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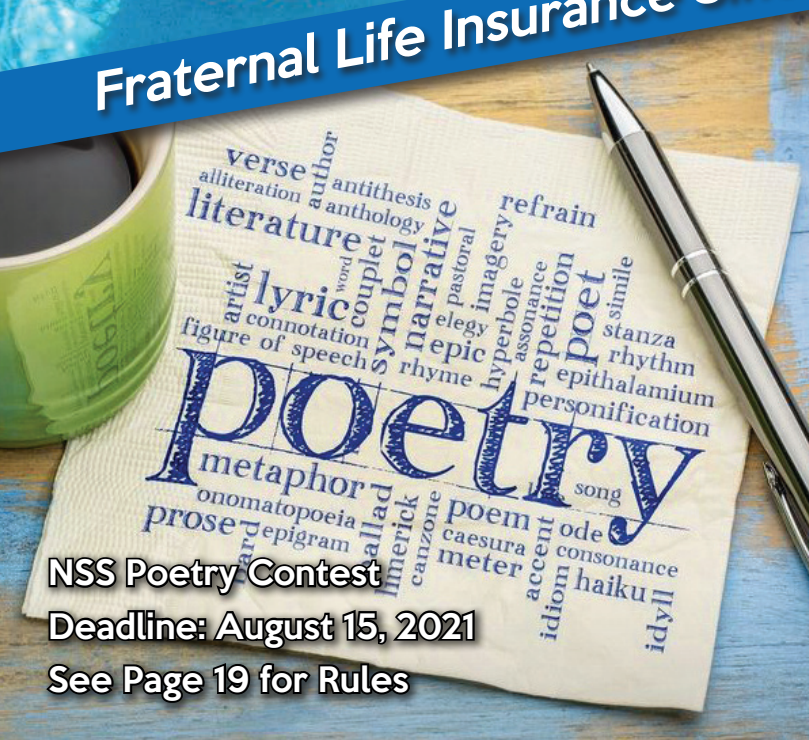
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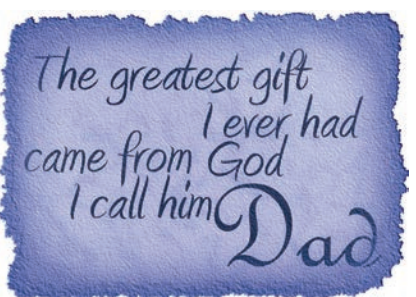
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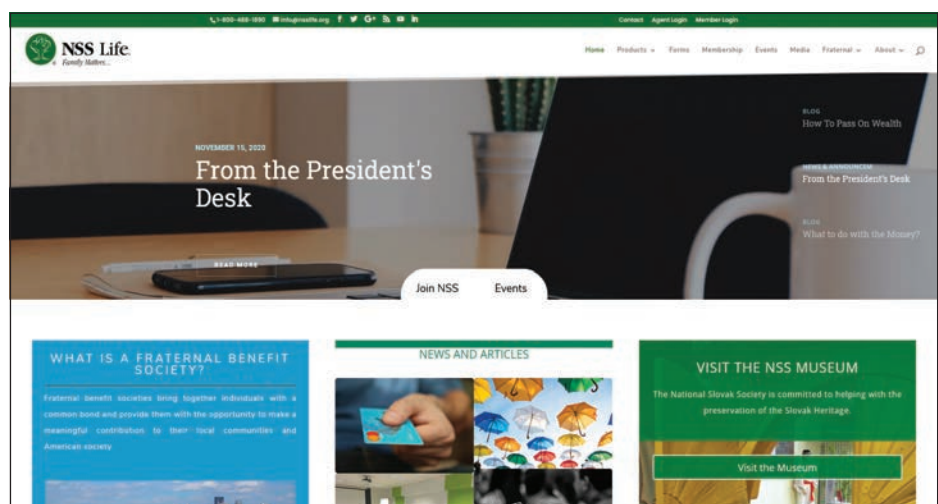
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<p>REGION 14 July 25</p>	<p>Assemblies R059, L102 Assembly L102, Meeting/Picnic at Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm</p>
<p>AT LARGE June 6 June 11-13 June 23 July 4 August 25 September 5 October 17 October 27 December 15</p>	<p>Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813 Assembly 0554, Meeting at Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0110, Meeting and Bi-Annual Weekend, Woodloch Pines, Hawley, PA Assembly 0381, Meeting, Mom's Family Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting at Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting (TBA) Assembly 0554, Meeting at Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting at Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting (TBA) Assembly 0381, Meeting (TBA)</p>

Launch of NEW NSS Website

As we mentioned in the April issue of the National News magazine, we have launched a redesign of our website at www.nsslife.org.

For those used to the old website's layout, we've tried to keep what content we could the same to reduce as much confusion as possible.

We will be continuing to evolve the website going forward to provide the best possible user experience. We thank you for your patience in this endeavor.



The President's Page...

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In June, we celebrate Flag Day on June 14th, Father's Day on June 20th, and summer officially begins on June 20th. Flag Day celebrates the adoption of the flag of the United States by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. A document published by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, entitled, "Celebrating America's Freedoms-The Origins of Flag Day," quotes the report from a committee of the Continental Congress assigned to suggest the design of the flag, "That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation." The article further indicates that claims to the first official celebration of Flag Day vary from Hartford, Connecticut in 1861, to New York City in 1889, to Philadelphia in 1893. President Wilson in 1916 and President Coolidge in 1927 both issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as National Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, Congress approved the national observance of Flag Day which President Truman signed into law. According to the report, William T. Kerr is credited with being the "Father of Flag Day." William grew up in the Pittsburgh area and founded the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still attending school. He later lived in the small town of Rennerdale, Pennsylvania where the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 1999 erected a roadside marker to commemorate his connection with Flag Day. The marker reads: "William T. Kerr 1868-1953 -Known as 'The Father of Flag Day,' he founded the American Flag Day Association and served as its president for fifty years.

President Truman signed the Act of Congress that officially designated June 14 as Flag Day with Kerr at this side, on August 3, 1949. Kerr lived in Rennerdale, 1911-1928." The only state to celebrate Flag Day as a legal holiday is Pennsylvania, which enacted the legislation on May 7, 1937. Throughout the years various NSS assemblies have held fraternal activities associated with Flag Day.

Assembly 39 of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is holding an observance of Flag Day and a Bar-B-Q on Saturday, June 13th.

