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2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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 < Proof of Acceptance to accredited school  
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 < Proof of Fraternal Activity: Officer or an adult in charge (if verification from an Assembly is required, it is performed).

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 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Anticipated Grad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail form to the NSS Life Home Office.

## 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.*

#### Change of Address Information:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Activities At A Glance

<p><b>REGION 2</b></p> <p>February 15 April October</p>	<p><b>Assemblies L075, 0617</b></p> <p>Assembly 0617, Meeting, Theos Metro Restaurant, Kingston, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA TBA Assembly L075, Meeting, Grandes Restaurant, Moosic, PA TBA</p>
<p><b>REGION 5</b></p> <p>February 11 February 19 February 27 March 4 March 11 March 12 March 19 April 16 April 17 May 19-20 June 11 June 25 August (TBD) September 10 September 18 October 29 November 13 December 2 December 3</p>	<p><b>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0731, 0737, 0774</b></p> <p>Assembly 0731, Meeting, Boardman Library, Boardman, OH at 2:30 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, Atria's Restaurant, McMurray, Pa at 3:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm Assembly 0123, Murder Mystery Play, Oakdale Community Center at 5:00 pm Assembly 0123, Volunteering at World Vision, Sewickley, PA at 9:00 am Assembly 0039, Lenten Dinner, Bob Evans Restaurant, Uniontown PA at 6:00 pm Region 5, Meeting, Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hoss's Restaurant, Belle Vernon, Pa at 3:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm 2023 Joint Bowling Tournament, GCU ,FCSU, NSS, &amp; SCS, Cheektowaga, NY Assembly 0039, Summer Bar-B-Q &amp; Flag Day, Columbia Association Event Center at 1:00 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting/Picnic, Richardsons Park, Bentleyville, Pa at 3:00 pm Assembly 0377, Gateway Clipper Cruise, Pittsburgh, Pa at 3:30 pm Assembly 0039, Remembering Flight 93, Bob Evans Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, Sesame Inn, McMurray, Pa at 3:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:30 pm Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Columbia Association Event Center at 2:00 pm Assembly 0377, Meeting, Hugo's Restaurant, West Brownsville, PA at 3:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 8</b></p> <p>February 19 April 2</p>	<p><b>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</b></p> <p>Assembly 0432, Tobogganing, Strongsville Chalet, Strongsville, OH at 6:00pm-9:00pm Assembly 0070, Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 11:00 am</p>
<p><b>REGION 14</b></p>	<p><b>Assemblies R059, L102</b></p> <p>No Activities</p>
<p><b>AT LARGE</b></p> <p>February 17</p>	<p><b>Assemblies L002, R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0800, 0813</b></p> <p>Assembly 0586, Meeting, My Way Ristorante, Willow Springs, IL at 4:30 pm</p>





## The President's Page...

**Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO**  
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The weather over the past week in the Pittsburgh area has been quite extreme. Last weekend actual temperatures hovered between 0° and 10° and the windchill temperatures were between minus 15° and minus 30°. Today, the high temperature is predicted to reach 60°. Over the course of the next week temperatures will remain above freezing and high temperatures will reach the high 50's. What a difference a week makes in Pittsburgh area weather. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected from last week's severe weather across the country, especially those in western New York. The blizzard conditions in the area near Buffalo dumped several feet of snow and with the gusting wind, snow drifts made travel impossible in the area.

The month of February brings us Groundhog Day on February 2nd, Valentine's Day on February 14th, President's Day on February 20th, and the beginning of the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Several assemblies have meetings planned during the month of February including Assembly 617 on February 15th, Assembly 586 on February 17th, and Assembly 588 on February 27th. Assembly 432 has a Tobogganing Event scheduled on February 19th. Please make plans this year to attend your assembly's meetings and events and become more active in our Society!

Congratulations and Happy 133rd Birthday to the National Slovak Society! We will celebrate this occasion on Founders Day, Monday February 20th which is also Presidents Day. The

Home Office will be closed for business on that day. The Society continues to fulfill its mission and to grow providing our members a means of financial security through the life insurance and annuity products offered. Although the year-end results will not be posted until the Annual Financial Statement is completed at the end of February, based on the results of the Third Quarter Financial Statement the NSS has had a very successful 2022. The surplus of the Society has increased by nearly \$9.8 million through the first three quarters, and the solvency ratio has also increased. These metrics indicate a strength in our operations and additional protection for the money invested by our members. The increase of surplus was one of the areas of focus of our last Strategic Business Plan. Since the plan was finalized in 2017, our surplus has increased from \$43,563,074 as of 12/31/2016 to \$90,727,410 as of 9/30/2022, an increase of \$47,164,336 or 108.66%! We have more than doubled our surplus during the life of the most recent Strategic Business Plan providing additional security for the money of our members. The increase has not happened by chance, but is the result of thoughtful strategic business decisions made by the Board of Directors and Officers over the life of the recent Strategic Business Plan.

The Board of Directors and Officers will be involved in the development of a new Strategic Business Plan that will help to guide decisions over the next five to seven years. The process began with the selection of a consulting firm to oversee the process which will take place over the next ten months. The strategic planning process will involve the collection of information from the Directors, Officers, and Home Office department managers through interviews and surveys, meetings with the Directors and Officers, and finalization of the plan which will be presented for adoption at the Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors in November, 2023. This important process will result in a plan that will help guide the Society over the next five to seven years. The newly reorganized Board of Directors will have direct input into the future of the Society through their ideas and vision during the strategic planning process.

The Joint Fraternal Societies Bowling Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 19 – 20, 2023, at the AMF Airport Lanes located in Cheektowaga, New York near Buffalo. Hotel accommodations will be at the Buffalo Airport Hotel. Bowlers from NSS will compete with bowlers from GCU, FCSU, and SCS. This year two new divisions have been added to the tournament, Mixed Team and Mixed Doubles, provided there are an adequate number of entries. Hope to see NSS represented at the tournament! The entry form/application will appear in next month's edition of the *National News*. Join us in New York for a week-end of great bowling and fraternal fun!

## News of Narodniars

Special Happy Birthday wishes to my granddaughter Adalyn Bernardo. Hope your birthday is as special as you are! Happy Birthday to Randi Czarney, Elaine Kucherawy, Bob Triebisch, Elizabeth Young, Don Shriver, Linda Beno, former Home Office Employee Mary Lou Chojnicki, Phillip Chojnicki, Danielle Lavin, Cooper Lavin, Maureen O'Neill, Bob O'Neill, and all other NSS members celebrating a birthday in the month of February.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Veronica and Cliff Moeller, Maureen and Bob O'Neill, and all other couples celebrating an anniversary this month.

Get well wishes go out to our Legal Advisor Ron Cooper, and to Floyd McKain who both underwent surgery recently. Wishing both of you a quick recovery!



*NSS Life is  
Celebrating  
133 years*



## A Page From My Notebook...

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## 2022–2023 Elected Assembly/Region Packets

All Assembly and Region packets have been mailed via USPS. If you do not receive a packet for your Assembly or Region by February 1, please notify me via my email [lstrom@nsslife.org](mailto:lstrom@nsslife.org) or call the office at (724) 731-0094 or (800) 488-1890. In addition, when looking through your packets if you come upon forms that aren't for your assembly or region, please send me an email and then return them to me at the home office.

## The NSS IT Project



Along with the day-to-day responsibilities of the Home Office staff, they have all been involved in an NSS IT project to upgrade our current policy administration system to a Cloud-based system that provides much improved security and functionality. The project is now entering its 2nd year. Progress has been made but there is much more to do. The first piece to be put into production status is E-App (Electronic Application) which gives an agent the ability to complete an application on their mobile device (laptop or phone), have it fully edited while entering the information AND upon completion, obtain the necessary signatures using E-Signature functionality. The final piece is to send this completed E-App into the home office electronically from the agent's E-device, completely edited, signed, and ready for final review. Not only will the application be completed accurately and signed but it will be sent in to the Home Office within seconds from the agent's E-device. Kinda exciting. I will be anxious to hear what the agents think about this new functionality and also from Sales Director Greg Felton and Field Development Director Jeff DeSantes.

