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2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

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- < High school Transcript or, if attending college, College Transcript
- < Proof of Acceptance to accredited school
- < Resume or biographical sketch
- < Senior Yearbook Photo for publication (photo will not be returned)
- < Proof of Fraternal Activity, Community Service or Volunteer Activity with signed verification from Officer or an adult in charge where the community service or volunteer work is performed.

I, _____ hereby make application for a S
member of the National Slovak Society of the United States of America Certificate No. _____

Home Address _____ State _____
E-mail address _____ Date of _____
High School: _____
School Address: _____

PVR Scholarship Program

First Year Applications

Due May 1st, 2021

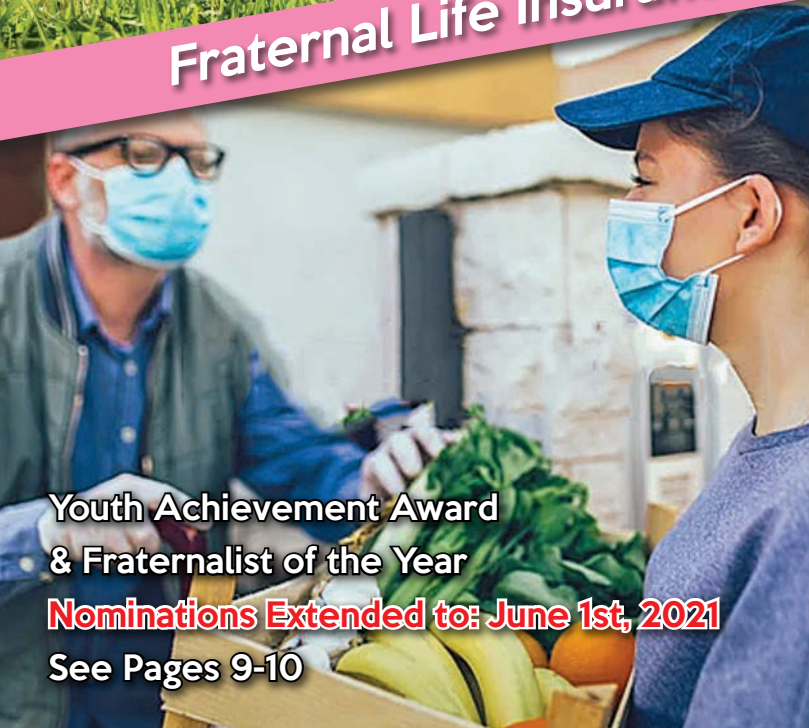
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National News

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**Youth Achievement Award
& Fraternalist of the Year**

Nominations Extended to: June 1st, 2021

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**MAY ART
CONTEST**

Deadline May 31st, 2021

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Spring - Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, May 20th, 2021

Friday, May 21st, 2021

Saturday, May 22nd, 2021

Activities At A Glance

Due to the COVID-19, please check with your assembly president or secretary to be sure the event will still occur on the date shown.

REGION 2

April 11
April 24
May 8
May 15

Assemblies L075, 0617

Assembly L075, Meeting, Terry's Diner, Moosic, PA at 2:30 pm
Region 2, Meeting, Terry's Diner, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly L075, Join Hands Day, Postal Carriers **(Tentative)**
Assembly L075, American Heart Association Walk, PNC Field, Moosic, PA **(Tentative)**

REGION 5

April 11
May 1
June 13
June 18
June 27
September 12
September 26
October 23
December 4
December 5
December 5

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

Assembly 0731, Extreme Air Trampoline Park, Boardman, OH at 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Join Hands Day, Poland Township Park at 10:00 am
Assembly 0039, Flag Day/Summer Bar-B-Q, Uniontown Col. Assoc. Hall at 1:00 pm
Region 5, Night at PNC Park, Cleveland Indians at Pittsburgh Pirates
Assembly 0377, Annual Picnic, Richardsons Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Remembrance Dinner, Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0377, To Be Announced
Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farm, Lowellville, OH at 5:00 pm
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lariccia Family Center, Boardman Park at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Annual Christmas Party, Uniontown Col. Assoc. Hall at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Annual Christmas Party, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA

REGION 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
No Activities

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102
No Activities

AT LARGE

April 10

Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813
Assembly 0586, Meeting, (Time and place to be announced)

NSS Life Website Redesign Coming Soon...

We wanted to give our readers a sneak peak of the upcoming redesign for our NSS Life website. We hope it will be a more modern, interactive, and enjoyable experience for new and returning visitors alike. We will be making constant updates over the next few months as we explore new ways to bring as much relevant information to our readers as possible, as well as potential new ways to interact with the NSS that were never available before.

We are hoping to launch this new website sometime in the next month barring unforeseen setbacks.

We hope to continue serving you to the best of our abilities moving forward into this ever changing future.

The screenshot shows the NSS Life website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Contact, Agent Login, and Member Login. Below this is a main banner with a woman sitting on a couch, overlaid with the text 'Start a Roth IRA Now' and a 'READ MORE' button. To the right of the banner are three blog snippets: 'Employee Benefit Plan', 'Start a Roth IRA Now', and '2020 Retirement Literacy Survey'. Below the banner are three content cards: 'VISIT THE NSS MUSEUM', 'WHAT IS A FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY?', and 'NEWS AND ARTICLES'. The 'VISIT THE NSS MUSEUM' card includes the text 'The National Slovak Society is committed to helping with the preservation of the Slovak Heritage' and a 'Visit the Museum' button. The 'WHAT IS A FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY?' card includes the text 'Fraternal benefit societies bring together individuals with a common bond and provide them with the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to their local communities and American society.' The 'NEWS AND ARTICLES' card shows a stack of coins and a smartphone.

