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## Could you use a little extra "Green?"

### RECOMMENDER FORM

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

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## Do you need a Change of Address?

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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.*

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New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## Activities At A Glance

<p><b>REGION 2</b></p> <p>May 10 August 10 August 14 October 16</p>	<p><b>Assemblies L075, 0617</b></p> <p>Assembly 0617, Meeting &amp; Social, Pierce Street Deli (TBA) Assembly 0617, Fraternal Day, Knoebels Park (TBA) Assembly L075, Summer Picnic, Mercatelli Segilia Park, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Meeting (TBA)</p>
<p><b>REGION 5</b></p> <p>May 7 May 13-14 May 14 May 21 June 12 June 19 July 15-17 July 29 September 1 September 11 September 11 September 12 October 23 November 5 November 7 December 4 December 4 December 17</p>	<p><b>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774</b></p> <p>Assembly 0731, Work Day at Poland Township Park at 10:00 am National Bowling Tournament, Cleveland, OH Assembly 0123, Meeting &amp; Social, Helcion Brewery, Oakdale, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0737, Meeting at Godor residence, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q, Columbian Association (K of C) pavillion at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Annual Picnic, Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm National Golf Tournament, Tam O'Shanter Golf Club, Hermitage, PA Region 5, NSS Night at PNC Park Assembly 0731, All day Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Campsite A102 Assembly 0377, Meeting, Sesame Inn, McMurray, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Flight 93 Dinner, (TBA) Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA (TBA) Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Countryside Farm at 4:00 pm Assembly 0731, Making Christmas Ornaments, Burns residence, Poland, OH Assembly 0588, Meeting at Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA (TBA) Assembly 0377, Christmas Party, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Columbian Association Hall (K of C) at 4:00 pm Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lariccia Center Rotary Room, Boardman Park, OH</p>
<p><b>REGION 8</b></p> <p>May 15 May 17 July 8 September 25</p>	<p><b>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</b></p> <p>Assembly 0004, Meeting, Vorell's residence, Strongsville, OH at 2:00 pm Assembly 0432, Meeting, Marti Pytel's residence at 7:00 pm Assembly 0432, Lake Erie Crushers Game, Crushers Stadium, OH at 7:05 pm Assembly 0432, Jet Express Lake Erie Tour, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 14</b></p> <p>May 28 August 7 October 23</p>	<p><b>Assemblies R059, L102</b></p> <p>Assembly L102, Iron Pigs Game, Call Sharon Wesnak at 610-769-7006 Assembly L102, Summer picnic, Gross residence, New Tripoli, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly L102, Halloween costume party, Wesnak residence, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><b>AT LARGE</b></p> <p>May 1 May 21 June 5 June 23 June 25, 26 July 3 August 21 September 4 October 16 October 23 December 24</p>	<p><b>Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</b></p> <p>Assembly 0110, Meeting, Trattoria L'incontro, Astoria, New York at 1:00 pm Assembly 0586, Meeting &amp; Slovak dinner, Celebration, Naperville, IL at 5:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0381, Meeting, Rosemary Hanlon's residence, Trenton, MI at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Butwin Family Reunion, Seelyville, IN (Fraternal Fund Activity) (TBA) Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve celebration (Fraternal Fund Activity) at 6:00 pm</p>

## The President's Page...

**Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO**  
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In the Pittsburgh area we are experiencing the weather roller coaster known as March! Over the past two weeks, we have seen temperatures in the upper 60's for a couple of days followed last weekend by temperatures in the twenties and thirties with wind-chills of sixteen degrees and snow covering the ground. Last Wednesday, we had a winter weather advisory for freezing rain and snow in the morning with an afternoon high near 70 degrees. March is definitely going out like a lion! On February 2nd, Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter. Looks like he was correct! Hopefully, we will soon see a break from this latest winter blast and experience some warmer weather.

During the month of May, we celebrate holidays including Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8th and Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. Additionally, we recognize May 1st as May Day and our Armed Forces are recognized and honored on Armed Forces Day, which is celebrated on the third Saturday of May, May 21st.

May 1st, known as May Day, is the midpoint between the first day of Spring and the beginning of summer. In Slovakia, May 1st is a national holiday and a day on which a custom is celebrated. In the past, men in Slovakia would find tall, thin trees, from which they removed all branches except those at the top. These trees become a May pole. The top branches were decorated with colored ribbons. The May pole was put up by a young man for a girl that he loved. Although the custom has changed over the years, May poles are still often placed in the center of villages and towns in Slovakia to celebrate the holiday.

Mother's Day, celebrated on the second Sunday of May, is a day on which we recognize and honor our mothers. Family gatherings on this day provide an opportunity to make sure that Mothers know how truly special they are. Mothers are often the glue that keeps a family together. Sometimes we take for granted all the little things that moms do, and all the sacrifices they make to ensure life for their families is special. Be sure to let you mother know how special she is, how much you appreciate all she has done for you and your family, and how much she is loved as you honor her on Mother's Day!

On Armed Forces Day, May 21st, the day set aside to celebrate all branches of our Armed Services, please take the time to thank the men and women currently serving for their service to our great country.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, is a day reserved for honoring and remembering all the brave men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Please pause to remember them on this day! The Home Office will be closed on May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

By the time you read this article, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and the Committee on Budget and Finance will have held their initial meetings. Elected delegate forms will have been received by our Secretary-Treasurer from all assemblies, regions, directors, officers, and honorary officers. The biographies of delegates planning to run for the Board of Directors will have been submitted and readied for publication in the June issue of the *National News*. Delegate registration packets will have been sent to each registered delegate. The final countdown to the 38th Quadrennial Convention is in full swing.

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th in Hershey, Pennsylvania prior to the start of the Convention. If you have any items to be considered at the meeting, please submit them to Secretary-Treasurer Linda Strom by June 10th.

On March 17th, the Home Office Staff celebrated not only St. Patrick's Day but also a milestone for NSS Controller Donna Tenney. Donna has been a member of the Home Office Staff for 35 years. Quite an accomplishment! The Home Office Staff held a luncheon to recognize and honor Donna for her

dedication to the National Slovak Society. Donna has a tremendous work ethic and always does an exceptional job! Congratulations Donna on reaching this milestone at NSS!

Final arrangements have been made for the NSS National Golf Tournament which will be held the weekend of July 15-17, 2022. The golf competition will take place at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, Pennsylvania. Hotel accommodations will be at the Hampton Inn and Suites located in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania. The tournament will consist of an individual handicap event on Saturday and a scramble event on Sunday. The entry form, rules, and information regarding the tournament appear elsewhere in this issue. Please plan to join us for a weekend of fraternalism, fun, and friendly golf competition at our 56th Annual Golf Tournament.

