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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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Full Name: _____

Certificate #: _____ Assembly #: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

Assemblies L075, 0617

December 10
January 14, 2023
April, 2023
October, 2023

Assembly L075, Matching Funds Event, Camp Ladore, Honesdale Craft Fair
Assembly L075, Installation of Officers, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA TBA
Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA TBA

REGION 5

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

December 3
December 4
December 4
December 11
December 17
March 23, 2023
June 11, 2023
September 10, 2023
December 3, 2023

Assembly 0737, Meeting at Carol Godor's residence, N. Huntingdon, PA at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0377, Christmas Party, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Columbian Association Hall (K of C) at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0123, Christmas Luncheon, Rockefeller's Grill, McKees Rocks, PA at 1:30 pm
Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Lariccia Center Rotary Room, Boardman Park, OH at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Lenten Dinner, Bob Evans Restaurant, Uniontown PA at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q & Flag Day, Columbia Association Event Center at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Remembering Flight 93, Bob Evans Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Columbia Association Event Center at 2:00 pm

REGION 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

December 4
December 13
February 19, 2023

Assembly 0070, Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 am
Assembly 0432, Meeting/Election of Officers/Holiday Celebration, Tony K's at 6:30 pm
Assembly 0432, Tobogganing, Strongsville Chalet, Strongsville, OH at 6:00pm-9:00pm

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102

December 1-30
January 8, 2023
January 15, 2023

Assembly R059, One Can-Can Help Drive
Assembly L102, Christmas Party, Wesnak's residence, Schnecksville PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly R059, Meeting at Keysock's residence, TBA

AT LARGE

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

December 23
December 24

Assembly 0813, Christmas Party, Farrell residence (TBA)
Assembly 0705, Annual Christmas Eve celebration (Fraternal Fund Activity) at 6:00 pm

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The President's Page...

Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO
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The beginning of the month of November in the Pittsburgh area has been more like September. The daily temperatures have been in the upper 60's and 70's for most days. The weather has given everyone additional time to finish the last-minute Fall activities around the house and yard. The leaves, after a brilliant display of color, have fallen to the ground and the sound of leaf blowers has been constant in our neighborhood. It will not be long before the green grass turns dormant, and the snow begins to fall. The beauty of living in Pennsylvania is the continual change of nature's scenery, sometimes overnight!

The month of December brings us the Christmas season and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christmas season gives each of us an opportunity to reflect on past holidays with members of our family. NSS uses the marketing slogan, "where Family Matters" and I can think of no other time of the year where it is most true. Spending time with family during the Christmas season gives us an occasion to build treasured memories, share traditions instilled by our grandparents and parents, and to share our love with those that are most important in our lives. Family really does matter! On behalf of the Board of Directors, Officers, and Home Office Staff, I would like to wish each of you a most Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Enjoy the time with your families.

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance recently held its 110th Annual Meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania. National Slovak Society Director Sue Ondrejco was elected as Second Vice-President, Director Abigail Gross, Esq.

was elected to a two-year term as a PFA Director, and NSS Compliance and Risk Manager John Payerchin was elected to a one-year term as a PFA Director. NSS National Sales Director Greg Felton will serve on the PFA Board as Immediate Past President. Congratulations on continuing the presence of NSS on the PFA Board.

The recent Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour Dinner-Dance Fundraiser was a huge success. The well attended event offered a delicious dinner, enjoyable music, and a fundraising basket raffle. NSS was well represented at the event and a photo of NSS attendees appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Slovak Ambassador to the United States Radovan Javorčík, his wife Slovak diplomat Michelle Joanne Javorčíková, and Cultural Secretary Stanislava Buchtová were visiting the Pittsburgh area last weekend to attend the Slovak Festival at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. The National Slovak Society was one of the sponsors of a reception for the dignitaries on Friday evening. The event gave those in attendance an opportunity to meet with Ambassador Javorčík. The National Slovak Society was represented at the event by Secretary-Treasurer Linda Strom, this writer, and my wife Annette. The Slovak Festival provided an additional opportunity to meet with the Ambassador at a breakfast held at the Cathedral of Learning sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Slovak Studies Group, organized by Dr. Renáta Kamenárová, Director of the Slovak Studies Program. The Slovak Fraternals responsible for establishing the endowment for the program at the University of Pittsburgh attended the breakfast and were given an update on the program and plans for the future. The 32nd annual Slovak Heritage Festival was a success with hundreds of attendees enjoying a day of Slovak culture, music, dance, and food. It was great to see so many of our NSS members at the festival!

It is encouraging to see the number of assemblies holding Christmas events during the month of December. Assemblies 039, 070, L102, 123, 377, 432, 705, 731, 737, and 813 are celebrating with either Christmas parties or luncheons. Please check the Activities At A Glance on page 3 of this issue for the dates and times.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Directors Abigail Gross and Sue Ondrejco, to Home Office Staff members Brigid Delien, Cyndi Salat, Frank Tomasic, and Michelle Walton, to my lovely wife Annette, son-in-law Brett Bernardo, Michael Dvorsak, Janice Krynak, Braidon Shriver, John and Kevin Crowley, David W. Blazek, Fran Blazek, and all others celebrating a birthday this month.