The President's Page...

Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO
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Although Spring officially began in March, in the Pittsburgh area, signs of Spring usually do not start to appear until April. We see more sun, the leaves on the trees start to sprout, lawns begin to look green once again, and Spring flowers are in full bloom. Quite a welcome sight after a long Winter!

On April 1st, April Fool's Day is celebrated. Good Friday falls on April 2nd and Easter is celebrated on April 4th. Hoping all of you have a Happy and Blessed Easter with your families. The Home Office will be closed for business on Good Friday, April 2nd and Easter Monday, April 5th. Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated on April 21st. I would like to thank and commend the entire Home Office staff for all your hard work and providing exemplary customer service to our members and our agents daily. Your dedication during the past year is greatly appreciated! Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd. Earth Day is an excellent opportunity for Assemblies to hold events to "join hands" with others in your community and improve the environment. Often projects involve planting trees or flowers and cleaning local parks. Join with others in making your community a better place to live!

Remember the deadline to pay Federal income tax is April 15th. You still have time to contribute to an IRA for the tax year 2020 until the deadline.

Assembly and Region meetings are being held in April. Assembly L075 will be holding a meeting on April 11th at Terry's Diner in Moosic, PA. Also, Region 2 will be holding its meeting on April 24th at the same venue.

Recently, our Annual Statement

was completed and is being forwarded to insurance departments in all the states in which the NSS does business. Our Secretary-Treasurer will provide the details of the statement, but I would like to note that the National Slovak Society has had another excellent year. In a year in which many businesses were severely impacted by the pandemic, our agents and Home Office staff have kept the Society moving in a positive direction. Our membership has increased again, admitted assets have increased \$132,676,140 (10.08%), our surplus increased \$6,585,576 to \$70,682,199 (10.27%), our net gain from operations was \$7,840,226, and our solvency ratio increased to 105.12%. The decisions made by the Board of Directors with input from the Officers and Society advisors have kept the Society's operation in line with goals of the Strategic Plan focusing on growing capital, building surplus, increasing our solvency ratio to provide security for our members, and growing membership. In 2020, membership increased again for the 10th consecutive year. The Society has added a net total of 8,781 members over the past decade. This goes against the trend for many fraternal societies as their membership is either decreasing or is stagnant. I would like to thank everyone for your role in keeping the National Slovak Society a leader among fraternal benefit societies. Great job!

I recently had a conversation with Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr., Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Dr. Kopanic has been a contributor in the past to the NSS *Kalendar* and many other Slovak publications. He shared information regarding two website groups he created on Facebook, "Slovak History" and "Learning the Slovak Language and Culture." Additional information regarding each of the sites appear elsewhere in this publication. He also shared an article regarding an initiative promoting the expansion of Slovak citizenship, "One Slovak Family: Expanding Slovak Citizenship," which also appears in this publication.

The Board of Directors at the recent Winter board Meeting extended the deadline for submission of Fraternalist of the Year nominations and Youth Achievement Award nominations to June 1st.

The National Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 9-11th at Kensington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio. Please mark your calendars for the event and join us this July. The National Golf Tournament is a great weekend of golf, fun, and fraternalism.

News Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to Director Drew Wesnak, former Director Bill Knoll, Home Office staff member Lisa Shriver, to my daughter Ashley Bernardo, Keith Kucherawy, Rudy Ondrejco, Jeff Lavin, Chloe Woods, and Alexa Woods. Happy Birthday to all others celebrating during the month of April. Happy Anniversary wishes to all members celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of April!

The ABC's of Friendship

On this holy Easter Day, oh dear friend I wish you would stay. As you fulfill the commandments of friendship, ending with **Z** and beginning with **A**.

Accepts you as you are
Believes in "you"
Calls you just to say "HI"
Doesn't give up on you
Envvisions the whole of you
Forgives your mistakes
Gives unconditionally
Helps you
Invites you over
Just to "be" with you
Keeps you close at heart
Loves you for who you are
Makes a difference in your life
Never judges
Offers support
Picks you up
Ruiets your fears
Saises your spirits
Tays nice things about you
Tells you the truth
Understands you
Values you
Walks beside you
Xplains things you don't understand
Yells when you won't listen, and
Zaps you back to reality

2020 Annual Financial Statement Recap

Statement as of December 31, 2020

	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
Net Admitted Assets:		
Bonds	\$1,357,426,297	\$1,267,124,662
Preferred Stocks	2,000,000	1,000,000
Common Stocks	6,065,184	4,102,008
Mortgage Loans on Real Est.	32,451,740	6,425,306
Certificate Loans	893,191	882,616
Real Est Occupied by Society	638,254	659,609
Cash on Deposit	36,578,178	22,955,087
Electronic Data Equipment		
Uncollected Premiums	306,467	143,840
Investment Income Due	14,380,629	14,606,350
TOTALS	\$1,450,739,940	\$1,317,899,478

Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,295,552,000	\$1,175,308,000
Deposit-type Contracts	65,253,054	61,776,371
Certificate Claims	550,000	450,000
Commissions Due	160,000	275,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	760,000	650,000
General Exp Due	1,733,200	1,712,000
Retained by Society as Trustee	109,306	105,154
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	10,358,500	8,832,000
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	5,581,682	5,339,330
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	70,532,198	63,301,623
TOTALS	\$1,450,739,940	\$1,317,899,478

Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$64,096,623	\$57,303,849
Net Income	7,840,226	8,890,469
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	281,165	624,914
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(9,315)	5,370
Change in Valuation Reserve	(1,526,500)	(1,885,000)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus		(842,979)
Net Change in Surplus	6,585,576	6,792,774
Surplus At Statement Date	\$70,682,199	\$64,096,623

Summary of Operations:

