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## Activities At A Glance

### REGION 2

#### Assemblies L075, 0617

January 22  
February 5  
February 16  
April 3  
August 10

Assembly L075, Meeting, Time and Place TBA  
Region 2, Meeting, Grotto Pizza, Wilkes Barre, PA at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0617, Meeting and Social Pierce Street Deli at 1:00 pm  
Assembly 0617, Easter Project (Tentative) (TBA)  
Assembly 0617, Fraternal Day, Knoebels Park (TBA)

### REGION 5

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

January 25  
January 28  
February 9  
February 12  
February 20  
March 6  
March 13  
April 25  
June 19  
September 1  
September 11  
September 12  
October 23  
November 7  
December 4  
December 17

Assembly 0441, Meeting, Crowley residence, West Mifflin, PA at 6:00 pm  
Assembly 0731, Youngstown Phantoms Hockey game, Youngstown, OH at 7:00 pm  
Assembly 0588, Meeting at Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm  
Assembly 0731, Meeting, Cessna residence, Boardman, OH at 2:00 pm  
Assembly 0108, Convention meeting, Strom residence, Baldwin, PA at 2:00 pm  
Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hoss's Restaurant at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0039, Meeting, Eat'n Park Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm  
Assembly 0588, Meeting at Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA (TBA)  
Assembly 0377, Annual Picnic, Richardsons Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0731, All day Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Campsite A102  
Assembly 0731, Meeting, Sesame Inn, at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA (TBA)  
Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farm at 4:00 pm  
Assembly 0588, Meeting at Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA (TBA)  
Assembly 0377, Christmas Party, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm  
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Beard Elton Cabin, Boardman, OH

### REGION 8

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

January 20  
February 27

Assembly 0432, Tobogganing, Strongsville Chalet (TBA)  
Assembly 0160, Annual Assembly Dinner, Slovak Club, Lorain, OH at 1:00 pm

### REGION 14

#### Assemblies R059, L102

January 9  
January 23  
February 6

Assembly L102, Annual Christmas Party, Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm  
Assembly R059, Meeting, Prime Restaurant, (TBA)  
Assembly L102, Meeting, Wesnak's residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm

### AT LARGE

#### Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813

February 17

Assembly 0381, Meeting, TV Diner, Trenton, MI at 2:00 pm



## The President's Page...

**Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO**  
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The Executive Officers, Board of Directors and Home Office Staff of the National Slovak Society wish all of you a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2022. I hope everyone was able to celebrate a wonderful Christmas Holiday with their families.

The NSS Heritage Museum held its Christmas around the World event on Saturday, November 27th. The event was a tremendous success with over three hundred people attending the event throughout the day. The day included displays of Christmas trees decorated by various ethnic groups, Christmas crafts for children, a visit by St. Nicholas, delicious Slovak foods, scrumptious Slovak Christmas cookies, Slovak gifts available from the Museum gift shop, and the largest animated woodcarving in the United States. A special thank you to all that volunteered and helped make the day successful, and to the NSS Heritage Museum curator, Sue Ondrejco. Organizing and conducting an event of this magnitude takes a great deal of work and Sue always makes it look so easy! Thank you, Sue for doing a fantastic job!

On Saturday, December 4th, nearly one hundred members of the NSS participated in a fraternal event at Phipps Conservatory's Holiday Magic Winter Flower Show and Light Garden. The afternoon began with a gathering for light refreshments and a chance to meet fellow NSS members. Following refreshments, the group was given the opportunity to tour the indoor areas of the facility and to visit the outdoor Winter Garden. The entire Conservatory was decorated with dazzling light displays

integrated with the trees, plants, and flowers! The outdoor Winter Garden display was the highlight of the night with thousands of lights to get the visitors in the Christmas Holiday spirit! It was a very enjoyable evening for all that attended.

The Proclamation announcing the XXXVIII Regular Convention of the National Slovak Society appears in this issue. This is an official notification to all assemblies, regions, and members regarding the upcoming Convention.

The Convention is approximately six months away, but time will pass quickly. All assemblies and regions planning to send delegates to the Convention are required to advertise the details for the meeting at which the delegate election will take place in the National News. This notice according to Article 5 Section G of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society must be published no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Please remember that articles for publication in the National News must be submitted by the 5th day of the month prior to the month of publication.

## News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to NSS Director Karen Lynne Orban, to Heather Payerchin, John Bebo, Jr., Susan Payerchin, Shannon Woods, and Marge Maropis.

Get well wishes go out to Stephanie Orban as she recovers from a recent surgery.

## NSS Member visits Bratislava, Slovakia



Greetings, I'm Frank Buttitta, a member of NSS. I visited Slovakia in October of this past year. It is the homeland of my maternal grandparents. I just so happened to have my most recent copy of the NSS National News with me! Here I am in front of the Bratislava Castle.

~ Veselé Vianoce



## Tentative Board Of Directors Meeting Schedule 2022

Winter Board Meeting	Saturday, March 5, 2022
Spring Board Meeting	Friday, June 24, 2022 Saturday, June 25, 2022
Summer Board Meeting	Saturday, August 13, 2022
Fall/Reorganization Meeting (Committees)	Friday, November 11, 2022 Saturday, November 12, 2022 Sunday, November 13, 2022



## **NSS 38th Quadrennial Convention, Hershey, PA**

### **PROCLAIMING THE XXXVIII REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL SLOVAK SOCIETY OF THE USA**

To all members of the Subordinate Assemblies, Regions, Board of Directors, Executive Officers, and Honorary Officers, respectively submit that in compliance with Article 4, Section A of the current By-Laws of the National Slovak Society of the USA, I hereby proclaim the:

#### **XXXVIII Regular Convention**

**To be convened on**

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

**HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER**

**HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Subordinate Assemblies and Regions are hereby instructed to elect a delegate or delegates in compliance with Article 5, Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I of the current By-Laws of the National Slovak Society of the USA. These elections shall be held within the period commencing with the date of this proclamation in order that the names of duly elected delegates, their verification and other forms required be delivered to the address of the Secretary-Treasurer Linda M. Strom, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317 no later than March 28, 2022.

Requirements with which every delegate is required to strictly comply are contained in the above-mentioned sections of the current By-Laws. The election of delegates is to be held in strict compliance with these directives, which are to be read at the Assembly or Region meeting before the election is conducted.

**Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC  
President & CEO**

## A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom  
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

## It's That Time Again – NSS 38th Quadrennial Convention

It is 2022 and Guess What is right around the corner? It is the 38th Quadrennial Convention of the National Slovak Society. The report of members per Assembly has been run. Information packets will go out soon to all Assemblies and Regions with information pertaining to convention delegate representation and all forms required for the election of delegates. Once elected the delegate registration form must be filled out for each delegate (and alternate if elected) and returned to my office **No Later than March 28, 2022**, for verification. Be on the lookout for this first 38th Quadrennial Convention Packet.