Get well wishes go out to out Honorary President Dave Blazek as he is recuperating following recent surgery. Wishing you a speedy recovery and a quick return to the golf course!

We were saddened to hear that former Home Office Employee Nina DiLelio recently passed away. Nina was a long-time member of the Home Office Staff retiring in 2000 after forty-two years of service to the members of the NSS. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting



NSS President Joseph Stefka, Jr. was recently elected to serve as the President of the New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance at the Annual Meeting held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Congratulating President Stefka is Outgoing New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance President Theresa Kluchinski, President of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

2022 3rd Quarter Financial Statement Recap

Statement as of September 30, 2022

	Sept 2022	Dec 2021
Net Admitted Assets:		
Bonds	\$1,552,613,633	\$1,474,508,345
Preferred Stocks	4,361,660	5,300,000
Common Stocks	5,936,381	9,015,823
Mortgage Loans on Real Est.	127,982,962	108,777,412
Certificate Loans	963,258	965,173
Real Est Occupied by Society	600,883	616,899
Cash on Deposit	37,047,270	30,578,048
Other Invested Assets	1,682,214	1,866,369
Uncollected Premiums	233,274	418,064
Investment Income Due	18,201,479	16,398,188
TOTALS	\$1,749,623,014	\$1,648,444,321

Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,567,147,500	\$1,474,993,500
Deposit-type Contracts	71,408,180	70,447,522
Certificate Claims	675,000	675,000
Commissions Due	350,000	400,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	960,000	840,000
General Exp Due	2,075,000	2,356,350
Retained by Society as Trustee	58,688	284,920
Borrowed Money & Interest	0	410,242
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	11,459,100	12,546,000
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	4,762,135	4,548,975
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	90,577,411	80,791,812
TOTALS	\$1,749,623,014	\$1,648,444,321

Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$80,941,812	\$70,682,199
Net Income	14,186,252	11,649,196
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	(2,871,948)	1,331,261
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	(2,615,606)	(533,344)
Change in Valuation Reserve	1,086,900	(2,187,500)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus		
Net Change in Surplus	9,785,598	10,259,613
Surplus At Statement Date	\$90,727,410	\$80,941,812

Summary of Operations:

INCOME:

Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$173,938,398	\$271,173,517
Net Investment Income	60,275,855	69,950,355
Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	283,764	380,106
Aggregate Write-ins for Misc Inc	410,245	
Income Sub-Total	\$234,908,262	\$341,503,978

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$7,931,916	\$7,676,447
Matured Endowments	35,372	19,026
Annuity Benefits	108,567,451	126,878,865
Disability Benefits	5,342	5,284
Surrender Benefits	512,585	968,110
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	9,520	11,837
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	92,154,000	179,441,500
Commissions On Direct Business	5,174,344	7,559,823
General & Fraternal Expenses	5,772,759	6,360,845
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	181,911	202,108
Expense Sub-Total	\$220,345,200	\$329,123,845

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$14,563,062	\$12,380,133
Refund To Members	(718,834)	(831,139)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	13,844,228	11,548,994
Net Realized Capital Gains	342,024	100,202
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$14,186,252	\$11,649,196



A Page From
My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
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Current Interest Rates

★ Effective September 1, 2022 ★

Current advertised interest rates take effect for newly issued products, as well as existing accounts (except for the Optimum 3).

Optimum 3 – 2.25%

Preferred 5 – 3.25% • Preferred 8 – 4.00%

Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4.00%, these plans are no longer available.

Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.



Did you know...

You can add money to almost any Annuity with NSS, just send us a check. Any additional funds will not increase the time period on early withdrawal penalties.

Access your account values 24/7 by going to the website: www.nsslife.org and login/register as a member.



MYTH Life insurance is too expensive

FACT Three quarters of Americans overestimate the cost of life insurance. Today, life insurance is more affordable and accessible than ever.

#HelpProtectOurFamilies
#LIAM2022

Source: 2022 Insurance Barometer Study, LIMRA and Life Happens

From the Sales Department...

Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC, Sales Director
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The Story of Life Insurance

This is an old story but a good one. Many years ago, three horsemen were crossing the desert at night. A voice from the heavens said to stop, dismount and fill your bags with stones and tomorrow you will be both glad and sad. They did as they were told and the next morning, lo and behold, their stones had turned into precious gems. They had diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds. And like the voice said they were both glad and sad. Glad they had taken as much as they had but sad that they had not taken more.

This is the story of life insurance. No matter how much you buy when something happens your family will be both sad and glad. Glad that they have something but sad that they did not buy more.

NSS can help in this regard. We have plans that can be customized to fit any budget. Call your local representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information on how our products and services can help your family.

The Christmas Present

Most parents go overboard on presents for the children and grandchildren. Not that there is anything wrong with spoiling your children. However, most toys will only last a little while. Youngsters have short attention spans.

Interested in trying something different, a better idea? Pick a number that is affordable on a regular basis. Is it \$25, \$50, \$100 or \$250 per month?

What that will do is start your child off on the road to financial independence. This money will be laying the foundation for your child's success. Anything up to the first \$166 per month we can put into an educational savings account for your child. If the funds are used for higher education, they may be tax-free at withdrawal.