## Outreach and Engagement

Twice a year the Assembly Growth and Fraternal Growth Board Committees come together at the Spring and Fall Board Meetings and discuss NSS fraternal activities. Are we doing as much as we can to be fraternally strong in our communities? Are we as leaders "engaged" in our efforts to provide activities that provide social interaction for our members? How do we "reach out" to our communities to let them know we are here to support them?

If our readers have any ideas or suggestions for strengthening our Outreach and Engagement, please send them in to me and I will present them to the Board. After all who best to provide these ideas than those who are recipients of them.



## In Sympathy

With the loss of a loved one we turn to God and ask for strength to get through the pain and sadness that always accompanies loss. I'd like to take this time to ask for your prayers of strength for former NSS Director Brian Medved and his family on the loss of their Father, Martin Medved, President, Assembly 0381 and Mother, Joanne Medved, Financial Secretary, in Dec/Sept 2022. Brian, May God bless you and your family with the strength to carry on in memory of mom and dad.

## Thank You

Throughout your lifetime you meet many people that make you smile and brighten your day by doing something very simple like sending you a little message that says I'm thinking about you. One such person is Bernie Vukelich, Executive Brokerage Services, Inc. who somehow knows when I need a few kind words. Thank you, Bernie for your note of encouragement. It is an honor to have you be a part of the NSS Family.



# Current Interest Rates

★ Effective January 1, 2023 ★

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

**Optimum 3 - 4.25%**

**Preferred 5 - 3.50%**

**Preferred 8 - 4.25%**

(Preferred 7 and Flex earning 4.25%, these plans are no longer available.)

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

## Did you know...

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

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

### *4th Quarter Leaders for 2022*



**Congratulations to Nick Carini** on being the **TOP PREMIUM/ANNUITIES PRODUCER for the Fourth Quarter of 2022**. "Nicholas Carini knew early on in his life he would pursue a career in the financial services industry just as his dad, Jack. He graduated from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Planning. Nicholas is now the co-owner of Carini Financial, LLC where he manages individuals and small businesses with their financial planning needs. To further his commitment to his clientele, Nicholas went on to earn his Certified Financial Fiduciary® designation and is currently enrolled in The American College of Financial Services pursuing the CFP®, ChFC®, and the CLU® designations. When he is not working he enjoys spending time with his wife, Gabrielle, son, Brooks, and dog, Rosie, as well as working in his woodshop and garden."



**Congratulations to Ed Nissley** on being the **TOP LIFE INSURANCE/NEW MEMBER PRODUCER for the Fourth Quarter of 2022**. Ed Nissley has been assisting clients with their insurance and investment needs for over 30 years. As an independent agent with Encore Financial Group, Ed is focused on delivering solutions that help his clients meet their financial goals and transfer wealth to the next generation. Ed is a licensed health and life insurance agent as well as an Investment Advisor Representative. While focused on the result of transferring wealth to the next generation Ed uses strategies that help clients protect and accumulate their wealth. These solutions include life and health insurance, fixed and variable annuities, mutual funds, and non-traded REITs. Ed Nissley was born and raised in Central Pennsylvania where he resides with his wife Karen of nearly 40 years. He enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter in the Outer Banks, traveling, and metal detecting.



## From the Sales Department...

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## Why Buy Life Insurance? Let Us Count the Ways

British poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning penned the immortal line: "How do I love thee, let me count the ways." There are many reasons to own life insurance and when you start to count the ways, the reasons all show love of family in many ways. We know from LIMRA research that 85 percent of consumers agree that "most people need life insurance." So in the spirit of Elizabeth Barrett Browning "let us count the ways" people think owning life insurance is a statement of love and caring.

- Ease the burden of loss from a premature death by covering final expenses
- Replace lost wages
- Help pay off a mortgage
- Assist with college expenses
- Support the family in taking care of daily expenses
- Supplement savings for spouse and family

...and many other reasons depending on each family's situation.

### **Do significant events in people's lives motivate them to buy life insurance?**

In talking with consumers, 41 percent said life events — getting married, buying a home, having or adopting a baby, receiving substantial assets, or experiencing the death of a relative or close friend — were the reasons they

began to **shop** for life insurance. LIMRA research found that less than two-thirds of shoppers prompted by life events **bought** life insurance.

### **Why aren't these people buying life insurance they know they need?**

Many say they don't know how much life insurance or what kind to buy. LIMRA has found that this indecision leads consumers to procrastination.

### **How can the industry help people understand the importance of having life insurance?**

LIMRA research revealed five things producers can do to help shoppers become buyers:

- **Conduct a needs analysis with clients and prospects.** Consumers who get one are considerably "more likely to buy" than consumers who don't. What's more, producers who recommend an amount of insurance to buy ultimately sell more policies, at a 60 percent higher coverage level.
- **Meet directly with clients and prospects.** More than 7 in 10 life insurance shoppers who met with a producer face-to-face bought a policy.
- **Raise the issue.** One-quarter of life insurance shoppers consider life insurance only after a producer initiated the discussion.
- **Understand that many consumers want to approach the buying process on their terms.** While consumers prefer to buy in-person, 86 percent say they would use the Internet to research life insurance before purchasing. Advisors can be an important resource during the shopping process on where to look for solid information.
- **Be persistent with follow-up.** More than one-third of shoppers said the producer should have followed up with them while they were still deciding whether to buy

There are many reasons for your clients to have the appropriate amount of life insurance and when you count the ways they all involve caring for those you love. *All facts are from LIMRA's life insurance consumer studies.*

## Secure 2.0 Act

The Secure 2.0 Act was signed into law at the end of December 2022. Several retirement savings enhancements took effect 1/1/23. Here are some of the highlights of this legislation.

- RMDs are now required at age 73. This will be pushed out further to age 75 in 2033. If you are already taking an RMD you must continue.
- IRA contributions are increase to \$6,500 in 2023. And if age 50 or older there is a catch-up amount of \$1,000.
- There were some exceptions to the 10% early withdrawal penalty. They included: death, disability, first time home buyer, medical insurance, substantially equal lifetime payments, qualified higher education expenses, qualified reservist and birth or adoption expenses.
- The Secure 2.0 Act added the following exceptions: distributions for federal declared disaster, domestic abuse, and emergency money.

Other changes will occur over time. Indexing for inflation will be more prominent regarding contributions and limits.

NSS Life always recommends that you consult with your tax professional or other trusted advisors to see how any changes would affect your situation.

### **Thought For The Month:**

*Truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it. Ignorance may deride it. Malice may distort it but there it is.*

*Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*



## Fraternal Matters...

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## ★ ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS ★ PVR Scholarship

The PVR Scholarship was named after NSS founder, Peter Vitazoslav Rovnianek. Founded in 1966, the scholarship has been a way for the National Slovak Society to show continued support for education. The success of this program is evident by the hundreds of scholarships that have been awarded to our youth members over the years. To qualify, the following criteria need to be met:

1. Must be a member of NSS Life for at least two years.
2. Must have a minimum of \$10,000 in an active whole life insurance policy, or \$5,000 in an active annuity policy.
3. Must be attending a college/university, junior college, trade, technical, nursing, or business school; or other institutions that are approved by the NSS Board of Directors.
4. If a scholarship is awarded, the student must maintain a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. or higher, and be enrolled full-time, to continue receiving the scholarship each consecutive year.

A maximum of \$2,400 can be awarded over 4 years (\$600/year) for those that are eligible. The deadline for 1st year recipients is **May 1st, 2023**. Please contact Pam ([pblum@nsslife.org](mailto:pblum@nsslife.org)) at the home office to request an application.

## 2023 Fraternalist of the Year Award Nomination

As a fraternal benefit society our mission calls us to “reach out to touch lives” in concern for those in need around us through our families, churches and communities. The purpose of this award is to recognize those members of the NSS that have gone that “extra mile” in volunteer fraternal services (i.e. meals on wheels, hospital work, visiting shut-ins, etc.). We are encouraging **all assemblies** and for the NSS membership to nominate a fellow member who is deserving of consideration for this award. Application page 9.

## 2023 Youth Achievement Award Nomination

In 1998 The National Assembly voted to establish a “Youth Achievement Award” that is similar to our “Fraternalist of the Year Award” for adults. The contest is open to all NSS Youth Members under the age of 21. The award is directed at youth who do outstanding fraternal work in one of the following areas: School/work, community, church and their local assembly. If you know of a youth member who is deserving of consideration for this award an application can be found on page 10.