Father's Day is celebrated on June 20th this year. The day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June and became a nationwide holiday in 1972. This day is designated to honor all fathers. It also gives us a chance to pause to remember the fathers that are no longer with us. Make sure you take the time to make the day special for your father. Time spent together with family is one of the most precious gifts a father can receive. I recently viewed a quote from the great author, Unknown, "A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." Please remember all the things your father has done to show you the way and let him know how much you appreciate it. Happy Father's Day to all fathers!

A reminder to all NSS golfers that the deadline for entering the NSS National Golf Tournament is **June 16, 2021**. Please send in your entry form as soon as possible but no later than the deadline as we have confirmation dates with the hotel and golf course regarding the events planned for the Golf Tournament Weekend! Also, a reminder to Assemblies and Regions that Hole Sponsorships are available at the tournament. It will give your Assembly or Region recognition at the Saturday and Sunday golf events and all donations support the PVR Scholarship Fund helping our youth members fund their education. Please use the entry form to designate your hole sponsorship. The deadline for hotel reservations is **June 10, 2021**. Once the deadline passes, rooms may not be available, so if you plan on staying at the hotel located on the golf course make your reservations by the deadline! If you have never participated in one of our National Golf Tournaments, plan on

joining us in Canfield, Ohio the weekend of July 9-11th. The tournament is a handicap event for 18 holes on Saturday. The NSS uses the Callaway Golf Handicap System for new golfers unless they have an established handicap at their home golf club. Sunday's round is a scramble with golfers of all handicaps teamed together for a fun and exciting day! Come to Canfield for an enjoyable fraternal weekend!



News Of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to Honorary Officer Justine Wesnak, Honorary Director Mary Jo Holker, NSS Directors Bob Katricak and Mike Czarney, Home Office Staff Member Jill Grover, and Retired Home Office Staff Member Nina DeLelio, and to Logan Triebsch, George Jones, Rich Somplatsky, Beverly Arbore, Joe Palko, Keith Chojnicki, and David Jancisin. Happy Wedding anniversary wishes to Shannon and Edwin Woods and to all others celebrating anniversaries during the month of June.

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.**



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8,000 Days of Retirement

Believe it or not on average, a retiree (age 65) can expect to live 8,000 days (22 years) enjoying the golden years. So how will this time be spent? Experts say that there are several different phases that retirees may go through. Estimates for each phase is around 2,000 days.

Phase 1: Generally, the first few years may be spent working. This could be as a consultant or involve some part time work. This is also a phase where accumulating money is important for the long run. Consolidating assets might be a priority to help with recordkeeping.

Phase 2: The next few years are spent adjusting to the new schedule. No work means that there may be more time for travel, entertaining, visiting family and friends. Spending may increase as all these things cost money.

Phase 3: This may be the beginning of some health issues. General health and mobility may be a factor. Some cognitive decline may appear. Taking care of a home and personal finances may be challenging and require some assistance. Relatives may intervene. Remember they are only trying to help and do what is best.

Phase 4: Probably would be the last few years and may involve a nursing home. Isolation and possible depression are all common occurrences at this point in life.

How do we make the best of our 8,000 days? Stay healthy, maintain good relationships with family and friends,

find an enjoyable outside interest, volunteer and keep busy.

We can help with your financial concerns. For more than 131 years we have offered quality life insurance programs and annuities/IRAs to our members.



Life Insurance is more than Death Insurance

Here is a great example of life insurance being used for something other than the death benefit. A meeting with a female executive, age 45, making more than \$250,000 per year, revealed the following facts.

She was interested in diversification, safety, and tax-advantages. She had a lot of other investments including a company pension, 401k account, a deferred compensation arrangement and personal savings. She decided to put less than 4% of her annual comp (less than \$10,000 per year)-into a \$500,000 twenty pay life. So how will this work out for her?

Here are the highlights:

- Her family is protected by a \$500,000 life insurance plan that would be paid to them tax-free.
- The policy is paid-up in twenty years.
- Anytime before the 20 yrs. she could access the cash value.
- Access to the cash prior to age 59 with no 10% penalty.
- Her policy would build cash or loan values that could be used in the future.
- Over the 20-year period she would have paid in \$210,000 in premiums and the cash value would be \$215,000. A complete return of all her money plus some.
- Not directly affected by market conditions or the rise and fall of the stock market.
- At age 65, the cash value could be turned into a lifetime monthly income paying her about \$1,000 a month.

She could have done so many other investments so why life insurance? The answer is simple. Life insurance provides a safe and effective solution. It creates an instant estate that protected her family. In this crazy world so many things can go wrong but life insurance is guaranteed, except for the dividend. Life insurance allows people to rest easy and sleep well.

Life insurance is probably the greatest financial instrument ever devised. This plan can work for everyone. The numbers may change but we can design a plan for you too. Call your local representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information.



Thought For The Month:

Ability is what you can do. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

Lou Holtz – legendary coach/motivational speaker

American Hearing Benefits

☐☐☐ Reminder: NSS Life is partnered with American Hearing Benefits to offer our members discounts on select services. These include hearing aids, tinnitus treatment and hearing protection products. Additionally, free annual hearing consultations are provided, access to a nationwide network of 3,000+ hearing locations, free one-year supply of batteries, one year of free office visits (limit of 6), plus more. If interested, please visit www.americanhearingbenefits.com.











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Fraternal Matters...

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IMPORTANT: PVR Renewal Transcripts

The deadline for PVR Scholarship renewals for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students is quickly approaching! The deadline is **July 15th**. Please keep in mind that you must have maintained a 3.0 GPA to receive the next installment of the scholarship. If you have not done so already, please send in your transcripts as soon as possible. We are happy to accept unofficial transcripts if your school charges for the official one. Also, if you would prefer to email the transcripts instead of mailing them, please feel free to do so. They can be emailed to Pam at pblum@nsslife.org.

NSS Golf Tournament

Our tournament will be held on July 9-11th at Kennsington Golf Club, Canfield, OH. The entry deadline for all golf applications is **June 16, 2021**. All money must be included with the application.

Deadline for hotel reservations is **June 10, 2021**. Please mention NSS to receive the discounted rate at \$119.00 + tax per night. Application and rules are located on pages 9, 10, and 11.