Anything over the \$166 per month we can custom design a life insurance policy. This is something that can be kept forever. Life insurance is a valuable piece of property that has cash/loan values, options if premiums were to cease and dividends which can enhance a policy's values.

Eventually, if a policy is old enough there is a good chance that every penny paid in premiums comes back in the form of cash. Plus, a person would have had protection for all those years.

Another nice feature of having either a life insurance (\$10,000 minimum face amount) or an annuity (with \$5,000 or more) is our scholarship program. This complimentary benefit pays up to \$2,400 (\$600 per year for 4 years) and can be used to offset higher education expenses.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Why not give the gift that might last a lifetime. And while you are at it why not pick up Call of Duty or an X-box too. Merry Christmas.

Thought For The Month:

Compliments of Rotary, who has served our communities for more than 100 years. When collaborating with each other, they follow one of the pillars of the association and ask,

Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOOD-WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

These simple statements should be a way of life for all of us to follow every day. Try it and see if we can make the world a better place.

LIFE HINT

When you promise your children you'll protect them, life insurance is key.



REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION CURRENT

Please contact our NSS Life Member Services Department at 1-800-488-1890 with any of the following changes:

- MARITAL STATUS • MAILING ADDRESS • BENEFICIARY UPDATES • EMAIL ADDRESS
- IRA MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION REQUESTS • BANK ACCOUNT UPDATES FOR DEPOSITS OR WITHDRAWALS

ANY REQUESTS FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE NSS FOR 2022 SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE HOME OFFICE BY: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2022.

Fraternal Matters...

Pam Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator
Email: pblum@nsslife.org



Great Ways to Help Others Around the Holidays

For many people, the holiday season is one of the happiest times of the year. This year, in particular, feels even sweeter as COVID-19 wanes and we're able to come together with family and friends to celebrate in a safer way.

That said, while the streets may be filled with holiday magic, the pandemic has left many houses filled with gloom and worry. Some have been affected by poverty, while others are spending their first holiday season without loved ones, and many need an extra helping hand to get by this year.

With that in mind, here are a few ways to give back to others during the holiday season, especially areas affected by Hurricane Ian.

The Salvation Army

This organization has been helping families in need for decades, and they always make an extra push during the holidays. From helping the youth by providing tutoring and educational programs, as well as character development and organizing positive recreational activities for them. The Salvation Army also helps families in need by providing shelter or transitional housing, job readiness, and emergency financial assistance for individuals and families. So how can we help them help others?

Adopt A Family

Adopt a Family and provide them with clothing, toys, books, household items and Christmas decorations during the holidays.

Red Kettle Bell Ringing

The most iconic way to give back with the Salvation Army, red kettle bell ringing gives you a chance to help raise money to go to those who need it. Grab a group of friends, family, or co-workers and go ring the red bell and collect donations. Or, set up a virtual kettle and challenge different groups to see who can get the most donations.

Angel Tree Donations

Another offering from the Salvation Army is the Tree donation. This program provides assistance for low-income families with children under twelve years of age. There are many ways to get involved in this such as organizing toy drives or sorting and organizing the donations. The Salvation Army also has provided an online wish list for those that still wish to help but would rather do it from home.

Comfort Item Drive

You can donate new blankets, stuffed animals, or anything that could help provide comfort for all the children in need. You can find more information in your local churches or missionaries.

2022 National Bowling Tournament (See back cover)

Donate Clothing to Unhoused Individuals

Missionaries are collecting clothing for unhoused individuals. They are looking for new or gently used items for all ages and genders that will ensure their clients are safe and warm throughout this holiday season. Donations may be delivered during business hours.

If you're still looking for even more ways to give back, listen to your local TV stations or even commercials. Everyone knows someone or somebody that you can help. And, remember to shop local during the hustle and bustle of holiday gifting. Locally-owned businesses fuel our economy and local individuals' economic sustainability. Let's give back to local small businesses by shopping there! Together we can spread Holiday Cheer!

While the holidays are a great time for many, they also can be one of the roughest times for others. Let's be mindful of those around us and take care of each other this time of the year, lend a helping hand whenever/wherever we can. Together, we can make this world a better place.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



*Christmas Gift Suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.*



DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here are four good reasons why making a donation makes sense...

1. Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund.
2. Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
3. Your donation may benefit your own son, daughter, niece or nephew.
4. Your donation is tax deductible.

Please issue your check to:
 NSS PVR Scholarship Fund
 And send to:
 National Slovak Society
 351 Valley Brook Road
 McMurray, PA 15317

PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

October, 2022

In Memory of **Irene Saniga, and all Departed Members:**

From Assembly 0377	500.00
In Memory of Joanne Medved:	
From Rosemary Hanlon.....	50.00
In Memory of Anna Krotchko:	
From Jane & James Stine	25.00
From Jeff & Laurel Rupprect...	50.00
In Memory of Tamara L. DeSalle:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Thomas Hursen:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Leslie Bull:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Thomas Bender:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Anna Kovacic:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Mercedes Kropf:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Irma Smkosz:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of Anna Tarazano:	
From Assembly 0123	20.00
In Memory of our son and brother, Shaun Logan Crowley:	
From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr., & John Crowley	20.00

Donations:

Anonymous	19.00
Monica Rodacy Boone	20.00

Slovak Heritage Programs

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will once again present the Slovak Heritage Programs on the first Monday evening of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Mount Lebanon, PA. 15228, 412-531-1912. It is free to both members and non-members.