## News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to NSS Secretary-Treasurer CFO Linda Strom, to Home Office staff members Pam Blum, Ginny McMurdy, Eric Riepole, and to Legal Advisor Ron Cooper, Patty Graham, Kayla Whitlatch, Michael Gross, Sharon Wesnak, Florence Bebo, Cathy Cilia, Tom Kearney and all other NSS members celebrating a birthday during the month of May! Happy Anniversary wishes to everyone celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of May!

### Director Vacancy

John Payerchin has resigned from the Board of Directors as of March 31, 2022, to take a position as Compliance and Risk Manager at NSS Life. We wish John well and look forward to working with him in his new position at the Home Office. Congratulations John!

The Board of Directors plans to fill the vacancy on the Board after the 38th Quadrennial Convention. From the list of candidates running for Director, who are not currently a Director, the Board of Directors will select the candidate receiving the most votes at the Convention. This individual will serve the remainder of the term of John Payerchin through October 31, 2022.

Robert F. Katricak  
Chairman of the Board

## A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
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## Happy Mother's Day

My brother and I were blessed with a great Mom. She always said or did things that made people laugh. She loved her grandchildren and each one benefited by her love when every night Baba would get the flashcards out and go through them with whomever was sleeping over Baba's that night. She would show them shapes, words, addition, subtraction and anything else she found on flashcards. She even made up some of her own to use. She was Funny, Smart, Organized and loved her NSS. Mom was not the kind of person who showered us with verbal affection however you knew that there was nothing more important to her than her family. Shortly before Mom passed, I was sitting in her room at the nursing home and she turned to me, took my face in her hands, looked at me and said, "I Love You." She saved up all those I Love You's that she never said over all those years for that one special moment.

I love you too, Mom!

### Happy Mother's Day

My mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart. She planted all the good things that gave my life its start. She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream, fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem. And when the winds and rains came she protected me enough, but not too much because she knew I needed to grow strong and tough. Her constant good example always taught me right from wrong. Markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long. I am my mother's garden. I am her legacy and I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me.

## Convention Update to the Minute

1. The first Delegate Packet was mailed April 12th, the Tuesday before the Easter weekend. This packet contained Convention Registration information and Forms that must be filled out and returned to my office **no later than April 29th**. Also included is information pertaining to Fraternal Day; a Preliminary Convention Agenda; and an organization we chose that helps veterans who are having a hard time adjusting to life after their service to their country is over. Do a Google search on "*VOPA Veterans Outreach Program of America*" and see the great works that they do in an unusual way. And of course, information about the "fun" things we have planned.

2. The April 27th deadline for receipt of Board Convention Reports and Board Candidate Biographies (with photo included) from those interested in running for a seat on the Board has passed. All candidate biographies received have been forwarded to the Nominating Committee. They will be published in the June Newsletter and included in the Final Delegate Information Packet to be mailed the first week of June.

3. As of April 12, 2022, our Delegate Count is...drum roll please...a whopping **210**. A listing of all delegates to the 38th Quadrennial Convention will be included in the June issue of the Newsletter.

4. Once again, we are having a basket raffle at the Convention to raise funds for our PVR Scholarship Fund which benefits our young adults who are continuing their education after high school and the NSS Heritage Museum that provides a look into our heritage. We are once again asking our Assemblies and Regions to donate a basket for the benefit of both. If your travels do not permit you bringing a basket, please consider a monetary donation. More information to come in the Final Delegate Packet to be sent in May.

5. The Board of Directors met on March 5th to review the current By-Laws to determine if changes are necessary. Periodically changes are required that are regulatory in nature and mandated by our state of domicile (PA). The By-Law Committee will meet **April 26th** to do their review of any By-law revisions submitted to the committee for consideration.

6. All Petitions, Grievances, Complaints & Resolutions must be submitted to my office no later than **June 10th**. The committee will meet and report their findings at the convention.

**7. Reminder: Bring all delegate information you receive in the mail with you to the convention as these will be your working documents. A binder will be provided for all your papers.**





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In Memory of <b>Mary Bush:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Jonathan Dawson:</b>	
From Assembly 123.....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Benjamin Faccini:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>James Gordon:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Karen Haskell:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Carol Kisella:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Jerome Krauth:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>John Morell:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Faye Pancurak:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Charles Smith III:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Mary Sundy:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Elwood Weisman:</b>	
From Assembly 123 .....	20.00
In Memory of <b>Donald J. Kolecy, Jr:</b>	
From Many.....	100.00
In Memory of <b>John A. Remark:</b>	
From Thelma Remark & Monica Tompkins.....	50.00
In Memory of our son and brother <b>Shaun Logan Crowley:</b>	
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr., & John Crowley .....	20.00
<b>Donations:</b>	
Assembly 0737 .....	150.00