## 2023 National Bowling Tournament

Mark your calendar and please join us for our joint National Bowling Tournament at Airport Lanes, in Buffalo NY! This event will take place **May 19th-20th**. New this year will be Mixed Doubles and Team Divisions. We will be joining our fellow fraternal, which include the Greek Catholic Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol, and the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota). If you enjoy bowling and are looking for a fun outing to attend, please join us. You won't be disappointed! The registration form will be in the March issue.

## 2022 Christmas Ornament Contest Winners



**Frosty Group – Ages 5-7**  
Jason Morris - Assembly C731



**Rudolph Group – Ages 8-10**  
Christian Cole - Assembly C774



**Snowflake Group – Ages 11-13**  
Bella Bernardo - Assembly C588



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



**Adult Group**  
Mary Joyce Mankey - Assembly 0588



# NSS Fraternalist of the Year Nomination Form



★ **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: APRIL 1, 2023** ★

*- RULES AND REGULATIONS -*

**PURPOSE:**

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

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

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

**ELECTION PROCESS:**

Any member of the National Slovak Society can nominate a fellow NSS member to be the "Fraternalist of the Year". Nomination forms are available from the Home Office or on our website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Fraternal", then "Forms". Nominations can be made by any adult member of the NSS or through their local Assembly. This will allow more deserving members the opportunity to be recognized for their efforts to make a difference in the lives of others.

**DEADLINE:**

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

**JUDGING:**

An independent judge, appointed by the National President, will review all nominations and make a determination of the winner. The National President, or an appointee, shall be the final authority on all matters involving this fraternal benefit.

**RECOGNITION:**

The recipient will be announced in the "National News" and listed on our website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Fraternalist of the Year", receive a congratulatory plaque and designate a charitable organization as benefactor of a \$500.00 donation. The Winner's name will be displayed on a plaque in the Home Office and will also have their name placed into nomination for the American Fraternal Alliance "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

*- The following must be signed by Nominating Member -*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
NSS Member or Assembly Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assembly #

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

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

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

National Slovak Society of the USA 351 Valley Brook Road McMurray, PA 15317 Phone (724) 731-0094 Fax (724) 731-0145



# NSS Youth Achievement Award Nomination Form



★ **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: APRIL 1, 2023** ★

*- RULES AND REGULATIONS -*

**PURPOSE:**

The American Fraternal Alliance, through their "Americas Promise" Program, has encouraged their member societies to increase their awareness of the contributions of youth to the fraternal benefit system. In response to that challenge, the National Assembly, in 1998, voted to establish a "Youth Achievement Award" that is similar to our "Fraternalist of the Year Award" for adults. The contest is open to all NSS Youth Members 18 years of age and under.

**RATIONALE:**

The award is directed at youth who do outstanding fraternal work in these four (4) areas:

- a. At their school/work
- b. In their community
- c. In their church
- d. In their local assembly

**NOMINATION:**

Youth members can be nominated by any adult member of the NSS or through their local assembly. A document detailing the qualifications of the Youth Member being nominated must be attached to this form and submitted to the Home Office. A Youth Member may be nominated each year up through and including their eighteenth (18th) birthday or until they are selected to receive this award. Nomination forms are available from the Home Office or on our website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Fraternal", then "Forms".

**DEADLINE:**

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

**JUDGING:**

An independent judge, appointed by the National President, will review all nominations and make a determination of the winner. The National President, or an appointee, shall be the final authority on all matters involving this fraternal benefit.

**AWARD:**

The winning youth will receive \$500.00 and will be announced in the "National News", the "Youth Circle Magazine" and listed on our website at [www.nsslife.org](http://www.nsslife.org) under "Youth Achievement Award". Their name will be displayed on a plaque in the Home Office.

*- The following must be signed by Nominating Member -*

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
to receive the National Slovak Society "Youth Achievement Award" for outstanding service to their school/work, community, church and local assembly. I believe that this individual should be awarded the "Youth Achievement Award" due to their service in the above categories.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NSS Member or Assembly Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assembly #

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

The winner of the NSS "Youth Achievement Award" will be notified by the Home Office of their selection.

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

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## ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

Our next meeting will be our Annual Lenten Dinner to be held on Sunday, **March 12, 2023**. We will be meeting in the social room of the Bob Evans Restaurant starting at 6:00 p.m.

High school seniors, now is the time to request your NSS PVR Scholarship Application from the home office. The scholarship is \$2,400 made payable over four years in \$600.00 installments. Rules are in the January issue of the "National News". Please note.

**The date for this year's Christmas party has changed to Saturday, December 2nd at The Uniontown Columbian Association at 2:00 p.m.** The hall was previously rented on Sunday.

Congratulations to NSS President Joseph Stefka for being selected as the "FSGP Fraternalist of the Year". The FSGP is a group of fraternal insurance companies located in western Pennsylvania.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of Norma Kelley, Marjorie Miles, John W. Nichols, John Barry Chulich, and Robert Leeper. May the rest in the arms of the Resurrected Christ.

At our recent Christmas Party, the following were elected as officers for 2023:

*President, John Payerchin*  
*Vice-president, Barbara Mulich*  
*Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Payerchin*  
*Trustees: Rita Leonard, Tom Kocis and Nancy Schwer*

Now is the time to take advantage of the NSS Life Anniversary Insurance Offering. Quality 20 Pay or Single Premium Life Insurance with no medical exams. Permanent insurance with cash value, dividends and much, much more. Offer ends March 31st. Rates are in this issue of the "National News".

Spend a little extra time with your special Valentine!

**Paul Payerchin**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, Ohio

A meeting will be held on **April 2, 2023** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn Ohio at 11:00 a.m. A discussion will be held for the coming events of the year.

Refreshments-will be served.

**John Karkosiak**  
Secretary/Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Let me thank everyone who came to our assembly Christmas luncheon. We had such a nice turn out we couldn't get everyone in one picture. It seemed everyone had a nice time. Sorry there was a problem with the microphone. I could tell because no one was laughing at my jokes. I'll try them again next year. At the luncheon it was decided to continue our twenty dollar memorial donation to the PVR fund for each deceased member plus it was decided to continue our one hundred dollar donation to a number of charities including the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. Also it was announced that Bill DelMonaco is the new Vice President replacing Larry Smith who decided to step down after many years of outstanding service.

Congratulations to Leslie O'Donnell and Katie O'Donnell for their winning entries in the photo contest and thanks to every member who took the time to send in a photo.

This month we celebrate Presidents Day. That is because two of our greatest presidents were born in February, Washington and Lincoln and by the way Harrison and Ronald Regan were born in February. What I find particularly interesting about Washington and Lincoln neither had a formal education except the very basic. They were self-taught. Let that be a lesson and example for all of us especially our young members to continue lifelong learning and to read all you can because there is a world of knowledge available to you if you look for it.

Here is a real deal for our assembly members. A murder mystery play ("It's a Murder Charlie Brown") and dinner will be held at the Oakdale Community Center, 104 Seminary Ave on Saturday, **March 4th**. This is sponsored by the Carnegie American Legion Auxiliary and the Oakdale American Legion. It is an evening filled with good food and plenty of laughter. The cost of this fine event is \$40, however, the assembly is picking up \$15 of the cost so your cost is only \$25. What a bargain! This

is a BYOB event and the doors open at 5:00 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a matching fund raffle held. Get your tickets for the dinner and show by contacting Jill Grover at 412-638-7060 or emailing her at [alaunit82@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit82@gmail.com). Let's make it a success and help these fine organizations.

On Saturday, **March 11th** we will be volunteering at World Vision in Sewickley from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon, lunch afterwards at Eat N'Park on the assembly. This would be ideal for some of our younger members especially if they need volunteer hours for school. Call Jill Grover or myself at 724-242-5085 and let us know if you will be there. All help is welcome even non-members of our assembly.

Reminder it's that time of the year to nominate members for the Youth Achievement and Fraternalist of the Year awards, please contact me with any questions.

Wishing a Happy Valentine's Day to all.

**William Knoll**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

We look forward to a great year packed with fun and fraternalism! As we like to say, we are becoming a family and we always welcome any new members with open arms! Below is the new schedule for our Assembly #377 meetings for 2023!