December 5th - "Show-N-Tell"

Because of the popularity of this program in prior years, we are again asking you to bring your memorabilia from Slovakia- photos, books, souvenirs, etc. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate.

SLOVAK EMBASSY DEDICATES STEFANIK MEMORIAL

On September 8th, the Slovak Embassy in Washington, D.C. held an unveiling ceremony of the Milan Rastislav Stefanik memorial located near the entrance of the building.

Milan Rastislav Stefanik was a Slovak astronomer, scientist and inventor, photographer, military aviator, brigadier general of the French armed forces, organizer, diplomat, politician and statesman. He had the greatest merit in shaping the Czech-Slovak foreign resistance during the First World War. He played an important role in organizing CzechSlovak legions and mediating contacts with French state officials. Together with Thomas Garrigu Masaryk and Edvard Benes was a key person in the founding of Czechoslovakia. Stefanik was the vice-chairman of the Czechoslovakia National Council, the Minister of War in the Provisional Czechoslovak Government and subsequently also in the newly formed Czechoslovakia.

At the dedication ceremony, 30 roses, commemorating the 30 year anniversary of Slovakia's existence as an independent state, were distributed to attendees, who each went forward and laid the rose at the base of the memorial. The memorial will enhance the experience of visitors to the Slovak Embassy in Washington and their appreciation for this great Slovak patriot.



Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko and his wife, Albina, attended the unveiling ceremony of the Milan Stefanik memorial.

Slovak Heritage Festival Slovak Day at Pitt University



President Joseph Stefka, Jr. and wife Annette at the Slovak Heritage Festival at the University of Pittsburgh modeling some Slovak head wear.



L-R: President Joseph Stefka, Jr. and NSS Field Development Manager, Jeff DeSantes at Pittsburgh University Slovak Heritage Festival in Oakland, PA on November 6, 2022.

ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

We will be looking for you on Sunday, **December 4th**, at the Columbian Association (K. of C.) Social Hall on North Gallatin Ext. They will again host our event starting at 2:00 p.m. There will be door prizes, Chinese auction for the PVR Scholarship Fund, a 43" HDTV, giveaways, fraternal fun and fellowship. NSS National President Joseph Stefka, Jr. and his lovely wife Annette will be coming to our Annual Christmas Party. Bring along a non-member.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of Irvin Blough, Jr., Jane Brant, Rosella Campbell, Paul Lukac and May Kay Richnafsky. May they rest in the blessed arms of the resurrected Christ.

Our assembly received the Platinum Award in the NSS Assembly Growth Program for 2021. Great job!

Below is the schedule for our Assembly Meetings in 2023:

Sunday, March 23rd:

Lenten Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 11th:

Summer Bar-B-Q &

Flag Day Celebration at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 10th:

Remembering Flight 93 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd:

Annual Christmas Party 2:00 p.m.

The March & September meetings are at Bob Evans in Uniontown. The June & December meetings are at the Columbia Association Event Center.

If you have any questions about what is going on in the NSS or our assembly, please call me at (724) 570-1301. See you at the Christmas Party! Celebrate the birth of Christ with your family. For in Him is life!

Paul Payerchin
Secretary-Treasurer

ASSEMBLY RO59 Bethlehem, PA

Our 2022 meeting was held on October 9th at the residence of Bill and Sandy Keysock. Sincere thanks to them both for their hospitality. A donation of \$1,000.00 plus the proceeds of a November coffee hour will be sent to

IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) for Hurricane Ian relief.

During the month of November and the first week in December, we are participating in the One Can-Can Help Drive. Donations will be taken to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Our next meeting will be held on **January 15, 2023** at the Keysock's residence. Main order of business will be the election of officers.

Michele Guydan
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on **Sunday, December 4th** at 11:30 a.m. with election of officers. Please contact John Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend. Desserts would be greatly appreciated. We will also be collecting mittens for the mitten tree if you would like to donate.

John Karkosiak
Secretary/Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Congratulations to Dominic Piccoletti for placing first in his school fundraiser which our assembly and members helped support. Congratulations to our poetry contest winners; Gary & Maxwell Edwards and Dom Piccoletti. Congratulations to Stephanie & Joey Ciuccio on the birth of their son Rocco on October 19th and to Mr. & Mrs. William Wesnak on the birth of their daughter Cambrie in October.

On **December 10th**, Assembly L075 will conduct a Matching Funds event for the Avoca B S Troop 316 at their yearly chili sale at Camp Ladore in Honesdale at the Craft Fair. We will be selling chili for the troop along with snacks and drinks.