Poetry Contest

Please keep in mind that the 2021 Poetry contest deadline is **August 15th**. Reminder there is now an Adult category. Get ready to get your thinking cap on and submit your special poem. Remember, each poem submitted will earn two fraternal tracking points for your assembly, just for entering. Additionally, monetary prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the four Youth categories as well as the Adult category.

Family Fun Day at Carnegie Science Center

Please mark your calendars! The date for our Family Fun Day at Carnegie Science Center is **Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 11am-5pm**. Please keep in mind that this outing is only open to members of NSS Life. More details about the event will follow in upcoming issues of the magazine. Please continue to check back for details!



Happy Father's Day



beverages, bring some blankets or chairs out to the backyard and put on one of dad's favorite movies!

Have a Cookout

It may seem cliché, but sometimes all you need to have the perfect father's day is good food and spending time as a family. If dad loves to cook, then let dad take the reins and do the grilling; if not, prepare the meal for him.

You can throw in some backyard games like cornhole, ladder golf, or badminton to make it more of an event.

Make Something Together

If your dad is the handyman type then maybe a great gift is to make something together! Younger kids might enjoy building a birdhouse together that can be hung in the backyard as a keepsake. Craft ideas and kits of all kinds can be found online so there are plenty of options out there for dads of all types!

Go for a Bike Ride or Hike

Some other outdoor and fun Father's Day activities are going for a bike ride or a hike. Most parts of the country have pretty mild temperatures in June, so it's the perfect time to strap on those hiking boots or biking shoes and spend some time outdoors. Many places offer bike rentals as well, so even if you or dad don't own a bike, the local park and sports activity center might be able to help you out.

Father's Day is just around the corner. Unlike last year where most of us were stuck homebound due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year, with restrictions lifting and social distancing rules easing, we should be able to go out, meet Dad and have some fun engaging in Father's Day activities.

Backyard Movie Night

The backyard movie trend has been growing for the least several years as a great way for families to engage but stay home. If you are still concerned about COVID this is an excellent way to stay home but get out at the same time!

You don't need a fancy projection screen; all you need to do is hang up a white sheet or table cloth, so it is taut. You will, however, need a projector. You can find many projectors on Amazon for under \$200, and the best part is you can re-use this gift over and over!

Mix up some of dad's favorite foods and snacks, fill a bucket with ice and



Annual NSS National Golf Tournament Scramble Rules

Sunday's play at the National Golf Tournament will be a Scramble using the following rules:

1. Each team will consist of four players selected by the tournament director. Selection will be made based on handicap. All divisions will be merged for the scramble.
2. The number of teams will be equal to one fourth of the number of golfers. If the number of golfers is uneven, there will be some adjustment to allow everyone to play.
3. The method of selection will be as follows:
 - a. Beginning with the lowest handicap, Captains will be selected for each team.
 - b. The number two player for each team will be placed on team in reverse order.
(Lowest handicap will be on the last team selected in the first round.)
 - c. The number three player for each team will be selected in the same order as the Captains.
 - d. The number four player will be placed in the same order as the number two players.
 - e. The order of play within a team will be determined by the Captain.
4. On every par three hole, everyone will play his/her own ball and the total of the best two (2) scores will be entered on the card.
5. Prize money will be paid to one place for each four teams entered. (16 teams = 4 places paid, etc.) Total prize money will be \$10.00 per player plus NSS matching funds for each member entered. The prize money split within a team will be adjusted to comply with the rule that guests are not eligible for NSS matching funds.

Annual NSS National Golf Tournament

Men's and Women's Official Rules and Regulations

1. The tournament is open to all members and one time guests of the National Slovak Society and its Youth Circles. There must be at least four Youth golfers officially entered to have a youth class. To protect the amateur standing of these youth, no prize money will be collected from nor paid to them.
2. United States Golf Association (USGA) and host golf course rules will govern play, except the following:
 - Jungle Golf, improve lie within 12" except in hazards.
 - Lost Ball; play from area where ball was last seen and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Out of Bounds; play from where ball goes out and take 1 stroke penalty.
 - Ball in Water Hazard; drop where ball went in and take 1 stroke penalty.
3. Handicaps will be determined as follows:
 - A. All male regular division golfers will play in three flights as determined by handicap. The golfer's first handicap will be determined after he/she has completed 54 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament unless golfer has a U.S.G.A. index from their home course. The golfer's handicap will be recalculated every year based on the golfer's best 54 holes in tournament play within the last five years. The handicap will be calculated on a 90% basis. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - B. Any male golfer who has not completed 54 holes of tournament play in the NSS National Golf Tournament will be entered in the Callaway division using the NSS version of the Callaway scoring system, unless they have a U.S.G.A. index.
 - C. Senior Men's Division (65 and over) will also play using handicaps as determined above. There will be only one flight in the Senior Division unless the number of participants warrants 2 divisions. Forward tees will be used.
 - D. All female member golfers will compete with the handicap determined as above. The maximum handicap will be 40 strokes for 18 holes.
 - E. Any female golfer who has not completed 54 holes of play in the NSS National Golf tournament will be placed in the Callaway division.
4. Classifications:

A medal play champion will be determined for 18 holes in each of the following Divisions:*

1. Men's A flight	3. Men's C flight	5. Women's B flight	7. Callaway Flight
2. Men's B flight	4. Women's A flight	6. Senior flight (age 65 and above)	

*Flight handicaps will be determined by number of entries and their handicaps.
Champion's for each flight will receive an NSS Jacket, and Prize money. Prize money will depend on the number of participants in each flight.
5. In case of a tie for first place in any flight, a sudden death playoff will be used starting on a hole acceptable to the golf course management. If weather or darkness does not permit an actual playoff, a match of cards will be used starting with the number 1 handicap hole and proceeding with number 2, 3, 4, etc. until the tie is broken.
6. All other ties will split the applicable prize money. (e.g., two people tied for second will split second and third prize money. Three people tied for second would split second, third and fourth place prize money.)
7. The prize list will be determined by the tournament manager using the money contributed by the contestants and matching money contributed by the NSS for all member golfers. As nearly as possible, there will be one prize for each four entries. NSS does not match guest prize contributions.
8. The tournament manager will schedule tee times and pairings.
9. The Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial plaque will be awarded to the men's low net winner of the 18 hole tournament. In case of a tie, the lower handicap will be the winner.
10. Golfers with long distances to travel will be given some preferential treatment for Sunday tee times, providing that the scheduling will not disrupt the efficiency of the tournament.
11. ENTRIES WILL CLOSE – **JUNE 16, 2021**

Please return the entry form on the following page to Pam Blum in the Fraternal Department at the Home Office.