## MARCH, 2022 DEPARTED MEMBERS

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Anderson, Virginia	Madison, WI	10/22/2021	0774
Arens, Janet	Hastings, MI	12/16/2021	0381
Baker, Lois	Emlenton, PA	01/29/2022	0554
Ballett, Royce A	Lawrence, MI	01/08/2022	0381
Bamberger, Ronald	Homosassa, FL	03/03/2022	0813
Barber, Milford	Butler, PA	02/03/2022	0123
Barr, Billy J	Washington, PA	02/10/2022	0588
Batto, Charles	New Brighton, PA	01/12/2022	L161
Baumgardner, Neleta	Washington, PA	12/22/2021	0588
Benden, Regis	Beaver Falls, PA	01/11/2022	0123
Birth, Mattie	Tarboro, NC	03/05/2022	0774
Blauser, DeAnna L	Venus, PA	03/20/2022	0774
Bolinski, Mildred	Milwaukee, WI	12/31/2021	0774
Bowermaster, Donald	Kingwood, WV	05/29/2021	0774
Brownell, Merry	Temple City, CA	10/13/2021	0568
Burnham, Kathleen	Lower Burrell, PA	01/25/2022	L105
Burrous, Rita	Corry, PA	02/16/2022	0774
Butti, John	Monongahela, PA	02/10/2022	0377
Cannon, Paula	Thomas, WV	01/18/2022	0774
Carbo, Frieda	Mars, PA	12/13/2021	L161
Childers, Robert	Chillicothe, OH	02/02/2022	0595
Connor, Richard	Petersburg, WV	09/10/2021	0774
Cross, William	Fort Ashby, WV	12/22/2021	0774
Curry, Willard	Washington, PA	01/11/2022	0588
Dearmitt, Gerald	Butler, PA	01/30/2021	L161
Dehner, Dean	Oil City, PA	03/07/2022	0774
DeJuliis, Sr., John	Monongahela, PA	02/25/2022	0377
Delorme, Karen	Greensburg, PA	02/01/2022	0737
Dorsey, Carl	McKees Rocks, PA	03/05/2022	0774
Dyson, Betty	Washington, PA	02/27/2022	0588
Dzurenko, Michael	Aloha, OR	02/16/2022	L075
Engelmayer, Sr., John	Philadelphia, PA	11/08/2021	R059
Engle, Edith	Point Pleasant, WV	01/15/2022	0774
Fabrey, Lillian	Hermitage, PA	12/09/2019	0731
Fazekas, Joanna	Glassport, PA	03/13/2022	0108
Ferguson, James B	Donora, PA	07/07/2021	0377
Forsythe, Jennie	St Petersburg, PA	01/24/2022	0731
Frole, Gordon	Butler, PA	03/17/2022	0123
Gallo, Guy	Jefferson Hills, PA	03/22/2022	0377
Gherlein, Gene	Warren, OH	10/26/2021	0731
Giammatteo, Alphonso	Ellwood City, PA	01/17/2022	L161
Guilyard, Wilma	Harrisville, PA	01/09/2022	0554
Guthrie, Crissie	Springdale, PA	02/20/2022	L105
Halleck, Madelon	Pioneer, OH	02/13/2022	0381
Hataloski, Robert	Elverson, PA	02/22/2022	L102
Hatch, Martha	Richboro, PA	02/01/2022	R059
Heist, Clark	Meyersdale, PA	03/08/2022	0039
Hellmann, Matthew	Lancaster, PA	02/24/2022	0123
Hinchberger, Marilyn	Butler, PA	03/28/2022	0774
Hricz, Mary	Shelton, CT	12/22/2019	L002
James, Harold	Pittsburgh, PA	02/12/2022	0100
James, Mary	The Villages, FL	10/22/2021	L105
Johnson, Geraldine	Williamstown, NJ	02/07/2022	0774
Karkosiak, Mary Ann	Brooklyn, OH	11/15/2021	0070
Keefer, Carmel	Scottdale, PA	02/13/2022	0039
Keefer, Jean	McCandless Twp, PA	02/10/2021	L161
Kline, Deloris	Seneca, PA	03/22/2022	0554
Knopfel, Joan	McMurray, PA	05/05/2021	L105
Kobbe, Donna	New Castle, PA	02/10/2022	0731
Koch, Glenda	Columbus, OH	03/17/2022	0595
Koenig, Ferdinand	Pittsburgh, PA	12/17/2021	108
Krahe, Mary	Prospect, PA	03/17/2022	0123
Kutzler, Frank	Waukegan, FL	01/05/2022	0774
Lazzari, Rio	Belle Vernon, PA	02/16/2022	0377
Lemmer, William	Edgar, WI	02/16/2022	0774
Leneskie, Gary	Greensboro, PA	02/13/2022	0039
Licht, Clyde	Venus, PA	02/28/2022	0731
Liker, Emil	Eighty Four, PA	01/23/2022	0434
Liske, Evelyn	Hubband Lake, MI	02/28/2022	0381
Lockard, Sr., Richard L	Altoona, PA	01/14/2022	0267

## MARCH DEPARTED MEMBERS CONTINUED

Loedding, JoAnne	Virginia Beach, VA	01/18/2022	0774
Lowenberg, Emma	Ontario, CA	02/19/2021	0568
Lucas, Virgil	Butler, PA	02/19/2022	0123
Lynn, Patty	Washington, PA	02/13/2022	0377
Maglicco, Mary	East McKeesport, PA	02/23/2022	0108
Masarik, Melissa	Key Largo, FL	11/27/2021	L105
Matias, John	Westmont, IL	06/28/2018	0586
McGarry, Daniel	Seneca, PA	02/18/2022	0554
Meehling, Robert	Barboursville, WV	02/14/2022	0774
Melko, Joseph	New Paltz, NY	02/03/2022	0774
Meyer, Catherine	Palm Beach, FL	01/27/2022	0800
Miller, Diana K	Anita, PA	02/09/2022	0554
Millis, Darlene	Jerome, MI	02/15/2022	0381
Montgomery, Trecia	Warren, OH	02/14/2022	0813
Moore, Richard E	Coraopolis, PA	02/20/2022	0588
Morris, Barbara	Indiana, PA	03/05/2022	L105
Mulligan, Sandra	Seymour, CT	01/05/2022	L002
Nageotte, Mary Lou	Cochranon, PA	02/22/2022	0731
Nightingale, Marcie	Pittsburgh, PA	02/20/2022	L161
Nottage, Rosemarie	Yardley, PA	03/21/2022	L102
Ostrowski, John S	Forty Fort, PA	02/24/2022	0617
Pancoast, Jr., Loucious	Edgewater, FL	02/08/2022	0813
Paulick, Helen	Murrysville, PA	12/15/2021	L105
Payne, Ruth	Charleston, WV	11/24/2021	0774
Penwell, Kathleen	Hillsville, PA	09/13/2019	0731
Perry, Joyce	Thurmond, MD	12/15/2021	0774
Peterson, Kim A	McClure, PA	02/19/2022	L040
Plott, Warren	Hummelstown, PA	02/25/2022	L102
Popelas, Mary	Roscoe, PA	02/14/2022	0377
Rahn, Robert	Olney, MD	12/28/2021	0774
Ray, Michael	Dalzell, IL	12/27/2021	0586
Remark, John	Pittsburgh, P	01/01/2022	0100
Rilko, Elizabeth	Wapwallopen, PA	03/09/2022	0617
Rinkevich, Edward	Levittown, PA	02/11/2022	R059
Ritenour, Harvey	Latrobe, PA	03/14/2022	0737
Roman, John M	North Versailles, PA	02/06/2022	0441
Ruschell, Carmella	Harmony, PA	02/07/2022	0588
Rusinko, Dorothy	Bethel Park, PA	01/27/2022	0434
Salandra, Louis A	Connellsville, PA	01/13/2022	0039
Sansonetti, Ann G	Pittsburgh, PA	02/16/2022	L161
Scherer, Kenneth	Pittsburgh, PA	03/02/2022	L161
Schuller, Robert	Butler, PA	03/28/2022	0123
Schwabenbauer, Vonda	Tylersburg, PA	10/03/2021	0554
Selby, William	South Pasadena, FL	01/30/2022	0813
Semler, Joseph	Allison Park, PA	02/11/2022	0434
Shwallon, Michael A	Strabane, PA	01/26/2022	0588
Sippos, Margaret	Pittsburgh, PA	02/01/2022	L161
Slye, Harriet	Corry, PA	03/07/2022	0774
Soska, Mary	Leechburg, PA	10/27/2021	0737
Spina, John C	Belle Vernon, PA	02/09/2022	0774
Spina, Joseph	Washington, PA	03/10/2022	0588
Stickel, Kenneth	Belle Vernon, PA	03/01/2022	0377
Stiebeling, Julia	Chagrin Falls, OH	12/16/2021	0070
Stinogle, Roy	Monessen, PA	03/07/2022	0377
Stivason, Shirley	Butler, PA	02/08/2022	0123
Swecker, David	Franklin, WV	11/14/2021	0774
Terzi, Clara	West Wyoming, PA	02/30/2022	L075
Thompkins, Julia	Galivants Ferry, SC	02/19/2022	0774
Tiroux, Penelope	Anaheim Hills, CA	01/25/2022	0588
Tucker, Helen	Weirton, WV	02/11/2022	P38A
Van Enkevort, Marion	Green Bay, WI	02/28/2022	0774
Virgona, Domenic	Clairton, PA	03/05/2022	0441
Vispi, Lawrence	Jessup, PA	12/25/2020	L075
VonHatten, Janice	Southfield, MI	02/24/2022	0381
Warren, Charles A	Elizabeth, PA	12/01/2021	0108
Webb, Terry B	Spencer, WV	11/07/2021	0774
Wilkins, Jeffrey	Summerfield, NC	10/26/2021	0774
Zelenack, William	Pittsburgh, PA	02/03/2022	0100
Zellmann, David	Mercer, PA	02/26/2022	0731