On October 22, 2022 we held nominations and election of officers for 2023-2024 term. Officers elected were: President Gary Edwards; Vice President Lucy Piccoletti; Secretary/Treasurer Lehrae Ann Edwards; Hospitality/Youth Director Patricia Gorgol; and Fraternal Director William Wesnak. Installation of the new officers will take place on **January 14, 2023** at the

Grandes Restaurant, 4200 Birney Ave Moosic at 1:00 p.m. The audit committee will also meet on this day.

TBA meetings for the assembly will be in April and October at the Grandes Restaurant and in the Summer for the Fraternal Picnic at Mercateli-Segilia Park in Moosic. For more information contact Lehrae Edwards at 570-569-2181.

Lehrae Ann Edwards
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on **January 8, 2023**, at the home of Drew and Sharon Wesnak at 2:00 p.m. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fraternalism.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Attention: There are only a few days and a few places open for our Christmas luncheon at Rockefeller's Grill, on **Sunday, December 11th** at 1:30 p.m. Please call me immediately at 724-242-5085 if you want to attend but have not yet signed up. This is your last chance, I must give them the final count in the next day or so and they also have excellent food. Rockefeller's is in the Kennedy Center Shopping Plaza, 1833 McKees Rocks Road. The restaurant is at the far end opposite the Giant Eagle. Enter the restaurant by the side entrance and it will take you directly into the beautiful banquet hall where we will partake in fellowship and our delicious meal.

At this writing I was hoping to report to you that I had won the Power Ball lottery but after spending \$20, I won only \$4. I guess the lesson is don't gamble. If I won I would have made a lot of people happy especially the government since they take 40% of what you win. But maybe I could have used all that money to buy the Pirates, they need a new owner. However I'm glad I didn't win. My life would never be the same, I probably would have to fly my plane to my Caribbean island and change my phone number and who would want the Pirates anyway?

If any of you have ideas for activities for our assembly or charities we could support or if any of our members who are in need of help, please let me or our other officers know. You can contact Larry Smith at 412-778-0431 or Jill Grover 412-638-7060 so that we may decide what is feasible for us to consider.

It is not good to hate but I hate it getting dark so early. Thank you Edison for inventing the light bulb. And thank you to all the people who put up all the beautiful Christmas lights and decorations that brighten our spirits. I would like to wish each and every member of our assembly a joyful and blessed Christmas. Had I won the Power Ball be assured you would each be receiving a nice gift. My best wishes are the most I can afford at this time. Also wishes for a most happy prosperous and healthy New Year. Enjoy the season and be safe.

William Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Our last meeting of the year and our annual Holiday Party and will be held on **December 4, 2022** at Hugo's Restaurant, 688 National Pike, Brownsville, PA at 3:00 p.m.

Please RSVP me at 724-207-3171. We look forward to all members attending this and our annual cookie table. New members are welcome.

Let's plan some new events for next year. We will also have door prizes so please attend!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0432 Fairview Park, OH

A meeting and holiday celebration will be held on **December 13th** at 6:30 p.m. at Tony K's, 841 W. Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017. Hopefully your reservation was made.

Election of officers will be held at the December 13th meeting. You want to be more involved, show up and run for a position! Hope to see you there!

We will be tobogganing on **February**

19th at The Strongsville Chalet, 16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes food, pop, water, juice and unlimited ride ticket.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity & Social Media

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

Our dear friend and member Henry Pettke has passed away and if anyone has gone on to a better life in heaven, he is sure to be there. We will miss him and remember him always.

At assembly activities Hank and Loretta would relate stories to us of their Marine grandson, Nick. While fighting in Iraq, Nick and his buddies were always hungry and had wet feet. Assembly 586 then began collecting new boot socks, snacks and personal items which we began delivering to Operation Support Our Troops America. We raised money and did NSS Matching Funds several times to cover some of the shipping costs. This is our continuing mission.

At our next meeting, which will be scheduled in the new year, we will talk about the many deserving organizations for our Matching Funds donation.

Our Christmas event was different this year. We saw the musical Elf at the beautiful Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook.

The wonderful Czech and Slovak restaurant where we had our last meeting, Bohemian Crystal, is no more. The owner told us the building with all its crystal and ceramics brought from Czechoslovakia over the many years was being turned into a part of the huge automobile sector in a suburb of Chicago. Sad that we no longer will be able to gather there after enjoying the food and ambiance for many years.

We will set a date for our next meeting at the beginning of 2023. God willing that our NSS members and families stay well and do our part in believing in our wonderful America, the best country on earth.

Always thank the troops for protecting us and the police for doing their best to keep us safe in our homes.

Lori Crowley deserves many kudos for the excellent *National News* she always produces for our organization. Consistently beautifully put together.

Hours spent every month, I'm sure. My praise for your efforts to do an excellent job, Lori, putting our organization forward in print for all to see and recognize.

And God bless the National Slovak Society, our fraternal sisters and brothers and the Slovak Republic, our ancestors' home.