**Make sure you publish your meeting notice in the “National News” newsletter 30 days prior to the actual meeting. It should include the date, place, and time of your assembly and/or region meeting and state that the meeting is being held for the purpose of electing delegates to the upcoming convention. This will ensure that your meeting is “official,” and your delegates are approved.**



## 2021 Christmas Ornament Contest Winners



**Frosty Group - Ages 5-7**  
Jameson Ratley - Assembly C102



**Rudolph Group - Ages 8-10**  
Elliott Gross - Assembly C102



**Snowflake Group - Ages 11-13**  
Zach Martini - Assembly C731



**Santa Group - Ages 14-16**  
Addison Draa - Assembly C731



**Adult Group - 1st Place**  
Mary Joyce Mankey - Assembly 0588



**Adult Group - 2nd Place**  
Michael Wesnak - Assembly L102



**Adult Group - 3rd Place**  
Sharon Wesnak - Assembly L102

# National Slovak Society (NSS Life) Privacy Notice

## Introduction:

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

## Personal Information:

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

## Protecting Your Personal Information:

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

## Disclosure of Your Personal Information:

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

NSS Life Privacy Policy

Adopted January 23, 2019



## 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.

**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**



**JANUARY  
2022**

*New Year's Resolution*

*I will sign up at least one new member or even a few starting with January, 2022!*

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

### Could you use a little extra “green?”

#### RECOMMENDER FORM

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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Please mail form to the NSS Life 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.*

#### Change of Address Information:

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Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly #: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

Please be advised that all submissions **MUST BE** received by the Home Office no later than the **5th of Every Month**. Typed. Every effort will be made to publish the article and photos in a timely manner, space permitting.



## From the Sales Department...

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



## How Much Do I Need in Retirement?

The general rule of thumb is to have saved one times your annual income by age 30, two times by age 35, three by age 40 and keep going based on your age. A person age 60 should have about seven times their annual incomes. A person making \$50,000 a year at that age should have about \$350,000 put aside.

Now here are the quick stats on what people really have. These numbers may be shocking to some:

- The average savings for a person (age 60+) making \$50,000 a year is \$10,000.
- 29% of retirees have no savings.
- 28% have less than \$10,000 saved.

Armed with these facts, a person can take steps now to make sure they are not in this statistical group. Here are a few simple ideas to help.

1. Start with a basic plan. This would include some ideas about saving money, paying off debt, budgeting expenses and seeking professional help at some point.

2. Implement the plan. A simple and easy one is to open an NSS IRA and put money into an account on a regular basis. A slow, systematic program will build wealth over time.

3. Think about earning more money so you can become debt free and then have more funds to invest.

4. Try to spend less, be more frugal and limit credit card usage.

5. Monitor and adjust the plan over time to meet your goals and objectives. For more information, please contact your local NSS representative, or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for some ideas to help you build wealth.

## Who Needs Life Insurance?

Rather than discuss the many advantages of life insurance and why it is such a good product here are some situations that when they exist – a life insurance plan should be considered.

- The single mother or father.
- Families with young children.
- People with a mortgage.
- The student with private student loan debt co-signed by a parent.
- Individuals that need a regular and continuous monthly income for living expenses.
- Anyone with a debt that is also in someone else's name.
- Young people to protect their insurability and to get coverage while it is less expensive.
- Anyone with less than \$20,000 of liquid assets to pay for final expenses (average funeral costs \$8-\$10,000, and other expenses \$10-\$12,000)
- In addition, people should think about life insurance for estate planning, retirement planning, some business uses, wealth transfer, charitable giving and legacy planning.

Life insurance may well be the greatest financial instrument ever devised by man. Almost 40% of people when asked about life insurance, wish they would have bought more and sooner. 30% of people plan on buying some life insurance soon? There are no good reasons to wait either. Life insurance has never been more affordable or easier to buy than right now. We can custom design a plan to fit your needs and/or budget.

Call us and see what we can do for you and your family.

An advertisement for the NSS Life Anniversary Offer Program. The background is a photograph of a multi-generational family (grandmother, mother, father, and children) smiling and lying in a field of fallen autumn leaves. In the top left corner, there is a logo for NSS Life with the tagline "Family Matters...". The text "NSS Life ANNIVERSARY OFFER PROGRAM" is written across the top in a serif font. In the bottom left, there is a green starburst graphic with the words "SAVE MONEY" in white. In the bottom right, the text "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION! COMING IN FEBRUARY ISSUE!" is written in a large, bold, serif font.

### Thought For The Month:

*This is the greatest two letter, ten-word sentence in the world.  
If it is to be, it is up to me.*

~ Anon

## 2021 Photo Contest Winners



**Photo Contest Overall Winner**  
Joanne Medved - Assembly 0381



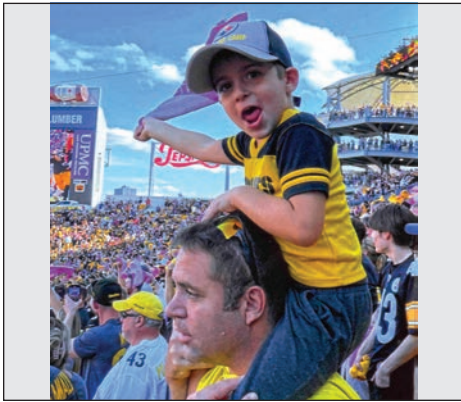
**Patriotic Category: 1st Place**  
George Wargo - Assembly L161



**Patriotic Category: 2nd Place**  
Jason Gulden - Assembly 0617



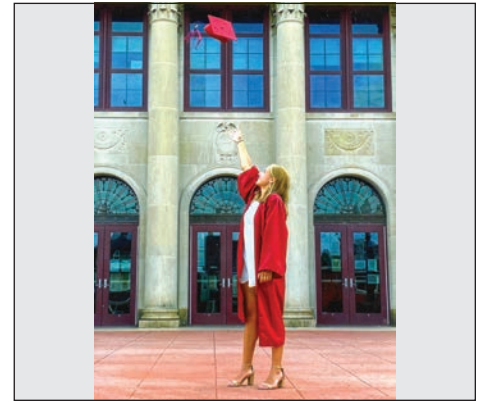
**Patriotic Category: 3rd Place**  
Lorraine Nist - Assembly 0123