INCOME:

Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$191,259,342	\$177,265,425
Net Investment Income	60,715,911	56,411,081
Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	505,857	448,541
Income Sub-Total	\$252,481,110	\$234,125,047

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$6,921,974	\$6,952,244
Matured Endowments	31,786	11,395
Annuity Benefits	104,412,827	108,950,633
Disability Benefits	5,898	6,025
Surrender Benefits	515,413	947,973
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	10,860	10,768
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	120,889,000	97,308,021
Commissions On Direct Business	4,921,603	4,905,195
General & Fraternal Expenses	5,383,065	4,978,732
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	242,791	557,156
Expense Sub-Total	\$243,335,217	\$224,628,142

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$9,145,893	\$9,496,905
Refund To Members	739,190	640,220
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	8,406,703	8,856,685
Net Realized Capital Gains	(566,477)	33,784
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$7,840,226	\$8,890,469

A Page From
My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom,
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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
and login/register as a member.



2020/21 Annuity Contribution Coupon

Any time is a good time to invest, but investing earlier can maximize the compounding effect on your money. If adding to your **2020** year **IRA contribution**, do so prior to **April 15th, 2021**.

Name _____

Certificate No. _____ Deposit Amount _____

Traditional IRA for 2020 _____ Roth IRA for 2020 _____

If you wish to make a deposit into an existing account with the National Slovak Society (NSS Life), simply complete this coupon and return it with check payment to our Home Office.

From the Sales Department...

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Beneficiaries 101

One of the most important aspects of a life or annuity contract is the naming of a beneficiary. This single act has so much power that it deserves special attention. As an example: an attorney drafted an addendum to a beneficiary change form. They named John Doe's wife as primary beneficiary and their children as contingent. But then this line was added: If John Doe predeceases wife, Jane Doe, then the contingent beneficiaries will receive the proceeds. This was a simple error that was accidentally written backwards. The line should have said, if wife, Jane Doe, predeceases John Doe then the contingent beneficiaries would receive the proceeds. As you can image this simple error caused a spouse to not receive the policy proceeds as they were paid to the contingent beneficiaries.

A couple of important points to keep in mind. First, the beneficiary is designated by contract law. Whoever is listed as beneficiary will receive the proceeds. These funds usually do not pass by will. If you name your children in your will as the recipients of your estate but leave your mother as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, then mom will get the insurance proceeds.

Many people have been disinherited because someone did not update their beneficiary. Every year people get married, divorced, die, have children, adopt children, change their name, etc. All of these are reasons to review your beneficiary designations. Make sure

they are correct. Also, check your company benefits since this should be periodically updated too.

Some items to consider:

- Make sure you name a primary beneficiary(s).
- Also, name a contingent beneficiary(s).
- If there are multiple beneficiaries under either category make sure the percentage of distribution adds up to 100%. (2 beneficiaries 50%/ %50%)
- Please provide all identifying information: name, address, SS#, telephone number, relationship, percentage of distribution, etc.
- Use the current change of beneficiary form to make sure you get this info done correctly.
- Have you considered the new SECURE Act (IRAs); i.e., the new 10-yr payout rule? Is this or should it be a factor for your beneficiary? Other than buying the insurance or annuity product, naming the correct beneficiary is the second most important aspect of any plan. Make sure you do it correctly.

Quick Estate Planning Tips

Here are a few helpful hints about planning your estate. The usual items that people think about include a will or trust, guardianship for children, a durable power of attorney and a health care directive. These are all part of a plan and should be occasionally reviewed.

What about your money? Some tips in moving money out of your estate might include the following suggestions:

- Give away some cash.
- Take advantage of the annual gift tax exclusion of \$15,000 per person per year. If married both spouses can contribute and give \$30,000 per person per year.
- Pay medical and/or educational expenses directly for a family member.
- Use a variety of trusts to accomplish your goals.
- Donate money to charity.
- Take advantage of a Roth IRA conversion. This program allows you to change a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Taxes would have to be paid on any converted amount. Afterwards all monies could be tax-free in the Roth.
- The number one estate planning technique – use life insurance.

Here is a good example of life insurance in action. A male, age 55, decides to buy a \$250,000 whole life plan of insurance. When he dies his family will receive the \$250,000 tax-free. Proceeds will be paid to the named beneficiary(s) in a lump sum or payments, if needed. Whole life insurance has other advantages and one of them is the plan's cash or loan values. In fact, after ten years, this plan has more than \$40,000 of cash. Whole life like other permanent plans of insurance have other benefits including dividends, reduced paid-up and extended insurance options to name a few.

Life insurance works for everyone and any situation. We can design a plan to fit any budget. Call your local sales representative or Joe Elliott in the home office for more information and a free quote.

OPEN AN IRA



Thought For The Month:

Life is like a camera, focus on what is important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives and if things do not work out – just take another shot?

Anonymous

Fraternal Matters...

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Bowling Tournament Update

The joint bowling tournament at Brookgate Lanes that was originally scheduled for May 15th -17th, 2020, will be postponed again until May 2022. Due to COVID restrictions, the fraternal societies decided collectively that it would be best to postpone this event to maintain the safety and well-being of all members. Please check back for more details as we get closer to that time.

Art Contest

We are now accepting artwork for the 2021 Art Contest! This contest is open to youth members ages 5-16. Please keep in mind that you must be a member to enter. The four categories are Picasso (ages 5-7), Rembrandt (ages 8-10), Michelangelo (ages 11-13), and Van Gogh (ages 14-16). The first-place winner in each category will receive a cash prize of \$50.00, second-place will receive \$25.00, and third-place will receive \$15.00. All members will receive an NSS Life t-shirt for participating. Please consider entering your masterpiece!