## COVID-19

### Related Death Claims

Relief for funeral expenses incurred during the pandemic is still available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's COVID-19 funeral assistance program.

"The federal government made this assistance available through FEMA to help families overcome the financial impact of paying for a funeral after experiencing a devastating personal loss," said Michael Humphreys, Pennsylvania Acting Insurance Commissioner, in a news release. "We encourage any Pennsylvanian who lost a loved one to COVID-19 to explore whether they may be eligible for financial assistance." To be eligible for funeral assistance, the death must have occurred in the U.S. on or after Jan. 20, 2020. Applicants must present a death certificate attributing cause of death to COVID-19.

While there is no citizenship requirement for the deceased, those applying for federal assistance must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals or qualified aliens.

Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral, and a maximum of \$35,000 per application. As of January 2022, more than 16,000 applications had been submitted in Pennsylvania, totaling nearly \$73 million worth of funeral assistance.

Among those funeral expenses reimbursed through the program are burial or cremation costs and the purchase of a headstone or marker. The program also provides reimbursement for clergy or officiant costs and funeral home equipment or staff use.

Before applying for funeral assistance, applicants should gather documents including the official death certificate; a funeral home contract and other funeral expense receipts; and proof of funds from other sources put specifically toward the funeral.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to call the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 to begin the process.

The helpline is open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday.

# Current Interest Rates

★ Effective January 1, 2020 ★

(Reaffirmed for the 2nd Qtr. of 2022)

**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.



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You can add money to almost any  
Annuity with NSS, just send us a check.  
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Access your account values 24/7  
by going to the website:  
**[www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org)**  
and login/register as a member.



### *1st Quarter Leaders for 2022*



**Craig S. Laposky** is the **TOP PREMIUM/ANNUITIES PRODUCER** for the First Quarter of 2022. He has more than 33 years of Financial and Investment experience. Since 2005 I have been owner and Independent Financial Rep. for Senior Financial Resources in Greensburg, PA. I am a graduate of Saint Vincent College with a degree in Finance. I pride myself on customer service while helping my clients achieve their retirement goals through a conservative approach. When I'm not working I am usually at my camp in Erie on the lake or stream! I can be reached at 412-610-0028 or email me at [cslaposky@comcast.net](mailto:cslaposky@comcast.net). Congratulations Craig.

Congratulations to **Chou Lee** on being the **TOP LIFE INSURANCE/NEW MEMBER PRODUCER** for the First Quarter of 2022. Chou is from Eleva, Wisconsin and is very involved with his community, speaks four different languages and also an entrepreneur with business interest in several properties and venues. He is the principal in the NCLF Insurance Agency and his goal is to insure your future and the future of your loved ones. You may contact Chou at 715-379-7456 or email him at [choulee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:choulee@sbcglobal.net)





## From the Sales Department...

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



## Why Young People Need Life Insurance

Here are some good reasons why young people need life insurance. First and foremost, is the rule that the younger you are the less expensive life insurance will be. Next, younger people tend to be in good health. Health is a serious factor when it comes to getting life insurance. Older people usually have some health issues. So, it makes sense that most young people easily qualify for life insurance. Another factor is your occupation and avocations. A demolition expert may expect to pay a little more for insurance than a white-collar office worker. Some hobbies such as flying a personal aircraft or scuba diving may also increase the risk of getting insurance. Buying life insurance for young people that may or may not need it right now protects their insurability.

Another consideration involves young adults. This may include college age students or recent graduates. Certainly, life insurance is not on the top of their to do list. My guess is it is something else? However, this group has responsibilities. They have student loans, a car loan, or other debts. Who is going to pay these if something happens? This is where life insurance comes into the picture.

The advantages of life insurance for young people are three-fold.

1. Rates are lower because of their young age.
2. Probably insurable because of their youth.

3. Buying insurance now protects their future insurability.  
NSS can help you with a great affordable plan for young people. Our term to age 30 plan is available from ages 0 to 22 (age nearest birthday). A \$50,000 term plan runs \$50 per year or a one-time payment of \$500. Coverage to age 30 and premiums are only payable to age 25. The plan is convertible to any permanent plan we offer. Be smart and get this plan now.

## What is More Valuable, Time or Money?

This is a great question, but the answer must be time. Think about this for a minute. If you have enough time, you can always make money. Andrew Carnegie once said, take all my wealth and equipment but give me enough time and I will rebuild it all. We all have the same amount of time when we start out in life. We have 1,440 minutes in a day, 525,000+ minutes in a year and for people that live to age 80 that would equate to about 42 million minutes. What we do with those minutes is the key.