National Slovak Society 55th Annual Golf Tournament

July 9 – 11, 2021
Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Kennsington Golf Simulator Lounge

Kennsington Golf Course
4171 Westford Pl
Canfield OH 44406
330-533-8733

Room accommodations provided by
Courtyard by Marriott
4173 Westford Pl
Canfield OH 44406
330-533-6880

Please mention NSS to receive the discounted rate
Room Rates: \$119.00 + tax per night

Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 10, 2021

Name	Address	Phone	E-mail	Assembly
1				
2				
3				
4				

GOLFERS: Please choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating

___ Saturday only Competition - \$55.00

___ Saturday and Sunday Competition - \$110.00 (Sunday will be a scramble)

___ Skins (Saturday Only) - \$5.00 (Optional)

___ Par 3 Challenge \$10.00 (Optional)

___ Senior Flight Men 65+ (Optional)

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night (**Kennsington Golf Simulator Lounge**)

___ Will attend Saturday Dinner (list dinner attendees)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Deadline is **June 16, 2021**

Please make checks payable to: NSS Life

NSS Life
Attn: Pam Blum
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray, PA 15317

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

___ Adult Guest Dinners @ \$30.00 (Golfers meal included in entry fee)

___ Youth (13-17) Guest Dinners @ \$20.00

___ Child (12 & under) FREE

___ Will attend Friday Hospitality Night

___ Hole Sponsor @ \$100 per hole

___ Name for sign: _____

\$ _____ TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM

Friday Practice Tee Times Available at 12:00 p.m.
Call the Pro Shop at 330-533-8733 (ext. 3)

ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Our "Annual Summer Bar-B-Q" will be held on Sunday, **June 13th** in the outdoor pavilion of the Uniontown Columbian Association (formerly the K of C) on North Gallatin Avenue Ext. **is a GO!!!**

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Samuel Armstrong, Eugene Karem, and Ronald Zupic who recently found rest in the loving arms of the Resurrected Christ.

Parents and grandparents: on Saturday, **September 11th** the NSS is sponsoring a "Family Fun Day" at the Carnegie Science Center on the North Side of Pittsburgh. The event is from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Keep watching for more details in the future.

Region 5, will hold a "Family-Nite at the Ballpark" on Friday, **June 18th** at PNC Park. The Pirates will play an inter-league game against the Cleveland Indians. There were limited tickets, just like the last time, and unfortunately there are none left. If any of our members were lucky enough to purchase these, we will see you at the game. They were on a first-come first-serve basis.

If you are already receiving an NSS Scholarship, the deadline for renewal is **July 15th**. A transcript of your grades must accompany your request for renewal. Don't miss the deadline!

The home office is planning an "Assembly Officers Seminar" on Friday and Saturday, **August 6th and 7th**. Each assembly is encouraged to send two officers. Two will go from our assembly.

We will be looking for you on **June 13th** at our "Summer Bar-B-Q". 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. Events start at 1:00 pm. You do not have to be a member to come.

While you are marking your calendars, remember our "Flight 93 Memorial Dinner" at the Eat'n Park Restaurant on Sunday, **September 12th** at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions about our meetings or programs, call me at (724) 366-4100, or our secretary at (724) 570-1301.

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers.

John Payerchin
President

ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

On Sunday, **July 25, 2021** members are invited to attend a picnic and meeting at the Wesnak home in Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm.

Hope to see everyone!

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0110 New York, NY

Our assembly will be holding a meeting of members at the Woodloch Pines Resort in Hawley, PA during the weekend outing scheduled for **June 11 to June 13, 2021**. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks and best wishes to all,

Richard DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Are things back to normal? Well let's hope so. It has been a long haul. Get your vaccination if you are allowed so you can enjoy your summer.

Have you got your tickets for the Region 5 Pirate ball game on Friday June 18th? If not call Pam at the home office and see if she has any left. If not give me a call at 724-242-5085. I have a very few for our assembly. Back in 1858 Lincoln gave his famous "House Divided" speech. It seems that speech would be appropriate today. We need a Lincoln now to bring this county together. It is my opinion that it is not culturally healthy for our current state of affairs.



School at Pensacola Florida. Well,

I want to tell you a story of a hat. My grandson Jared Leins is a senior at the Naval Academy. Actually he graduated at the end of May. He will be going to Naval Flight

he bought me a hat, not any hat, but a white hat that says: NAVY in bold navy letters across the front. I like the hat so I wear it often. To my pleasant surprise often people will come up to me and thank me for my service and I have even had occasion where someone paid for my meal at a restaurant and another time came over to thank me for my service and offered to buy me a piece of pie. I thank all but where and when it happens I don't have time to engage in much of a conversation. I want to tell them it is my grandson who is serving and I have a daughter who spent twenty-three years in the Navy and a son-in-law in the Air Force. But, I usually get choked up because I feel these people have a love of country and gratitude for the men and women who sacrificed for them. That is the story of my hat.

Don't forget Father's Day on June 20th. We must not forget their important role in the family.

The NSS Golf Tournament is **July 9th-11th**. If any of our members want to participate give me a call. The assembly will help you with some of the fee.

Slovak Day will be held on **July 15, 2021** at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA and the assembly will subsidize your ticket cost. As in the past, the Region will pay for the youth ticket.

Enjoy the summer and spend some time with your family.

It has been hard to hold meetings so if you have questions or suggestions for activities call or email me at 724-242-5085, wbnkss123@hotmail.com

William Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY L161 Pittsburgh, PA

A picnic for all members will be held on Saturday, **July 17, 2021** at Avonworth Community Park, Ash Pavilion, 498 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Make your plans now and write down the date, it's time to get together and celebrate! The park is easily accessible from interstate 279. The Pavilion is next to the "Kids Kingdom" playground.

No need to bring anything, everything is arranged. No charge, but **please RSVP** with number of guests to

Sue Ondrejco by July 7th by calling: 412-421-1204 or send an email to sue.ondrejco@gmail.com.

Looking forward to enjoying a pleasant afternoon with you and your family.

Annie Ondrejco
Activity Director

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Greetings! Our Assembly will have our annual picnic on **June 27th** at Richardson's Park in Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm. Please plan on attending and bring your pets and a dessert if you want to. Also, you may bring a guest one time to any meeting. You may possibly add another member to our group if they buy an insurance policy or annuity and you will get a cash reward!