NSS Region 5 Night at PNC Park

Back by popular demand and because I am forever an optimist.... NSS has reserved a block of tickets on Friday, June 18th 2021 for the Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Cleveland Indians. I have been in constant communication with the Pirates, and we are awaiting final confirmation as to the location of

the seats. As of this writing PNC Park is only allowed to be at 20% capacity. The tickets will be \$40.00 but they are being subsidized in part by Region 5 and Assembly 774 so the final cost to our members will be \$20. They will have a \$10 food/merchandise concession added on to the ticket, plus an additional \$5 for our patience during COVID, as the deposit was placed way back in December 2019. There are a limited number of tickets available, and they will be on a first come basis to Region 5 members. Requests for tickets must be accompanied by your payment. Please make checks payable to NSS Life and send to:
Pirate Night
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Easter

We would like to wish our members a Happy Easter! Below you will find a traditional Slovak Easter recipe. Paska is a traditional Slovak Easter bread that has a sweet flavor and a light and flaky dough. It is baked into a round loaf, contains a cross or other religious symbols made from dough on top, and will commonly include a beautifully braided design either around the base, or on top. Paska is the centerpiece of the Easter basket that is blessed on Easter Sunday. The Paska is representative of Jesus Christ, The Bread of Life, and is considered the most important item in the basket.



Paska - Slovak Easter Sweet Bread Yields 2

Paska is made with milk, butter, eggs, flour, white raisins and sugar. An egg and water mixture is used as a glaze.

For Starter

1. 1 pkg Active Dry Yeast - 2¼ tsp (0.25 oz)

2. 1 tsp Sugar - used to proof yeast
3. 1 cup Water - warm (about 110 F degrees)
4. ¼ cup Sugar (1.95 oz)
5. 1 ½ cup Milk (scalded and cooled)
6. 2 cups Bread Flour (9.6 oz)

For Dough

1. add to above starter...
2. 3 Lg. Eggs beaten
3. ½ cup Sugar (3.90 oz)
4. 1 cup Crisco
5. 1 tsp Salt
6. 5-6 cups Bread Flour (24 oz to 28.8 oz)
7. 1 ½ to 2 cups White Raisins as needed
8. Place the raisins you plan to use in very warm water with about a cup of dissolved sugar (not included from above ingredients) to soften for about 30 mins before using.

Proof yeast

1. Into 1 cup of warm water dissolve 1 tsp sugar with the yeast in a mixing bowl until frothy.

Dough

1. Scald 1½ cups of milk then dissolve ¼ cup of sugar in the hot milk.
2. Allow to cool then add milk mixture to yeast mixture and add 2 cups of flour.
3. Mix well, cover, and allow to proof for 60-90 minutes or until the dough almost doubles.
4. After the dough doubles, stir in the beaten eggs, ½ cup sugar, Crisco, and salt. Then slowly add the remaining 5 cups of flour.
5. Reserve a cup of flour in case needed.
6. Knead well to form a soft dough.

Rising and Baking

1. Cover with loose plastic wrap to prevent drying
2. Then top with a towel to hold in the heat and moisture.
3. Allow to rise until doubled about 1-2 hours.
4. Deflate and fold in drained raisins.
5. Divide into 2 or 3 balls, shape place in "greased and floured" bowls
6. Let rise until doubled about 45-60 minutes.
7. Brush tops with an egg wash.
8. Bake at 350 for 30 - 50 minutes (depending on size) or until internal temp is 190 degrees.
9. Allow to cool a little before removing from the baking bowl.

**By My Brother, Dennis Lipovsky
Adapted from our Grandmother**

NSS Youth Achievement Award Nomination Form



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★ **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: JUNE 1, 2021** ★

- 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 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 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.

- 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

NSS Fraternalist of the Year Nomination Form



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★ **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: JUNE 1, 2021** ★

~ 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 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 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.

~ 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

National Slovak Society of the USA 351 Valley Brook Road McMurray, PA 15317 Phone (724) 731-0094 Fax (724) 731-0145

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ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

With sadness we had to cancel our Lenten dinner because of COVID. We hope that all saw the announcement in the Herald-Standard or heard it on WMBS Radio. If you went to Eat n' Park for dinner, we are truly sorry. We should be able to hold our Annual Summer Bar-B-Q on Sunday, **June 13th at 1:00 pm** in the outdoor pavilion of the Uniontown Columbian Association (formerly the K of C) on North Gallatin Avenue Ext. We use this occasion to pause and remember our great national treasure, our flag. Everyone should have their shots by then and we will be outdoors. Mark your calendar.

Our sympathies go out to the families of Samuel Donia, Audrey McDowell, Nancy Peebles, and William G. Rosner who recently found rest in the loving arms of the Resurrected Christ.

Parents and grandparents, remember that the deadline for new scholarship applications, for the upcoming Fall semester, from the P.V.R. Scholarship Fund are due by **May 15th. No exceptions!**

Also, encourage our children to enter the May Art Contest for ages 5 to 16. Rules are printed on page . Deadline is May 31st.

Slovak Easter gifts are available from the NSS History Museum. Offerings are in the last issue of the "National News".

The home office is planning an "Assembly Officers Seminar" on Saturday, August 7th. More information to come. If you have any questions about our meetings or programs, call me at (724) 366-4100, or our secretary at (724) 570-1301.

Enjoy a blessed Easter with your family.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY RO59 Bethlehem, PA

This past year (2020) had its share of sadness and changes. We hope 2021 will be a better year! We have not held a meeting or an event in over a year. Our active members have been working hard to stay well. So far everyone has kept the virus at Bay!

Our assembly officers remain the same as last year. President: Alexandra Keysock; Treasurer: John Lahutsky; and Secretary: Michele Guydan.