**Hometown Pride Category: 1st Place**  
Maria Mollura - Assembly 0737



**Hometown Pride Category: 2nd Place**  
Charles Boone - Assembly L161



**Hometown Pride Category: 3rd Place**  
Sharon Wesnak - Assembly L102



**Scenic Category: 1st Place**  
Monica Boone - Assembly L161



**Scenic Category: 2nd Place**  
Robyn Sweeney - Assembly 0377



**Scenic Category: 3rd Place**  
Kevin Crowley, Jr. - Assembly 0441



**Animals Category: 1st Place**  
Valentina Gulino - Assembly 0039



**Animals Category: 2nd Place**  
Maggie Semego - Assembly 0108



**Animals Category: 3rd Place**  
George Wargo - Assembly L161



# Youth Circle Magazine - Winter 2022



## New Year's Eve Word Search

O	N	N	T	Y	R	A	U	N	A	J	I
U	H	W	H	T	R	K	X	T	H	V	D
D	L	O	T	L	R	D	N	U	M	M	K
A	R	D	H	W	E	L	B	E	W	Y	V
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T	C	J	T	T	O	N	V	K	X	H	B
C	R	K	T	Y	N	K	B	G	F	W	E
L	K	A	X	C	G	F	S	G	P	E	L
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C	I	H	O	U	R	G	L	A	S	S	C
K	B	F	Y	Z	B	W	T	S	R	I	F

## Snow Activities Snow Pile Olympics

**What to do:**

**Long Jump** – Draw a starting line in the snow. Stand at the starting line and jump as far as you can. Compare footprints to see who jumped the farthest.

**Snowball Throw** – Stand at a starting line to see how far you and your friends can throw snow balls.

**Snow Pile Hurdles** – Make piles of snow, then run through the area jumping over the piles as they come to them.

**Snow Obstacle Course** – Use the piles of snow from the hurdle course. Set up a course where you can jump over one, hop around the next, etc.

## Ice Blocks

**You'll need:**

Clean milk containers and plastic containers (from margarine, cottage cheese, etc.)

**What to do:**

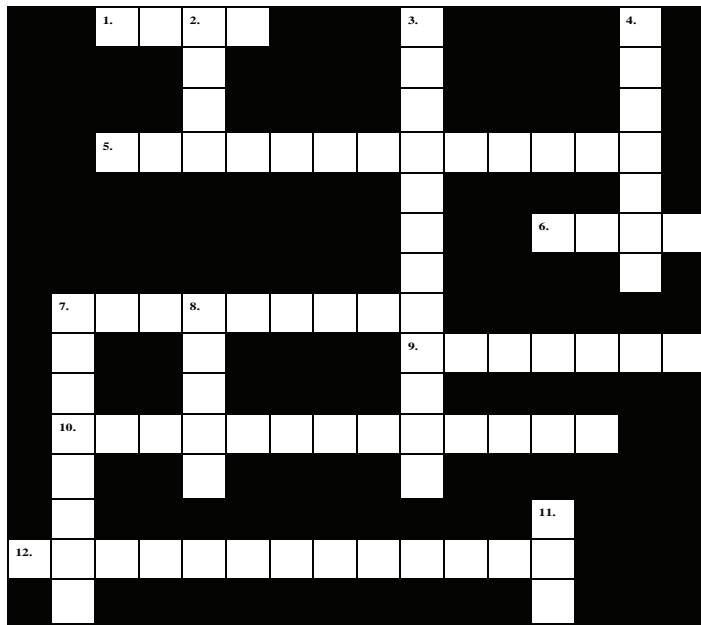
You can fill the containers with water and set them outside to freeze. When they are frozen solid, peel away the cartons or dip plastic containers in a bucket of warm water to free the ice block. While wearing gloves to protect from the cold ice, you can stack and build with the ice blocks.

CALENDAR  
CLOCK  
MIDNIGHT  
COUNTDOWN  
RESOLUTION  
PARTY

JANUARY  
HOURGLASS  
FIRST  
YEAR  
TIME  
CELEBRATION



## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



### Crossword Clues:

#### Across:

- Object you fly in the air
- Small, rubber items filled with H<sub>2</sub>O
- Used for going down a snowy hill
- Place you ride on a board with 4 wheels
- Sport involving a bow and arrows
- Sometimes called Putt-Putt
- Winter game of throwing round items

#### Down:

- Portable shelter for sleeping outside
- Pair of wheeled footwear
- Flying disc
- Moving through water
- Cleared path for hiking
- Sometimes called a quad or 4-wheeler

## Riddles

- A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode back out on Friday. How is this possible?
- Choose the correct sentence: "The yolk of the egg is white" or "the yolk of the egg is white."
- It's as light as a feather, but the strongest person can't hold it for more than five minutes. What is it?
- The more there is, the less you see. What is it?
- What gets more wet while it dries?
- You can find it in Mercury, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, but not in Venus or Neptune. What is it?
- It likes food, but water kills it. What is it?
- What's full of holes but can still hold water?
- Which is heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of rocks?
- How far can a dog run into the woods?

## Answers

- The horse's name was Friday.
- Neither. Egg yolks are yellow, not white!
- Breath
- Fog
- A towel
- The letter "R"
- Fire
- A sponge
- Neither. Both weigh a pound!
- Halfway. Once it reaches halfway, it's running out of the woods.

## At Home Meteorology: Making an Anemometer (Wind Gauge)

### What You Need:

- Five 3 ounce paper cups (Dixie Cup Size)
- 2 straws
- a pencil
- a tack
- scissors



### Instructions:

- With an adults' help, use scissors to poke one hole through each side of one cup.
- Stick one straw through the holes in 2 cups and the another straw through the other set so the straws cross in the middle.
- Poke a hole in the bottom of the cup large enough to put the pencil in (so eraser is inside below the intersection of the straws)
- Turn cup over; stick tack through both straws where they intersect and into the eraser below.
- Poke 2 holes on opposite sides of each of the 4 cups you have left
- Insert one cup onto each straw of your wind gauge - with the opening of one cup facing the bottom of the cup in front of it. Use the sharp end of the pencil to stick your Anemometer into the grass or dirt outside.



## Find your way thru the 2022 maze



# How to make a parachute cord (paracord) bracelet

## What you need:

- 2 different colors of Parachute cord (550 or 325)
- Plastic buckles
- A lighter – for melting and finishing the cut ends of cord - (with an adult)
- Scissors

**Step 1:** Cut two strands of parachute cord. One color will be the core of the bracelet. This piece should be about 4 inches longer than you want the finished bracelet to be when doubled over. The second piece should be about 3 times longer than the first piece. Double over both pieces, and attach them to the buckle like you are putting on a luggage tag.