Irene Tomaskovic
Vice President

ASSEMBLY 0731 Lowellville, OH

Our Christmas Party will be held in the Lariccia Center Rotary Room in Boardman Park, 375 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman, Ohio, on **Saturday, December 17th**, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Each year Assembly 731 likes to add an extra theme to our Christmas Party for decorating purposes. This year we have chosen Grinch in Whoville as



our theme. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gift from the heart (this could be a homemade item and should not be expensive) and to dress in a special Whoville outfit. We expect the Grinch to make an appearance to steal all the wrapped gifts before Santa arrives to bring the joy back by retrieving the gifts from The Grinch and given to the people of Whoville. We'll sing Christmas carols and enjoy a Whoville feast that will include Roasted Beast, Who Hash, Grinchy Greens, Cindy Lu Salad, Grinch cookies and Bezelnut Splash punch. A 50-50 raffle will be held as a Matching Funds activity to benefit a family in need during the Holidays.

We are planning to make lap blankets for residents in a local nursing home and will deliver them during the week before Christmas. Material and instructions will be provided. All NSS members are invited to attend but must RSVP to Kathy Cessna 330-559-8554 or Laurie Fox 330-717-4705 before December 5th.

Kathy Cessna
Fraternal Youth Coordinator

ASSEMBLY 0737 Westmoreland County, PA

A meeting will be held on **December 3, 2022** at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Godor, 9280 Clubview Drive, North Huntingdon, PA.

Carol Godor
Treasurer

ASSEMBLY 0813 Englewood, FL

Our assembly is assisting Crisis Cleanup from the storm of the century, Hurricane Ian. Donations are needed and will be greatly appreciated. We're asking that checks be made out to Assembly 813 with IAN Cleanup in the memo line. All monies received by December 15 will be turned over to this volunteer group who takes care of removing downed trees, damaged property and other problems created by natural disasters. Please mail c/o Assembly 813, 1048 Iowa Avenue, Englewood, Florida 34223.

Of course, we will be collecting for Toys for Tots again, one of our most enjoyable projects for us and for the kids. New, unwrapped toys are due by December 10th, or if donating cash or check please turn in by December 8th so toys may be purchased.

The Christmas Party will be **December 23rd** at the Farrell residence. Please RSVP to Kerry Farrell at 334-718-2416 or Mary Jo Holker at 941-473-0559 to let us know you'll be attending.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

We are waiting on St Cats and Dogs to announce the date for Santa Pet Photos and will participate in that event in December as a matching funds. For more information contact Marlin Petro Wesnak at marlinsamimadi@yahoo.com or NSS Life Region 2 on Facebook.

Marlin Petro-Wesnak
President - Region #2

Dynamic Duo



Katie Payerchin (left) and her sister Abby.

Katie Payerchin, a recent Perpetual NSS Scholarship winner and a member of Assembly 123, came home from State College to award her sister, Abby her first-degree black belt in Tae-Kwando. Katie holds a fourth-degree black belt and is an instructor during the summer months at the academy.

News from Assembly L102

Assembly L102 had a costume Halloween party for the children. Everyone had a wonderful time. Our assembly also helped the Hokey Eagles football league with a fundraiser carwash. The players and coaches had a blast washing all the cars.

Assembly L102 helped raise money with a pig roast to benefit ALS research. The donated gifts were unbelievable. A huge amount of money was raised to help find a cure for such a debilitating disease. Thanks to Tina for all her hard work in organizing the event.

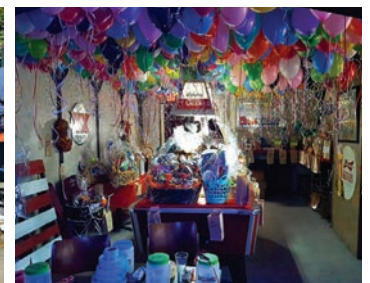
Sharon Wesnak
Secretary



Members wearing costumes at A-L102 Halloween Party



Hokey Eagles football league carwash fundraiser



Gifts donated to benefit ALS Research

Assembly 731 Hayride

Assembly 731 had great turnout for a fun-filled afternoon at Countryside Farm in Lowellville, Ohio. The weather was perfect for the Halloween Hayride to the pumpkin patch. Everyone loves the ride through a family friendly haunted woods to the field where they can pick their favorite pumpkin. The adventure was followed with a walk through the corn maze, games, and refreshments that included hot dogs, chili, chips, and cupcakes. Each child was given an NSS Halloween bag filled with toys and sweets. A 50-50 raffle was held to help support a program in one of our local schools to purchase personal hygiene items for students.



Jimmy Cessna getting mummified by Logan Mason, Zach Martini, and Eli Mason.



Assembly 731 members attending the Halloween Hayride.



Liana Miranda had fun trying to eat her donut dangling in front of her.



Valerie Cessna spreads her butterfly wings in the pumpkin patch.



Jake Shank picks a pumpkin that might be too heavy for him to carry.



NSS bags and items we filled them with. Kids loved their goodie bags!



Mike Fox, Sr. drove one of two hay wagons filled with our Assembly members and guests.



Walter Fox gets the mummy treatment by his mom (Anne Fox) and dad (Mike Fox Jr.) and cousin Ashlynn Mason

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REMINDER

Deadline For Publication



Please be advised that all articles, notices, etc., **MUST BE** received by the Home Office **no later than the 5th of the month**. Every effort will be made to publish the article and photos in a timely manner and space permitting. Also, all articles should be **typewritten in regular type or emailed to the Home Office. No Exceptions!!**

Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance



L-R: Greg Felton accepts a plaque for serving as the 2022 President of the PA Fraternal Alliance from the incoming 2023 President of the PA Fraternal Alliance, Doug Tuttle, LCBA President.