### **Sunday, February 19th:**

Atria's Restaurant, 4059 Washington Road, McMurray, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 16:**

Hoss's Restaurant, 148 Finley Road, Belle Vernon, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, June 25:**

Richardsons Park, Picnic In Bentleyville, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, August 6th or 13th: TBD**

Gateway Clipper Cruise Pittsburgh Pa at 3:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 29:**

Sesame Inn, 2975 Washington Road, McMurray, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 3:**

Hugo's Restaurant, 687 National Pike, West Brownsville, Pa at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about our meetings or assembly, please call me at 724-207-3171 and please always



RSVP one week in advance to better plan these events. You are welcome to bring a guest to a meeting one time and we will make sure they know all the advantages of being a member of the NSS! We are proud of our Assembly and organization as a whole and want others to enjoy it as we do! God bless!

**Suzanne Skrypak**  
President

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## ASSEMBLY 0432

### Fairview Park, OH

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and laughter. 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

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## ASSEMBLY 0586

### Chicago, IL

Our next meeting will be Friday, **February 17, 2023** at My Way Ristorante in Willow Springs at 4:30 p.m. We enjoyed this restaurant last time and were taken care of by a very nice Czechoslovak waitress.

We decided on two organizations at our meeting in December to receive matching funds. World Central Kitchen has provided millions of meals in Ukraine, Poland and Slovakia. The second one is the Shriners Hospital for Children. They do excellent care for children without a charge.

Congratulations to Slovakia and more importantly, prayers for their safety and ability to survive the winter with the Ukrainian refugees they are helping. God bless them and our United States of America.

**Irene Tomaskovic**  
Vice President

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## ASSEMBLY 0588

### Avella, PA

A meeting will be held on **February 27, 2023** at Joe & Annette Stefka's, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonsia, PA at 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our following meetings:

**April 17th**  
**September 18th**  
**November 13th**

All meetings will be held at the Stefka's residence, Gibsonsia, PA.

**Annette Stefka**  
Secretary

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## ASSEMBLY 0617

### Ashley, PA

A meeting and social gathering will be held on **February 15, 2023** at Theos Metro Kingston at 1:00 p.m. Important topics for the 2023 fraternal year will be under discussion.

Members of Assembly 617 planning to attend the meeting please contact John Kurilla, 570-287-4163 - 570-239-5936, or [jjkurilla@aol.com](mailto:jjkurilla@aol.com).

**John Kurilla**  
President

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## ASSEMBLY 0731

### Lowellville, PA

A meeting to plan 2023 Assembly 731 activities will be held on Saturday, **February 11, 2023**, at the Boardman Library, 7680 Glenwood Avenue, Boardman, Ohio at 2:30 p.m.

Members and officers are asked to bring ideas for youth and adult activities. Our youth are encouraged to attend the meeting to share ideas and to help make decisions about activities they enjoy. We're looking forward to another great year of fraternal events and opportunities to serve the community. Please contact Laurie Fox, 330-717-4705 if you have any questions.

**Laurie Fox**  
President

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## REGION 5

### Pittsburgh, PA

A meeting of Region 5 will be held on **Sunday, March 19, 2023** at the Home Office, McMurray, PA at 1:00 p.m. All assemblies in Region #5 are requested to send representatives to the meeting. A luncheon will be served following the meeting.

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

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## News from

### Assembly 813

Assembly 813 closed out a very busy 2022 with a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and our annual Christmas Party. Our members volunteered their time raising funds for the Catholic Social Services with a month of "Cork Pull" Thursdays. We raised funds for seniors with the Wiregrass Brown Bag program, Toys for Tots, Backpacks for school children and help for those impacted by Hurricane Ian. Without their unselfish hours we couldn't help so many deserving people.

The annual Christmas party featured good food and libations. We had lots of fun and camaraderie choosing up sides to play games. We do enjoy ourselves.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2023. We wish everyone good health and happiness in the years to come.

**Mary Jo Holker**  
Secretary

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## 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!!**





# Scenes from Assembly Christmas Parties

## Assembly 123 Christmas Party    Assembly 377 Christmas Party



## Assembly 432 Holiday Party

Members took time out to take a photo at our Christmas Party held at Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville, PA

Members of Assembly 123 attended our annual Christmas party and had a wonderful time.

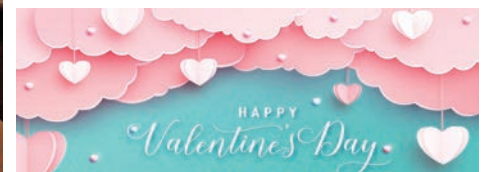


A few of our members having a great time socializing at our annual Christmas party.

## NSS Employees Sponsor a Family at Christmas



NSS employees were holiday helpers and sponsored a family with three children through Every Child, Inc. There was an abundance of food and presents donated to this family. It was a team effort that they contributed their time to purchase items and fill these baskets. They really enjoyed doing this.





# Assembly 731 Christmas Party

Members of Assembly 731 enjoyed a fantastic Grinch themed Christmas party together in Boardman, Ohio. We chose this theme for fun and to help show how giving to others can make hearts happy. To the delight of everyone, the Grinch and Santa visited the party to spread the joy of giving and sharing. The Grinch collected hats and gloves from the children that were delivered to "Mission of Love". The Mission will see that children in the Ukraine receive these much-needed items. "And what happened then? Well, in Whoville they say That the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!"

The buffet dinner was a delicious Whoville feast with a variety of food for everyone to enjoy. The feast included Roast Beast (Pork), Grinch Burgers (Salisbury Steak), Who Hash (Mashed Potatoes), Mount Crumpit Greens (Green Beans), Cindy-Lou Who Salad (Fruit Salad), Max Minis (Little Sausages) Mayor Maywho Sliders (Mini sandwiches),

Grinchy Munchies (Chips), Schlotts Knots (Dinner rolls), Diffendorfers (Desserts), and Beezelnut Splash (Punch). The hall was decorated with Grinch balloons and center-pieces to give the feeling of being in Whoville.

Each child received a NSS tote bag from Santa filled with sweet treats and gifts. Supplies and instructions were given to each child to make a special Grinch ornament to take home.

Everyone brought personal hygiene items to be donated to students in need at a local school. We also held a "Grinchmas Auction" raising \$90 to help purchase additional items for those students.

The day was filled with sharing and caring with Santa and the Grinch exiting the party as friends while making happy memories for everyone.

Laurie Fox, President  
Assembly 731



Mark and Peggy Mason with Grinch and Santa



Some of the group gathered for a photo with Santa and Grinch



Assembly 731 Christmas Party tree - NSS gift bags waiting under the tree for Santa to give to the kids



Logan Mason's Grinch Christmas ornament hanging on the tree



Santa (Mike Fox Sr.) and Grinch (Christian Burns) leave the party as good friends



## CZECHOSLOVAKIA: CZECHS AND SLOVAKS MARK 30 YEARS SINCE VELVET DIVORCE



**31 December marked the 30th anniversary of the break-up of Czechoslovakia; one of the few cases in history when a state has been divided up without a single life being lost. Today the Czech Republic and Slovakia enjoy a harmonious, friction-free friendship - tinged with a touch of regret for what was once a happy marriage.**

"This is my whole life. It's my daily bread." Filip Svrcek cast his eye along the snow-covered banks of the River Morava, watching the grey-green mass flowing towards a weir and hydroelectric power station from the 1930s.

Filip, chairman of the Hodonin Rowing Club, has spent all of his 41 years within earshot of the river, which forms a long stretch of the Czech Republic's south-eastern border with Slovakia.

Filip says things have stayed pretty much the same since 1992

"Over there, that's Slovakia, but for us it's almost the same place," he said, explaining that his rowers follow the rules of river navigation rather than international law.

"We stray into the Slovak half of the river all the time. We don't need official permission - and I hope we never will," he went on.

The only conflicts - in summer months - were with local fishermen rather than the police, he said.

Filip, who lives 500m from the rowing club with his Slovak wife and two children, was just 11 when Czechoslovakia divided into two.

His memory of it is a child's memory: some excitement, confusion, alarm perhaps. But any emotions have long since subsided.

"For me, everything stayed the same. Friends, language - everything was the same."

The Hodonin rowing club is just inside the Czech border with Slovakia, on the banks of the River Morava

In town, at Hodonin's Masaryk Museum, I received a tour of the exhibits devoted to Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, the local boy who went on to become the founding father of Czechoslovakia at the close of World War One.