A close-up of how the strands are attached to the buckle:

**Step 2:** Use the outer two strands (the longer cord) to tie square knots. First, make an “L” shape with one side...



Then, make an “L” with the other side. Go under the two center strands, and then over the first “L” that you made. Pull the strands tight.



Keep making square knots until you are about halfway to the finished length that you want.



When tying your knots, be sure to start on the opposite side each time! If you don't, your bracelet will twist. The twist looks cool, but it won't end up looking like the picture!



**Step 3:** To finish off the bracelet, fold over the two center strands. Trim them so that they overlap with about 2 inches of the core. Use the lighter to melt the cut edges to fuse them. Then, continue making square knots over the two core strands, plus the two folded over strands. If you make your knots nice and tight, the bracelet will be very secure and the ends will not come out.



**Step 4:** Trim off the excess and melt with the lighter to fuse the cord ends to the bracelet.



Here is what the fused part looks like:



# Hilarious Jokes

- Q. What's a banana peel's favorite type of shoe?  
A. Slippers!
- Q. What did the big flower say to the little flower?  
A. Hi, bud!
- Q. How do vampires start their letters?  
A. "Tomb it may concern..."
- Q. What's a writing utensil's favorite place to go on vacation?  
A. Pencil-vania!
- Q. How does the Man in the Moon cut his hair?  
A. Eclipse it!
- Q. Where do polar bears keep their money?  
A. In a snow bank!
- Q. Why did the dinosaur cross the road?  
A. Because chickens didn't exist yet!
- Q. What has hundreds of ears but can't hear a thing?  
A. A cornfield!
- Q: Why didn't the zombie go to school?  
A: He felt rotten!
- Q: What do Italian ghosts have for dinner?  
A: Spook-hetti!

# Math Riddles

1. Divide 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  and add 10. What's the answer?
2. A clerk at the butcher shop is six feet tall and wears size 10 shoes. What does he weigh?
3. A farmer has 19 sheep on his land. One day, a big storm hits and all but seven run away. How many sheep does the farmer have left?
4. Your sock drawer only contains 18 white socks and 18 blue socks. How many times do you need to reach inside the drawer and take out a sock to guarantee a matching pair?
5. You planted sunflower seeds in your back garden. Every day, the number of flowers doubles. If it takes 52 days for the flowers to fill the garden, how many days would it take for them to fill half the garden?
6. Using only addition, how can you use eight eights to get the number 1,000?
7. When Ashley was 15, her mother was 37. Now, her mother is twice her age. How old is Ashley?

## Answers

1. It's 70. You're dividing 30 by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , not by two. Thirty divided by  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the same thing as multiplying it by two, which is 60. Plus 10 makes 70!
2. Meat. He works at the butcher shop, so he weighs meat for a living.
3. Seven. The riddle says all but seven run away, meaning there are seven left who didn't.
4. Three times. On the third time, you'll get either a white or a blue sock to match with one of the other two you've already grabbed.
5. It would take 51 days. If the number of flowers doubles every day, half the garden would be full the day before, on the 51st day.
6.  $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8$
7. Ashley is 22. Her mother is 22 years older, so when Ashley is 22, she's now half her mother's age.

ACROSS

1. KITE
5. WATERBALLOONS
6. SLED
7. SKATEPARK
9. ARCHERY
10. MINIATUREGOLF
12. SNOWBALLFIGHT

DOWN

2. TENT
3. ROLLERSKATES
4. FRISBEE
7. SWIMMING
8. TRAIL
11. ATV

Answer to Maze on Page 12



## Stay Healthy during the Winter

**Know when outdoor play is safe - Green**

**Zone:** 30 degrees or higher - Safe to play outside with layers, but go inside to warm up every 40 minutes. **Yellow**

**Zone:** 20-30 degrees - Take caution of shivering and go inside every 20-30 minutes. **Red Zone:** Below 20 degrees - Stay Inside!

**Elbow Trick** - Turn your head to sneeze or cough into a tissue or into their elbow to limit the spread of germs.

**Get some Z's** -An adequate amount of sleep is important for everyone, especially when you're sick.

**Skip sharing (food and drinks)** - Wash your hands before lunch to limit germs spreading to food. Also, keep your hands away from your face and the faces of others.

**Stay hydrated** - Exposure to cold temperatures can lessen your body's response to thirst. Dehydration can lead to fatigue, headaches, and make you more susceptible to illness. Have warm drinks such as soup broths or warm cider after being in the cold, and always have water available.

## Make a Family Time Capsule

Can't save time in a bottle? The next best thing is to save some of your family's memories today to enjoy in the future. You'll learn a lot about each other in the process!

Think how your family has changed just in the last few months: teeth have likely been lost and new ones taken their place, new skills have been developed, and even favorite colors and foods have probably changed.

With this activity, you can capture those small details that you may not remember a few years from now, like your sister's favorite food at age 7 or your brother's favorite song. When you open the time capsule in five or ten years, you may laugh as you read the predictions they made (flying cars, perhaps?) and smile as you remember what your family favorites were even not so long ago.

**What You'll Need**

- Shoe box or other box with lid
- Paint, stickers, or other decorating supplies
- Mementos from each family member



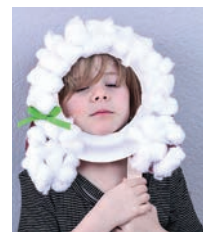
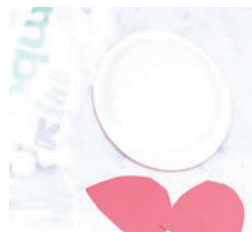
**What You'll Do**

1. Decorate the box and its lid. You can paint it, make a photo collage, or glue on current headlines from newspapers.
2. Each family member should gather small mementos to include. Here are some ideas:
  - A drawing or piece of art
  - A ribbon that's as long as you are
  - A favorite T-shirt or piece of jewelry
  - A paper with the outline of your hand
  - A letter to your future self
  - A self-portrait or pet portrait (signed and dated)
  - An interview with a sibling or parent about their favorite things
  - A favorite joke(s)
  - A list of what you want to be doing 10 years from now. How about in 20 years?
  - A favorite recipe
  - A list of favorite TV shows or movies you watch as a family
3. Put the mementos in the box. Choose a safe, dry place to store it. Add a reminder on the box such as **"Do not open until (future date here!)"**

## George Washington Paper Plate Craft

George Washington was the first president of the United States. Lets celebrate this general who helped lead our fight for Independence and became United States of America's first president with this cute George Washington paper plate craft. This simple George Washington craft is a fun way to celebrate Presidents Day on the third Monday of every February. Originally, President's Day was celebrated on February 22nd, which was George Washington birthday, but the holiday was moved to the third Monday of the month. This simple, paper plate craft is super cute and easy to make too. All you need are a few simple materials you probably already have at home:

**Supplies:** Cotton balls, Large craft stick, Tape, Glue, Ribbon, Scissors, Paper plates, and Card stock paper



Cut out the center of the paper plate and flip it so the back is facing the top. Cut two tear drop-shaped pieces of paper from card stock paper, about 6 inches long and 2 inches wide. Glue the tear drops to the bottom sides of the plate to make the wig shape. Gently pull the cotton balls apart and glue them all over the paper plate and the tear drops, leaving an opening at the bottom for a chin. Tape the jumbo craft stick to the back of the paper plate. Once the glue is dry, glue a ribbon bow to George Washington's hair. During the time, many men wore bows in their hair and wigs as well as women.