Also, we always encourage participation in our fraternal activities such as the Senior Scholarship, Matching Funds, contests, and PVR Scholarships. There are many benefits to being a member!

We welcome suggestions for meeting sites now that many places are reopening. Please bring any ideas to our meeting for that and any community projects or fund raising events we can participate in.

And the home office is planning an Officers Seminar for all assemblies on **August 6 and 7th**. We will discuss this at the next meeting so if you are interested, let us know. As always, contact me with any questions and to RSVP for events at 724-207-3171 or email me at suzanne.skrypak@gmail.com.

Susan Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0381 Grosse Ile, MI

Greetings to Assembly 381 members. This has been a most difficult eighteen months with the Pandemic across not only our country but the world. Michigan has the highest number of COVID cases in the country. It has been difficult to schedule any activities or meetings. Depending on further restrictions and closings, we are posting a list of tentative meetings.

Tentative meetings are as follows:
June 23, 2021 at Mom's Family Restaurant, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm;
August 25, 2021; October 27, 2021, and December 15, 2021. Times and locations will be forthcoming. Please stay safe. Many Blessings to you all.

Joanne Medved
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 0554 Curwensville, PA

Mark your calendars for the following meetings for the year of 2021:

**June 6th, July 4th,
September 5th, and October 17th**

All meetings will be held at Jim Stricek's residence, 135 McCullough Street, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm. All members are urged to attend.

For more information, you can contact Jim at **814-590-7021** or email: assembly554@gmail.com

Jim Stricek
Secretary

Assembly L075

We held our 2nd meeting of 2021 at Terry's Diner in Moosic where we helped several members Assembly L075 celebrate birthdays along with a surprise visit from National Director Drew Wesnak. Shown in the picture are; President Gary Edwards, Region 2 President & Hospitality & Youth Director Marlin PetroWesnak, Catherine Janichko who celebrated her 95th Birthday; Joe Janichko who will be 93; and Allie Lazar and Karen Richardson. Standing are Secretary/Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards who celebrated in April, Tom Piccoletti with Vice President Lucy Piccoletti; Dorothy Collins; National Director Drew Wesnak who celebrated in April, Gary Collins, Stephanie & Joe Ciuccio and Adam Edwards.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for August, 2021 pending covid restrictions and with our masks either at Terry's Diner, 4811 Birney Ave Moosic, PA at 2:30 pm or at the Mercateli-Segilia Park,, 800 Birney Ave, Moosic, PA at 2:00 pm. TBA

The assembly sponsored a matching funds for Avoca Troop 316 for their Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar sales that took place Feb. 1, 2021 to May 31st. Members are tentatively planning to physically walk in the American Heart Association Heart Walk at the PNC Field in Moosic; and we will also be 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 75.

On June 8, 2020 our youth member Adam Lazar obtained his Eagle Scout Rank via zoom virtual Board of Review. Congratulations Adam from all our members. He is the last Eagle Scout #29 from the Duryea Troop 285 and the 1st Zoom Eagle for Avoca Troop 316 many Eagles. A reception will be held later in the year TBA pending covid restrictions.

No word at this time on the Parade of baskets and the VA Veteran's Bingo in November. For more information contact Lehrae Ann Edwards at 570-569-2181.

Lehrae Edwards
Secretary/Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

We are sad to tell our NSS friends that **Steve Fusek** recently passed away. Steve was Vice President of the Slovak American Charitable Association which owns and operates Rolling Hills Assisted Living and Extended Care in Zion, IL.

Janet and I and Steve's wife, Linda Fusek, are on the board of SACA. Steve and Linda were looking forward to joining our 586 friends at our next meeting.

Our sympathy to Linda and their son Peter. Blessings to the Fusek family from all of us. Happy Father's Day to all of our father's in the NSS.

Irene Tomaskovic
Vice-President



Assembly 0004

We completed our bowling season on April 18th. We did not complete last year's due to the Covid 19 shutdown with a couple of weeks to go. We had to use a different way of bowling to comply with the mask and social distancing rules. With the cooperation of the Cottrell Family of Yorktown Lanes, we had teams bowl on the same lane with a vacant lane between. It worked well without any problems. On April 11th we held the Scotch Doubles with 11 couples taking part. The results follow:

Denise Di Giovine & Dale Ferrell finished 1st with 660. Followed by Julie & Bud Sir Louis with 608, Diane Basic & Alex Sir Louis 593, Jan & Tony Lecznar 587, Michelle & Angelo Samerigo 584 and Sonia Vorell & Barb Bartczak 580 in that order. Then it was pizza, pretzels and refreshment time.

The following Sunday was roll-off and singles time. The 1st half champs, The Misfits with team members Sonia Vorell and Alex, Stephanie and Bob Sir Louis took on the 2nd half champs The Pin Busters with team members Jan and Tony Lecznar and Julie And Bud Sir Louis. The Pin Busters took the first game, but the The Misfits bounced back and took the next two to win the crown.

In the Singles Tournament, Julie Sir Louis won with a 604 series and Bob Sir Louis won with a 607 series. Everyone received prize money. We then enjoyed a fine dinner by Mike Cottrell and the staff and did a little socializing.

We are hoping to have a Miniature Golf Tournament in July, but we do not know where or when. If you are interested in joining u,s give Bob or Bud Sir Louis a call at (440) 845-2616.

In the meantime, keep wearing those masks and obey social distancing and BE SAFE.

June 20, 2021 The Longest Day Help Fight Alzheimer

The Longest Day is the day with the most light — the summer solstice. On June 20, 2021 people from across the world will fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through a fund-raising activity of their choice. Whether you're participating at home, online or in-person, your assembly members can engage family and friends in The Longest Day.

Congratulations Jared Liens



Congratulations and smooth seas to recent graduate of the Naval Academy and Assembly 123 member Jared Liens. After earning a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He will now report to Pensacola, FL for Naval Aviation Training. Jared is the son of Bethany and Larry Leins of Raleigh NC and grandson of Assembly 0123 President Bill Knoll and his wife Susan.

Assembly 0731 Events

Assembly 731 youth were looking forward to an indoor adventure at Extreme Air where they could jump on trampolines, play laser tag, climb the walls and do some ice skating during spring break. However, we canceled the activity when we learned another group of 150 kids plus their parents would be utilizing the building at the same time along with hockey team practice on the ice skating rink. We felt the crowd size wasn't something we wanted to deal with at this time.

