastely, dnes 14. marca!*

### Veseľe fašiangy

Začínajú sa po sviatku Troch Kráľov a končia pred popolcovou stredou. Tento čas bol využitý na spoločne schádzanie sa cez dlhé zimné večere kde sa priadlo, vyšívalo, hačkovalo, štrykovalo atd. Takéto práce brali hodne času a v spoločnosti iných to išlo oveľa rýchlešie a bez únavy.

Počas takýchto stretávaní medzi ženy a dievčence zavýjali aj chlapi a mládenci aby aj oni sa pridali prácou ale i humorom a žartami a ešte k tomu ak niekto ulial z dobrej slivovice—a k tomu zanôtil a zahral na husle či harmoniku veru bolo veselo.

Fašiangy sa končili utorkovou zábavou na posledné fašiangy—a na záver sa zvyčajne pochovávala basa—aby rytmus melodii nevábil kresťana k tancu počas veľkého pôstu.



# NSS LIFE ANNIVERSARY OFFER PROGRAM



**NSS Life**  
Family Matters...

We are pleased to introduce this new and exciting opportunity for you to purchase additional life insurance protection for you and your family.

This simplified issue NSS Life Anniversary Offer is available to all members, their families, and friends.

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

ISSUE AGES	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURANCE
0-50	\$10,000
51-65	\$7,500
66-75	\$5,000

*\*See following page for complete rate listings.*

*There is a limit of one policy per person. Anyone previously declined since 1/1/17 is not eligible for this program. Also excludes terminally ill, permanently disabled, those on SSI and any mentally impaired individuals. 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.*

## OFFERING QUALITY LIFE INSURANCE FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2019 TO MARCH 31ST, 2019

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 recommend someone for this offer, please fill out the Recommender section on the back cover of this newsletter.

## Twenty Year Life Insurance Policy Rates (Rates based on Age nearest Birthday)

### Twenty Pay Life (\$10,000)

Age	Male Annual Payment	Female Annual Payment
0	68.70	58.20
1	70.30	59.50
2	72.10	61.00
3	73.80	62.50
4	75.90	64.20
5	78.00	65.80
6	80.40	67.00
7	82.90	69.60
8	85.60	71.70
9	88.30	73.70
10	91.10	75.90
11	94.20	78.40
12	97.40	80.80
13	100.50	83.20
14	103.70	85.90
15	106.70	88.50
16	109.90	91.30
17	113.00	94.10
18	116.30	97.00
19	119.70	100.10
20	123.00	103.20
21	126.50	106.70
22	130.20	110.00
23	134.20	113.60
24	138.40	117.40
25	142.90	121.30
26	147.50	125.40
27	152.40	129.60
28	157.70	134.20
29	163.30	138.70
30	169.00	143.40
31	174.90	148.60
32	181.30	153.70
33	187.80	159.20
34	194.90	164.80
35	202.00	170.70
36	208.00	175.90
37	214.30	180.80
38	221.10	186.50
39	227.90	192.00
40	234.70	197.40
41	241.90	203.10
42	249.70	209.10
43	257.20	215.10
44	265.30	221.30
45	273.50	227.40
46	281.90	233.80
47	290.90	240.70
48	300.20	247.50
49	309.10	254.50
50	317.80	261.80

### Twenty Pay Life (\$7,500)

Age	Male Annual Payment	Female Annual Payment
51	244.58	202.05
52	250.20	207.83
53	256.05	214.13
54	262.13	220.65
55	268.20	226.80
56	274.73	232.65
57	281.85	237.60
58	289.20	242.55
59	297.30	248.10
60	305.78	253.80
61	314.78	260.03
62	324.75	267.00
63	335.03	274.13
64	346.05	281.78
65	357.83	290.03

### Twenty Pay Life (\$5,000)

Age	Male Annual Payment	Female Annual Payment
66	247.05	199.25
67	256.20	205.70
68	266.40	213.15
69	277.55	221.40
70	289.25	230.25
71	302.00	240.10
72	316.10	251.25
73	330.70	263.10
74	346.70	276.45
75	363.20	290.45
76	380.65	305.70
77	399.80	322.75
78	419.95	341.15
79	441.70	361.40
80	465.40	383.75

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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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