# NSS Heritage Museum Presents "Christmas Around the World"



# NSS Night at Phipps Conservatory, Pittsburgh, PA



## ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Around forty members and friends attended our Annual Christmas Party held at the Uniontown Columbia Social Center in Uniontown., PA. Following a delicious catered meal, President John Payerchin called the annual meeting to order.

A memorial service was conducted by Paul and John Payerchin, remembering all of our members who died this year and now rest in the arms of Christ. We especially remembered our dear friends and Trustee Anthony Bartock, Sr. and our Vice President Timothy Schwer.

Our special speaker at the dinner was Mr. Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, our National Sales Director. Greg reviewed the NSS portfolio of products and thanked the assembly for being one of the most active assemblies in the NSS. He answered questions during and after his presentation.

Officers elected for 2022 are as follows:

President: John Payerchin

Vice-president: Barbara Gera

Secretary-Treasurer: Paul Payerchin

Trustees: Rita Leonard, Thomas Kocis, Mackenzie Ziegler and Nancy Schwer

Special Christmas dinner violin music was provided by assembly member Mara and Casey Lako.

A basket raffle for the NSS PVR Fund raised over \$300.00 and was matched from the assembly treasury with an additional \$450.00 to purchase an acorn on the NSS Memorial Tree in honor of our fallen officers Timothy Schwer and Anthony Bartock Sr., and to purchase a memorial leaf in honor of all those who died in 2021.

The winner of the 34" HDTV set was Alena Payerchin.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, **March 13th** "*Lenten Dinner & Election of Delegates to the 2022 NSS Convention*". The meeting will be held at Eat'n Park Restaurant, Uniontown, PA 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.

May the New Year bring you gifts of good health and long life.

**John Payerchin**  
President

## ASSEMBLY R059 Bethlehem, PA

A meeting will be held on **January 23, 2022** at Prime Restaurant where election of officers will take place.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God Grant You Many Blessings!

**Michele Guydan**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

A meeting will be held on **January 22, 2022** location TBA for the election of delegates to the NSS Convention in Hershey, PA, June 26-30, 2022. For more information contact Lehrae Ann Edwards at 570-569-2181.

**Lehrae Ann Edwards**  
Secretary/Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Our annual Christmas party will be held on **January 9, 2022** at 2:00 pm at the Wesnak's.

Members of L102 will be holding a meeting for the election of delegates to the convention on **February 6th, 2022** at 2:00 pm at the Wesnak home in Whitehall. Anyone interested in being a delegate should plan on attending.

**Sharon Wesnak**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0108 West Mifflin, PA

A meeting will be held on **February 20, 2022** at 2:00 pm at Linda Strom's residence, call for details or address at 412-334-4046. Our agenda includes election of delegates for our upcoming Quadrennial Convention.

**Linda Strom**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Let us hope that this year will see the end of the scourge known as COVID and with its end we can return to some sort of normalcy. What we consider normal may be a little different, but let's all do our part to make this a very good year for Assembly 123.

Assembly 123 wants to give a big shout out to Pam Blum for all she did to make the outing at Phipps Conservatory such an enjoyable evening. It was good seeing Ed & Ruth Bailey there along with the Darby family. Other members attending were Jill & Lyle Grover and her sister Carol. Sorry if I missed seeing others but hopefully you had a nice evening.

I want to welcome all the new members that came into our assembly this year. Welcome indeed! I hope that you will be able to take part in some of our activities and contribute your talents and ideas to our group. It was good to hear from new member Ann Babcanec who expressed interest in participating. Feel free to call me at 724-242-585 if you have questions or suggestions.

For any of our members who have passed away last year we send our sympathy to their families and our hope is that they rest in the peace of the Lord.

For any of our sick or ailing members may you soon return to full health.

I like all of us don't know what this year will bring but it is my hope that it brings each of you a generous measure of laughter, joy and happiness.

**William Knoll**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 0160 Lorain, OH

We will be hosting our annual assembly dinner on Sunday, **February 27, 2022** at 1:00 pm. This catered event will be held at the Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH.

Please RSVP no later than February 10th to [ekatricak@gmail.com](mailto:ekatricak@gmail.com) or 440-773-0170. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Erin Katricak**  
Activities Director



## ASSEMBLY 0381 Grosse Ile, MI

Blessings to our members and wishing you a Happy New Year. Please stay well and be safe.

Our February meeting will tentatively be held on **February 17, 2022** at TV Diner, Trenton, Michigan at 2:00 pm. We will be discussing the delegates to the convention.

**Joanne Medved**  
Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

Join us for a fun filled day tobogganing at the Strongsville Chalet on **February 20, 2022.**

Happy New Year to all of our members.

**Shawn Pytel**  
Publicist & Social Media

## ASSEMBLY 0434 McMurray, PA

With the upcoming quadrennial convention we are looking for members interested in serving as a delegate.

Please mail me at **DGB803@gmail.com** if you are interested and your name will be on the election ballot at our meeting in **March, 2022.**

**David G. Blazek**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0441 West Mifflin, PA

A meeting will be held on **January 25th, 2022** at the Crowley residence, 576 Irwin Run Road, West Mifflin at 6:00 pm. Election of delegates to the 38th Quadrennial Convention will take place. If interested and cannot attend, call Lori at 412-576-4874.

Please call if you plan on attending so we may plan accordingly.

**Lori Crowley**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

Our faithful group of National Slovak Society members are hoping again for the new virus variant to be weak as promised and easily overcome.

We are taking precautions when out and about, staying in touch as much as possible. Our Christmas meeting was much anticipated and appreciated.

Pray God that the pandemic ends soon. And that churches and schools are thriving and that people can go back to living as we have before. If we are that fortunate, let's appreciate all that we are blessed with. And this wonderful country we live in!