Scenes from the Ohio Fraternal Alliance



Newly elected officers being sworn in October, 2022.

The Ohio Fraternal Alliance held its 105th Annual Meeting in Independence, Ohio, October 14-15, 2022. Election of officers was held during the meeting with NSS National Director, Mike Czarney, elected President and Board of Directors Chairman, Bob Katricak, elected Treasurer.

Brian Martz, Tech Guides, presented an informative lecture about Cyber Security.

Roundtable discussion allowed attendees time to discuss how their organization is working to build membership participation in fraternal activities and member benefit programs. Also, they discussed how COVID affected their Society and plans going forward for the betterment of their members and activities.

Past members who had served the various societies were honored with a memorial service.

Following the business meeting, attendees went to the Vitalia Senior Living Center to hand out carnations to the residents. The residents were excited and grateful for this kind gesture.



New President Mike Czarney presenting appreciation gift to outgoing President Thresa Aveni



Director, Laurie Fox, helps hand out carnations to the residents at Vitalia Senior Living Center.

WPSRH Dinner Dance Fundraiser



Members of the NSS attending the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour Dinner-Dance Fundraiser (L-R): Joe Palko, Region 5 Vice-President; Linda Strom, NSS Secretary-Treasurer CFO; Robert Katricak, NSS Chairman of the Board; Chris Katricak; Joseph Stefka, Jr., NSS President CEO; Annette Stefka; Sue Ondrejco, NSS Director; Rudy Ondrejco.

Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting



NSS attendees at the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting Banquet (L-R): John Payerchin, Heather Payerchin, Rick Toth, Annette Stefka, Joseph Stefka, Jr., Abigail Gross, Esq., Michael Gross, Sue Ondrejco, Greg Felton, Linda Strom, and Andrea Garbon.



THE NSS HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS Septemberfest



Director Keith Kucherawy and Lyle Grover chopping onions for meals



Heather Payerchin distributing youth prizes with Linda Strom



Directors Keith Kucherawy, Mike Czarney, Chairman of the Board Bob Katricak and President Joseph Stefka, Jr. helping with behind the scenes preparations for the festival



Representatives from "Sweet Me" selling sugar candies



Martin Meyer demonstrating loom weaving techniques in the NSS Heritage Museum with Bella Bernardo and Alena Payerchin



A representative from Rusty Gold Brewing company in Canonsburg provided complimentary servings of their beer during the festival

Pittsburgh Reception for Ambassador Radovan Javorcik



President Joseph Stefka, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer Linda Strom, and Annette Stefka attended the reception for Slovak Ambassador to the United States Radovan Javorcik on November 4, 2022.

L-R: NSS Secretary-Treasurer Linda Strom, Ambassador Radovan Javorcik, the Ambassador's wife Michelle Javorcikova, Annette Stefka and President Joseph Stefka, Jr.

The Departed Members List will be in the January, 2023 issue.

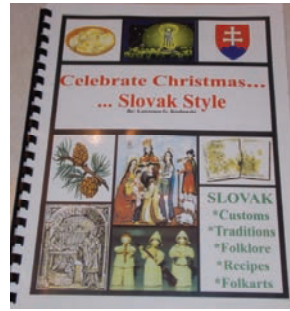
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Teraz požehnaj, Otče, toto jedlo, nám na úžitok a Tebe na chválu. Prosíme Ťa, Pane, buď častým hosťom v našom dome a daj, aby sme boli hodný darov, ktorými si nás obdaroval.

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6. Decembra sv. Mikuláš

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Keď schudobnel a jeho rodina už nemala čo do úst vložiť, rozhodol sa, že z dievčat urobí neviestky. Dozvedel sa o tom svätý Mikuláš, zabalil do kusa látky zlato a vhodil ho do mužovho domu. To zopakoval trikrát, až kým peňazí nebolo toľko, že sa všetky tri dievčatá mohli čestne vydať. Pravdepodobne tu sa začína tradícia obdarovania na sv. Mikuláša. V Mikulášovom živote sa viac krát opakuje číslo tri - z búrky zachránil 3 námorníkov, k životu vzkriesil 3 zabitých mladíkov, pred smrťou zachránil 3 neprávom odsúdených.

Svätého Mikuláša si zvolí za svojho patróna: deti, rybári, lodníci, zlatníci, lekárnici, voňavkári. V 9. storočí určila cirkev 6.december za sviatok sv. Mikuláša. Sv. Mikulášovi je zasvätených mnoho gréckokatolíckych a pravoslávnych kostolov.