So, what is the secret to time. What separates us from Warren Buffet,

Albert Einstein, Ben Franklin or Babe Ruth? How did these people become so successful in their chosen field of endeavor? My guess is hard work, dedication, and perseverance all played a huge part in their success. Do you want to be an expert in your field of endeavor? If so, smart money says spend one hour a day studying your business and do that for five years. That is 300+ hours of self-education per year or the equivalent of 7 college courses of study. After five years, with more than 1,500 hours of study, I guarantee we will see you at the top of whatever your profession may be.

On the flip side, money is great, and you would not leave the house without your wallet, but many wealthy people would give up all they had for more time. One way to enjoy more of your wealth now is to use life insurance as a hedge. Buying life insurance protects your family and your income. When you purchase adequate life insurance, the rest of your money is available for other things? This is one of the reasons life insurance is the greatest financial instrument ever devised.

For more information or a free quote please contact your local NSS representative or Joe Elliott in the home office.

## Six Ways to Show a Loved One You Care



### Thought For The Month:

*It is better to look forward and prepare than to look back and regret.*  
Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Retired track, and field athlete

## Fraternal Matters...

**Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator**  
Email: [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org)



## Congratulations

The five winners from the April Newsletter's *Hersheypark* Roller Coaster Word Scramble are:

- Mary Ann Hull – Assembly 588
- Jean Kyle – Assembly 705
- Joseph Russick – Assembly L105
- Jacob Seman – Assembly L075
- Robyn Sweeney – Assembly 377

## Countdown to Convention...

This month's activity is a Connect-the-Dots drawing. In order to give everyone a fair chance, we will pick five (5) names from all correct entries received in the Home Office by **May 14th**. The five (5) names drawn will be added to the winners from last month for a drawing to be held at the 38th Quadrennial Convention in Hershey. The winner need NOT be present to win. **NOTE:** Officers, Board Members, Employees, and their immediate families are NOT eligible. Mail your completed drawing to: NSS Life Connect-the-Dots, c/o Pam Blum, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317. If you wish to scan and email your entry, please send to: [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org).

## 2022 National Golf Tournament

The National Golf Tournament will be held on **July 15-17, 2022** at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, PA. Accommodations will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites. The registration form and rules will be mailed to past participants and are included in this publication. If you have an interest in joining us for this most enjoyable weekend, please contact me and I will make sure you're on the mailing list.

## Art Contest: Deadline May 31st

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

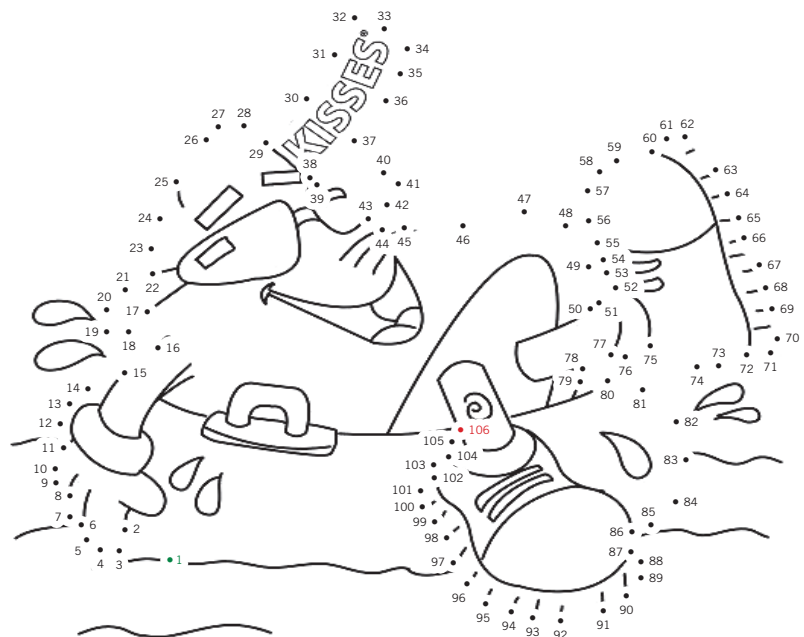
## Attention: PVR Renewal Reminder

All 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students! Remember to send me your transcripts by **July 15th** to receive your next installment of the PVR Scholarship. Also, keep in mind that you must have maintained a 3.0 GPA to receive your next installment of the scholarship. Once we receive your transcript and your grades are in good standing your check will be mailed to your home address the first week of August. Deadline for transcripts is **July 15, 2022**.

## Save the Date - July 29, 2022

NSS has reserved a block of tickets on for Friday, **July 29, 2022** vs. the Philadelphia Phillies. This is headlined as the first ever Yinzerpalooza to celebrate everything we all love about Pittsburgh. There will be a postgame concert on the field featuring a true hometown favorite...**The Clarks!** The tickets are \$42.00 but they are being subsidized in part by Region 5 and Assembly 774 so the final cost to our members will be **\$20.00**. They will have a \$15 food/merchandise concession added on to the ticket. There are a limited number of tickets available, and they will be on a first come bases to Region 5 members only. Requests for tickets must be accompanied by your payment. Please make check payable to **NSS Life** and send to: **Pirate Night, 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317**.

If activity below is too small for you to complete, please email me a request for a larger version at: [pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org)



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JULY 15-17, 2022

**TAM O'SHANTER GOLF CLUB • HERMITAGE, PA**

## 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 27, 2022**

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

# National Slovak Society 56th Annual Golf Tournament July 15 – 17, 2022 Hospitality Night Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tam O'Shanter Golf Course

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course  
2961 S Hermitage Rd  
Hermitage PA 16148  
724-981-3552

Room accommodations provided by  
Hampton Inn and Suites  
58 Winner Lane  
West Middlesex PA 16159  
724-528-3030

Please mention NSS to receive the **discounted rate**  
Room Rates: \$135.00 + tax per night

**Deadline for Hotel Reservations is June 15, 2022**

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 (**Tam O'Shanter Golf Course**)

\_\_\_ Will attend Saturday Dinner (list dinner attendees)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is **June 27, 2022**

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 724-981-3552

## ASSEMBLY 004 Parma, OH

A meeting will be on held on **May 15, 2022** at Sonia Vorell's residence, 18088 Boston Road, Strongsville, Ohio at 2:00 pm.

Hope to see you then.

**Sonia Vorell**  
Secretary

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## ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Parents and grandparents, encourage your children and grandchildren to get out their art supplies and send an entry into the NSS May Art Contest. Monetary prizes to the winners and a free t-shirt to all that enter. Open to youth ages 5-16 and the rules are on page 23. Deadline: May 31st.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of John Atwell, Bernice McManus, Carl Morgan and Rose Scowary. May they rest in the blessed arms of the resurrected Christ.