Our best to readers of this. We have a home, warmth, enough to eat and friends and family.

Our next meeting will have the date of 2022! We wish our NSS sisters and brothers a healthy New Year.

Blessings

**Irene Tomaskovic**  
Vice President

## ASSEMBLY 0588 Slovan, PA

### ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 9, 2022** at 5:30 pm at the Stefka residence, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, PA, 15044.

The election of delegates to the 38th Quadrennial Convention from Assembly 588 will take place at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be considered for election as a delegate, please send a letter requesting your election to Recording Secretary Annette Stefka at: 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, PA 15044 by February 1, 2022. Please try to attend the meeting to elect our representatives to the convention which will be held in Hershey, PA, June 26th through June 30th, 2022.

The members of Assembly 588 elected officers for 2022-2023 at the November 1, 2021 meeting. Assembly 588 officers for 2022-23 are:

President- John Bebo, Jr.  
Vice President – Keith Kucherawy

Recording Secretary – Annette Stefka  
Financial Secretary – Joseph Stefka, Jr.  
Activities Director/Eldress – Florence Bebo

The meeting dates for 2022 are:

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022; Monday, April 25, 2022; Monday, September 12, 2022; and Monday, November 7, 2022.** Please try to attend Assembly 588 meetings and become active in our assembly.

**Annette Stefka**  
Recording Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0617 Ashley, PA

Assembly 617 will hold a business meeting and social on **February 16, 2022** at the Pierce Street Deli beginning at 1:00 pm. Topics on the agenda will be planning for the fraternal year, possible Easter social, election of officers and the selection of delegates to NSS convention.

Assembly members wishing to comment or add to the agenda, please contact John Kurilla at **jjkurilla@aol.com** or text 570-239-5936.

From Assembly 617 a Happy and Healthy New Year. Stastny Novy Rok

**John Kurilla**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, PA

An assembly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **February 12, 2022**, at the Cessna home, 58 Greenbay Dr., Boardman, OH at 2:00 pm. At this meeting, we will have an election of assembly officers and election of delegates for the 38th Quadrennial Convention. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Contact Laurie Fox, 330-717-4705, if you have questions or need directions.

**Laurie Fox**  
Recording Secretary



## ASSEMBLY 0737 North Huntingdon, PA

A meeting will be held on Saturday, **March 12, 2022** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm.

Anyone wishing to be a delegate at the 2022 convention, please contact me as soon as possible.

We will have more information about the convention by the time we have our meeting.

**Carol Godor**  
Treasurer

## REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

A meeting will be held on **February 5, 2022**, at Grotto Pizza, 337 Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702 at 1:00 pm. SNOW date February 12th 1:00 pm at the Grotto. Please read your NSS Magazine in case we need to reschedule.

**Lucy Piccoletti**  
Recording Secretary

## REGION 5 Pittsburgh, PA

The spring meeting of Region 5 will be held on **Sunday, March 6, 2022**, at 1:00 pm at the NSS Home Office in McMurray, PA. All assemblies in Region #5 are requested to send representatives to the meeting. The election of our Region's delegate to the 2022 NSS 38th Quadrennial Convention will take place at the meeting. A luncheon will be served following the meeting.

**Joseph Stefka, Jr.**  
President-Region 5



NSS Employees celebrating birthdays in the month of November are: L-R: Amanda Zinn and Patti Kropf.

## ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Region 2 and Duryea Assembly L075 members hosted a trunk or treat car at the Duryea VFW Post Stephenson St. Duryea on October 23 from 1-5 pm. Trick or treaters were given an NSS bag with goodies and information on NSS.

Candy was donated by Region 2 and McDonald treat coupons were included from Assembly L075. Candy was provided by Red Hat Members of the Leaf and American Legion Auxiliary members of the Leaf provided Hugg juice boxes.

Future meetings: A meeting will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022** at 1:00 pm for the election of delegates to the NSS Convention in Hershey, Pa. The Audit committee will also present their report. Plans will be made for upcoming meetings on April 10, 2022 to discuss convention agendas and Join Hands Day, a summer picnic in August TBA and October 16, 2022 for the election of officers.

Members wishing to attend convention but cannot make the meeting are asked to send their intentions and requests to Lehrae via email for consideration at: [mrseds65@verizon.net](mailto:mrseds65@verizon.net).

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



Bat trunk with goodies and sign



Member Max Edwards stopped by with his Mom Laura and Sister Viviana.

## Assembly 0377 Holiday Party



Bag makers, Allie Lazar, Lehrae Ann Edwards-ST, Gary Edwards-Pres. Dorothy Collins and R2 Pres Marlin Petro-Wesnak.

# Assembly *Holiday* Activities

## Assembly 0039



Members of A-0039 enjoying lunch and cake for dessert at their Christmas Party.

## Assembly 0731 - Lowellville, OH

This year's Assembly 731 Christmas Party was enjoyed by youth and adult members. The kids always enjoy Santa's visit and, of course, the gifts he hands out. This year, we are grateful to the NSS home office for providing nice backpack bags that we filled with a stuffed animal, a Christmas count-down calendar, a gingerbread house kit and candy for each child. Refreshments were served and the kids had an opportunity to do a craft making gingerbread people decorations.

Families donated enough food items to fill a grocery cart. Plus, we held a 50/50 raffle to benefit a local food pantry helping families in need during the holidays. After the 50/50 winner was announced, we continued to draw tickets and awarded various prizes to most everyone in attendance.

We've started planning for next year's Christmas Party by securing the Beard Elton Cabin in Boardman Park for Saturday, December 17, 2022. Be sure to mark your calendar and save the date.

Additional dates to mark on your 2022 calendar: Saturday, **February 12, 2022**, 2:00 pm. - Meeting to elect delegates for the Quadrennial Convention at Cessna home, 58 Greenbay Dr., Boardman, OH. Sunday, **October 23, 2022**, 4:00 pm. - Halloween Hayride at Countryside Farm, Center Rd., Lowellville, OH

**Laurie Fox**  
President

## Assembly 0160



Youth members of A-0160 show off their finished product of their Christmas ornaments. They were sent to the Home office for the Ornament Contest.



NSS Director Laurie Fox welcomes Santa to A-0731 Christmas Party



The kids loved their NSS Bags



Ashlynn Mason helped Santa distribute the gifts to the kids and he finishes up his visit with a gift for her. It's great that this young teenager is still actively involved with our NSS events and is now willing to help where needed.