Son of a Slovak coachman and a Moravian cook who both served the imperial court, the young Masaryk - like Filip - was equally at home on both sides of the river.

Technically each time he crossed it he would be passing from the Margraviate of Moravia to the Kingdom of Hungary, from one Habsburg crownland to another.

"But he wouldn't have perceived it like that," said the museum's director Irena Chovancikova, gently scolding my efforts to apply 21st-Century understanding of statehood - with its passports and clearly-defined borders - to the Central Europe of the mid-19th Century.

Tomas Garrigue Masaryk went on to become the founding father of Czechoslovakia.

I pondered what Masaryk - who forged a common state for Czechs and Slovaks out of the ashes of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918 - would have made of his treasured creation being dismembered by Czech and Slovak politicians just 75 years later.

"It's almost impossible to say," said Irena.

"Maybe he would have tugged them by their ears and told them off. Who knows? But one thing is for sure - if it had happened in his lifetime, there would certainly have been an intense debate about it," she went on.

Perhaps more intense than in 1992 - when Czechoslovakia was divided up quietly by the federal state's two prime ministers, with no referendum.

Irena Chovancikova is unsure how Masaryk would have reacted to the break-up of Czechoslovakia

After a five-minute drive I found myself trudging through the slush outside Holic castle - a rather dilapidated three-storey baroque pile just across the border in Slovakia.

The castle - once a Habsburg summer retreat - was shuttered and deserted on the day I visited, so I made a beeline for Holic's small Christmas market, to warm up with a cup of mulled wine.

I first had to scour my pockets for some euros. The most obvious difference between the two countries is that the Slovaks have enthusiastically embraced the single European currency. Their neighbours have stuck doggedly to their Czech crowns.

"Maybe it was a shame we split up, who knows? But we're just the little people aren't we," said stallholder Jan.

Holic Castle is located just across the border in Slovakia

"But it hasn't divided us," added his wife Mirka. "For us, nothing is divided."

That evening I stopped by an evening of folk dancing at a local hotel. There I met a member of the Valsa folk ensemble, Miroslav Milota, a man from Holic who's been commuting across the border to Hodonin for work for 42 years.

"I remember that New Year's Eve, 1992. I remember we sang the Czechoslovak anthem - both parts, the Czech verse and then the Slovak one. It was emotional," said Miroslav.

"We realised that from now on, we'd only be singing our own half. So we didn't really know what was going to happen: how everything else - not just the anthem - would be divided."

Miroslav Milota remembers the emotion at singing the Czechoslovak national anthem in 1992

I was visiting Czechoslovakia in December 1992, and remember that sense of uncertainty and nervousness. By the time I moved here permanently six months later, the country was no more.

Today Czechs and Slovaks are best friends. Dig deep enough and you will find some nostalgia for their common state, and occasionally regret for its passing.

But their fast-track divorce - the terms of which were scribbled down in the garden of a villa - is very much in the past.

By **Rob Cameron**

Reprinted from BBC News, Hodonin - January 1, 2023

Irene Tomaskovic, Vice President  
Assembly 586



## Suzanne Skrypak, Assembly 377 Photos from a visit to Bratislava



Bratislava Capital Building



Christmas tree with nativity scene



Church in Old Town Bratislava and represents Art Nouveau style of architecture and an active Hungarian-Secessionist Church.



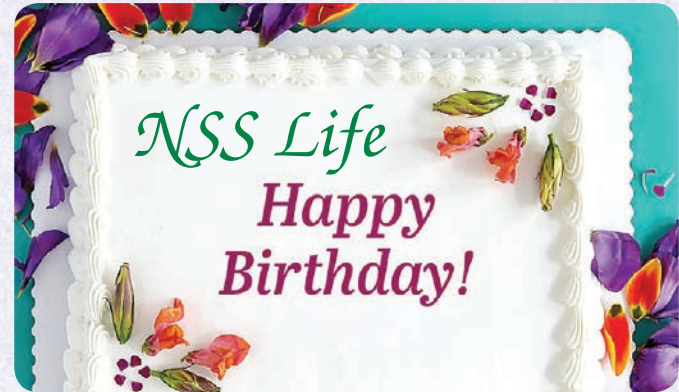
Suzanne Skrypak inside a medieval castle from the 12th century. All the villages and towns had a castle that protected them. There are still over 100 castles in Slovakia.



Scenery



## Founders Day February 20, 2023 Celebrating 133 Year Anniversary



Below are a list of our Society's President's from 1890 when the National Slovak Society was founded.

### SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

Peter V. Rovnianek	1890-1901
Anton S. Ambrose	1901-1911
Albert Mamatey	1911-1923
Jan Krafcik	1923-1928
Jan Simko	1928-1930
George Tomascik	1930-1934
Adam Poliak	1934-1934
Nicholas Kovac	1934-1937
Jan Pankuch, Sr.	1937-1937
Wendel S. Platek	1937-1954
Paul C. Kazimer	1954-1954
Joseph Saladiak	1954-1954
Jan H. Pankuch	1954-1974
Thomas G. Gmitter	1974-1978
Joseph Stefka	1978-1993
David G. Blazek	1993-2020
Joseph Stefka, Jr.	2020-

## DEPARTED MEMBERS NOVEMBER, 2022

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly	Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Boswell, Jack	Washington, PA	09/13/2022	0588	Philips, Betty	New Kensington, PA	11/13/2022	L105
Colacone, Loretta	Uniontown, PA	11/17/2022	0039	Radke, James	Cambria, WI	04/12/2022	0774
Coller, Charles	Clearwater, FL	09/01/2022	0813	Smith, Eugene E	Portage, PA	10/26/2022	0774
Erhard, Shirey	Brownsville, PA	09/11/2022	0377	Stirling, Virginia R	Pittsburgh, PA	08/24/2022	0434
Erwin, Donald	Belleville, IL	08/06/2022	0705	Swank, Richard	Aliquippa, PA	10/24/2022	0123
Fernandes, Thelma	Perrysburg, OH	10/05/2022	0160	Trotter, Stewart E	Hollidaysburg, PA	10/21/2022	L105
Ford, Thomas	McDonald, PA	10/27/2022	0434	Varlotta, Anthony J	Wexford, PA	06/03/2022	L161
Harris, Richard	Clearwater, FL	09/02/2022	0813	Varvarian, Angela	St. Petersburg, FL	07/03/2021	0813
Hastly, Gladys	Bay City, MI	10/03/2022	0381	Veselic, Alberta	Pittsburgh, PA	11/09/2022	L161
Hickernell, Kevin	Manheim, PA	11/04/2022	L102	Vevers, Jerry	McKees Rocks, PA	10/30/2022	0774
Kells, Barry	Clearwater, FL	06/11/2022	0813	Wasko, Stephen	Dalmatia, PA	11/04/2022	0774
Krotcho, Anna	Saint Clair PA	09/09/2022	0774	Weis, Joyce	Export, PA	11/16/2022	L105
Lins, Hubert	Black Earth, WI	09/25/2022	0774	Will, Kathleen	Berlin, PA	11/18/2022	0039
Mlynek, Clara M	Parma, OH	08/04/2021	0004	Windham, Sarah	Erie, PA	11/14/2022	R019
Morris, Evelyn	Sandy Springs, GA	08/08/2022	0813	Zelenack, Jean	Pittsburgh, PA	10/18/2022	0100



## 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.
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McMurray, PA 15317

## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations December, 2022

In Memory of **John Gluvna:**

From John & Janice O'Connor. 300.00

In Memory of **Charlie Burchell:**

From Catherine Burchell..... 50.00

In Memory of our son and brother,

**Shaun Logan Crowley:**

From Kevin, Lori, Kevin Jr.,  
& John Crowley ..... 20.00

### Donations:

Assembly 0267 ..... 2,000.00  
Marlene EnDean ..... 300.00  
Donald Lemmon ..... 25.00  
Rick & Nancy Fetterman ..... 25.00  
Assembly 0737 ..... 300.00  
Assembly 0070 ..... 75.00  
Matching Funds Donation:  
From Assembly 0070 ..... 75.00  
Matching Fund Donation:  
From Assembly 0441 ..... 209.00  
Matching Fund Donation:  
From Assembly 0588 ..... 208.00  
Matching Fund Donation:  
From Assembly 0731 ..... 208.00  
September Basket Raffle: ..... 625.00

