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

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

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

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

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

### RECOGNITION:
The recipient will be announced in the "National News" and listed on our web site at www.nsslife.org under "Fraternal Programs/Fraternal Forms", receive a congratulatory plaque and designate a charitable organization as benefactor of a $500.00 donation. The Winner's name will be displayed on a plaque in the Home Office.

### The following must be signed by Nominating Member

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

Assembly/Region Member Officer Signature ________________________________

Assembly/Region # ________________________________

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

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

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