Special Birthday Greetings to Martha Sawarynski on April 17th.

May you have a blessed holiday if you are celebrating Easter on April 4th. If you celebrate Pasha (Easter) on May 2nd, we greet you and Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 11, 2021** pending COVID-19 restrictions and with our masks at Terry's Diner, 4811 Birney Avenue, Moosic. PA at 2:30 pm.

On **May 15th** members are tentatively planning to walk in the American Heart Association Heart Walk at the PNC Field in Moosic, we are donating a basket for their raffle and conducting a matching funds for them. Vice President Lucy Piccoletti and Stephanie Ciuccio will Co-Chair the event with more news to be announced for the Holy Walkamolies Team Assembly L075.

We are awaiting news of the postal carriers Join Hands Day Saturday, **May 8, 2021**, the Parade of baskets for the Summer and the VA Veteran's Bingo in November as we receive them.

For more information contact Lehrae Ann Edwards at 570-569-2181.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

He is risen! So starts our month of April. April 4th, Easter is the holiest day of the Christian year. Easter is the time of new beginnings, joy, confirmation that all is good, life is to be celebrated. Well, as you look back on 2020 that dark depressing year, let us celebrate this Easter with a special sense of thanksgiving. The vaccine is here and hopefully many of you have gotten it and now you can feel as though you were reborn.

A few items to touch on:

- High school seniors don't forget to get your PVR Scholarship paper work in.

-The family fun day at Carnegie Science Center is now September 11th. There will be more on this later.

- I would like to extend condolences to the Wesnak family on the loss of their patriarch Andrew "Bucky" Wesnak Jr.

- Thanks to John Payerchin for his best wishes on my virus recovery. He showed his outstanding intellectual curiosity in reading my article.

There are a few spots still open for the assembly movie get together. Call me at 724-242-5085 if you are interested in being a part of this event. Remember you get free popcorn!

As things return to normal, hopefully the assembly will be able to have a number of activities in the last half of the year.

There are some notable days in April; International Moment of Laughter Day April 14th. Why is that the day before April 15th tax day? April 22nd is Earth Day, plant a tree. April 26th is Pretzel Day – eat a pretzel. April 30th is International Jazz Day – chill out. We can't forget all those who are celebrating their birthday in April. May you be blessed with many, many more.

Have a Blessed Easter,

William Knoll
President

I almost forgot baseball season is here. My prediction, the Pirates won't win the World Series.

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

If you have any questions about the following meetings, please call me at 724-207-3171 or email me at suzanne.skrypak@gmail.com. Please mark your calendars for our future events:

June 27th- We will have our annual picnic at Richardsons Park in Bentleyville at 3:00 pm. Please bring your pet and grandchildren. Fishing is available and there is a baseball field and playground. If you want to bring a dessert, that would be great! I know we have the best bakers!

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ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

September 26th - TBA, suggestions for a location are welcome.

December 5th- We will have our annual Christmas party at Hugo's restaurant in Brownsville. Please bring a dozen cookies for our cookie table.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 10th**. This will be our first meeting in person (with masks) since COVID.

As far as the time and place, we will contact you either by phone or email.

Until next time, God willing, Zbohom.

Irene Tomaskovic
Vice-President

ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Assembly 731 held their annual meeting in February to elect 2021 officers and to discuss plans for the upcoming year. The following were elected to serve our assembly: Laurie Fox, President; Linda Estes, Vice-President; Mike Fox Sr., Treasurer; Mike Fox Jr., Financial Secretary; Beth and Matt Mason, Co-Directors for Fraternal Activities; Kathy Cessna and Mary Martini, Eldresses.

Many ideas were discussed for assembly fraternal activities, fundraising, matching fund opportunities, and involvement with other charitable organizations. Additional information will be shared as details are worked out. As events are planned, we will remain aware of COVID restrictions in our area with a back-up plan to cancel, if necessary. Our members are encouraged to follow our Facebook page for updates.

Some ideas discussed include: bus trip to tour Cleveland sites, Cedar Point trip, Easter Egg hunt, Bunny bowling, fishing derby, summer picnic, movie under the stars, swim party, Halloween hayride, and Christmas party. The

planning committee will sort out the ideas to determine which activities will actually take place. Members were also reminded to read their NSS Newsletter each month for information about NSS sponsored activities.

Members have agreed to collect plastic bags for the Poland Lions Club who works with NexTrex to have the bags recycled and made into composite park benches for the Poland Township Park. It takes 500 pounds of plastic for each bench. The Lions Club has already been able to donate 2 benches and we're excited to help with their effort to see more benches added to the Park.

We will also work with a Youngstown Block Group to collect coats to be distributed to children and adults in the Youngstown Community.

The following fraternal activities have been scheduled:

Sunday, April 11, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Extreme Air Trampoline Park, 360 McClurg Rd., Boardman, Ohio. Youth will enjoy jumping on trampolines, climbing rock wall, laser tag, and ice skating. Refreshments will be provided. The cost for participating members will be paid by our assembly, non-members cost is \$20 per participant. Contact Kathy Cessna 330-559-8554 or Mary Martini 330-518-0012 by **April 5th** so they can provide a final count to Extreme Air.

Saturday, May 1, 10:00 am - Join Hands with Poland Township Park, youth groups, and adults to prepare the park for summer fun. Following our work session, participants will enjoy gathering for pizza at a local pizza shop.

Saturday, October 23, 5:00 pm - Halloween Hayride at Countryside Farm, Lowellville, OH. In addition to the hayride, kids and their adult will be able to pick a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch, walk the corn maze, play games, enjoy refreshments, and explore the activities provide at Countryside Farm. Wearing a costume is optional, but always fun for everyone.