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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Abbott, Margaret	Berwyn, IL	09/05/2021	0586
Agee, Rita	Rock, WV	11/08/2022	0774
Anderchin, James L	Starford, PA	09/30/2022	0554
Anderson, Norma	Warrington, PA	12/06/2022	0377
Angelozzi, Margaret L	Apollo, PA	12/17/2022	L105
Baker, Catherine	Martinsburg, WV	10/14/2022	0774
Baker, Sr., Carl G	Beaver, PA	11/01/2022	L161
Bartoe, James	Chicora, PA	12/04/2022	L161
Bartosiewicz, Stella	Allison Park, PA	12/01/2022	L161
Bauman, Donna	Westfield, WI	09/01/2022	0774
Bazuin, Cynthia	McBain, MI	11/20/2022	0813
Bensko, Julie	San Marcos, TX	04/26/2017	L002
Bieber, Robert O	Evans City, PA	12/20/2022	0123
Bienick, Kathryn	Forty Fort, PA	11/24/2022	0617
Blum, Eugene C	Warren, PA	11/26/2022	0774
Bolosky, Thelma	Cokeburg, PA	12/11/2022	0377
Bonnar, Ralph P	Oakdale, PA	10/14/2022	0123
Bruning, Delores	Rogers City, MI	10/21/2022	0381
Calabro, Bernadette	Cranberry Township, PA	11/20/2022	0161
Carl, Donna	Atlantic, PA	12/04/2022	0731
Carpenter, Barbara	Pittsburgh, PA	06/08/2022	L161
Catanzano, Philip	Pittsburgh, PA	12/03/2022	0100
Cattanach, Dale	Atlanta, GA	11/06/2022	0774
Cole, Susan	Port Charlotte, FL	10/09/2022	0588
Cominsky, Thomas	Connellsville, PA	12/18/2022	0039
Cyborator, Betty	Moon Township, PA	07/26/2022	0123
Danley, Alvin	Bellsville, PA	11/22/2022	0377
DeLong, Dennis A	Bellefonte, PA	12/17/2022	L040
Delusa, Donald	Johnstown, PA	12/03/2022	0737
Dietz, Joann	Canonsburg, PA	11/11/2022	0377
Dorazio, Margaret	Scenery Hill, PA	11/28/2022	0377
Dzurnak, Marian	Youngstown, OH	11/13/2022	0731
Echan, Michael	Vestal, NY	10/11/2022	L075
Edwards, Donald A	Home, PA	12/07/2022	0554
Forney, Daniel	Hickory, PA	11/02/2022	0377
Foust, Beverly A	Centre Hall, PA	12/20/2022	L040
Foy, Janette	Jamestown, PA	12/04/2022	0731
Frost, James	Walnut Creek, OH	02/25/2022	L102
Gayman, F T	Marianna, PA	11/26/2022	0377
Gourley, Lela	Hamilton, PA	11/28/2022	0554
Greggerson, Elizabeth	N Huntingdon, PA	11/27/2022	0737
Guinn, Willie Ruth	Lemont Furnace, PA	12/04/2022	0039
Hall, Vernon H	Yukon, PA	12/17/2022	0737
Hanson, James	Pittsburgh, PA	11/05/2022	0123
Heinlein, June	Aliquippa, PA	08/30/2022	0123
Hendrickson, Norman P	Freedom, PA	12/15/2022	0123
Hopp, Keith	Jenison, MI	08/27/2022	0381
Huss, Dolly	Hickory, NC	09/07/2022	0774
Jones, Dennis	Hurricane, WV	07/26/2022	0774
Kehl, Thelma	Lenhartsville, PA	12/20/2022	L102
Koopman, Rex	Hanover Township, PA	12/06/2022	0617
Kortes, Winifred	Mooreville, IN	11/06/2022	0800
Krestel, Thomas	Poland, OH	09/20/2022	0731
Lambert, Barbara	Beckley, WV	11/07/2022	0774
Lambert, Larry	North Branch, MI	11/06/2022	0381
Lang, Ruth	New Berlin, WI	11/09/2022	0774
Latour, Dorothy	Pittsburgh, PA	11/30/2022	0123
Laver, Robert N	Greenville, PA	11/23/2022	0731
Leah, Arlene G	Austin, TX	11/18/2022	0774



## DEPARTED MEMBERS

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Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Lee, Myron	Home, PA	12/20/2022	0110
Leone, William	Springboro, PA	11/28/2022	0731
Lomakin, Sara	Pittsburgh, PA	11/13/2022	L161
Lotzmann, Marie	Pittsburgh, PA	12/05/2022	L161
Lunchuck, Micheal	Indiana, PA	12/23/2022	0123
Lynch, Joan	Davidsville, PA	11/26/2022	0039
Marcello, Jr., Joseph B	Aliquippa, PA	10/16/2022	0123
Mason, Russell	Chillicothe, OH	11/16/2022	0595
Maust, Charles	Berlin, PA	11/23/2022	0039
McKinley, Donald	Fort Myers, FL	10/15/2020	0434
Means, Linda	Valier, PA	12/25/2021	0737
Merrick, Martha	North Syracuse, NY	07/16/2022	R109
Miller, Earl	Pottsville, PA	12/10/2022	0774
Miller, William	Oakmont, PA	12/10/2022	L161
Mineo, Carol	Portersville, PA	07/20/2022	0731
Morris, Bertha	Canonsburg, PA	12/10/2022	0434
Morris, Stanley F	Wexford, PA	12/13/2022	0123
Mullan, Gloria	Lower Burrell, PA	10/29/2022	L161
Mycek, Olga	Colts Neck, NJ	07/23/2016	L075
Noonan, Sandra	Erie, PA	11/20/2022	0731
Nowicki, Nancy	Trenton, NJ	04/21/2022	0123
Oblich, Richard	Export, PA	03/25/2022	L105
Okert, Eugene	Cochranon, PA	12/09/2022	0731
Pace, Aileen	Murrysville, PA	10/20/2022	L105
Perove, Mary	Altoona, PA	11/24/2022	0267
Pierce, Marjorie M	Pittsburgh, PA	11/22/2022	L161
Price, Jeanette	Pittsburgh, PA	11/28/2022	L161
Rader, Frederick	Bernville, PA	12/11/2022	0102
Rankin, Paul K	Jefferson Hills, PA	12/02/2022	0108
Rhone, Joyce	Shavertown, PA	12/05/2022	0617
Richter, Dominica F	Glendale, WV	07/19/2022	0774
Rumbaugh, Rebecca	Spring Church, PA	11/30/2022	L105
Ruschell, Carmella	Harmony, PA	02/07/2022	0588
Russo, Anthony	Coatesville, PA	11/29/2022	R059
Sames, Patricia	Brownsville, PA	12/01/2022	0588
Schultz, Pamela	Augusta, WV	11/21/2022	0774
Sedlak, Joseph	Port St Lucie, FL	12/11/2020	0813
Shefcheck, James	Rice's Landing, PA	11/20/2022	0377
Shekerko, Caren	Burgettstown, PA	12/13/2022	0588
Skuse, Peggy	Holt, MI	11/16/2022	0377
Sloan, Lawrence	Butler, PA	12/03/2022	0731
Smith, Terry	Lehighon, PA	12/19/2022	L102
Snyder, Donald	Cabot, PA	12/05/2022	L105
Spayde, Retsuko	Elizabethtown, PA	11/27/2022	L102
Spina, Rebecca	Washington, PA	08/26/2022	0588
Stratakis, Angela	Moon Township, PA	04/12/2022	0123
Stromple, Mary	Canonsburg, PA	11/22/2022	0377
Taylor, Mary L	Hurricane, WV	11/03/2022	0774
Traeger, Ofelia	West Newton, PA	12/09/2022	0737
Vogt, Paul	Saegertown, PA	11/28/2022	0554
Wade, Delores	Portage, WI	09/24/2022	0774
Waldron, Lola	Rockport, WV	10/19/2022	0774
Wheeler, Eula	Liberty Township, OH	09/26/2022	0595
Williams, Dale	Cochranon, PA	12/22/2022	0731
Wintersteen, Darlis	Danville, PA	12/07/2022	0774
Wooten, Joan	St Leonard, MD	10/17/2022	0737
Zambotti, Albert	Hazle Township, PA	11/08/2022	0110

## What is Presidents Day?



Presidents Day is also called Washington's Birthday as a celebration of the nation's first President. But George Washing-

ton's birthday is not on Feb. 20 — it's Feb. 22. Or it might be Feb. 11. This year Presidents Day will be celebrated on **Monday, February 20, 2023.**

George Washington was born on Feb. 11, 1731, at a time when Britain and its colonies used the Julian calendar, a product of the Roman republic that went out of popular favor in 1582. The Brits still used it until 1752. The country celebrated Washington's birthday as a sign of respect long before it became a federal holiday in 1879.