Assembly 731 youth members gathered around Santa to take a photo

NSS Home Office employees contributed to the Toys for Tots toy drive sponsored by Tom Stroyne of Golden Strategies Financial Services. Pictured L-R: Home Office employee Jill Grover with the staff of Golden Strategies – Erin Coyne, Jennifer Stroyne, Kaitlyn Colditz, Darlene Limpert and Tom Stroyne, President and Owner.



# DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here is my donation of:

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Please issue your check to:  
**NSS PVR Scholarship Fund**

And send to:  
 National Slovak Society  
 351 Valley Brook Road  
 McMurray, PA 15317

Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund. Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.

## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of <b>My Parents:</b>	
From Vinod Mehta .....	250.00
In Memory of <b>Dan S. Gimiliano:</b> .....	
From Fran and Dave Blazek....	100.00
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From Assembly 0123 .....	20.00
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From Assembly 0123 .....	20.00
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From Assembly 0123 .....	20.00
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From Assembly 0617 .....	20.00
In Memory of our son and brother	
<b>Shaun Logan Crowley:</b>	
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr., & John Crowley .....	20.00
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Susan Ondrejco .....	50.00
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Laurie Fox.....	50.00
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Matching Funds - A-588 .....	300.00
Matching Funds - A-0731 .....	300.00

## OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS October, 2021

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Baird, Louis J	Fayette City, PA	10/15/2021	0039
Beckmann, Steve	Scottsdale, AZ	06/07/2021	L161
Bielik, Mary	Ashley, MI	09/16/2021	0381
Bogges, Harold	Liberty, WV	08/18/2021	0774
Bour, Shirley	Monongahela, PA	10/07/2021	0434
Breckenridge, Kimberly R	Perryopolis, PA	09/18/2021	0039
Brinser, John C	Hummelstown, PA	10/09/2021	L102
Brucker, Edward	Apollo, PA	10/08/2021	L105
Buck, Eleanor	Munhall, PA	09/13/2021	0108
Burnett, Frances	Washington Twp, MI	05/16/2021	0381
Cagle, Chester	Biscoe, NC	08/25/2021	0774
Campbell, Ruth Ann	Cabot, PA	10/19/2021	L161
Cantalupo, Gennaro	Northern Cambria, PA	08/24/2021	0267
Casto, William	Beaver Falls, PA	09/14/2012	L161
Celender, James	Sharpsburg, PA	07/01/2021	0100
Cleveland, Alfred	Verona, PA	09/01/2021	L105
Cook, Virginia Athena	Birch River, WV	09/22/2021	0774
Cuccarese, Anna	McKees Rocks, PA	08/22/2021	L161
Dawkins, Homer	Greensboro, NC	09/25/2021	0774
Diltz, Kevin	Schwenksville, PA	10/12/2021	L102
Dulik, Edwin A	North Riverside, IL	09/15/2021	0586
Eastman, Audrey	Reedsburg, WI	08/28/2021	0774
Engle, Emma	Meyersdale, PA	10/09/2021	0039
Feltz, Rev. Joseph	Butler, PA	09/26/2021	0377
Filbert, Jobe	Indiana, PA	10/09/2021	0774
Fronzoni, Paul	Berwyn, PA	03/15/2018	L102
Furtaw, Mary	East China, MI	08/25/2021	0381
Gardner, Frank	Uniontown, PA	09/20/2021	0377
Grosz, Patricia	Pittsburgh, PA	09/26/2021	0100
Guigley, Helene	Mohnton, PA	10/10/2021	L102
Herrle, Barbara	Bethel Park, PA	07/14/2021	0434
Jacobs, Ann	Prospect, PA	10/10/2021	0123
Kamanda, Sahr	Pittsburgh, PA	10/14/2021	L161
King, Thomas	Homestead, PA	07/25/2021	0441
Kinney, Richard	Corry, PA	09/20/2021	0774
Kleinert, Harvey	Cumberland, MD	09/25/2021	0774
Koci, Lois R	Washington, PA	09/27/2021	0588
Laracey, Mary	Traverse City, MI	08/14/2021	0381
Lathrop, Lorraine	Mattoon, IL	08/30/2021	0586
Lorentz, John	Brockway, PA	10/09/2021	0554
Lusk, Robert	Charleroi, PA	08/02/2021	0377
Mawhinney, Warren	Zelienople, PA	07/24/2021	0123
McHugh, Patrick	Finleyville, PA	09/10/2021	0377
McKuhn, Janelle	Pleasantville, PA	10/02/2021	0554

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Michelon, Jennie	Rockford, IL	01/12/2021	0586
Miracle, Nancy	North Versailles, PA	08/04/2021	0737
Monticello, Peter	Avella, PA	10/19/2021	0377
Nelson, Elaine A	Bethel Park, PA	10/08/2021	0434
Padden, Lois	Vienna, WV	08/19/2021	0774
Palafox, Irene	Monrovia, CA	08/06/2021	0568
Pasternak, Mary J	Johnstown, PA	09/25/2021	0774
Pennell, Robert	East Palestine, OH	07/10/2021	0731
Pizzino, Mamie	Beckley, WV	08/05/2021	0774
Pucak, Richard J	Newton, NC	09/05/2021	0774
Pytlarz, Kelly	Youngsville, PA	10/09/2021	0774
Randle, Donald	Gladwin, MI	11/04/2020	0381
Rhodes, George	Bethel Park, PA	07/03/2021	0434
Ridgway, Dolores	Belle Vernon, PA	09/29/2021	0377
Ritenour, Dolores	Latrobe, PA	09/26/2021	0737
Romano, Sandra	Blairsville, PA	09/06/2021	0774
Russell, Jr., James A	Lancaster, OH	09/12/2021	0595
Russell, William A	Canonsburg, PA	10/04/2021	0434
Sandoval, Stephen	Covina, CA	08/08/2021	0568
Sargent, Phyllis	Washington, PA	09/20/2021	0588
Shaytar, Stephen	Frisco, TX	07/20/2021	0108
Skibo, Richard	Skillman, NJ	04/15/2021	R059
Stallard, Lawrence	Meadville, PA	10/15/2021	0731
Stephenson, Marilyn	Butler, PA	08/20/2021	L161
Strony, Rose Marie	Dickson City, PA	07/08/2021	L075
Taylor, John W	Perkasie, PA	09/28/2021	0774
Thomas, Sr., George A	Washington, PA	09/13/2021	0588
Thomas, Robert R	Duquesne, PA	09/18/2021	0774
Tkach, Karolina	Ruffsedale, PA	09/15/2021	0737
Toth, George B	Harpers Ferry, WV	09/30/2021	0774
Truskowski, Alex	Erie, PA	09/27/2021	0554
Truszynski, Catherine	Oak Creek, WI	07/08/2021	0774
Uram, Andrew G	Washington, PA	10/03/2021	0588
Vrablik, Olga	Niles, IL	03/15/2021	0586
Walters, Marvin	Verona, PA	10/14/2021	L105
Wasson, Linda	Meadville, PA	10/03/2021	0108
Waybright, Wilma	Ravenswood, WV	08/10/2021	0774
Weaver III, John	St Albans, WV	08/14/2021	0774
Wilson, Joyce E	Seneca, PA	10/06/2021	0731
Wolff, Jean	Pittsburgh, PA	09/19/2021	L161