Veselé Vianoce



Christmas Recipes

Nut Roll

- 2 c. flour
- 2 yeast cakes
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. canned milk
- 1/2 pound lard
- 4 whole eggs

Sift flour and salt. Add vanilla and yeast which has been dissolved in canned milk. Cut in shortening. Add one egg at a time and beat well after each egg. Mix all ingredients well. Place dough in refrigerator overnight. Next day roll dough to 1/4" thickness, spread filling and roll. Brush with egg yolk to which a little milk has been added. Bake at 350 degrees or until brown. (Recipe makes 4 rolls)

POPPYSEED FILLING

- 1 pound ground poppyseed
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla and milk

WALNUT FILLING

- 8 egg whites
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla



Candy Kissed Twists

- 1 bag small pretzels (twisted)
- 1 (13 oz.) bag Hershey's Kisses milk chocolate
- 1 (10 oz.) bag of Hershey's Holiday Bits

Heat oven to 350°. Unwrap Hershey's Kisses milk chocolates. Place pretzels on a nonstick cookie sheet. Place 1 unwrapped Hershey's Kisses milk chocolate on top of each pretzel. Bake 5 minutes or until the chocolate is soft, but not melting. Remove from oven and gently press Hershey's Holiday Bits on top of the soft Hershey's Kisses milk chocolate. Cool and serve.

Snowberries

- 2 1/4 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 c. brown sugar
- 3/4 c. granulated sugar
- 1 c. butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 12 ounce package white chocolate chips
- 1 c. dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 375°. Combine flour, soda and salt. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture to combine. Stir in chips and cranberries. Drop rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 4 dozen.

Christmas Pecans

- 4 c. pecan halves
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 1/2 c. butter

Toast pecans at 325° for about 20 minutes until light brown. Fold sugar into beaten egg whites. Beat again to blend sugar (meringue). Fold cooled nuts into meringue. Melt butter in large baking pan (or melt butter in microwave and pour in). Spread nut mixture over butter. Bake at 325° degrees for about 50 to 60 minutes, "lifting" nuts up and turning over (with spatula) every 10 minutes. Cool on brown paper bags or on lint-free paper towels. Serves a crowd.

Christmas Balls

- 24 graham crackers
- 1 c. chopped walnuts
- 1 c. chopped dates
- 4 c. miniature marshmallows
- 1 c. sweetened condensed milk coconut

Roll graham crackers into fine crumbs, add nuts, dates, marshmallows and condensed milk. Mix well. Refrigerate overnight. In the morning, roll the mixture into balls the size of a walnut and roll in coconut. Makes 3 dozen.

Apricot Kindles

- 1 c. vegetable shortening
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- 3 1/2 c. flour
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 c. orange juice
- 1 jar apricot filling or preserves
- 3-4 T. chopped nuts
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- Confectioners' sugar

Cream shortening and sugar. Mix together baking powder, baking soda, salt and flour. Beat egg yolks with orange juice. Alternating, blend the flour mixture and egg mixture into the shortening, starting and ending with the flour. Divide dough into 3 balls (About 11 ounces each). Chill slightly for dough to roll easy. Between wax paper, roll each dough into a 10 by 14 rectangle. Spread with apricot filling or preserves. Sprinkle with nuts and cinnamon. Roll each dough as for nut roll. Place seam down on greased pan. Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 minutes or until lightly browned. While warm, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar and slice into 1/2 to 3/4 inch pieces. Makes 3 loaves.

Egg Nog

- 12 large eggs
- 1 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 quarts milk
- 1 c. dark rum (optional)
- 2 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg plus extra for sprinkling
- 1 c. whipping cream

In a 4 quart saucepan, beat eggs, sugar, and salt till blended. Gradually stir in 1 quart milk and cook over low heat, stirring constantly or until custard thickens and coats the back of a spoon. Pour custard into large bowl. Stir in rum, vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, and the remaining milk. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, probably for at least 3 hours. Beat whipping cream until soft peaks form. Gently fold whipped cream into custard mixture. Pour into punch bowl. Sprinkle with nutmeg and serve.



Youth Circle Page

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New Member



Congratulations to Jack & Grace on the birth of their daughter Lucy P. Faett born on July 30, 2022. She is the granddaughter of NSS agent Norman Faett, and great-granddaughter of "Red" who was also an agent for NSS Life.
Lucy P. Faett



A Model is Born



Mila Grace Roming

Mila Grace, born on February 24, 2022 is now modeling for the **The Family Clothesline: Pennstateclothes.com**. Mila's parents are Madison and Jeff Romig of Douglassville, PA and the little sis of Brooks.

Proud grandparents are Ginny (employee of NSS) and Rick McMurdy of Bethel Park, PA.



Christmas Jokes

Q: What do you think is the nationality of Santa ?

A: He is North Pole-ish

Q: Why was Santa's little helper sad and sulking?

A: Because he had very low elf-esteem.

Q: What do you believe the snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: A bowl of Frosted Flakes

Q: What did the Doctor say to the angry advent calendar?

A: Sorry, your days are numbered!!

Q: What is Santa's favorite motorcycle?

A: The Holly Davidson



Candy Cane Reindeer

All you need is paper, glue, googly eyes, and glitter. These could be great for a class treat at Christmas time or even an ornament for the tree!

By the way, we used Spree flavor candy canes instead of the regular kind. Tape two candy canes facing outwards together. Tape a piece of brown construction paper around the middle of the candy cane. Glue some googly eyes on it and put a big dot of glue. Sprinkle some red glitter to be Rudolph's red nose.



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Deadline for applications will be
April 17, 2023