Saturday, December 4, 6:00 pm - Christmas Party in the Rotary Room of the Lariccia Family Community Center in Boardman Park.

Ida Lewis
Secretary

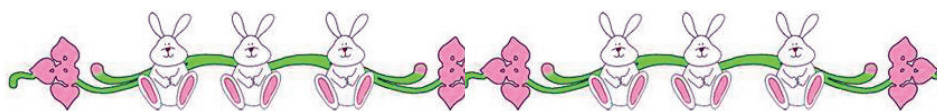
REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2021** at 2:00 pm at Terry's Dinner, 4118 Birney Avenue, Moosic, Pa. 18507. Election of Officers will take place at this meeting.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting, however we are staying updated with the current situation so please check your news. If at any time we feel that we can not provide a safe environment for this meeting it will be canceled, also due any state recommendations.

If planning on attending please RSVP to Lucy Piccoletti at 570-479-4116 call or text with number attending **by April 18th**.

Lucy Piccoletti
Secretary



Assembly 731 Celebrating NSS 131st Anniversary



Following the meeting, members celebrated NSS Life 131st anniversary with cake & ice cream along with pizza, salad, chips and beverage. It was a nice, productive afternoon gathering at Kathy & Jim Cessna's home.



Cara Zemelman Assembly L161 Member Receives Grand Honors from Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth



Cara Zemelman, a third-grade student from Woodbridge, Virginia, and member of Assembly L161, has been honored as one of the brightest students in the world by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

Cara, a student at Cardinal Montessori School, was honored for her exceptional performance on the SCAT,

an exam taken as part of the CTY Talent Search. She is the daughter of L161 member Theresa Zemelman and her husband Cal, and big sister to L161 members Danny and Diana.

More than 15,000 students in grades two through eight tested through CTY's Talent Search between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, representing all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Armed Forces installations in Europe and the Pacific, as well as more than 70 countries. The students who scored in the top 9% on their test were 2020 Grand Honors awardees.

CTY is a non-profit affiliated with Johns Hopkins University. CTY began with a seventh-grade boy from Baltimore who had exhausted all the options for math courses he could take at school. Julian Stanley, a psychology professor at Johns Hopkins, worked with this boy to arrange access to challenging math courses so the boy could continue to develop his academic talents. In 1997, Dr. Stanley and Johns

Hopkins founded CTY in response to the national need to recognize and develop the world's brightest young minds. Alumni of CTY include the co-founder of Google, the CEO of Facebook, and leaders in the sciences, arts, and government.

Normally, CTY holds a banquet in Baltimore, MD, for Grand Honors Awardees and their families, where medals are given to the students. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the award banquet was canceled, and awardees received their medals in the mail.

The proud grandparents of Cara are NSS Director, Sue Ondrejco and her husband Rudy Ondrejco.



Facebook Websites for Learning about Slovak History, Language and Culture

In June 2020, I created two new website groups on Facebook to help facilitate learning and the exchange of information and ideas about Slovaks and Slovakia. One is entitled “Slovak History” and the other is “Learning the Slovak Language and Culture.” Some people might want to focus more on the learning the language and the culture, whereas I still wanted to share my historical expertise in Slovak history with interested readers who might not want to learn the language.

Professor Kopanic's Slovak History

Slovak History

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The Slovak History site aims to introduce the general public to Slovak history, provide suggested sources for further reading, and promote a discussion of multiple topics concerning the history of the peoples of Slovakia and their past, including Slovak-Americans and Slovaks who emigrated abroad. For navigating topics on the Slovak History site, topics provide some direction. For instance, if one wishes to read some General Slovak History, one could just click on that topic and read anything from a quick survey of Slovak history to some longer works suggested. Books on Slovakia provide more in depth suggestions for further reading and research.

Learning the Slovak Language and Culture

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/281030579692957/>



The other site focuses on the Slovak language and helping participants learn new words and expressions, grammar, and various aspects of Slovak culture which help understand the language and people. Participants are welcome to chime in and share ideas. Those who are native speakers can be most helpful, but anyone who grew up in a Slovak or Slovak-American home can offer some useful additions to assist our learning together. It also contains topics to check past posts by subject matter.

Feel free to apply to enter the group, and mention that you are a member of the National Slovak Society, or some other Slovak fraternal organization. All interested in matters Slovak are always welcome! Nech sa uime spolu viac o slovenskej kultúre! Let us learn more about Slovak culture together!

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

One Slovak Family: Expanding Slovak Citizenship

Slovak and Canadian Americans trace our roots to our ancestors' homeland of Slovakia and some of us prize our Slovak background. We prize our traditions and culture, love our unique Slovak foods, and wish to retain our ties with Slovakia. We feel Slovak as part of our being. But when we travel to Slovakia, or do business there, we are officially considered to be "foreigners."

Global Slovakia wants to change that status. It has launched a movement entitled "One Slovak Family" for those who wish to recover their rights of citizenship, and/or facilitate the process of obtaining dual citizenship based on Slovak ancestry. But the broader aim is to reconnect with our Slovak roots and tap the talent which has left their family's original homeland.

Since the late 19th century, one-third of Slovaks have emigrated abroad, and that trend has continued since the Velvet Revolution of 1989. Emigration from Slovakia has ranked among the highest of any peoples worldwide. Many "hyphenated" Slovaks are scattered throughout the world - in the USA, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and many other countries around the globe (2 million in just the USA have Slovak roots!).

Some of Slovakia's best and most talented people have settled abroad, and continue to do so because of higher wages abroad and the perception of less opportunity in Slovakia. Over the course of history, many factors have contributed to the straining of ties with our original homeland: poverty, wars, onerous military drafts, Magyarization, Czechization, anti-immigration laws, totalitarian governments, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and time itself.