After Johnson's Uniform Holiday Bill, it was celebrated on the third Monday of February. Around this time, the country also began using the holiday to honor not only Washington but Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is February 12.

Republican representative Robert McClory spearheaded the bill, which caused outrage from some who objected to changing the date we celebrate Washington's birthday.

"We are not changing George Washington's birthday," McClory said. "We would make George Washington's Birthday more meaningful to many more people by having it observed on a Monday."

He also proposed to change the name to Presidents Day, so Washington and Lincoln's birthdays could share the holiday. As a Congress member from Illinois, McClory came from the state where Lincoln spent much of his life.

Many opposed this as well. Tennessee representative Dan Heflin Kuykendall said, "If we do this, 10 years from now our schoolchildren will not know or care when George Washington was born. They will know that in the middle of February they will have a 3-day weekend for some reason."

The measure failed to pass. While we know the holiday more popularly as Presidents Day, the federal government still officially calls it Washington's Birthday.



**Február** je hranicou medzi zimou a jarou, a nie je len o chlade, snehu a ľade. Má prísľub jarného slnka. Ak náhle sa rok začne blížiti k jari, uvidíte ho v napučaných púčikoch a budete ho počuť v sladkých spevoch vtáčikov.

Je teda vhodné, že deň sv. Valentína prichádza uprostred tohto mesiaca znovuzrodenia. Je to čas nových začiatkov a čas si sľúbiť alebo obnoviť naše sľuby lásky. S príchodom posledných februárových dní nádej naberá nový smer, zatiaľ čo do našich životov vstupuje jar.

### 16. Februára slávime 133 výročie vzniku našej organizácie Národného Slovenského Spolku v Amerike.

Čest nášmu prvému predsedovi Peter V. Rovnianek a jeho spoluorganizovateľom ktorí verili, že každý má právo byť Pánom vo svojom veru i Slovák na Slovensku. Dnes je to skutočnosťou a Slovenský Národný Spolok rastie i naďalej v službe pre svoje členstvo.

Nech motto: Bratstvo—Rovnosť—Sloboda sa pestuje i naďalej v celom členstve NSS a u všetkých Slovákov po svete.

Krátke dni a dlhšie večere Vám môžu poslúžiť pri kontrole vašich dokumentov. Prekontrolujte si certifikáty ich hodnotu prípadne IRA, či máte akurátnu adresu tel. číslo a podobne. Ak potrebujete akúkoľvek pomoc či informáciu zvoňte na hlavný úrad Národného Slovenského Spolku 1-800-488-1890.

### 14. Február - Sv. Cyril a Metod

Modlitba k sv. Cyrilovi a Metodovi:

Svätý Cyril a Metod, vy ste vyviedli našich predkov z temnoty pohanstva, priviedli ste ich k pravej viere v Ježiša Krista a teraz sa s nimi radujete vo večnej sláve.

Oslavujeme Boha, že tak bohato odmenil vašu neúnavnú horlivosť v ohlasovaní evanjelia.

Pokorne ďakujeme nebeskému Otcovi, že vašou apoštolskou činnosťou začlenil náš národ do svojej Cirkvi.

Orodajte u Boha za slovenský národ.

Vyprosujte nám silu, aby sme vždy statočne vyznávali svoju vieru a podľa nej aj žili.

Orodajte u Boha za celú Európu, ktorej ste nebeskými ochrancami.

Pomáhajte dnešným generáciám európskeho kontinentu udržiavať a zveľaďovať duchovné a kultúrne dedičstvo, ktoré dostali ich predkovia prijatím kresťanstva.

Orodajte za cirkevné spoločenstvá Východu i Západu, aby odstránili spomedzi seba všetko, čo ich rozdeľuje, a pod ochranou Bohorodičky Panny Márie nažívali v plnej jednote a láske na stále väčšiu slávu Trojediného Boha. Amen.



**Veselé časť roka Fašiangy** — začínajú sa po sviatku Troch Kráľov a končia pred popolcovou stredou. Tento čas bol využitý na spoločne schádzanie sa cez dlhé zimné večere kde sa priadlo, vyšivalo, hačkovalo, štrykovalo atď. Takéto práce brali hodne času a v spoločnosti iných to išlo oveľa rýchlejšie a bez únavy.



Počas takýchto stretávaní medzi ženy a dievčence zavýkali aj chlapi a mládenci aby aj oni sa pridali prácou ale i humorom a žartami a ešte k tomu ak niekto ulial z dobrej slivovice—a k tomu zanôtil a zahral na husle či harmoniku veru bolo veselo.

Fašiangy sa končili utorkovou zábavou na posledné fašiangy—a na záver sa zvyčajne pochovávala basa—aby rytmus melodii nevábil kresťana k tancu počas veľkého pôstu.

Fašiangy turice, Veľká noc príde,  
kto nemá kožucha, zima mu bude.  
Ja nemám, ja nemám, len sa tak trasiem,  
dajte mi slaninky, nech sa vypasím!



*Fašiangy means carnival and it is similar to Mardi gras. Happy groups of costumed and masked youths walk through the village playing music. They dress up as many different characters. Consuming huge amounts of food and drink are very much a part of Fašiangy celebrations. Fašiangy is a time of fun and foolishness before the Lenten season begins.*

**Valentínsky pozdrav...**

**Nech každý tvoj deň**

**je naplnený láskou**







# NSS Life ANNIVERSARY OFFER PROGRAM

Family Matters...



**EASY TO  
APPLY**  
SIMPLE ISSUE

**SPECIAL  
CONSIDERATION!**  
NO MEDICAL EXAMS!

## QUALITY LIFE INSURANCE • LIMITED TIME ONLY \* JANUARY THRU MARCH, 2023 \*

The NSS Life Anniversary Offer uses our twenty-pay life plan (however you may use the single premium plan as well). The advantages of a permanent plan include cash/loan values, reduced paid-up insurance options, dividends and more. To apply for this limited time offer, please complete the below form and return it to the home office.



**NSS Life**  
Family Matters...

The maximum amount of insurance being offered will depend on your age:

ISSUE AGES	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
0-50	\$10,000
51-65	\$7,500
66-80	\$5,000

*\*See other side for complete rate listings.*

*There is a limit of one policy per person. Anyone previously declined since 1/1/21 is not eligible for this program. Also excludes terminally ill, permanently disabled and others. If you purchased this plan last year you are excluded from this year's offer. Other exclusions may apply. Rates are based on age nearest birthday.*

### NSS Life Anniversary Offer Program

If you or someone you know may be interested in this anniversary issue offer, please provide your/their name and contact information below and we will mail an application to you/them. Complete the application and return it to the home office. Further Recommender information available on back cover.