Fraternal Night at PNC Park is scheduled for Friday, **July 29th** when the Pirates take on the Phillies. Save the date.

We will be remembering our "Grand Old Flag" at our "Summer Bar-B-Q" that will be held on Sunday, **June 12th** at the Columbian Association (K of C) picnic pavilion at 1:00 pm. Delegates to the NSS Quadrennial Convention are encouraged to come for an orientation session. Bring along a non-member!

Senior members! The NSS offers Senior Scholarships for those over fifty-five. You can enroll in two courses a year. Rules and regulations are on the NSS Life website or in the NSS Magazine.

If you have any questions about what is going on in the NSS or our assembly, please call me at (724) 366-4100. See you at the Summer Bar-B-Q.

April showers bring May flowers. Stop and smell the roses!

**John Payerchin**  
President

## ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Our fraternal summer picnic will be held **August 14th** at the Mercateli Segilia Park Birney Avenue, Moosic at 1:00 pm, and October 2022 for the election of officers TBA. For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-569-2181.

We will conduct a matching funds event for the Montage Mountain Ski Patrol at their yearly golf Tournament which is held at Elmhurst Country Club in July or Aug. We are planning to send a team from the assembly along with a basket for their raffle. Stephanie & Joe Ciuccio are co-chairmen. More information will follow as confirmation takes place.

**Lehrae Ann Edwards**  
Treasurer

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## ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events. Our assembly will host an outing to the Iron Pigs game on May 28th. If interested in going, please contact Sharon at 610-769-7006.

On **August 7th** we will have our annual summer picnic at the Gross residence in New Tripoli, PA at 2:00.

**October 23rd** will be our Halloween costume party at the Wesnak home, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm.

Any questions, please call me at the number above.

**Sharon Wesnak**  
Financial Secretary

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## ASSEMBLY 0110 New York, NY

A meeting will be on held on **May 1, 2022** at Trattoria L'incontro, 21-76 31st Street, Astoria, New York at 1:00 pm.

**Rich DeSanctis**  
Financial Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

A quick reminder to our members. If you are going to participate in either the May National Bowling tournament or the July Golf tournament, give me a call, the assembly will help cover some of your fees.

I had a call from one of our members who wanted to get an insurance plan on his grandsons. What a wonderful gift! They have protection for life, a cash amount if they need to use it and they are now members of NSS with all the additional benefits. Perhaps there are some of our members who are wondering if they should make their children or grandchildren members also; well wonder no longer! Now is the best time. Call either myself at 724-242-5085 or Bill DelMonaco at 412-264-7268.

The Assembly is going to have a business meeting and social gathering at the Helicon Brewery, 102 Union Ave., Oakdale, PA on **Saturday, May 14th** at 1:00 pm. The assembly will buy one beer or one food item per member. Proof of age required. Look them up on the internet. it is a very nice place. We can have outdoor seating, so bring your lawn chair. Jill Grover is bringing her corn hole game and others may bring some yard or board games. The place has pinball machines inside, which you can try out. Food trucks may be on site. Call Bill at 724-242-5085 or Jill at 412-638-7060 if you plan to attend.

My source who promised me good weather for our March meeting in Carnegie (it snowed and rained) has once again promised me good weather on May 14th. So please plan on coming and bring a friend and a smile.

I want to wish each of our mothers a most enjoyable day on your day Sunday May 8th. May your children shower you with love and affection forgetting any heartache they may have caused you.

God bless all mothers and may there be peace in Ukraine.

**William Knoll**  
President



# Happy Mother's Day



## ASSEMBLY 0381 Grosse Ile, MI

A meeting will be on held on **June 23, 2022** at the home of Rosemary Hanlon, 1916 Churchill, Trenton, MI. at 1:00 pm. Due to the COVID outbreak and variances we will not be holding meetings in restaurants at this time.

See you at the Convention. God Bless Everyone.

A special thank you to our National Officers and the Home Staff for their efforts in planning and implementing a safe and great convention.

**Joanne Medved**  
Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

A meeting will be held on **May 17, 2022** at Pytel's residence at 7:00 pm.

Join us to the Lake Erie Crushers game, 2009 Baseball Boulevard, Avon, OH on **July 7th** at 7:05 pm. Contact Dave Pytel at 440-759-2148, Bill Shuttleworth at 440-465-6024, or Terri Hudak at 440-714-8902 for tickets. Prices are \$35.00 - adults; \$30.00 - children. Food is included.

The Jet Express Lake Erie Island Tour will be held on **September 25th** at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The cost will be \$70.00 per person. If interested please call Dave, Bill, or Terri for details at the numbers above.

**Shawn Pytel**  
Publicity & Social Media

## ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

A Slovak dinner and meeting will be held at Celebration, 919 South Washington Street, Naperville, IL on Saturday, **May 21, 2022** at 5:00 pm.

Meeting attendees are required to reply to Janet Tomaskovic at **janetjet24@gmail.com** so we may plan accordingly with the meal.

The proceeds from this dinner will help their efforts in Slovakia. We would like to combine our pre-convention meeting with support of this event.

Please try to attend.

**Irene Tomaskovic**  
Vice President

## ASSEMBLY 0617 Ashley, PA

The Assembly will conduct a business meeting and a social on **May 10, 2022** at the Pierce Street Deli Kingston beginning at 1:00 pm. Planning for the Fraternal year will be the main focus of the meeting. Items covered will be: Join Hands Day, Matching Funds, convention, Fraternal Day **August 10th** at Knoebels Park, harvest festival as well as other topics put forth by members.

Assembly members wishing to add or comment on proposed Assembly agenda please contact John Kurilla at **jjkurilla@aol.com** or call 570-239-5936.

**John Kurilla**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 0705 Seelyville, IN

Mark your calendars for the following events to be held in the month of **June, 2022**.

**June 5** - Buck's residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm

**June 25, 26** - Butwin Family Reunion, Seelyville, IN (Fraternal Fund Activity)

Our next events are listed in Activities At A Glance.

**Dorothy A Buck**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Several local events are planned with dates and details to be announced soon. For details and updates, follow our Facebook page: NSS Life Assembly 731 and our group page: NSS Family & Friends.

We are all looking forward to a healthy, happy year and the opportunity to spend time together.

**Ida Lewis**  
Recording Secretary



## ASSEMBLY 0737 North Huntingdon, PA

A meeting will be held on Saturday, **May 21, 2022** at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm.

Along with discussing other business, we will be finishing up plans for the convention.