Most other countries (for instance, Czech Republic, Poland, Ireland, Italy, etc.) make it relatively easy for the descendants of emigrants to return to their family's homeland, and to obtain citizenship. Unfortunately, Slovakia does not rank among them and it "makes it needlessly hard for her sons and daughters to come home."

Slovakia needs to grow as a country and now faces a declining birth rate; the Slovak population could decline by as much as 30% given current trends. Thus Slovakia must gain more citizens in order to even maintain its population at today's count. By extending Slovak citizenship to Slovak descendants, it would help unite our nation. When we grow in population size, we also grow in influence and gain more political and economic sway around the world.

In summary, "One Slovak Family" aims to reconnect Slovaks abroad with their homeland and reunite the Slovak family. As a starting point, it is lobbying so that the Slovak government will rewrite legislation on the conditions for becoming a Slovak citizen. It also aims to harness the full power and influence of the larger Slovak community in

the world and facilitate its connections with the homeland. Success in this endeavor might achieve the following goals: Slovakia will gain representatives around the world. Emigrants will champion the interests of their homeland abroad.

They will publicize and raise awareness of the country's opportunities in powerful places, circles, and through networks.

They will make it easier for Slovak delegations, leaderships and businesses to engage and bridge build with native communities abroad.

"Slovakia can only benefit from uniting its population: we are **ONE SLOVAK FAMILY.**" Join the effort and visit the website: Join us to learn more: www.oneslovakfamily.com

The Team

Here is a list of the leading personalities on the "One Slovak Family" Team.

Dr Zuzana Palovic, the founder of the non-governmental organization, Global Slovakia and author.

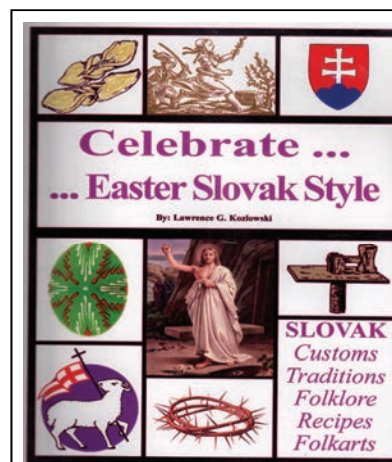
Parviz Malakouti-Fitzgerald, an American-born immigration attorney of Slovak/European and Iranian heritage.

Samuel Durovcík, a native of Bratislava, is a student at Masaryk University's Faculty of Law in Brno, Czech Republic, specializing in Administrative and Citizenship Law.

Professor Martin Javor, a Slovak historian and associate professor of history at the University of Prešov. He is also the director of the Museum of Emigration to North America - Kasigarda, located in Eastern Slovakia.

Professor Michael Kopanic, a Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Maryland Global Campus, formerly UMUC. A specialist on Slovak history, he has spent his academic career learning, teaching, and writing about history, culture, and the Slovak language.

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.



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February, 2021

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Anthony, Freda	Belle Vernon, PA	02/12/2021	0377
Arthur Jr, Harry	Shady Spring, WV	12/05/2020	0774
Ashley, Wilson	Bridgeport, WV	09/02/2020	0774
Barnhart, Mary	Bentleyville, PA	12/11/2020	0377
Basta, Hazel	Lower Burrell, PA	02/05/2021	L105
Baughman, Howard	Arcadia, OH	10/31/2020	0100
Baum, William W	Hummelstown, PA	02/08/2021	0774
Bezila, Christine	Pittsburgh, PA	01/16/2021	L161
Bierwirth, Lindsay	Pittsburgh, PA	12/26/2020	L161
Birch, Richard M	Marianna, PA	01/19/2021	0774
Blackburn, Bruce	Exeter, PA	01/11/2021	L075
Bombara, Dolores	Mc Kees Rocks, PA	11/27/2020	0100
Boyko, Loretta	Macungie, PA	01/10/2021	L102
Bozich, Mary Lou	Erie, PA	12/19/2020	0731
Bruce, Robert	Lake Bluff, IL	01/12/2021	0586
Carpenter, Doris	Fairmont, WV	09/30/2020	0774
Carr, Jack	North Huntingdon, PA	01/04/2021	0737
Chandra, Roma	Potomac, MD	12/16/2020	0774
Chisler, Joel	Hopewood, PA	12/18/2020	0039
Christofano, Jane	Greensburg, PA	01/09/2021	0737
Clowes, Robert	Rochester, PA	02/23/2021	0123
Conrad Sr., Thomas	Apollo, PA	02/04/2021	L105
Craft, Robert C	Uniontown, PA	01/28/2021	0039
Cvengros, Michael	Campbell, OH	01/08/2021	0731
Davis, Harley	Belleville, IL	10/09/2020	0705
Dennis, Richard E	Markleysburg, PA	01/02/2021	0039
DiPiazza, Concetta	Greensburg, PA	02/16/2021	0774
Ellenberger, Gerald L	Carmichaels, PA	12/29/2020	0039
Evangelisto, Jeldo	Altoona, PA	12/25/2020	0267
Florey, Carol	Clarks Summit, PA	06/09/2020	0617
Frank, Mary	North Huntingdon, PA	11/15/2020	0737
Funaiock, Joan	Pittsburgh, PA	02/07/2021	0100
Geer, Marjorie	Scottdale, PA	02/06/2021	0039
Gray, Madge	Princeton, WV	12/24/2020	0774
Griggle, Nancy	Washington, PA	01/13/2021	0377
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Herbert, Frances	Scott Township, PA	01/13/2021	L075
Hicks, Frank	Williamsburg, PA	02/05/2021	0774
Higinbotham, Glenn	Erie, PA	01/27/2021	0377
Holets, Bertha	Moon Twp, PA	10/22/2019	0123
Hurbean, Irene L	Barberton, OH	04/20/2001	0004
Kalaskie, Genevieve	Finleyville, PA	01/11/2021	0434
Kason, Dorothy	Westlake, OH	08/05/2020	0004
Kemp, Ann	Verona, PA	01/02/2021	0108
Kincaid, Ruth Ann	Beckley, WV	11/16/2020	0774
Kolar, Joseph	Knoxville, TN	01/19/2021	0774
Kotora, Andrea	Claysville, PA	12/31/2020	0588