**Prospect Information:**

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

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

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

**Recommender Information:**

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



## Twenty Pay Whole Life Insurance Policy Rates (Rates based on Age Nearest Birthday)

Twenty Pay Life (\$10,000)				
Age	Male Annual Premium		Female Annual Premium	
	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine
0	\$155.70	\$0.00	\$146.60	\$0.00
1	<b>\$157.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$148.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
2	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$150.20	\$0.00
3	<b>\$162.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$152.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
4	\$164.90	\$0.00	\$154.40	\$0.00
5	<b>\$167.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$156.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
6	\$170.30	\$0.00	\$159.00	\$0.00
7	<b>\$173.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$161.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
8	\$176.10	\$0.00	\$163.90	\$0.00
9	<b>\$179.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$166.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
10	\$182.40	\$0.00	\$169.20	\$0.00
11	<b>\$185.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$172.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
12	\$189.10	\$0.00	\$174.90	\$0.00
13	<b>\$192.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$177.80</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
14	\$196.50	\$0.00	\$181.00	\$0.00
15	<b>\$200.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$184.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
16	\$204.30	\$0.00	\$187.50	\$0.00
17	<b>\$208.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$190.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
18	\$201.30	\$228.20	\$185.50	\$211.40
19	<b>\$203.50</b>	<b>\$231.40</b>	<b>\$188.40</b>	<b>\$215.30</b>
20	\$205.90	\$235.00	\$191.20	\$219.20
21	<b>\$208.30</b>	<b>\$238.60</b>	<b>\$194.00</b>	<b>\$223.20</b>
22	\$211.00	\$242.50	\$197.10	\$227.50
23	<b>\$214.00</b>	<b>\$246.60</b>	<b>\$200.30</b>	<b>\$232.10</b>
24	\$217.20	\$251.10	\$203.60	\$236.70
25	<b>\$220.80</b>	<b>\$255.80</b>	<b>\$207.10</b>	<b>\$241.50</b>
26	\$224.70	\$260.80	\$210.70	\$246.50
27	<b>\$228.80</b>	<b>\$265.90</b>	<b>\$214.60</b>	<b>\$251.60</b>
28	\$233.10	\$271.30	\$218.50	\$256.90
29	<b>\$237.60</b>	<b>\$277.00</b>	<b>\$222.60</b>	<b>\$262.40</b>
30	\$241.90	\$282.90	\$226.90	\$268.00
31	<b>\$246.30</b>	<b>\$289.00</b>	<b>\$231.30</b>	<b>\$273.70</b>
32	\$251.10	\$295.10	\$235.80	\$279.60
33	<b>\$256.00</b>	<b>\$301.40</b>	<b>\$240.50</b>	<b>\$285.60</b>
34	\$261.10	\$307.70	\$245.40	\$291.80
35	<b>\$266.30</b>	<b>\$314.20</b>	<b>\$250.50</b>	<b>\$298.30</b>
36	\$271.80	\$320.90	\$255.70	\$304.90
37	<b>\$277.50</b>	<b>\$327.90</b>	<b>\$261.20</b>	<b>\$311.90</b>
38	\$283.50	\$335.20	\$266.70	\$319.00
39	<b>\$289.70</b>	<b>\$342.70</b>	<b>\$272.50</b>	<b>\$326.50</b>
40	\$296.20	\$350.70	\$278.40	\$334.20
41	<b>\$302.90</b>	<b>\$359.10</b>	<b>\$284.50</b>	<b>\$342.10</b>
42	\$309.70	\$368.00	\$290.80	\$350.20
43	<b>\$316.80</b>	<b>\$377.20</b>	<b>\$297.30</b>	<b>\$358.60</b>
44	\$324.10	\$386.90	\$304.10	\$367.30
45	<b>\$331.60</b>	<b>\$397.00</b>	<b>\$311.00</b>	<b>\$376.30</b>
46	\$339.30	\$407.60	\$318.10	\$385.60
47	<b>\$347.30</b>	<b>\$418.80</b>	<b>\$325.50</b>	<b>\$395.20</b>
48	\$355.60	\$430.50	\$333.10	\$405.20
49	<b>\$363.90</b>	<b>\$442.90</b>	<b>\$340.90</b>	<b>\$415.60</b>
50	\$372.50	\$456.20	\$349.10	\$426.30

Twenty Pay Life (\$7,500)				
Age	Male Annual Premium		Female Annual Premium	
	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine
51	\$285.90	\$352.73	\$267.98	\$328.13
52	<b>\$292.65</b>	<b>\$364.05</b>	<b>\$274.28</b>	<b>\$336.98</b>
53	\$299.85	\$376.05	\$280.73	\$346.28
54	<b>\$307.50</b>	<b>\$388.65</b>	<b>\$287.40</b>	<b>\$356.10</b>
55	\$315.45	\$401.78	\$294.30	\$366.38
56	<b>\$323.93</b>	<b>\$415.65</b>	<b>\$301.50</b>	<b>\$377.10</b>
57	\$332.85	\$430.13	\$308.85	\$388.35
58	<b>\$342.30</b>	<b>\$445.35</b>	<b>\$316.58</b>	<b>\$400.05</b>
59	\$351.83	\$460.95	\$324.68	\$412.50
60	<b>\$361.58</b>	<b>\$477.68</b>	<b>\$333.15</b>	<b>\$425.63</b>
61	\$371.25	\$494.70	\$342.00	\$439.43
62	<b>\$381.08</b>	<b>\$509.55</b>	<b>\$351.38</b>	<b>\$454.50</b>
63	\$391.35	\$523.58	\$361.65	\$470.78
64	<b>\$402.23</b>	<b>\$539.55</b>	<b>\$372.53</b>	<b>\$487.88</b>
65	\$413.85	\$558.08	\$384.00	\$506.10

Twenty Pay Life (\$5,000)				
Age	Male Annual Premium		Female Annual Premium	
	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine	Non-Nicotine	Nicotine
66	\$284.60	\$385.45	\$263.90	\$350.40
67	<b>\$294.55</b>	<b>\$400.10</b>	<b>\$272.15</b>	<b>\$364.80</b>
68	\$305.50	\$416.70	\$281.35	\$380.60
69	<b>\$317.95</b>	<b>\$434.70</b>	<b>\$291.65</b>	<b>\$397.85</b>
70	\$331.10	\$454.55	\$303.20	\$417.20
71	<b>\$344.60</b>	<b>\$475.90</b>	<b>\$315.35</b>	<b>\$437.80</b>
72	\$359.70	\$499.40	\$328.00	\$459.75
73	<b>\$377.65</b>	<b>\$522.85</b>	<b>\$341.90</b>	<b>\$482.70</b>
74	\$397.80	\$548.95	\$356.55	\$507.20
75	<b>\$420.15</b>	<b>\$574.95</b>	<b>\$372.30</b>	<b>\$535.35</b>
76	\$444.55	\$604.65	\$390.05	\$567.10
77	<b>\$467.45</b>	<b>\$638.25</b>	<b>\$409.60</b>	<b>\$601.85</b>
78	\$491.95	\$674.80	\$430.85	\$639.65
79	<b>\$514.95</b>	<b>\$715.50</b>	<b>\$455.00</b>	<b>\$680.35</b>
80	\$538.50	\$759.40	\$481.35	\$724.65

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# Youth Circle Page

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

## Pittsburgh Slovaks

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

## Preserving Our Slovak Heritage



L-R: Eldred WW2 Museum Executive Director Jesse Case and Assembly L161 member Charles Boone

Charles Boone, Assembly L-161 member is a young adult who is concerned about preserving the history of our Slovak heritage and supports our NSS. Over the past months, he collected stories for the Eldred WWII Museum, brand new, Slovak American WWII exhibit which Charles helped to bring to fruition. The exhibit is scheduled to open in the summer and will highlight the Slavic immigrant. Thank you NSS members for sharing your veteran's story.

By Monica Boone

*Every day may not be good.  
But there is something good in every day.*

## Fun Activities To Do During the Winter Months

- Have An Indoor Picnic
- Go to the Library
- Watch Movies
- Go Cross Country Skiing
- Have a game night
- Visit a museum or art gallery
- Try out a new restaurant
- Go to a winter festival
- Go sledding
- Make crafts together
- Go on a discovery walk
- Bake and decorate cookies

## Valentine word search

h c u p i d c k o t i w y  
e h a r e b h a e f h e p  
e o t n a r i u a r l v h  
d c h k d n e f a c u o s  
y o s r h y s r e w o l f  
s l i d s b n i y e h d e  
h a r r o w o e s p e e b  
t t h v a l e n t i n e r  
h e a r t r f d v n a p u  
p h t c i u i s h k y o a  
k u r e n f k o l p s d r  
s g h s k i s s p s u e y  
r a r f i c h a i t n r e  
e s w e e t h e a r t w h  
b e m i n e p a r e d h y  
n s l h r o s e s h r o g

arrow  
pink  
red  
roses  
sweetheart

cupid  
candy  
love  
heart

friends  
happy  
February  
valentine

hug  
kiss  
flowers  
chocolate




**CLEAN HABIT**

Wash your hands for 20 seconds or the time it takes to sing **twinkle twinkle little star.**



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Minimum Participants  
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