**Carol Godor**  
Treasurer

## 38th Quadrennial Convention Fund Raising Campaign

This Convention will support the Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania and the construction of the Veterans Tiny Home Village. Veterans Outreach is located on the Susquehanna River in South Harrisburg on a five acre parcel of land where the VOPA plans to build a village of 15 tiny houses surrounding a community center for homeless Veterans. This is specifically designed to meet the specific needs of homeless Veterans. VOPA's objective is to provide each Veteran with his or her own tiny home so they can feel safe and in control of their surroundings.

"Our homeless veterans don't need or want a handout. They need and want a hand UP. And that is exactly what they will get from this place and the formidable VOPA team. We the people owe to them our debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice. Through the efforts of VOPA we will be able to repay that debt to some of our veterans who are in need. I humbly ask that you also consider supporting this very worthy cause!" Wilbur E. Wolf III, Brigadier General (Retired).

At the Convention we will present a check for all donations received. Please send your donations to Pam Blum or Linda Strom at the Home Office. Checks should be made out to "NSS" and on the Notes line please indicate that your donation is for "VOPA"

We welcome not only our members but others that may want to donate to also participate in this worthy cause. Thank You!

## Margaret Pilosi Scholarship – ASSEMBLY 0075

A Scholarship will be awarded yearly to a member of the NSS Assembly 0075; in memory of our late President Margaret Pilosi; the first woman President of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle Fraternal Organization; to a member of NSS Assembly 0075, Duryea PA. The \$500.00 Scholarship is available to any senior high school member of our assembly who is entering a college or university. Applicants can apply for the scholarship by submitting an essay of at least 250-500 words about: fraternalism, Slovak heritage, civic duties or volunteerism. The essay must be typed, double spaced, and contain a separate title page with name, address, phone, age, parent's names, and the acceptance letter from the college they are attending along with their major. The Scholarship Committee will choose the recipient and present the scholarship at the fraternal summer picnic. Entries **must be submitted by July 1 of each year** to: NSS Assembly 0075 Secretary, Lehrae Ann Edwards, 65 Chittenden Street, Duryea, PA 18642-1006. Phone Number: 570-569-2181.

## Donations To Ukraine

We are heartsick at seeing the destruction of the beautiful country of Ukraine and worse, the suffering of its people.

Attending meetings of other fraternal organizations I urge donation of funds to be sent to help. My church's pastors quickly asked at every service and the response was gratifying. The first weekend over \$11,000 was donated. After the second weekend our pastor called to say that more than \$26,000 was being wired to Martin, Slovakia, to the Center for Christian Education, which our Naverville congregation helped to make reality. He assured me that the call to help would be ongoing.

Bohdan Hrobon, dean of that Martin Bible college and K-12 school emailed, telling us that they have enrolled Ukrainian refugee children in school already and are hiring a bilingual teacher for them. Many families have taken refugees into their homes and the Bible College's dormitory is being set up to accommodate more.

Our family receives emails with photos of the millions of meals being prepared by Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen volunteers in the midst of battles in Ukraine and Polish locations. We get information from Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, about the field hospitals they have set up in war zones. Doctors have been working in Samaritan's Purse hospital tent on terribly injured people. These charities are doing unbelievable work to help the needs in European countries.

The least America can do is to support them in every way possible. Our National Slovak Society fraternal and its members can decide at our convention in Hershey to be a meaningful part of the worldwide effort to aid in the humanitarian cause.

The leaders of the Christian school in Martin will be at my church to cook their annual **Slovak dinner** on Saturday, **May 21**. The proceeds will go to help their efforts in Slovakia. Our Assembly 586 may be able to combine our pre-convention meeting with support of this event.

We pray for the European people and thank God for the blessings of our United States of America.

I just received this from Don, our mission leader from church. I am pleased to tell you that through the generosity of many, an additional \$40,000.00 will be sent this week for Ukraine refugee support effort. Keep praying and God will provide!

The Tomaskovic Family



## Ava Kosta Assembly 123



Ava Kosta, a member of C123, recently attended the Junior Convention of The American Legion Auxiliary in Harrisburg, PA where she was elected Jr. Western Section Vice President.

She also packed bags of donated clothing and personal care products for hospitalized female veterans that will be distributed in nursing homes and hospitals across the state. She is the granddaughter of Jill Grover, Home Office employee and Assembly 123 Secretary/Treasurer.

## News from Assembly 617



Our assembly recently completed a service program by a litter pickup on the Back Mountain Trail beginning in Luzerne PA.

John Kurilla  
President



## Assembly 377



Members of Assembly 377 working on the election of delegates to the 38th Quadrennial Convention.

Suzanne Skrypak  
President

## Assembly 731 Hockey Event

Assembly 731 adults and youth enjoyed an exciting time at Youngstown Phantom Hockey game at the Covelli Centre. This was a first time experience for many in our group and everyone enjoyed the game. During intermission, the National Slovak Society Assembly 731 was introduced and our kids were chosen to play a fun game on the ice sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts. Our 12 kids were divided into two groups to compete against each other to see who could gather the most sprinkles and get them in their designated donut near each goal post. From age 3 to 14, they all enjoyed their fun time on the ice surrounded by spectators.

On Saturday, **May 7th**, starting at 10:00 am members will participate in a work day at the Poland Township Park. They will help prepare new flower beds and do some landscape clean-up jobs. Following the work session, they will enjoy a picnic at the pavilion. We will use this gathering as an opportunity to have a meeting to discuss plans for other summer events.



Director Laurie Fox met the Phantom's mascot, Sparky.



Kids are ready to hit the ice.



Gathering "sprinkles" from the ice to decorate the huge donut.



Delivering the "sprinkles" to the donut.

## Scholarship For Senior Members A Fraternal Program

### PURPOSE -

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

### MEMBER ELIGIBILITY -

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

### COURSE ELIGIBILITY -

Vocational schools, community colleges and universities offer a variety of short-term courses which may include areas like computer training, cake decorating, photography, landscaping, small engine repair, ballroom dancing, etc. This program does not cover courses that assist you to maintain your current full or part-time job. (Example: We will not reimburse life insurance or real estate agents who take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses.)

### PROCEDURE -

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

### INFORMATION & APPLICATION -

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



# Máj – najkrajší mesiac roka

Mesiac máj je bezpochyby jeden z najkrajších mesiacov roka. Celá príroda sa prebúdzka k životu. Všetko kvitne, príroda ukazuje svoju krásu a nádheru. Záhrady a lúky sú posiate všetkými farbami, čo je bezpochyby nádherná pastva pre naše oči. Krása prírody má svoje čaro. Veď všetko je v plnom kvete a príroda nadherne vonia krásou.