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Lattanzio, Thomas	Moon Township, PA	01/18/2021	0123
Lester, Constance	New Eagle, PA	01/16/2021	0377
Litaker, Betty Jo	Statesville, NC	12/11/2020	0774
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Maze, Candy	Butler, PA	02/16/2021	L161
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Menge, Arden	Muskego, WI	12/19/2020	0774
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Millstone, Herb	Warrington, PA	02/12/2021	R059
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Schofield, Jane	Sicklerville, NJ	01/11/2021	0774
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Wilson, Russell	Indiana, PA	02/02/2021	L105
Wright, Jack	Linesville, PA	08/15/2020	0267
Yanosick, John J	Pittsburgh, PA	12/06/2020	0100
Yatko, Doris	Wilkes Barre, PA	02/08/2021	0617

Cream Cheese Cookies

1/2	cup butter
1	cup sugar
1	egg yolk
1	cup flour
1	8 ounce package cream cheese

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Grease a cookie sheet and drop one teaspoonful per cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until light brown.

By Alexandra Dutko
Assembly L075



APRIL 23, 2021

REMINDER

**Deadline For
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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.**

CORRECTION

In the last issue March, 2021 on Page 11 of the Youth Circle Magazine we were notified of an error.

In the Easter Word Search Egg Hunt was printed on one line. It should have been **two words: Egg and Hunt**. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Lori Crowley
Editor



April - Jar

Jar je jedno z ročných období v miernom teplotnom pásme nasledujúce po zime a predchádzajúce letu.



*Radujte sa, ó kresťania,
v srdciach Vašich plesajte.
Z mŕtvych povstal náš
Spasiteľ
aleluja spievajte.*

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

Pranostiky

Apríl zimný, daždivý, úroda nás navštíví.

- Juraj (24. 4.)
- Juro žabám hubu otvára, budí 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 hámrikom pral do zeme.

- Marek (25.4.)
- Koľko tepla pred Markom, toľko zimy po ňom.
 - Na Marka daždivo, sedem týždňov blativo.

Slovenskí vynálezcovia

Slováci boli vždy veľkí výmyselníci, o čom svedčia rôzne revolučné objavy, ktoré menia nie len Slovensko, ale celý svet. I napriek tomu, že väčšina vynálezov bola objavená za našimi hranicami, aj malá krajina, v srdci Európy, akou Slovensko je, sa môže pochváliť revolučnými objavmi. Mnohí slovenskí vynálezcovia sú známy málokomu avšak ich vynálezy zmenili celý svet. Poďme si niektoré z nich v krátkosti predstaviť.

Ekologické igelitky

Svetu sme nedávno ukázali, že aj Slováci zmýšľajú ekologicky. Tím Slovákov vyvinul tzv. bioplast. Materiál, ktorý sa dokáže v prírode rozložiť. Takáto biogelitka je dokonca dvakrát pevnejšia než bežná taška zo supermarketov a na kompostovisku o nej nezostane stopy už po šiestich týždňoch.

Organic plastic bags

We recently showed the world that Slovaks also think ecologically. The Slovak team developed the so-called bioplast. Material that can decompose in nature. Such a bio-label is even twice as strong as a regular bag from supermarkets, and there will be no traces of it on the composting site after only six weeks.

apríl je mesiac lesov

Stará múdrosť hovorí:

Keď si v živote zasadil čo len jeden strom, nežil si nadarmo.



22. apríl - Kedy si uctíme „zem” na ktorej žijeme a ktoru podáme budúcej generácii. Držme ju čistú.



Čas dani...

Do 15 apríla v Amerike sa vyrovnávame s daňovými poplatkami zo zárobku, a ak sa Vám niečo zvýši môžete to uložiť v našej organizácii. Skontrolujte rôzne plány úsporov pre dôchodok, alebo zakúpte si životnú poisťku tým sa stanete členom / členkou našej organizácie čím môžete brať účasť v aktivitách organizácie Národného Spolku.

Podrobnejšie informácie na www.nsslife.org alebo volajte 1-800-488-1890.



Dôležité dni v našom NSS kalendari...

5.15 - 5.17 Bowling turnaj, Cleveland, Ohio

7.9 - 7.11 Golfový Turnaj, Canfield, Ohio

7.15 - 98 Slovensky Den Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh, PA

9.25 - Septemberfest festival v našom muzeu McMurray.

7 najlepších lekárov

1. slnko
2. vzduch
3. pohyb
4. voda
5. zdravá strava
6. odpočinok
7. smiech



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Youth Circle Page

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

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.

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.

Attention!!!

High School Seniors

Deadline: May 1, 2021

NSS is accepting requests for applications for the PVR Scholarship. 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, 2021.**

Thank You Letter

Dear NSS Scholarship Committee:

Want to thank you very much for selecting me as one of your scholarship recipients! I very much appreciate your generous donation to help me continue my education. Studying astrophysics, I decided to go to a specialized school to receive my undergraduate. Thanks to your generous donation, I have been able to pay off my first year without any debt. Thanks again for your support.

Patrick Phillips

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 _____

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.