Arrangements were made with the Easter Bunny to spend time with our kids at the Poland Township Park on a perfect spring day. The Easter Bunny (Becky Gaither) brought treats and bubbles for each child. Since photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny were difficult this year due to COVID restrictions, our Easter Bunny was available for individual photos and our small group photo. Following their visit, the kids had a great time on the playground and still got to do some jumping and running.

Laurie Fox
President



Youth members, Liana Miranda, Octavia Smallwood, Valerie & Jimmy Cessna; Liam Burns, Haven Wymer, Ben & Jack Gaither, Logan, Cameron & Ashlynn Mason, enjoyed time with the Easter Bunny (Becky Gaither) at the Park.



Bill Gaither took Charlie for her first visit with the Easter Bunny (Becky Gaither) and by the smile on her face, she's enjoying the visit.

Assembly 0731 News

After a year of many cancellations and social distancing, assembly 731 members are getting back to being active in their community working together in small groups.

On April 30, Mike & Laurie Fox worked with the Poland Historical Society members to clean the 7 historical markers in Poland, Ohio, as part of a national project. The William G. Pomeroy Foundation recruited organizations to help clean 138,000 markers throughout the country during the first ever organized cleaning day. The Foundation has named the last Friday in April each year to clean markers to help preserve their life expectancy by removing salt and road debris from the markers each year.



Laurie Fox, President of the Poland Historical Society, poses with other Society trustees before cleaning one of the historical markers which happens to be the first Ohio Historical marker placed in Mahoning County, Ohio.

Several assembly members worked with members of the Poland Lions Club on May 1st placing bird houses throughout the woods, planting trees and flowers at the Poland Township Park. It was a great work day with adults and youth working together on a community project. One of the trees planted was a pine tree donated by Pioneer Trails Tree Farm in memory of Ruth Burns who passed away in October 2020. Ruth was a mother of 12, grandmother, great-grandmother, a long-time NSS member, recording secretary for Assembly 731, and a past recipient of the NSS Fraternalist of the Year award. Ruth is deeply missed by her family and friends but the memory tree will be a special reminder of the love we all shared with her.



Three generations of Ruth Burns' family planted a tree in her memory at the Poland Township Park and helped plant additional trees, flowers, and placed birdhouses in the woods.



Cameron Mason hangs a birdhouse with a little help from Grandpa Mike Fox and Park Board Chairman, Ken Filicky, hangs a birdhouse in the woods to attract birds to area to be enjoyed the many bird watchers in the area.



Mary Martini, Laurie Fox, and Kathy Cessna fill in the hole on their mom's memory tree with the help from Ben Gaither and Cameron Mason.



Working together to plant flowers for beauty and to attract butterflies to garden area.

Assembly officers are working out details for summer activities and hope to be able share plans soon. Members should follow our NSS Family & Friends Facebook group the most current updates and reminders.

Laurie Fox
President

Assembly 0731

SPECIAL NEEDS SWING DONATION

Late in 2019, assembly 731 decided to purchase a special needs swing for our local township park. The Park's playground did not have any equipment that catered to children with special needs. We felt that it's important to have at least a swing that could be used by larger toddlers and children who need back support and a safety harness.

Because of the COVID restrictions in 2020, the swing set sat in storage for the entire year and was just recently installed in the Park. Assembly 731 members, 4-H advisors and members, and representatives from the Township and Park Board held a ribbon cutting ceremony in April to welcome the new swing set to the Park. The "Made for Me" swing can now be enjoyed by children ages 5-12.

Through fund-raising, NSS matching funds, and donations, we were able to raise \$1,500 toward the swing. A local 4-H club and the Poland Township administration added the remaining \$1,000 to purchase the entire swing set for the special needs swing along with a baby swing. We hope to be able to continue adding playground equipment for all children to enjoy, but we've found playground equipment to be very expensive and we'll need to do a lot more fund-raisers to purchase the next item.



Ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce the new swing set to the park included: Poland Township Trustee Joanne Wollett, Ken Filicky, Park Board Chair; Coitsville 4-H advisors Rachel Woodburn and Nicole Schilling and club member Domenic Schilling; and Assembly 731 representatives Laurie Fox, Ben Gaither, Jack Gaither, Cameron Mason, Jimmy Cessna III, and Kathy Cessna.



C731 members enjoyed taking turns on the new swing designed for children ages 5-12. Jimmy Cessna III on the swing while Jacob Shank, Beth Gaither, Cameron Mason, and Jack Gaither wait their turn.

Laurie Fox
President

Slovak Day

July 15, 2021



The Slovak Day committee is very happy to announce that the 98th Annual Slovak Day will take place this year on **Thursday, July 15th** at Kennywood Park. The Committee Officers have been busy making plans for the day and are hoping to see many of you at this year's event.

You can order discounted tickets for Kennywood Park through the Home Office. The purpose of Slovak Day is to bring Slovaks from the Tri-State area together on that day to celebrate our heritage. However, it is not always possible for everyone to attend the festivities on that day for various reasons. It is important for everyone to know that **these tickets may be used on any other WEEKDAY during the regular season.** If you compare the Slovak Day Committee's price to the online price or the gate price charged by Kennywood, you will easily see the savings.

KW online price (over 46") \$49.99
 KW Gate Price \$59.99 + amusement tx
Slovak Day Price \$27.00

KW online price (under 46") \$32.99
 KW Gate Price \$39.99 + amusement tx

KW online Senior \$24.99
 KW Gate Price \$24.99 + amusement tx
Slovak Day \$16.00

KW NO SUPER SENIOR OFFERED
Slovak Day 70 yrs+ \$12.00

The small profit the Slovak Day Committee makes on each ticket is used to support Slovak religious and cultural organizations.