## Máj mesiac lásky, mnohých tradícií a sviatkov.

Zvyk stavania májov sa v zmenenej podobe udržal dodnes, stavia sa však zväčša jeden ovenčený strom uprostred dediny alebo hlavného námestia.

Ďalší z historických sviatkov je i sviatok 1. máj – sviatok práce a mnohí z nás možno ani nevedia akú má históriu. Traduje sa už vyše 120 rokov.

Máme tu aj pamätné dni rôznych významných osobností. Jednou z najvýznamnejších je **výročie úmrtia M. R. Štefánika**. Po dlhých rokoch strávených v zahraničí sa v nedeľu **4. mája 1919** z talianskeho Galarate vypravil letecky na návrat do vlas-ti. Svoj oslobodený národ i rodnú zem už neobjal živý – po páde lietadla tragicky zahynul neďaleko Bratislavy. Na záver jednu z jeho myšlienok: **Prekážky treba rozbiť, a nie sa im poddávať!**

Ďalším významným sviatkom v máji je **8. máj, deň víťazstva nad fašizmom**. Pripomíname si tu koniec najväčšej tragédie 20. storočia – II. svetovej vojny. Vzdávame tak hold tým, ktorí sa obetovali aj za našu slobodu, majetok najcennejší – vlastný život.

Mesiac máj, ako najkrajší mesiac v roku, u nás sa od jakživa spájal s menom Panny Márie. **13. mája** je výročný deň prvého **zjavenia Panny Márie** v r. 1917 vo Fatime.

Tu v Amerike **31. Mája** oslávime sviatok Decorácie zdobenia hrobov padlých hrdinov ktorý položili svoje životy za slobodu.

## Dôležité dni *Poznačte si kalendár...*

**6.26—6.29** 38 Konvencia NSS bude v Hershey, PA. Podrobnejšie informácie na [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org).

**7.15—7.17** Golfovy Turnaj, Hermitage, PA

**7.21** 99th Slovenský Deň v Kennywood Parku

**9.24** Septemberfest festival v našom muzeu McMurray.



## Deň Matiek

Druhá májová nedeľa už tradične patri všetkým matkám. Tento rok si Deň matiek pripomenieme v nedeľu 8. mája.

### Modlitba za mamu

*Úprímnú vdáku prími Pane, za to, že Mama vravieť komu mam. Za chvíľu Tebou požehnané, čo s mamou denne prežívam.*

*Úprímnú vdáku prími, Bože, za lásku, čo cítiť smiem. Že odpustiť vie neposlušnosť, zlé slovo nikdy nepovie.*

*My chválime Ťa, dobrý Bože, že každá mama svojim deťom vždy na blízku je na cestach týmto svetom.*

*Že aj keď sily nestačia, snaži sa a nehľadaj na seba a na to, aby ozaj šťastná bola, nikdy jej veľa netreba.*

*Ďakujem Pane, za mamu moju a myslím to úprimne. Veď predsa niet človeka iného, čo by viacej stál pri mne.*

*S tebou, Pane, a s mamou mojou istotu mám každý deň. A verím, že neskončí sa tento vzťah čo nie je iba krásny sen. Amen*



## Májové Povesti

Májová rosa a dážď mali magické účinky. Prvomájovú rosu považovali po celom Slovensku za účinný liek proti bolestiam. Ľudia si ňou natierali líšaje, umývali oči a podobne. Ak v prvý májový týždeň pršalo, dážď bol predzvesťou bohatej úrody. Na 12., 13., a 14. mája pripadajú mená Pankrác, Servác a Bonifác, ktorí dostali názov traja zamrznutí svätí. A sú patrónmi Košickej Arcidiocely.



## Máj....Mesiac Lásky.

*Láska Bože láska, kde tá ľudia berú na horách nerástieš v poli tá nesejú.*



# Youth Circle Page

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

## May Art Contest

The rules are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all members of the National Slovak Society between the ages of 5 and 16.
2. Only one entry is permitted per member, per category.
3. Contestants may create their artwork using:
  - a. Paint (pastels, watercolor, oil, tempera and cesium)
  - b. Crayons (wax or liquid)
  - c. Ink/Pencil
  - d. Charcoal
  - e. Glue, construction paper, glitter
4. The Artwork may be ANY size up to 11x14 inches and must be mounted on a mat board or poster board for display purposes. (Paint by numbers, stencils or tracing will not be accepted)
5. All entries must include; name, address, phone number, age, policy number, assembly/circle number, along with your t-shirt size. This information should be clearly printed on the back of each entry.
6. Please indicate t-shirt size by the following size chart available:
  - a. Youth sizes - YS and YM
  - b. Adult sizes - AS, AM, AL and AXL
7. Winners in each category will have their artwork displayed in the *National News* and will be published on the NSS website.

Categories:

  - a. Picasso Level - Ages 5, 6 & 7
  - b. Rembrandt Level - Ages 8, 9 & 10
  - c. Michelangelo Level - Ages 11, 12 & 13
  - d. Van Gogh Level - Ages 14, 15 & 16\*
8. Prizes awarded in each level of every category shall be as follows:

a. First Place	\$50.00
b. Second Place	\$25.00
c. Third Place	\$15.00
9. All entrants will receive a NSS Life T-shirt.

**BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES CAREFULLY SO YOU DO NOT LOSE POINTS IN THE JUDGING PROCESS**

**Deadline for entries to the Home Office is May 31st.** Either mail or deliver artwork to: NSS Life  
c/o Fraternal Department  
351 Valley Brook Road  
McMurray, PA 15317

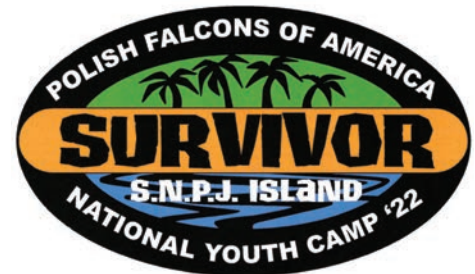
Decisions of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases.

\*In the event the First place winner in the Artistic Category - Van Gogh Level either enters an accredited Art School or pursues Art as a career in college, he/she will be awarded a one-time \$250 Art Scholarship provided that the student meets all the NSS PVR Scholarship rules and regulations.

\*\*The National Elder of the National Slovak Society reserves the right to keep all displays or winning entries. Artwork will only be returned by request.

## 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 fund-raising 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).



## Polish Falcons National Youth Camp July 24-31, 2022

**Open to NSS Youth Members**

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Campers are ages 9-18  
Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling,  
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Crafts, Swimming, Team Challenges  
all with a Survivor Team

**For more information contact**

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