## Assembly 0813



Mary Jo Holker, Assembly 813 presenting NSS Matching Funds check to Jubilee Ministry

## Assembly 0731



Assembly 731 member, Mark Mason, donated his time and talent to make a cornhole game with Poland Local school's bulldog mascot, the Fighting Bulldog. Assembly 731 sold raffle tickets during two different Poland community events this summer. The winning ticket was drawn at the annual "Celebrate Poland" in September and the lucky winner was excited to have a cornhole game for his children and friends to enjoy. We raised \$380 as a Matching Funds project to help the Poland Historical Society.



Laurie Fox presented the NSS matching funds check to Joanne Eiselstein, Treasurer of the Poland Historical Society.

Laurie Fox  
President





## Z novoročných pranostík

Nový rok sa v širšej rodine začínal vzájomným vinšovaním. Pokiaľ šlo o návštevy, na celom území Slovenska platila zásada, že do domu nesmela vstúpiť ako prvá žena, lebo by priniesla nešťastie. Mal to byť vždy muž alebo ešte radšej chlapec.

Všetky povery a zvyky na Nový rok boli teda orientované na budúcnosť - ľudia chceli jednak spoznať, aká bude, ale aj zabezpečiť, aby sa v nastávajúcom roku všetko, na čom záležalo - hospodárstvo, zdravie, rodinné vzťahy, vyvíjalo priaznivo. Napríklad vládlo predsvedčenie, že tak, ako sa budú k sebe členovia rodiny správať na Nový rok, bude to po celý rok.

Jasná a tichá novoročná noc zvestuje nám dobrý rok.

Na Nový rok blato, na Veľkú noc sneh.



Fotografie s Mikulášom z 27. Novembra z nášho múzea v deň otvorenia slávnosti

*Vianoce vo svete.*

Ďakujeme za peknú účasť.



1. január - Deň vzniku Slovenskej republiky - Oslavujeme ho od roku 1993, na počesť vzniku samostatnej Slovenskej republiky.



Vinšujem vám všetko šťastie v deň roku nového, nech vás pán Boh ochraňuje od všetkého smutného. Vinšujem vám nový rok, aby ste mali šťastný krok, doma lásku, svornosť a všetkého hojnosť.

V novom roku všetci svorne nažívajme vospolok, tak nám bude i v trápení požehnaný každý krok.

Všetkým našim členom a čitateľom želá

Hlavný úrad Narodného Slovenského Spolku



Z. Vaňousová

## JANUÁR

### Najväčšia a najvýznamnejšia zbierka slovenských ľudových piesní

Slovenské spevy, ktoré obsahujú zápisy melódií a textov takmer 2,000 piesní. Prvé vydanie vyšlo v rokoch 1880 až 1926 a predstavovalo výber z fondu zozbieraného nadšenými zberateľmi. Pôvodná iniciatíva vyšla z Matice slovenskej, avšak po jej zrušení sa tejto myšlienke ujali martinskí národovci. Do zbierky prispelo 63 zberateľov. Neskôr sa zbierka rozrástla na vyše 5,000 piesní, pričom rozšírené vydanie vyšlo v rokoch 1971 až 1983 v siedmich zväzkoch. V súčasnosti sa v Ústave hudobnej vedy Slovenskej akadémie vied nachádza asi 40,000 zápisov piesní. Spolu so zvukovými nahrávkami to predstavuje takmer 100,000 piesní.



—Maly Lexicon Etnograficka encyklopedia

### Ohláška členstvu

Pripravte sa na 38 konvenciu našej organizácie NSS ktorá bude tohto roku 2022 v Hershey, PA od 26 do 29 júna.



# Youth Circle Page

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

## Visiting the "Real Santa"



The Bernardo family, members of Assembly 0588 joined the NSS for a wonderful time at Phipps Conservatory's Holiday Magic. They also attended a Christmas Party near their home and were able to visit with the "Real Santa". I'm sure they will **never forget** that experience.

## Pittsburgh Slovaks

The Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks will be accepting new members. If your children or grandchildren age 6 and up like to sing and dance it is a perfect opportunity for them not only to learn about their heritage but to gain self-confidence, and make long lasting friendships. There is no tuition or fundraising involved. If you know anyone who might be interested and would like more information have them contact Sue at (412) 421-1204 or send an email to: [sue.ondrejco@gmail.com](mailto:sue.ondrejco@gmail.com).

## Appreciation Letters

Thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients of the 2021-2022 NSS Scholarship. I have begun furthering my education at Penn State Behrend (Erie) University and the award has helped me pay for tuition.

I greatly appreciate your support and generosity and I will do my best to make both you and my family proud in these next four years.

**Raquel Rhoads**

Dear Mr. Stefka,

Thank you very much for the PVR Scholarship award for the 2021-2022 scholastic year. This scholarship is very much appreciated and will be applied to my tuition and books. Thank you again.

**Joey Testa**

Dear Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for selecting me to receive one the PVR Scholarship for the year 2021-2022. I am now attending Pennsylvania State University as a Freshman, and your generous scholarship helped to cover some of the costs of furthering my education. This award is greatly appreciated.

**Dane Aden**

Dear Mr. Stefka,

I am writing to personally thank you for assisting with financial aid for my college education through the PVR scholarship over the past four years. As a recipient of the PVR scholarship, I have been blessed with extra funds to take some of the burden of student debt off my shoulders. As you may know, the cost of a higher education today is overwhelming and stressful, but scholarships like this help to alleviate some of the expenses attached, such as books, equipment, and other materials associated with a college degree.

I am thankful to have received funds through the PVR scholarship while pursuing my degree in accounting at Robert Morris University. During my time at Robert Morris, I have learned many life, business, and financial skills that will undoubtedly push me further and help me with whatever curveballs and challenges life throws my way.

Over the past four years, I have been grateful to have met some amazing people and have been blessed with great opportunities. From being a nervous college freshman to completing my degree during a global pandemic, all while being employed full-time, it sure has been a wild four years. So again, I thank you, because being a recipient of the PVR scholarship helped me to get to where I am today.

Best regards,  
**Joe Bastaroli**



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