When ordering tickets, please make check out to: **W PA Slovak Day Association** and mail to: **NSS Life**

Slovak Day
351 Valley Brook RD
McMurray, PA 15317

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS

March, 2021

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Augsburger, Donald	Rawson, OH	12/24/2020	0774
Baird, William	East Freedom, PA	04/07/2021	0774
Barker, Julia	Danville, WV	11/05/2020	0774
Beaner, Susan	Summerville, SC	12/12/2020	0774
Beyda, Michael	Green River, WY	12/17/2010	0100
Bittel, Janice	Charleroi, PA	04/10/2021	0377
Braden, Sr., Fred	Knoxville, TN	01/12/2021	0774
Brosmer, Robert	Jasper, IN	02/21/2021	0774
Brosnan, Catherine	Pittsburgh, PA	02/01/2021	L161
Burkett, Gary	Reynoldsville, PA	02/22/2021	0554
DeArcangelis, Betty	Poland, OH	03/26/2021	0731
Delgado, Amelia	Sewell, NJ	01/17/2021	0774
Dieterman, Clara	Falmouth, MI	03/13/2021	0381
Dressler, Sylvia	Danville, PA	03/15/2021	0774
Ellis, Alan	Honey Brook, PA	03/19/2021	0774
Evans, Lloyd	Moundsville, WV	01/09/2021	0774
Fey, Marilyn	Warren, PA	04/23/2021	R019
Flynn, Margaret	Washington, PA	02/11/2021	0588
Gallo, Joseph	Seven Fields, PA	03/15/2021	L161
Golden, Edward	Dunmore, PA	03/16/2021	L075
Gorby, Russell	Washington, PA	02/26/2021	588
Goreschak, John	Bridgeport, CT	12/14/1996	L145
Grabovsky, Bazil	Southbury, CT	01/05/2021	0110
Hamilton Jr., Charles	New Brighton, PA	03/25/2021	0123
Hauser, Nancy	Greensburg, PA	01/14/2021	0737
Hays, Donald	Sheakleyville, PA	04/18/2021	0731
Hegner, Martha	Beaver Falls, PA	10/31/2020	0774
Henry, Mary E	Strongsville, OH	12/28/2020	0737
Kanich, Helen	Astoria, NY	08/09/2001	0110
Kanigowski, Robert	Pittsburgh, PA	04/05/2021	0100
Killam, Carol	Markesan, WI	01/20/2021	0774
Kobaly, Martha	Belle Vernon, PA	03/07/2021	0377
Kopp, Gretelle(Josephine)	Dearborn, MI	06/25/2020	0381
Krause, R Clyde	Rock Spring, GA	07/07/2020	0774
Krayvo, Monica	Brighton Twp, PA	04/01/2021	0434
Laquatra, Joseph J	Glenshaw, PA	12/25/2010	L161
Leasure, Margaret	Washington, PA	04/21/2021	0588
Lofstrom, Frances	Clairton, PA	12/28/2020	0108
Longstreth, Peter W	Oakdale, PA	03/24/2021	0123
Lorusso, Helen	Lake Hiawatha, NJ	01/16/2021	0110
Luedeker, Werner	Findlay, OH	11/03/2020	0774

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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Matasy, Katherine	Austintown, OH	03/20/2021	0731
McClure, Arleen	Warrington, PA	04/24/2021	R059
McCord, Hazel	Morgantown, WV	12/18/2020	P38A
McGinn, Arlene	Pittsburgh, PA	04/01/2021	0434
Means, Louise	Punxsutawney, PA	01/10/2021	0737
Meyer, Christian	Bay City, MI	03/03/2021	0381
Miller, Rita	Shelby Twp, MI	03/06/2021	0381
Miller, Thomas E	Carmichaels, PA	01/24/2021	0774
Mishura, Monica	Olyphant, PA	04/02/2015	L075
Mock, Clarence	Johnstown, PA	03/23/2021	0774
Mortle, Helen	West Newton, PA	03/06/2021	0737
Patrick, Dorothy	Osceola Mills, PA	02/26/2021	0774
Patrick, Gretchen	Marion, IL	10/18/2020	0813
Pollock, Geraldine	Wilkes Barre, PA	04/05/2021	0617
Purchase, Nancy	Cedar, MI	03/16/2021	0381
Sciroto-Eppley, Angelina	Pittsburgh, PA	04/13/2021	0774
Scullen, Ourten	New Middletown, OH	03/12/2021	0731
Sertik, Jacquelyn	Butler, PA	01/30/2021	L161
Shargo, Anna	Masury, OH	04/05/2021	0731
Shaver, Odessa	Ambridge, PA	02/12/2021	0123
Shemancik, Mary	Sharon, PA	06/29/2020	0123
Steffen, Carol J	Pittsburgh, PA	04/21/2021	0434
Strosky, Edward	Dubois, PA	02/13/2021	0554
Suda, Helen	Whitehall, PA	02/28/2021	L102
Suhy, Nancy	Willoughby Hills, OH	03/10/2021	0004
Tappe, Robert W	Verona, PA	11/15/2020	0774
Testa, Mary	Pittsburgh, PA	02/17/2021	0434
Trowbridge, Ronald	Cameron, WV	11/20/2020	0774
Tudek, Roman	Glassport, PA	03/27/2021	0441
Valach, Frank	Philadelphia, PA	03/26/2021	R059
Vance, Gene D	Enterprise, WV	02/20/2021	0774
Vandrak, Nancy	Beaver Falls, PA	10/24/2020	0434
Verbovsky, Michael	Little Ferry, NJ	05/26/2020	L075
Weston, Kenneth	New Berlin, WI	03/23/2021	0774
White, Cecilia	Pittsburgh, PA	01/19/2021	0774
Willard, Barbara J	Glassport, PA	04/15/2021	0441
Winter, William J	Pittsburgh, PA	03/12/2021	0434
Wurtzbacher, Bertha L	Wheeling, WV	12/06/2020	P38A
Yakel, Rita	Scott Twp, PA	03/01/2021	0434
Zelinskie, Bonita	Columbus, NC	03/19/2021	0774
Ziacik, Mark	Erie, PA	04/14/2021	0554



PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

- In Memory of **Peter Longstreth:**
From William and Susan Knoll 100.00
- In Memory of **Peter Longstreth:**
From NSS Life Home Office Staff 100.00
- In Memory of **Martin & Rose Medved:**
From Assembly 0381 50.00
- In Memory of **Deceased Members of Assembly 0381:**
From Assembly 0381 100.00
- In Memory of **Robert Clowes:**
From Assembly 0123 20.00
- In Memory of **Bertha Holets:**
From Assembly 0123 20.00
- In Memory of **Thomas Lattanzio:**
From Assembly 0123 20.00
- In Memory of **William Prescott:**
From Assembly 0123 20.00
- In Memory of **Marion Ulizio:**
From Assembly 0123 20.00
- In Memory of **Andrew "Bucky" Wesnak:**
From the Orban Family 50.00
- In Memory of **Greg Blum:**
From the Orban Family 50.00
- In Memory of **Shaun Logan Crowley:**
From the Orban Family 50.00
- In Memory of **Shaun Logan Crowley:**
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin, Jr., and John Crowley 20.00

- Donations:**
- Lauren Fox 25.00
 - John and Priscilla Bucek 500.00
 - American Hearing Benefits 600.00





VITAJ JÚN, čo nám prinášaš ?

Jún je naozaj magický mesiac, prináša nám hodne Slnka a s ním aj novú energiu a viac pozitívnych myšlienok. S novým mesiacom prichádza nová kapitola v našom živote, nové začiatky a určite aj nové priania. Čo všetko nás čaká v júni ?

1. jún prináša deťom sviatok Medzinárodný Deň detí a s ním radosť a príjemné chvíle v škole aj v rodine. Venujme našim deťom to najcennejšie: našu lásku a čas. Nesnažme sa ich prerobiť, či pretvoriť na náš obraz, ale berme ich také, aké sú - Jedinečné.

Najlepším spôsobom ako urobiť deti dobrými je urobiť ich šťastnými.

Želajme im teda veľa krásnych a radostných dní najmä všetkým deťom. Nech sú ich aj naše júnové dni naplnené nádejou, láskou, slnkom a energiou. Nech je to pre všetkých mesiac Radosť, Zábavy a Smiechu.

98 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie



Dávame na vedomie slovenskej verejnosti v Pgh,a okolí, že tohtoročný 98 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie bude 15. júla v známom Kennywood Parku. Vstupné lístky sú v predaji od členov prípraveného výboru tie si rezervujte u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Po tomto kontakte možno vložiť aj váš pozdrav alebo ohlášku do pamätnice Slovenského dňa.

Deň Otcov

V tretiu nedeľu v júni slávime deň otcov, osoba ktorá je hlavou rodiny. Všetkým otcom ku vášmu dňu želáme čo najkrajší deň a veľa radosti v kruhu svojej rodiny.

Naším Otcom

*Darmo ten náš otec skoro ráno vstáva,
darmo do únavy ťažkú prácu koná.*

*Darmo ruky lásky ku dieťkam vystiera,
malú omrvinku uznania dostáva.*

*Darmo a mnohokrát otrhany chodí;
darmo do únavy ťažkú prácu robí.*

*Jeho vraj povinnosť, to mu neuškodí.
A tak bez útechy oči k zemi kloní.*

*Pri námahe celej srdce láskou horí
ku dieťkam obeťou "Však sú všetci moji."*

*Ako to tých otcov potom v duši bolí,
keď si jeho lásky Nikto neosvojí.*

Boh nemôže byť všade...a preto stvoril otcov.

„Boh je priateľom mlčania. Všimnite si, že príroda, stromy, rastliny a kvety rastú v tichu. Všimnite si, ako sa nebo, slnko a mesiac nečujne pohybujú. Aj my potrebujeme byť ticho, aby sme sa mohli dotknúť duše.“

MATKA TEREZA

NSS Golf Pozývame našich členov NSS na golfový turnaj ktorý tohto roku bude od 9 –11 júla v Kensington Golf Club, Canfield, Ohio. Podrobnejšie informácie najdete na našej webovej stránke nsslife.org.



Gratulujeme...

V tomto mesiaci sa končí školský rok, deti postupujú o triedu vyššie, a ti dospeljší maturujú z vysokých škôl. Všetkým študentom gratulujeme k úspešnému ukončeniu štúdia a k výborným výsledkom. Naša organizácia je zvlášť hrdá na našich členov študentov ktorým prispievame finančne na vysokoškolské štúdiá. Veríme, že z nich budú príkladný Americký občania a aktívny členovia v našej organizácii NSS.



Učte sa Slovenské slova a názov ovocia

(Find only the Slovak words)



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V	A	Q	U	L	L	N	R	H	G	B	O
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A	C	N	A	R	A	M	O	P	C	O	S

MANDARÍNKA (tangerine) **SLIVKA** (plum) **ANANÁS** (pineapple)

MALINA (raspberry) **BANÁN** (banana) **CITRÓN** (lemon)

JAHODA (strawberry) **POMARANČ** (orange) **HROZNO** (grape)

JABLKO (apple) **HRUŠKA** (pear)



Youth Circle Page

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



**Congratulations to the class of 2021
We Made It!**

**Remember
Dad on
Father's Day
June 20th**



2021 NSS POETRY CONTEST Deadline: August 15, 2021

This is a great opportunity for parents and assembly officers to encourage our youth to utilize their thinking caps, sharpen those pencils and put those poetic thoughts on paper. The poetry submitted should display an honest and true effort of creativity and unique artistic vision. The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all NSS Youth (ages 5 to 16) and Adult members.
2. Poem may be any length up to two pages double spaced.
3. Topic is chosen by individual.
4. Each poem submitted **MUST** be an original work created by the member and should be typed or hand written clearly.
5. All entries must include: name, address, phone number, age, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size chosen by the following sizes available:
 - Youth Sizes - YS and YM
 - Adult Sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
6. Winners in each category will have their poetry printed in the National News, Youth Circle Magazine and on the NSS Website.
7. Contest shall be judged under the following ages:
 - Keats - Ages 5, 6, 7
 - Angelou - Ages 8, 9, 10
 - Frost - Ages 11, 12, 13
 - Shakespeare - Ages 14, 15, 16
 - Poe - Adult
8. Prizes awarded in each level shall be as follows:
 - First Place- \$50.00 & Certificate of Achievement
 - Second Place- \$25.00 & Certificate of Achievement
 - Third Place- \$15.00 & Certificate of Achievement
9. Deadline for entries to the Home Office is **August 15th**. Entries must be mailed or delivered to:
 - National Slovak Society
 - ATT: Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Director
 - 351 Valley Brook Road
 - McMurray, PA 15317
10. Entries will be judged by an outside professional. Decisions made by the judge will be final in all cases.
11. The National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all poems submitted.

Please contact Fraternal Activities Coordinator, Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 if you have any questions.

You are always there

You are there when I need you
You are there when I call
Whatever I remember
Whenever I recall
I find you with me and in my task
Of being in the life's glory and bask
I am so lucky that I have you as my dad
I swear I am really glad,
Thanks my dad for being there,
Happy Father's day to you!

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.